## Stephanie Payton

Stephanie Payton is a sculptor and installation artist who creates compositions that express the idea of contrast by exploring the complexities of geometric forms in relation to organic forms. Payton experiments with techniques such as clay hand building, slip casting, sculpting with plaster, and 3D printing in clay. She resides in Hackett, Arkansas and has lived in Arkansas her whole life. She received a BA in Art from University of the Ozarks in 2019. Payton has received several awards and scholarships which include the Amanda Alders Pike award in Art, an art scholarship from the University of the Ozarks, a scholarship from Carroll H. Rowbotham, the Outstanding Student in Art award, 2022 Artists360 Practicing Artist grant, and more. In addition, she worked as an intern at Terra Studios in Fayetteville, AR, collaborated with artists in Project Space at the NCECA conference, and has several years of experience as a tutor and studio assistant. Payton serves as the Ceramic Studio Manager and Gallery Coordinator at Arts On Main in Van Buren, Arkansas.

