

Lesli Robertson
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b. Alabama
Lives and works in Dallas, TX

Education

2006	M.F.A.	Fibers	University of North Texas, School of Visual Arts
2000	B.A.	Liberal Arts	Auburn University, Auburn, AL
2000	summer studies		Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

Professional Experience

2008-present **Curator, *Renewing Material and the Handmade: the story of Ugandan Bark Cloth***
A 3 phase interdisciplinary project with the University of North Texas Art Gallery, Denton, TX
Participants include: Uganda Museum, Let Art Talk, independent Ugandan artists, faculty from
Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda and St Lawrence University, Canton New York

2006-present **Adjunct Professor, Fibers**
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Grants, Scholarships, and Opportunities

2008 **The Arch and Anne Giles Kimbrough Fund recipient**, Dallas Museum of Art
New Professional Scholarship, Textile Society of America

2007 **Alternate, Group Study Exchange Team**
Rotary Club, Dallas, TX

2006 **Personal Development Grant** for 2007 project, *Bridging Uganda*
Surface Design Association
Grant from the School of Visual Arts Dean and Studio Division Chair to support research in Uganda,
University of North Texas

2005 **Barbara L. Kuhlman Foundation fiber arts scholarship**
Toulouse School of Graduate Studies, Graduate Student Travel Grant, to support work in Uganda
University of North Texas

2004 **Coronado Builders Scholarship**
University of North Texas, School of Visual Arts

Exhibition Record

2008 **(Upcoming) *Necessity Of***, Art Institute of Dallas, Dallas, TX, solo exhibition
Your Favorite Artist Was a Member; 30 years at 500X, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX (catalogue)

2007 ***Morning Sundae***, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX
UNT Faculty Show, University of North Texas Art Gallery, Denton, Texas
Summer Breeze Makes Me Feel Fine, Good Good Things, Dallas, TX
Member Exhibition, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX

2006 ***abiding delicacy***, Cora Stafford Gallery, Denton, TX
M.F.A. solo exhibition

2005 ***The White Show***, Murchison Performing Arts Center, Denton, TX
Curator: Kristen Butler, MAP (Murchison Art Partnership)
Out of Site, outside installation in the Denton area
Curator: Jessica McCambly
Fiber Expressions, East Gallery, Greater Denton Arts Council
Denton Handweavers Guild awards for Best of Show and Art-Concept
Juror: Christine Miller
Innovations, Leedy-Voukos Art Center: The Opie Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
Jurors: Jerry Bleem and Michele Fricke

Leaving the Wall, Pigeon Stone Project, Sozo Gallery, Dallas, TX

Curator: Delain Hughes

Tapped, Environmental Science Building, Denton, TX

Honorable Mention

Curator: Don Schol

Annual Voertman Student Exhibition, SOVA Galley, Denton, TX

Fiber Artists of Dallas Cash Award

Juror: Regine Basha

Fiber Exhibition, Lightwell Gallery, University of North Texas

Curator: Amie Adelman

Crossing2, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX

Curator: Kristen Butler

Crossing, Cora Stafford Gallery, Denton, TX

Curator: Kristen Butler

Student Art Competition, Union Gallery, Denton, TX

Juror: Diana Walker –Gladney

Expo 2005, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX

Juror: Beth Taylor

Dallas Handweavers and Spinners Guild Exhibition, Irving Arts Association, Irving, TX

Curator: Amie Adelman

2004 **Timed**, Union Gallery, Denton, TX

Alternative Thinking, Union Gallery, Denton, TX

Curator: Sally Packard

Fiber Exhibition, Lightwell Gallery, University of North Texas

Curator: Amie Adelman

Annual Voertman Student Exhibition, SOVA Gallery, Denton, TX

Juried competition

Student Art Competition, Union Gallery, Denton, TX

Juror: Susan Dunkerley

Dallas Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Dallas Public Library, Dallas, TX

Curator: Sara Nordling

2003 **Fiber Exhibition**, Lightwell Gallery, University of North Texas

Curator: Amie Adelman

Annual Voertman Student Exhibition, SOVA Gallery, Denton, TX

Juror: Michael Smith

2002 **Outside the Lines 2**, Bath House Cultural Center, Dallas, TX

Jurors: David Newman, Carolyn Brown, and Jeff A. Green

Member Exhibition, Dallas Visual Arts Center, Dallas, TX

Bibliography

2008

InHouse, Portrait Gallery, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, January 23, 2008

Brook Cowlshaw, "Professor weaves Ugandan culture into art," *North Texas Daily*, January 30, 2008, 3.

Anjali Gupta, **Artlies**, "500X Gallery", # 56 Winter 2008, p74-79 (reproduction of work p. 79).

Textilekunst online artist catalog, Germany

<http://www.textilkunst-portal.de/kunstler/index.htm>

2006

Surface Design Association, Members Gallery

<http://dev surfacedesign.org/gallery.php>, Personal Development Grant Winners

2005

Out of Site, internet catalogue

www.gillensarmy.com/outofsite

Publications

- 2008** **"Sarah Nakisanze: In Context"**
Fiberarts Magazine, Sept/Oct 2008 issue
"Beauty + Function: a perspective on Ugandan mekeka"
Surface Design Journal, Spring 2008 issue
"Lubugo: Appreciating the Value of Ugandan Bark Cloth" and "Baale, Uganda: the challenge to do more," *WARP Newsletter*, vol. 15, no. 1, spring 2008, p. 1,6
- 2007** **"Lubugo: The Value of Ugandan Bark Cloth"**
The Eye Magazine, Oct/Nov 2007 issue, Kampala, Uganda

Visiting Artist Lectures/ Speeches

- 2008** ***Bark Cloth in Uganda; an ancient craft in modern times***
Panel discussion with Dr. Celia Nyamweru, St. Lawrence University, New York and Dr. Venny Nakazibwe, Makerere University, Uganda
11th Annual Textile Society of America Symposium, Honolulu, Hawaii
A Contemporary Approach to Bark Cloth
Dallas Area Fiber Artists, Dallas, TX
Bark Cloth Making in Uganda
Dallas Handweaver's Guild, Dallas, TX
- 2007** ***Ugandan Cultural Arts***
Denton Handweaver's Guild, Denton, TX
Bark Cloth Making in Uganda
Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, TX
In conjunction with *Ceremonies in African Art* exhibit
Bark Cloth Making in Uganda
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2006** ***Interchange, Uganda***
500X Gallery, Dallas, TX
Bridging Cultures
Commencement Speaker, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
College of Business Administration, the School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management, and the School of Visual Arts
- 2005** ***Uganda***
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
New Observations
Fort Worth Weaving Guild, Fort Worth, TX
- 2004** ***Weaving as Concept***
Dallas Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Dallas, TX

Collections

- Union Gallery**, University of North Texas
- Gary and Helen Gardner**, Dallas, TX
- The Haberkorn Collection of Small Works**, Ferndale, Washington
- Private collections in Texas and Alabama**