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### LECTURING EXPERIENCE

2002-present	Drawing Lecturer, Bachelor Fine Art National Art School East Sydney (NAS)
2001-present	Drawing and Painting Lecturer, Public Programs National Art School East Sydney (NAS)
2002-present	Lecturer, HSC Intensive Painting course (high school students) Lecturer, Dobell Drawing School (high school students) National Art School, East Sydney
2012-present	Art Teacher, Children's, Teens and Adult Art classes Art Est. Sydney
2006-2018	Lecturer, Certificate IV Colour and Design International School of Colour and Design (ISCD) Lecturer, Diploma in Visual Arts, Diploma in Interior Design, Diploma in Colour Design International School of Colour and Design ISCD (ISCD)
2014	Guest Lecturer, Victorian College of the Arts, VCA Melbourne

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### RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Painting Expedition, Kakadu, Northern Territory
- 2014 Dora McCrae Life Drawing Intensive, VCA Melbourne
- 2013 Painting Expedition, Gallipoli, Turkey
- 2012 Artist in Residence, PLC Croydon, Sydney
- 2011 Artist in Residence, CIS Secondary School, Hong Kong
- 2010 Painting Expedition, Larapinta Trail, Northern Territory
- 2009 Artist in Residence, Taronga Zoo, NSW
- 2009 Painting Expedition, Larapinta Trail, Northern Territory
- 2004 Artist in Residence, Haefligers Cottage, Hill End, NSW
- 2003 Artist in Residence, Murrays Cottage, Hill End, NSW

### EDUCATION

- 2022 Master of Art Therapy, IKON Institute, Sydney, (deferred)
- 2002 Bachelor of Fine Arts Honours (Drawing) National Art School, East Sydney (NAS)
- 2000 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Painting major), National Art School, East Sydney (NAS)
- 1994 Bachelor of Arts, Communications (Film major), University of Technology, Sydney (UTS)

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *100 Years Ago: Devotion* Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney
- 2014 *East meets West* Harvison Gallery, Perth
- 2013 *Animals on Show* Harvison Gallery, Perth
- 2013 *Gallipoli and Beyond Works on Paper* Stella Downer Fine Art, Sydney
- 2013 *Spirit Bird* NG Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 *Bundanon Landscapes* Adelaide Perry Gallery, PLC Croydon
- 2012 *Hong Kong Ceramics* Frasers Display Pavillion, NG Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2011 *Larapinta Landscapes* NG Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 *Ocean Paintings* Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 2007 *Birds Dogs Cows Goats*, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 *Hill End Landscapes* Maunsell Wickes at Barry Stern Gallery
- 2005 *New Paintings and Drawings* Xavier Art Space, St Vincents Hospital, Sydney
- 2005 *Boat Paintings* Maunsell-Wickes at Barry Stern Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 *Hill End Landscapes*, St Francis Xavier Art Space, St Vincents Hospital, Sydney

