

## JEFF FORSTER

### BIOGRAPHY

Currently the Ceramics Chair at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Glassell School of Art, Jeff Forster has participated in exhibitions both nationally and internationally. His work has won awards in a number of these exhibitions including a Juror's Choice Award in "Ceramic Object/Conceptual Material" and the Luis Jimenez Award for First Place in the "Sculpture on Campus Exhibition" at Southern Illinois University. Additionally, Jeff was awarded the Helen Drutt Studio Fellowship in conjunction with his residency at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft.

Besides teaching and maintaining an active studio practice, Jeff currently sits on the Artist in Residence Committee at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft and the Artist Advisory Committee for Fresh Arts. Besides this, from 2011 to 2013 he served on the board of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts as the On-Site Conference Liaison for the 47<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Houston. Jeff received a BA in Art Education from Saint John's University in 1998 and an MFA from Southern Illinois University in 2007.