## BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUNDS

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

## STEVEN YOUNG LEE

## CERAMICIST AND SCULPTURE ARTIST

Steven Young Lee is an artist who uses his passion for historical ceramics and cultural exchange to challenge expectations of perfection and beauty in art objects.





Art Museum, "Steven Young Lee - Visions and Revisions: Renwick Invitational 2016." YouTube.

"GROWING UP IN THE
UNITED STATES THE SON
OF IMMIGRANT KOREAN
PARENTS, I AM OFTEN
SITUATED BETWEEN
CULTURES LOOKING
INTO ONE ANOTHER."

A Diptych, Eagles, 2013, porcelain, cobalt inlay, and decals. © Steven Young Lee



## BIOGRAPHY

- Earned MFA in ceramics from Alfred University in 2004
- Currently lives and works in Helena, Montana, where he is the resident artist director of the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts
- Uses a variety of cultural influences Chinese, Korean, French, Dutch, English and Minoan to explore concepts of ownership, heritage, and belonging in art and aesthetics
- Often mutilates ceramics to question the value of perfection

▲ *Icon*, 2019, porcelain with cobalt inlay and custom decal.

