Born in Chicago, Barbara Grad attended the Art Institute of Chicago and The University of Chicago. An accomplished artist and distinguished educator, Grad is Professor Emeritus at Massachusetts College of Art & Design. A groundbreaker, Barbara Grad was the first woman to receive a Tenure Track position at Mass College of Art Painting Department, the first woman Chairman of the Painting Dept, and was the founder of one of the first woman's cooperative, Artemisia Gallery in Chicago. She is currently having a solo show at the Anderson Yezerski Gallery, Boston. Recent solo exhibitions include the Howard Yezerski Gallery, LewAllen Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, the FindlayGalleries, Palm Beach, FL, Miller-Yezerski Gallery, Boston, MA, The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO, and The Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA. In addition to solo gallery and museum exhibitions in New York, Kansas City, Chicago, Palm Beach and Boston, her work is in various collections, including the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Danforth Museum of Art, Fidelity Investments, and Wellington Management. Grad's many honors include grants, fellowships and awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, Massachusetts Foundation and Cultural Council Grants, New England for the Arts- NEA, MassArt Foundation as well as the Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Ireland, the Jentel Colony, Wyoming, and Kalani Honua, Hawaii. The artist currently lives and works in Wayland, Massachusetts.