

## **2015 AWARDS and AWARDEES**

### **Honorary Members:**

Leopold Foulem  
Mary Barringer

### **Fellow of the Council:**

Keith Williams

### **Outstanding Achievement:**

John Hartom and Lisa Blackburn

### **Emerging Artists:**

[David Bogus](#)  
[Andrew Casto](#)  
[Rachel K Garceau](#)  
[Kelly O'Briant](#)  
[Roberto Lugo](#)  
[Joanna Powell](#)

### **Victor Spinski Award:**

[Roberto Lugo](#)

### **Excellence in Teaching Awards:**

Linda Arbuckle  
Wayne Higby

### **Regional Awards for Excellence:**

Harriet Brisson

### **NCECA K-12 Exhibition Foundation Educators Award:**

Dawn Ferguson of Trinity Prep in Winter Park, FL

### **2015 Cups of Merit Awards:**

Ben Cirgin, Bloomington, IN  
Ron Roy, Brighton, Ontario, Canada  
Harris Deller, Carbondale, IL  
Nick Toebaas, St. Petersburg, FL

### **2015 International Residency Partner Programs and Recipients:**

Jessi Brandl & Bryan Czibesz, Kingston, NY - [c.r.e.t.a. rome, Rome, Italy](#)  
Undine Brod, Rhinebeck, NY - [New Taipei City Yingge Ceramics Museum, New Taipei City, Taiwan](#)

**2015 Regina Brown Undergraduate Student Fellowships:**

Nathan Neufeld - Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO  
Jordan Pieper - Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR  
Chase Travaille - Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City MO

**2015 NCECA Graduate Student Fellowships:**

Scott Steder - Wichita State University, Wichita, KS  
Nicolle LaMere - Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX  
Meaghan Gates - University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, New Bedford, MA

**2015 Multicultural Fellowships:**

Brenda Almanza	Cannupa Hanska Luger
Jose Arenivar	Christopher Malone
Nelly Aubee	Yinka Orafidiya
Juana Gnecco	Patricia Paiz-Jones
Laura Gorman	Lyn Townes
Suzette Hollins	Ninh Truong

**(NSJE) National Student Juried Exhibition Merit and Purchase Awards:**

**NCECA Graduate Awards for Student Excellence:**

1st Place: Candice Methe, *Rosehip Container*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN  
2nd Place: Christina Warzecha, *A Spatial Conversation*, Northern Illinois Univ, DeKalb, IL  
3rd Place: Michelle Laxalt, *Keeper Chimera*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

**NCECA Undergraduate Awards for Student Excellence:**

1st Place: Abby Nohai, *Topographic Recollections*, Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, NY  
2nd Place: Wan-soo Kim, *Reversal*, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI  
3rd Place: Ivan Carmona, *Royalty*, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR

**Aardvark Clay Purchase Award**

Stuart Gair, *Liquor Set*, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE - Graduate

**Ceramics: Art and Perception/TECHNICAL Merit Awards**

William Harning, *Mizusashi*, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT – Undergraduate  
James Mitschmeyer, *I Fight Fire with Words*, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA - Graduate

**KBH Merit Award**

Ellen Kleckner, *Dual Ritual*, Ohio University, Athens, OH - Graduate

**Mudtools Merit Award**

Margaret Gormley, *Wall Piece #1*, Edinboro University of PA, Edinboro, PA - Graduate

**Retired Professors Award (Merit)**

Brent Pafford, *Skillets*, Clemson University, Clemson, SC - Graduate

**Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply Merit Award**

Scott Steder, *In Play*, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS - Graduate

**Studio Potter Undergraduate Merit Awards**

Ivan Carmona, *Royalty*, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR

Anthony Pearson, *Teapot*, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT

**Studio Potter Graduate Merit Awards**

Ellen Kleckner, *Dual Ritual*, Ohio University, Athens, OH

Kelly Stevenson, *Groundless Disengagement*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA