Lisa Conway was born in Detroit, Michigan and received a B.F.A. in ceramics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1990. She earned an M.F.A. in ceramics from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 1993. In 1991 she was awarded a full fellowship to study at the prestigious Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine.

Lisa has taught ceramics at the University of Alaska in Anchorage, the Alberta College of Art and Design in Calgary, Portland Community College and the Oregon College of Art and Craft. She is currently Head of the Ceramics Area and Chairperson of the Art Department at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington.

Lisa has completed several prominent artist residencies around the country, most recently at Anderson Ranch Art Center in Colorado during a teaching sabbatical in 2010. She shows her work in solo and group exhibitions nation-wide, and is represented in several public art collections in the Pacific Northwest. She was most notably included in the Oregon Biennial exhibition at the Portland Art Museum in 2003. Lisa lives in Portland, Oregon, and works out of a ceramics studio in her home.