

**CIM SEARS**

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **EDUCATION**

- 2016-20** Master of Visual Arts by Research – ECU, Perth, WA.
- 2013-16** Graduate Diploma in Photomedia - ECU, Perth, Western Australia.
- 1997-99** Photography (not for degree) - Perth Central Tafe, Perth, Western Australia.
- 1993-95** Fine Art - Tutors Larry Mitchell, George Haynes and self-taught.
- 1988-90** Master of Philosophy in Women Studies – (incomplete), University of WA.
- 1985-86** Bachelor of Social Work - University of Western Australia.
- 1978-82** Bachelor of Arts - University of Western Australia.

### **WORK**

- 1974-76** Pathology Laboratory Assistant with Public Health (as relief staff I worked in many country State laboratories).
- 1987-90** Worked as a locum Social Worker in the areas of Women’s Health (predominantly in Hospitals).
- 2005-07** Part-time counselor at Family Planning (now Sexual Health Clinic) Roe St, Northbridge, Perth, Western Australia.
- 2006-09** Assisted my ill father with his business in the Mining Industry (Kalgoorlie) up until his death in 2009 and through to 2016.
- 2016-24** Assist in running the family cattle farm at Cookernup.

### **WORKSHOPS – Photography**

- 2012** Nov. Participant in Jack Picone/Stephen Dupont Photographic Workshop in Havana, Cuba.
- 2012** March. Participant in Magnum Workshop Fremantle (FotoFreo) Perth, Western Australia with Antoine D’Agata.
- 2011** July. Participant in Jack Picone/Stephen Dupont Photographic Workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2010** Nov. Participant in Jack Picone/Stephen Dupont Photographic Masterclass - Reportage Festival, Darlinghurst, Sydney, New South Wales.
- 2010** March. Participant in Magnum Workshop Fremantle (FotoFreo) Perth, Western Australia with Trent Parke.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

#### Photography

- 2024** April. “Not Dead Yet: New Film Photography” Earlywork Gallery, Fremantle, WA.
- 2016** Jan. “From The River To The Roundhouse” Artifact Gallery, 84 Orchard St, Lower East Side, New York.
- 2015** Nov. Photography Grad Show Exhibition, Spectrum Project Space Art Gallery, ECU, WA.
- 2015** Oct. Artist’s Books and Zines Saved My Life Exhibition, Spectrum Project Space Art Gallery, ECU, WA.
- 2012** Dec. Photomatic Polaroid Exhibition of artist around the world, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2012** June. Art Takes Times Square – LED Billboard Group Exhibition, New York, USA.

**2012** March. “The Contemporary Australian Family Photographic Project”, FotoFreo Special Event, Breadbox Gallery, Northbridge, WA.

**2011** April. Featured Photographic Artist – “The Focus Project” - Photography, New York, USA.

**2010** Oct. FotoCentral Group Exhibition, Gallery Central, Perth, Western Australia.

**2010** Sept. Finalist in UNCOVER Projection Exhibition, PCP Gallery, Northbridge, WA.

**2010** March. Exhibitor in FotoFreo Fringe 2010 Photographic Festival, Fremantle, WA.

**2008** April. Exhibitor in FotoFreo Fringe 2008 Photographic Festival, Fremantle, WA.

**2007** April. Solo Art and Photographic Exhibition, Crashing Thunder Studio Gallery, Gallup, New Mexico, U.S.A.

**2006** March. Exchange Group Photographic Exhibition, Crashing Thunder Studio Gallery, Gallup, New Mexico, USA.

**2006** Feb. Solo Photographic/Art Exhibition, Code Red Photography Gallery, Perth, WA.

**2005** Oct. Group Exhibitor in “Diverse Exposure”, Code Red Photography, Perth, WA.

**2005** Sept. Solo Photographic /Art Exhibition at Code Red Photography, Perth, WA.

**2005** Aug. Exhibition for Finalists in the Iris Award (photographic portraiture) at the Perth Centre for Photography, Perth, WA.

**2005** July. Solo Photographic Exhibition at PPS Gallery, Perth, WA.

**1998** Group Photographic Exhibition at Fly By Night Musicians Club, Fremantle, WA.

## **EXHIBITIONS/PROJECTS**

### Art

**2024** Feb-July. Artist in Residence, Fremantle Art Center. Fremantle, WA.

**2023** July. “YAM” Gallery 25, ECU, Mt Lawley, WA.

**2021** June. “All That Remains”, Group Exhibition, Ellenbrook Arts, WA.

**2020** June. “I Walk To See, I Walk To Know: Walking To Wongawol”, Masters Exhibition, Gallery 25, ECU, WA..

**2019** Nov. “Nexus”, Group post-graduate exhibition, Gallery 25, ECU, WA.

**2019** Sept. “Wongawol Exhibition”, Wongawol Station, Gunbarrel Hwy, WA.

**2018** Nov. “Artshum” Masters of Visual Arts works in progress, ECU Graduate Show, WA.

**2018** May. “Unfolding”, exhibition of Post Grad works in progress, Breathing Space ECU, WA.

**2018** May. Assisted 3 Indigenous Artists who were selected for the Jimmy Pike Trust Print Scholarship, ECU WA.

**2018** April. “Pushing On The Sky”, exhibition of etching prints, paintings, artist book and video at Spectrum project Space, ECU WA.