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- 2024 *Handling*, Drawing Department Exhibition, National Art School, East Sydney
- 2024 *Women For Change, Ignite Charity Show*, Sibyl Centre, University of Sydney
- 2023 *The Summer Show*, Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2022 Group Show Gallery Artists, Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2021 *Gallery Artists*, Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2019 *Summer Group Show*, Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2017 *NAS Drawing Dept Group Show*, Hoff Space, National Art School (NAS)
- 2018 *WAYS Youth Art Auction*, Bondi Pavillion, Sydney NSW
- 2017 *WAYS Youth Art Auction*, Bondi Pavillion, Sydney NSW
- 2016 *The First Year Creative Evolution and New Motherhood* ANU Gallery, Canberra ACT
- 2016 *Best in Show Dogs in Australian Art* Bathurst Regional Gallery NSW
- 2015 *Deck the Walls* Group Exhibition Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2014 *Gallery Artists* Group Show Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2014 *NAS Drawing "Drawing as Thought"* Grace Cossington Smith Gallery, Abbotsleigh
- 2013 *NAS Staff Sketchbook Show*, National Art School, Sydney
- 2013 *Art Est. Salon Show* Art Est. Art School, Sydney
- 2013 *Gallery Artists* Group Exhibition Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2013 *Zoologica* Group Exhibition Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2012 *Deck the Walls* Group Exhibition Stella Downer Fine Art
- 2012 *WAYS Youth Art Auction*, Bondi Pavillion, Sydney
- 2012 *Place: Residencies* National Art School, Sydney
- 2012 *Redlands Art Prize*, Redlands Art Gallery, Queensland (Finalist)
- 2012 *Flanagan Art Prize*, St Patrick's College, Ballarat, VIC (Finalist)
- 2012 *Wilson Visual Art Award*, Trinity Catholic College, Lismore, NSW (Finalist)
- 2012 *Gainsborough Greens Art Award*, QLD (Finalist)
- 2012 *Artworks and Artwords*, National Art School, Sydney
- 2012 *Stanthorpe Art Prize*, Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, QLD (Finalist)
- 2012 *Sun Drunk Memories*, NG Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2011 *ANL Maritime Art Award*, Seafarers Centre, Melbourne (Finalist)
- 2011 *Landscape Show*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2011 *Drawing Show*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2011 *Artworks and Artwords*, National Art School, Sydney
- 2011 *Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing*, Adelaide Perry Gallery, PLC Croydon (Finalist)
- 2011 *Distant Bridges*, Amnesty International, NG Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 *Waverley Youth Services Art Auction*
- 2010 *Barnardos Australia Auction*
- 2010 *Larapinta Trail*, Doggett St Studio, Brisbane
- 2010 *Hunters Hill Art Prize*, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2009 *Waverley Youth Services Art Auction*
- 2009 *Barnardos Australia Auction*
- 2009 *Mosman Art Prize*, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney (Finalist)

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- 2009 *Paddington Art Prize*, Mary Place Gallery, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2009 *Thinking Aloud The Big Drawing Show*, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 *Artists in Residence Exhibition: Taronga Zoo*, Sothebys, Sydney
- 2008 *Who Let the Dogs Out*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Gymea, NSW
- 2008 *Waverley Youth Services Art Auction*
- 2008 *Waverley Art Prize*, Waverly Woollahra Art School, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2008 *Madonna and Child*, NG Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2008 *A Place at my Table*, National Art School, Sydney
- 2007 *There is No Place Like Home*, Mission Australia, Sydney
- 2007 *Big Drawing Show*, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 *Boat Paintings*, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 *Willoughby Art Prize*, Willoughby Town Hall, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2006 *Same Place Many Views*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 *Art by the Sea*, Art Moment Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 *Christmas Exhibition*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 *Hill End Artists in Residence*, Hill End Visitor's Centre, NSW
- 2005 *Infusion*, Cell Block Theatre, National Art School, Sydney
- 2005 *Same Place Many Views*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 *Making a Place of Her Own*, National Parks/Wildlife (touring)
- 2005 *North Sydney Art Prize*, Fred Hutley Hall, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2004 *Hill End Artists*, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2004 *Sydney Affordable Art Show*
- 2004 *Spectrum*, Parliament House Art Prize, Sydney
- 2004 *North Sydney Art Prize*, Fred Hutley Hall, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2004 *Waverley Art Prize*, Waverly Woollahra Art School, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2003 *Fishers Ghost Prize*, Campbelltown Art Gallery, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2003 *Recent Bathers Paintings*, Mary Place Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 *Hill End Painting Residencies*, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2003 *Infusion*, Cell Block Theatre, National Art School, Sydney
- 2003 *Sydney Teapot Show*, Glebe Innercity Clayworkers Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 *North Sydney Art Prize*, Fred Hutley Hall, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2003 *Waverley Art Prize*, Waverly Woollahra Art School, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2003 *Fresh*, Michael Carr Art Dealer, Sydney
- 2003 *Picturing Paradise*, Mori Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 *Honours Landscape drawings* Xavier Art Space, St Vincents Hospital, Sydney
- 2002 *Tree Drawings*, Cell Block Theatre, National Art School, Sydney
- 2002 *Recent Bathers Paintings*, Mary Place Gallery, Sydney
- 2001 *Waverley Art Prize*, Waverley Woollahra Art School, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2001 *Side Effects*, Mary Place Gallery, Sydney
- 2000 *Bathers Paintings*, Cell Block Theatre, National Art School, Sydney
- 2000 *Waverley Art Prize*, Waverley Woollahra Art School, Sydney (Finalist)
- 2000 *Sky Gardens Art Prize* (Finalist)

