

## Joy Fire

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### Education

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- 2022 M.F.A., Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA  
2011 B.A., Studio Art, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, *magna cum laude*

### Teaching Record

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#### Orange Coast College-Welding Technology

- Instructor, *Gas Metal Arc Weld Training 1 and 2*, Fall 2019-Present (hybrid and in person)  
Instructor, *Occupational Welding*, Summer 2020 (hybrid)  
Co Instructor, *Arc Oxy-acetylene*, Spring 2021 and Fall 2020 (hybrid)

#### Claremont Graduate University

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Sculpture and Moldmaking*, CSU Fullerton, Spring 2022  
Student Teacher: *Intro to Metal Shop*, Fall 2021  
Graduate Teaching Assistant: *Inside the Artist's Studio*, Scripps College, Spring 2021 (online)  
Student Discussion Leader: *Building a Website*, Spring 2021 (online)  
Student Discussion Leader: *Social Justice Art*, Fall 2020 (online)

#### Orange Coast College-Community Education

- Intro to Welding*, Spring 2019  
*Bronze Casting*, Spring and Fall 2018, Fall 2019  
*Blacksmithing Workshop-Intermediate to Advanced*, Fall 2018  
*Blacksmithing: Beginning to Advanced*, Fall 2017, Spring and Fall 2018

#### Various

- Instructor, *Introduction to Blacksmithing*, New Agrarian School, June 2022  
Instructor, *Design and Construction of Forged Iron Furniture*, New Agrarian School, June 2022  
Staff Instructor, *Blacksmithing*, Urban Workshop, November 2019-June 2020  
*Introduction to Making: Forging*, Babes Ride Out 6, October 2019  
*Introduction to Making: Forging*, Babes Ride Out 5, October 2017  
*Introduction to Blacksmithing*, Ah Haa School for the Arts, July 2016

### Certifications and Workshops

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- 2020 Preparing Future Faculty College Teaching Certificate, Claremont Graduate University  
2019 D1.1 3G GMAW Welding Certification, Orange Coast College  
*Roots of Form Workshop*, New Agrarian School, Bigfork MT  
2015 Level I Instructor, Certified by California Blacksmith Association

## Grants and Awards

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2023	California Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship, Arts Orange County
2022	Community Engagement 2022 Creative Grant Award, Community Engagement Inc.
2022	California Relief Fund for Artists and Cultural Practitioners, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and the California Arts Council
2020	Dean's Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University

## Recent Employment

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2016 – Present	Joy Fire Blacksmith, Independent Metal Fabricator, Self-employed
2019 – Present	Orange Coast College, Welding Instructor
2022	California State University Fullerton, T.A., Introduction to 3-d design
2020	Claremont Graduate University, T.A., Student Teacher
2017 – 2019	Orange Coast College, Community Education Instructor
2019 – 2020	Urban Workshop, Blacksmithing Instructor
2010 – 2014	Santa Barbara Forge and Iron, Production Assistant

## Community Service

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2020 – Present	Governance Committee Member: Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths (SIBs)
2020 – Present	SIBs social media and communications Manager
2021	SIBs Mentor Program Mentor
2014 – 2018	Volunteer Demonstrator, OC Blacksmith Guild

## Selected Exhibitions and Publications

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2023	<i>We Are Here</i> , the Metal Museum, Memphis, TN <i>Remnants</i> , Golden West College Gallery, Huntington Beach, CA <i>Coast Colleges Faculty</i> , Golden West College Gallery, Huntington Beach, CA
2022	<i>Green, Blue, White, Black</i> , Pomona Valley Review, Edition 16 <i>Hurin's Chair and Wendy's Chair</i> , Pomona Valley Review, Edition 16 <i>Semi/art/omatic</i> , Drizzle Gallery, Anaheim, CA <i>This is Not a Hypothetical Chair</i> , East Gallery, Claremont, CA East Gallery, Claremont, CA <i>Drama: Storytelling in Art</i> , OCCCA, Santa Ana, CA <i>Spirit of the Land</i> , Searchlight, NV
2021	<i>COHORTS: Alone Together</i> , Online, International <i>Control Burn</i> , CGU East and Peggy Phelps Galley, Claremont CA <i>What Will Remain</i> , Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, Costa Mesa CA <i>Can I come in/can I touch it?</i> , Peggy Phelps Gallery, Claremont, CA Performance: <i>Inauguration of the No-Church</i> , The Mystery Ranch, Searchlight, NV <i>Neverafter</i> , East Gallery, Claremont, CA

