

JEFFREYTHOMAS

FINE ART

BEN BUSWELL

Ben Buswell (b. 1974 in Dallas, Oregon) is a sculptor whose work spans a variety of media, from ceramics to incised photographs. Buswell's work appears in public collections at the Collaborative Life Sciences Building at Oregon Health and Science University and Portland Community College's Rock Creek Campus, as well as various private collections, including that of Jan and Patricia de Bont. Notable solo exhibitions include *We Live Only Through Ourselves* at Upfor (2013), *Projector* at CoCA Seattle (2013), Helzer Gallery (2010) and TILT Gallery and Project Space (2008). Buswell was awarded grants from the Regional Arts and Culture Council (2015) and The Oregon Arts Commission and Family Ford Foundation (2015, 2014, 2011). Buswell holds an MFA from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a BFA from Oregon State University. Solo exhibitions at The Art Gym at Marylhurst University and Upfor are forthcoming in March and April 2015. Buswell lives and works in Portland, Oregon.

Process-based manipulation of images, both flat and dimensional, is central to my work. I have a firm belief that we exist only through our bodies, that we are wholly physical things. Material and sculptural presence, as surrogates for this idea, are imbedded in the way that I think about content. I am always experimenting, touching the world, in an effort to build an intuitive sense of how materials can communicate through their presence.

