

# S N Y D E R M A N - W O R K S G A L L E R I E S

## **Skeff Thomas**

### Bio

Skeffington Thomas is a potter who lives and works in New Jersey and is a professor on the faculty of Rowan University, located in Glassboro, NJ. After receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree from Lewis and Clark College, he worked as the apprentice for the renowned ceramic artist, Toshiko Takaezu. Upon earning the Master of Fine Arts degree from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Skeff worked as the artist-in-residence at the Arvada Center for the Arts in Arvada Colorado. In 1997, he accepted the appointment to the faculty at Rowan University and has served as chair of the Department of Art and Associate Dean for the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

A member of The National Council on Education of the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) since 1991, Skeff served the council as Director-at-large from 2002-2004 and as President from 2008-2010. NCECA awarded the honor of Emerging Artist to him in 1996. Skeff Thomas has received the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Individual Artist Fellowships in 1999 and 2005 and First Prize in the Grand Prix de Ceramique, Casino Faiencerie, Sarreguemines, France in 1999. Along with numerous national and international group exhibitions, Skeff has presented his work in 11 solo exhibitions with porcelain and stoneware artwork fired in his wood kiln on his property or in the kilns at the university.

Skeff Thomas has juried numerous competitions including the 2010 Taiwan Ceramic Biennale and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Annual exhibition at the Montclair Art Museum and the Noyes Museum of Art. He has presented workshops and demonstrations of his craft throughout the United States and has had work published in Ceramics Monthly, Keramiki Techni, Clay Times, and American Craft amongst other publications.