- 2020 *First Year Show*, Peggy Phelps Gallery, Claremont, CA
- 2019 *Fierce: Women in Iron*, Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL  
 Collaborative Performance, *Soundscape with Fire*, Soundwave Fest 2.0, Santa Ana, CA  
*O.C. Edge*, Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana, CA  
*California Blacksmith Association Conference 2019*, Grass Valley, CA  
 Performance, *Night Sky Poetry Reading*, Frank M. Doyle Pavilion, Orange Coast College  
*Sisters in Steel*, sistersinsteel.org
- 2017 *California Blacksmith Association Conference 2017*, Vista, CA
- 2016 *The Heroine's Journey*, Stronghouse Studio, Telluride, CO  
*Steeprock Artists*, Telluride Arts District, Telluride, CO
- 2013 Solo Installation, *Chalcitis Lucidus*, La Chambre Photographique, Santa Barbara, CA

### **Demonstrations/Talks**

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- 2022 Forging Demonstration and Q and A, Craft Contemporary Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 First Saturday Art Walk-Online Edition, Santa Ana, CA
- 2019 Demonstrator, Banning Museum Heritage Week, Wilmington, CA  
 Demonstrator, Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, CA
- 2018 Damas! Celebrating Women Creators, Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, CA  
 Industrial Arts Roundtable, Santa Ana, CA  
 Demonstrator, Banning Museum Heritage Week, Wilmington, CA
- 2017 Demonstrator, California Blacksmith Association Spring Conference, Vista, CA

### **Publications**

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- Joy Fire, "Propane Safety: A cautionary Tale" *California Blacksmith Online*, November/May/June 2022.25.
- Joy Fire, "Roots of Form with Rachel David: My experience at the New Agrarian School," *California Blacksmith Online*, January/February 2021.15.
- Joy Fire, "Forging a Half-moon Finial," *California Blacksmith*, September/October 2017. 16
- Joy Fire, "Making a Bottle Opener," *California Blacksmith*, November/December 2015. 21.

### **Selected Press**

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- Editor, "Meet Joy Fire: Artist, blacksmith, welder, teacher, designer", *Shoutout LA*, July 17, 2023
- Editor, "Life and Work with Joy Fire", *Voyage LA*, January 30, 2023
- Staff, "Visionaries in Craft" *American Craft*, Summer 2022.56.
- Kim Garrison-Means, "Mystery Ranch Artists in Residence Series-Joy Fire", 2021
- Rose, Savannah, "Meet the Artists: Joy Fire", [www.maidenmoto.com/blog/meet-the-artists-joy-fire](http://www.maidenmoto.com/blog/meet-the-artists-joy-fire). February, 2020
- Contreras, Theresa, "Joy Fire Blacksmith", [www.realdealrevolution.org/single-](http://www.realdealrevolution.org/single-)

*post/2017/09/26/joy-fire-blacksmith. September, 2017*

Leslie Vreeland, "Babes in Boyland," *Telluride Daily Planet*, June 23, 2016.

Josef Woodard, "Art Review: Notions in the Art Garage," *Santa Barbara News Press*, October 11, 2013.

### **Residencies**

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2019 Artist in Residence, The Mystery Ranch, Searchlight, NV

2016 Artist in Residence, Steeprock, Sawpit, CO