

Dan Fowler - Director of Social Enterprise

Dan brings over 8 years of experience leading social enterprise programs targeted at building equity and increased opportunities for marginalized communities to his role at Matchstick Goods. Dan grew up in Tampa and then moved to Louisiana to pursue his undergraduate degree at Loyola University New Orleans. During his time in Louisiana, Dan worked alongside people experiencing homelessness in several different capacities. Dan holds an MBA with an emphasis in Nonprofit Leadership from Antioch University, and lives in Lexington with his wife, Audrey, and dog, Biscuit.



Blayne Strippelhoff - Studio Manager

Blayne works directly with students and studio assistants to oversee and participate in production. Originally from Georgetown, KY, Blayne completed his Bachelor's in Art and Design at Asbury University in the Spring of 2023, where he focused on photography. Blayne works with hand built forms and glazing at Matchstick Goods, but often uses his personal time to practice his wheel throwing skills. He married his wife, Hannah, in July of 2023 and lives in Lexington. They often go hiking or climbing together in the Red River Gorge.



Michele Mina Hernandez - Studio Lead

Michele was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and has lived here for the majority of her life. Although Michele helps with other studio production needs, her specialty is hand-glazing. She holds an Associates in Art from BCTC and is currently working towards a Bachelors in Digital Media Design at the University of Kentucky. Outside of work and class, she loves traveling and attending concerts. Her favorite music genre is K-pop. Michele is also enthusiastic about animals and is the proud owner of a tabby cat named Otis.