

Greetings Members, and Happy Holidays to all those celebrating this season,

My name is Anthony Stellaccio and I am wholeheartedly excited to have begun my tenure as the Executive Director of Studio Potter!

For those of you who do not know me, I have been a freelance artist and scholar for the last twenty years, I was educated in the disciplines of both fine art and folklore, and I have alternated frequently between studio work, museum work, independent research projects, and writing. I have done extensive work internationally and also lived abroad for several years while conducting fieldwork in Eastern Europe. Everything I have done, and everything I will do for Studio Potter, is fueled by a diehard love of ceramics and the arts, a passion for culture and community, and a penchant for academic rigor that I just can't get rid of.

I am really honored to be part of the exceptional legacy that is Studio Potter, which began almost fifty years ago. I also recognize the need to help change and propel this institution into the future. For that I am going to need your help. I want to invite you to help us in developing and promoting Studio Potter by sharing your thoughts and feelings about the magazine with us, and, most importantly, with your colleagues, friends, and students. In 2019, we will be releasing a member survey as part of search for new growth. And always, we invite you to stop by the Studio Potter table at NCECA, or wherever you might find us, and to join us in celebration and conversation about our work and the future of Studio Potter.

You are the community we serve, and you are our lifeforce. With your continuing support, I am confident that the addition of the Executive Director position and my role within it will help Studio Potter achieve its goals – sustainability, growth, contributions to your lives as artists, and a lasting, positive impact on making and writing in the field of ceramics.

Best wishes, Happy Holidays, and stay in touch!

Anthony

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