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Education

- 2006-2010 *Art, Philosophy & Contemporary Practices* B.A (Hons.) 1st class, DJCAD, Dundee
2004-2006 *HNC Fine Art*, Angus College, Arbroath

Selected Exhibitions as Curator or Co-Curator

- 2020 **Den Skogløse Skogen: Inger Emilie Solheim**, *The Arctic Agency for Environmental Research Methodologies and Artistic Practice*, located in Folkeparken, Tromsø
- 2020 **Salt in Wounds: Camilla Nicoliasen**, *The Arctic Agency for Environmental Research Methodologies and Artistic Practice*, located in Folkeparken, Tromsø
- 2019 **Epoch: Andre Enger Aas**, *The Arctic Agency for Environmental Research Methodologies and Artistic Practice*, Tromsø, Norway
- 2019 **The Space Between Us is Greater Than The Time it Took Us to Move Apart**, apartment exhibition, Tromsø
- 2017 **Edges of Transition: Paola McClure**, Meadow Mill Projects 1, WASPS, Dundee
- 2017 **Sky Green & Blue: Alison Scott**, Meadow Mill Projects 1, WASPS, Dundee
- 2016 **A Very Different Scottish Play**, feat: **Kim W. Wilson, Iain Sturrock & Rachel McLean; with archival images of 7:84 drama collective by Barry Jones; newly commissioned song by Craig Coulthard**. Dundee Rep. Theatre, Dundee
- 2016 **UNpainting: Louise Ritchie**, Meadow Mill Projects 1, WASPS, Dundee
- 2016 **L'Heure Bleue: Valerie Norris**, Print Festival Scotland at Meadow Mill Projects 2, WASPS, Dundee
- 2015 **Reflections In The Black Oil**, feat: **Kim W. Wilson, Iain Sturrock & Rachel McLean; with archival images of 7:84 drama collective by Barry Jones**, Dundee Rep. Theatre, Dundee
- 2014 **Sail Beyond the Sunset**, feat: **Sam Burford; Mehreen Murtaza; Deimantas Narkevičius**, GENERATORprojects, Dundee
- 2014 **FORM:PERFORM:REFORM**, feat: **Nelly Agassi, FREEE, Leeds Weirdo Club, Megan Daalder, David Horvitz, Antti Laitinen & Euan Taylor**, GENERATORprojects, Dundee
- 2014 **They Had Four Years**, feat: **The Brownlee Brothers, Flo Gordon, Johnny Lyons, Ailsa MacKenzie, Mary Beth Quigley**, GENERATORprojects, Dundee
- 2014 **Definite Motion**, feat: **Danilo Correale, Ellie Harrison, Toril Johannessen, Anibal Lopez, Anna Moreno & Kosta Tonev**, GENERATORprojects, Dundee
- 2013 **Partial Objects: Susannah Stark**, GENERATOR Projects Collective Space, GENERATORprojects, Dundee

Selected Events as Curator or Lead Programmer

- 2019 **To The Bears: Stuart MacAdam**, Endurance performance cycling from Scotland to Tromsø, Norway
- 2016 **Seeing The Unseen**, feat: **Sarah Forrest, Amy Jones and Tessa Lynch**, produced with **Katherine Murphy**, GSS, Glasgow and Glasgow Women's Library, Glasgow
- 2016 **500 Boxes of Contraband**, featuring films by **Anibal Lopez, Hannah Black, Taocheng Wang and Jill Magid**, film screening event curated with **Cicely Farrer**, David Dale Gallery, Glasgow
- 2016 **Sorry, Is This Live?**, feat: performances by **Nerea Gurrutxaga, Gabriela Serani Busquets & Florencia Martina**, David Dale Gallery, Glasgow, for Glasgow International Festival 2016
- 2014 **Winter Wonderlands: Artist films selected by Ruth Aitken & Becca Clark and 'Once in The 20th Century' Deimantas Narkevičius screening**, Hannah MacLure Centre, University of Abertay, Dundee
- 2014 **GENERATOR Summer Programme, MANIFESTO: Adam Bridgland; Henri Meadows; Lada Wilson; Jacob Dwyer; Criag Barrowman; Mark Wallace; Beth Savage; Tara Chaloner & Claire Breigel**, GENERATORprojects, Dundee
- 2014 **Events as Part of the B.F.I's 'Days of Fear and Wonder' festival**: Film showing of restored version of 'A Trip to The Moon' by Georges Meiles; Plastik Zine Issue 6 Launch, Hannah MacLure Centre, University of Abertay, Dundee
- 2013 **GENERATOR Printhouse: Anyone Incapable of Taking Sides Should Say Nothing**, GENERATORprojects, Dundee. Week-long experimental printhouse set-up resulting in a series of daily e-papers being published.
- 2013 **Practices In Motion: Ellie Harrison; Peter McRae**. Talk and performance respectively, DCA, Dundee

