

Douglas Elder

Douglas Shaw Elder, sculptor, is the Executive Director of the Firehouse Art Center in Norman, Oklahoma. He has a MFA in sculpture from Boston University, Post-Baccalaureate in Painting from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and a BFA in Drawing from Missouri State University. Douglas began researching the links between creativity and business with Dr. Dan Lavallo at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in the late 90's and continued research projects for six years while teaching drawing and sculpture at Boston University. He continues to pursue research interests in creativity and innovation as a research fellow at the University of Sydney. He is an arts education and non-profit consultant and serves on the Norman Public Arts Board and committees for Creative Oklahoma, TEDxOU and the Oklahoma Artists Network. He has lectured at the University of Oklahoma College of Fine Arts, College of Architecture and Sarkey's Southwest Regional Leadership Conference. Under his leadership, the Firehouse Art Center received the 2012 Oklahoma Governor's Award for Arts Education.