# Alira Callaghan

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#### **EDUCATION**

2016-current PhD Candidate – Doctor of Philosophy (Fine Art) Curtin University
2013 Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) (First Class Honours) Curtin University

2008 Advanced Diploma Fashion and Textile Design, Western Australian School of

Art, Design and Media

2007 Diploma Fashion and Textile Design, Western Australian School of Art, Design

and Media

2006 Cert IV Fashion and Textile Design, Western Australian School of Art, Design

and Media

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## **Teaching**

#### **Curtin University, Perth / Sessional Tutor**

2016-current 'Engaging Media', Mass Communication, School of Media, Creative Arts and

Social Inquiry

2019 'Fine Art Studio Materials', Fine Art, School of Media, Creative Arts and Social

Inquiry

2018 'Art and Design Fundamentals', Fine Art, School of Media, Creative Arts and

Social Inquiry

## Curtin University, Perth / Other

2019 Honours Mid Semester reviews, Fine Art
 2018 First year Print Media reviews, Fine Art

2017 Third year critiques, Fine Art

Art

2013-current Visual Artist

2013-2017 Artist Assistant, Proximity Festival (Mike Bianco, Liam Colgan), Rebecca

Baumann Studio (Rebecca Baumann), PERFORMPRINT (Michael Meneghetti &

Joel Gailer)

2016-current Independent Arts Writer
2014-15 KURB Gallery board member

#### Other Employment

2015-current Freelance Copyeditor

# **ACHIEVEMENTS**

## **Select exhibitions**

## **Solo Exhibition**

2018	Is it a feeling? The Lobby Gallery, Swanbourne WA
2018	Gallery as Residency, Paper Mountain, Perth WA
2017	Another Project Space Residency Exhibition, Bassendean WA

## **Group Exhibition**

2019	Rejects, The Substation, Singapore
2018	Speculative Nature / Spatial Nature, Quarter Gallery, WA
2017	Staff Room, Edward Millen House, Victoria Park WA
2015	Guildford Grammar 15th Annual Art Exhibition, Guildford WA
2015	Already, Free Range Gallery, Perth WA
2015	Art Bar by Rebecca Baumann, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
2014	4AA4, 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art, Sydney VIC
2014	Kurb Gallery Resident's Exhibition, Kurb Gallery, Perth WA

# **Residencies**

2019-current	'PhD in Residence', Curtin University Singapore
2019	Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle WA
2017	Another Project Space, Bassendean WA
2014	Residency, KURB Gallery, Perth WA

# **Awards**

2016-2019	Australian Postgraduate Award Scholarship
2016-2019	Curtin Research Scholarship
2013	Bachelor Fine Arts (Honours) Award for Excellence
2012	South Perth Emerging Artist Award Finalist
2008	Winner Menswear Designer Telstra Perth Fashion Festival

# **PRESENTATIONS**

# **Select Conferences**

2019	"Diffractive Processes in Practice", Theories and Inquiries, convenor and
	panellist, The Art Association of Australia and New Zealand (AAANZ), Annual
	Conference, Auckland New Zealand, December 6.

2018 "Considering Ways of Presenting Practice-Led Research Outcomes as Process", panellist, The Australian Council of University Art and Design Schools (ACUADS)

, Annual Conference, Perth WA, September 28.

2017 "Recall and Reflection: Finding my practice in strange places", Practice-Led
Research/Art History, panellist, The Art Association of Australia and New

Zealand (AAANZ), Annual Conference, Perth WA, December 6.

2017 "Nonanthropocentric Approaches", Art and Aesthetics, panellist, The

Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy (ASCP), Annual Conference,

Hobart TAS, November 29.

**Artist Talks** 

2018 Warm-Up Dinner 3, City Arts Space hosted by Paper Mountain gallery,

Perth WA, July 31

2017 Monday Forum, Curtin University, Bentley WA, October 2

2017 Another Story, Another Project Space, Bassendean WA, April 3.

Other

2020 Peer Reviewer, MDPI

2018 Organiser and Chair, The role of the artist residency- panel discussion, Paper

Mountain, Perth WA, February 10

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Art research methodologies, material, and process based practices. Issues related to the nonhuman, the anthropocene and new materialist theories.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Artsource, Fremantle WA

College Art Association (CAA), New York, NY

Curtin University, Bentley WA

National Association for Visual Arts (NAVA), NSW

National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU), Melbourne VIC

The Art Association of Australia and New Zealand (AAANZ), Melbourne VIC

The Australian Council of University Art and Design (ACUADS), Acton ACT