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### COLLECTIONS

Artbank, Australia  
Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, NSW  
St Vincents Hospital, Sydney  
Tetsuya's Restaurant, Sydney  
Whitehouse School of Fashion, Leanne Whitehouse private collection, Sydney  
Sydney Airport, NSW  
Ray Hughes Gallery private collection, Sydney  
Defiance Gallery Private collection, Sydney  
NG Art Private collection, Sydney  
Michael Nock private collection, Hong Kong  
Euan McLeod private collection, Sydney

### AWARDS

2018 Finalist, Paddington Art Prize  
2015 Finalist, NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize  
Finalist, Paddington Art Prize  
Finalist, ANZAC Art Prize, War Memorial Hospital, Brisbane  
Finalist, Kogarah Art Prize  
2014 Finalist, Fisher's Ghost Art Prize  
Finalist, Mosman Art Prize  
Finalist, Wollongong Contemporary Watercolour Prize  
Finalist, NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize  
Finalist, Gallipoli Art Prize  
Finalist, Stanthorpe Art Prize  
2013 Finalist, Mosman Art Prize  
Finalist, Westmead Hospital Art Prize  
Finalist, Kogarah Art Prize  
Finalist Hunter's Hill Art Prize  
2012 Finalist and Highly Commended Award, Waverley Art Prize  
Finalist, Redlands Art Award  
Finalist, Flanagan Art Prize  
Finalist, Wilson Visual Art Award  
Finalist, Gainsborough Greens Art Award  
Finalist, Stanthorpe Art Prize  
2011 Finalist, ANL Maritime Art Award  
Finalist, Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing  
2010 Finalist, Hunters Hill Art Prize  
2009 Finalist, Mosman Art Prize  
Finalist, Paddington Art Prize  
2008 Finalist, Waverley Art Prize

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- 2006 Winner, Art Moment Gallery Painting Prize  
Finalist, Willoughby Art Prize
- 2005 Winner, Infusion Painting Prize, Maunsell Wickes, Barry Stern Galleries, Sydney  
Winner, FONAS St Vincent's Xavier Art Space Prize  
Finalist, North Sydney Art Prize
- 2004 Winner, Reg Richardson Scholarship  
Finalist, and Highly Commended, Waverley Art Prize  
Finalist, North Sydney Art Prize
- 2003 Winner, Reg Richardson Scholarship
- 2002 Winner, Honours Art History and Theory Prize, National Art School
- 2001 Finalist, Waverley Art Prize
- 2000 Winner, Sydney Airport Graduation Prize for Painting, National Art School  
Finalist, Waverly Art Prize  
Finalist, Sky Gardens Art Prize
- 1999 Winner, FONAS Scholarship, Painting Prize
- 1995 Winner, Women in Film and Television (WIFT) Scholarship for Communications
- 1990 Winner, Sydney Morning Herald HSC Prize, Top 10% 2Unit Visual Art, NSW

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2013 'Quintessential Australia' 12 Leading Australian Artists paint interpretation of Australia *Canberra Times* 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- 2011 'Artists and Mentorship', Sydney Magazine, *Sydney Morning Herald*
- 2010 'Architects collecting Australian Paintings', *Belle Magazine*
- 2009 Megan Morton, *Home Magazine*, July 2009
- 2009 'Australian Patrol', Ocean Paintings Ray Hughes Gallery *Youtube*
- 2009 'Taronga Zoo Artist in Residence Project', *7:30 Report*, ABC Television
- 2008 'Dogs in Australian Art' book published by Steven Miller
- 2008 'Ten Leading Artists', Sydney Morning Herald, 26 January 2008
- 2007 John McDonald, *Sydney Morning Herald*, April
- 2007 Henry Mulholland, *702 ABC Radio*, April 2007
- 2002 Lenny Ann Lowe, 'Toy with Me' SMH April 13 2002

## REFEREES

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