**2017** Nov. School of Humanities Graduate Exhibition ECU. (Post Graduates Works in progress.) WA.

**2016** Feb. “Between The Sheets”, Gallery East, WA.

**2012** Cossack Art Award – Invited Artist. Shire of Robourne, WA.

**2010** Aug. Mazenod College Art Exhibition, Lesmurdie, WA.

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**2008** Sept. Art in Bloom Exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA.

**2008** May-June. Art Co-ordinator for Indigenous “Design For Life Project” with the W.A. Aids Council. Perth, WA.

**2007** April. Art field trip with Apache Indian guides around Albuquerque and Gallup, New Mexico, U.S.A.

**2007** April. Solo Art and Photographic Exhibition, Crashing Thunder Studio Gallery, Gallup, New Mexico, U.S.A.

**2006** November. “Black Tie, Blue Jeans” Art Auction, Buffalo Nickel Art Gallery, Cimarron, New Mexico, U.S.A.

**2006** September. Art in Bloom Exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA.

**2006** August. Art Camp with artists Brendon Darby, Douglas Kirsop, Kerry Stokes & Mary-Lynne Stratton at the remote site (fishing camp) Winjingarra Bhut Bhut, Kimberley, WA.

**2006** May. Juried Art Exhibition, Buffalo Nickel Art Gallery, Cimarron, New Mexico, USA.

**2006** April – July. Personal art tour through New Mexico, USA and New York City, inspired by the American artist Georgia O’Keefe.

**2006** March – Nov. Art Co-ordinator for the “Design for Life Project” (to prevent STI’s and Aids) with the W.A. Aids Council. Perth, WA.

**2006** Feb. Group Photographic/Art Exhibition, Code Red Photography Gallery, Perth, WA.

**2005** Sept. Solo Photographic /Art Exhibition at Code Red Photography, Perth, WA.

**2005** April. Facilitated a State wide Safe Sex Art Project (promotional campaign) funded by the Federal Health Department with 5 Indigenous boys at Banksia Detention Centre. Perth, WA..

**2005** March. Duo Art Exhibition at Treasure Gallery, Fremantle, WA.

**2004** Art in Bloom Exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

**2002** Designed and constructed set for “Harry V” at the Playhouse Theatre, Perth, WA.

**2002** Art in Bloom Exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA.

**2001** Designed and constructed set and costumes for “Sweet Charity” at the Playhouse Theatre, Perth, WA

**2000** Art in Bloom Exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA.

**1995** Duo Art Exhibition at Treasure Gallery, Fremantle, WA.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**2020** Master of Visual Arts by Research (Exegesis and Exhibition), “I Walk to See, I Walk to Know: Walking to Wongawol”. <https://ro.ecu.edu.au/theses/2356/>

**2012** Magnum Photos Workshop (FotoFreo 2012): Magnum Photos Education publication.

**2012** March. The Contemporary Australian Family Photographic Project published by Fier Institute, NSW, Australia.

**2011** August. Photographic story “Education – A Basic Right”, produced during Jack Picone/Stephen Dupont Photographic Workshop featured in Nepali newspaper “Republica”, Kathmandu, Nepal.

**2010** Magnum Photos Workshop (FotoFreo 2010): Magnum Photos Education publication.

## **AWARDS ETC**

**2015** Runner up for “Best Book” – Case Studies in Production, Photomedia, ECU, Western Australia.

**2012** “The Contemporary Australian Family Photographic Project” book wins 2012 **Canon AIPP** Australian Photography Book of the Year.

**2012** Memento Pro wins HP Indigo Asia Pacific/Japan Digital Print Awards with the “Family Project Book”.

**2010** Finalist in UNCOVER Projection Exhibition, PCP Gallery, Northbridge, Western Australia.

**2006** First Place Acrylic. Buffalo Nickel Annual Juried Art Show, Buffalo Nickel Art Gallery, Cimarron, New Mexico, U.S.A.

**2005** Finalist in the Iris Award (photographic portraiture) Perth Centre for Photography, Perth, Western Australia.