

Artist Biography – David L. Smith, Ph.D.

Dr. David L. Smith is a geologist, science educator, and hot-glass artist, living in Allentown, PA. David began to work intensively in glass in 2017 and studies and works at the ArtsQuest Glass Studio in Bethlehem, PA. He has also studied at the Corning Museum of Glass Studio and at Salem Art Works and is an active member of the Lehigh Art Alliance. David also volunteers regularly at the ArtsQuest Glass Studio, as a teaching assistant or studio assistant. He offers pieces for sale through his personal studio (Hyaline Expressions Glass Art, online on Facebook, Instagram, and Etsy), local art shows (Lehigh Art Alliance), local art galleries, or ArtsQuest Glass Studio events. He is also available for commissioned work.

David received his Ph.D. in Geology from Stanford University in 1989, unraveling the complex history of a repeatedly-deformed area in central Nevada. He went on to assess earthquake hazards in coastal California for several years, before moving to Pennsylvania in 2002. As a faculty member at La Salle University, he helped found an institute to improve science and mathematics education. In 2012, David moved to the Da Vinci Science Center, where he led teacher development programs and strategic planning efforts. His work at the Center helped cultivate his artistic spirit and his interest in the intersection of art and science. Since leaving the Center in 2017, David has finally found the time to develop a simmering love for hot glass art into a full-blown passion, while continuing to occasionally consult in science education and teach about the integration of art with science, technology, engineering and mathematics.