

Craddock recipient of 1st APSU Tennessee Artist Fellowship

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CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – The Austin Peay State University Department of Art, in association with the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, is pleased to announce that Memphis-based artist Maysey Craddock is the recipient of the inaugural Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts Tennessee Artist Fellowship.

Craddock was selected from a list of outstanding artists from across the state compiled by APSU faculty for the honor, and will be awarded \$5,000 to aid in the creation of new artwork. In addition, Craddock is planning on coming to campus in the fall where she will speak and donate an original piece to the University's permanent collection.

“Since APSU is the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts for the entire state of Tennessee, we wanted to find a way to support artists state-wide,” Barry Jones, chair of the APSU Department of Art and Design, said. “There is an incredible amount of amazing artists here, but unfortunately there isn't much financial support for them. We hope that this fellowship helps a Tennessee artist maintain their practice and to know that we support what they are doing.”

Craddock received her MFA from the Maine College of Art and a BA from Tulane University. She has exhibited nationally and internationally, including shows in New York, Stuttgart, Berlin, Chicago, Seattle, Dallas and New Orleans. David Lusk Gallery in Memphis, Sears Peyton Fine Arts in New York and Cris Worley Fine Arts in Dallas currently represents her.