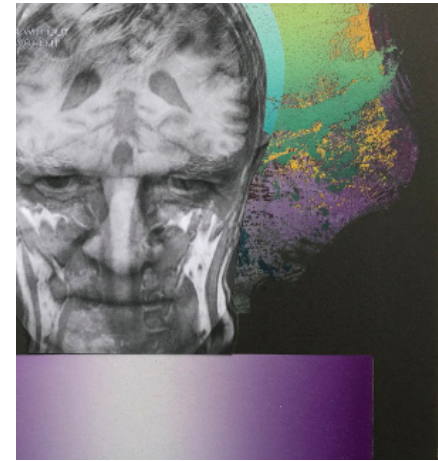




David Rose is a neuropsychologist and educator who is best known for his central role in developing the field of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and in articulating the principles and practices of UDL that have been adopted widely throughout the world. Until his recent unsuccessful attempt to retire, he has served as the Executive Director of CAST, an internationally prominent non-profit research and development center that he co-founded in 1983, and on the faculty at Harvard's Graduate School of Education where he has taught for more than 30 years.



Dan L. Monroe led PEM (Peabody Essex Museum) through a comprehensive transformation by merging two small, little-known museums into an international museum of art and culture ranked among the largest 12% of American museums in 2019. Dan has been a national museum leader, serving as Chairman of the American Alliance of Museums, President of the Association of Art Museum Directors, President of the Western Museums Conference, and President of ICOM American. In 2015, he launched a unique initiative at PEM to employ knowledge derived from the neurosciences to design more compelling and impactful art and culture experiences. PEM was the only art museum in the world that employed a full-time neuroscientist to spearhead this initiative.



C. David Thomas is a Boston artist and educator. He founded the Indochina Arts Partnership in 1987, and served as its director until 2015. He taught studio art at Emmanuel College in Boston from 1976 until 2002. His artwork can be found in many museums and libraries across the United States including: Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia U. Dartmouth, Addison Gallery of American Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the ICA in San Francisco. He served in the U. S. Army from 1968 until 1971, including one year in Pleiku, South Vietnam. While stationed in Pleiku Thomas was exposed numerous times to the chemical defoliant Agent Orange. Forty years later he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease which was very likely caused by that exposure. This most recent work is largely the result of an MRI brain scan ordered by his neurologist.