

## Education

### 1988 – 1991

BA Visual Communications,  
University of Technology,  
Sydney: majored in graphic  
design and photography.  
Graduated with second class  
honours

### 1990

Exchange Program at  
Brighton Polytechnic,  
Brighton, England

## Experience

### 1992 March – May

Internship at Yps Art, a small  
graphic design studio  
in East Berlin, Germany

### 1992 July – 1993 October

Art Director  
Checkpoint Magazine

A monthly English-language  
program magazine in Berlin

### 1993 October – December

Internship at MetaDesign,  
Berlin Germany

Internationally known design  
firm based in  
Berlin, founded and run  
by Erik Spiekermann

### February 1994 –

### September 1995

Senior Designer at  
Burk Associates  
(Design for business  
communication)

### 1995 September –

### 2002 June

Designer  
Emery Vincent Design  
prominent Sydney  
design studio founded by  
Gary Emery

### 1998

Founded Sniggle,  
a small business providing  
personalised children's calico  
bags for purchase  
via mail order

### 2003 – 2011

Director  
Vanessa Block Design

### 2006

Wrote, illustrated & designed  
the children's picture book:  
Vivi Finds Bean published by  
Murdoch Books

### 2007/2009/2010

Self exhibited collections of  
hand-made jewellery

### 2011

Founded Vanessa Bean,  
started working with Clay and  
opened VanessaBeanShop  
on Etsy, initially focussing on  
crocheted jewellery pieces  
and later to be stocked with  
ceramics

### 2011 – 2015

Working as a freelance  
graphic designer and  
experimenting with Clay

### 2013

Joined Claypool (Ceramic  
collective in Sydney)

### 2015 to the Present

Working with ceramics  
full-time

## Exhibitions & Publicity

### 2013 December

Claypool Group Show  
at Damien Minton gallery

### 2014 September –October

Just spoons  
Only Spoons – Group  
Exhibition at the  
Handwerksform Hannover

### 2014 May – July

Object spoon 2014  
May – June  
Ceramic Top 40 at the  
Harvard University, Boston  
July 2015  
Coincided with the Australian  
Ceramics Triennale 2015 in  
Canberra, ACT

### 2014 September – November

Spoon Me at Medalta  
Alberta, Canada  
Purchase prize

### 2014 November

Claypool Group Show  
at Dickerson Gallery, Sydney

### 2015 May

Etsy at the Cullen  
(Melbourne)

### 2014 June

Impromptu 1  
Group Claypool Show, 8  
exhibitors at Chinaclay  
Gallery, Sydney

### 2015 August

1 of 54 Finalists in the Etsy  
Awards 2015 (home and  
living)

### 2015 August

Cup....runneth over  
Group Exhibition of cups with  
handles at Chinaclay Gallery,  
Sydney

### 2015 October

The Cup Collaboration with  
Adriana Christianson

### 2015 November

Claypool Group Show  
at Dickerson Gallery, Sydney

### 2015 December

Claypool 12 clays of  
Christmas Exhibition, Group  
Show at Gallery Klei, Sydney

### 2015 March

Handpicked Handmade  
Ceramic Decanter  
Competition. Handmade  
wines in conjunction with  
Gallery Klei. Part of Spectrum  
Now Sydney. One of 20  
Finalists

### 2016 August

Group Show at  
Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Sydney

### 2016 September

Finalist in the Little Things  
Art Prize exhibited at Saint  
Cloche Gallery, Sydney

### 2016 December

Christmas Collection 2016  
Group Exhibition at  
Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Sydney

### 2016 December

Claypool Christmas Show  
Depot Gallery, Sydney

### Blog features

blog.stateofgreen.com.au  
Feb 2015

studiohomeonline.com blog  
Feb 2015

Tokyobunnyblog  
Feb 2015

<http://thedesigntfiles.net>  
Feb 2015

Totem featured in Frankie  
Magazine  
May 2015

we-are-scout.com blog  
Aug 2015

cupofjo.com blog  
Aug 2015

Australian Homespun  
Magazine  
March 2015

Makers Movement Magazine  
February 2016

thelifecreativeblog.com  
April 2016

practicestudies.com  
May 2016

<http://thedesigntfiles.net>  
July 2016

[http://theartfolk.com/  
ceramic-art/](http://theartfolk.com/ceramic-art/)