Residencies

- 2016 Curator in Residence, David Dale Gallery, Glasgow
2016 Icelandic Artist Association, Korpúfsstaðir, Iceland

Published Writing

- 2015 *'Vital Materialism'*, a collaboration with artist Natasha Dijkhoff (self-published print/ essay compilation)
2014 *GENERATORpublications: Control, Mechanics and Balance* (ISBN: 0953329437)
2013 *The E.G.*, a series of daily e-publications produced as a response to the exhibition *'Anyone Incapable of Taking Sides Should say Nothing'* <https://anyoneincapableoftakingsidesshouldsaynothing.wordpress.com/e-papers/>

Talks & Workshops

- 2020 *Manifestos As a Working Tool*, Anchorage Museum, Alaska, U.S.A (online talk) as part of their "North x North" programme, alongside Ruth Aitken. Hosted by Curator Bodil Kjelpstrup.
2019 Host of Artist Talk by Stuart MacAdam, Small Projects, Tromsø, Norway
2018 Host of Q & A with artist Emma Booth on occasion of her *'Decompression'* residency at WASPS, Dundee
2017 *Verdant@Verdant*, Practice & Sustainability themed in-conversation, hosted by artist Eddie Summerton, Verdant Works Museum, Dundee
2017 Host of Q and A feat. Alison Scott, on occasion of exhibition *'Sky, Blue & Green'*, for WASPS, Dundee
2017 Host of Q and A feat. Paola McClure, on occasion of exhibition *'Edges of Transition'*, for WASPS, Dundee
2017 *A Manifesto For The Idle*, Internet live stream of 'Inactivist' manifestos with artist Ruth Aitken, Domestic Gallery, Dundee
2015 *Edits Whilst You Wait* by Claire Walsh, Participant Editor, Edinburgh Sculpture Studios, Edinburgh
2014 *Artist led Spaces, Den Haag, NL*, with Holly Keasey. Field Research Presented at ((echo)) D.C.A, Dundee
2014 *Life After Art School*, on behalf of GENERATORprojects presented at DJCAD, Dundee
2012 *The Strange Death of The Soviet Superman*, Contemporary Art Encounters, D.C.A, Dundee

Awards & Grants

- 2016 *Dundee Visual Artist Award*, funded a research residency based at Korpúfsstaðir, Iceland
2015 *Dundee Visual Artist Award*, funded an exhibition with Natasha Dijkhoff at Tin Roof, Dundee
2013 *Dundee Visual Artist Award*, funded research to Paris, France & Berlin, Germany
2010 *Art, Philosophy & Contemporary Practices Graduate Award*, research & travel bursary grant

Art Related Employment

- 2021 - Producer, Tromsø Kunstforening Podcast series, Tromsø
2019 - Employee Representative (board member), Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø
2019 - Install Technician, Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø, Norway
2018 Host of *'Balkong'* project, for Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø
2016- 2018 Panel Member, WASPS' Curatorial Panel, various locations, Scotland
2011- 2018 Gallery Assistant, Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee, Scotland
2015- 2017 Gallery Co-ordinator, WASPS, Meadow Mill, Dundee
2012- 2015 Committee Member/ Trustee & Director, GENERATORprojects, Dundee

I served as treasurer, trustee & latterly director for the artist led space, GENERATORprojects in Dundee where, in collaboration with the committee, curated many parts of GENERATOR's 2014 programme- and initiated the re-design of the building to accommodate the *'Collective Space'*, a versatile project space designed by Henri Meadow & Dean Crawford. I am now curating the project space *The Arctic Agency for Environmental Research Methodologies and Artistic Research* (www.thearcticagency.com) alongside artist Ruth Aitken. Our main space is a converted caravan which programmes events and exhibitions, focussing on ecological and sustainable practices, located inside the arctic circle, in Tromsø, Norway.