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**Durban University of Technology** 

Provisional Title:

Making Beyond Nothingness: An Artistic Challenge to the Unaesthetic Language of the South African

Public Space.

1997-1998 Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam – Residency

1995-1996 M-tech: Fine Art, (cum laude) – Supervisor: Jeremy Wafer

Technikon Natal, Durban

Themes of Exile and Dislocation in the work of Marlene Dumas (and selected South African artists)

1992-1993 National Higher Diploma – cum laude; highest overall aggregate is School of Arts

Technikon Natal, Durban

A Discussion of the Themes of Tragedy and Hope, with particular to Andries Botha's Standard Bank

exhibition (Grahamstown 1991)

1989-1991 National Diploma (highest final result and a distinction in Sculpture III)

1988 Matriculated (with exemption), Durban High School

## **Employment:**

2015 - Department of Fine Art & Jewellery Design

Durban University of Technology (formerly Technikon Natal)

Durban

Co-ordinate 3D programme. Co-ordinate B-Tech and Masters programme. Programme

Co-ordinating committee. Masters and B-tech Supervision. Chairperson of

Departmental Review Committee for Masters research. Member of the Faculty Research Committee.

2014 Department of Fine Art & Jewellery Design

Durban University of Technology (formerly Technikon Natal)

Durban

Appointed full-time Lecturer. Co-ordinate 3D programme. Lecture Sculpture II & III; B-tech and

Master's programme

2011 Vega School (Design • Brand • Business)

Durban

Appointed to run Critical and Creative Thinking Programme

2002 – 2013 Department of Fine Art

Durban University of Technology (formerly Technikon Natal)

Durban

Appointed as contract Lecturer for Sculpture II, II, B-tech and Masters Practical Supervision - tag

teaching with Andries Botha on a 6 month rotational cycle

1999 – 2002 Department of Fine Art

Technikon Natal

Durban

Appointed part-time Lecturer in Sculpture II & III; B-tech

2000 - 2009 Founder / Co-ordinator of PULSE, an artist run initiative linked to RAIN,

international network of artist run initiatives

1995 – 1996 Department of Fine Art

**Technikon Natal** 

Durban

Appointed part-time Lecturer in Sculpture II whilst completing Masters study

1993 - 1994 Work as full-time assistant to sculptor, Andries Botha

#### Academic Profile:

#### Teaching:

My areas of teaching specialisation are within 3-Dimensional studies and in practice-based post graduate supervision. I have taught Sculpture from second year to Masters level since 1995, both on a part-time, contract and full time basis (2014 - ). I have a special interest in practice-based research as creative output is often not regarded as critical inquiry, and I have always considered it as such. This innate belief was vindicated when the DHET finally recognized creative outputs as research in and of itself. I supervise on average 7 Masters students and 6 B-Tech students at any given time. I am the current co-ordinator of both the B-tech and Master's programmes in the Department of Fine Art, and currently doing a practice-based PhD.

A number of my students have attained significant success in their studies. These include the Standard Bank Young Artist Award, Future Generation Art Prize and acceptance into the post graduate programme of the Rijksakademie in Amsterdam. The career success of graduates has been noted through selection onto major international and local exhibitions, academic appointments, public commissions and art related entrepreneurial activity.

#### **Academic / Artist Initiatives:**

In my capacity as a Rijskakademie van Beeldende Kunsten Alumni (1997-1998), I was tasked with establishing an artist run initiative in 1999. At the time I was already lecturing part-time at the then Technikon Natal (now Durban University of Technology). In February of 2000, I founded PULSE, which became the South African component of a larger global network of artist run initiatives, all of whom were linked to RAIN, the Rijksakademie Artists International Network. From 2000 – 2009 I executed several international projects, as well as participated in conferences and workshops within the RAIN Network. Within the PULSE projects, I was responsible for the conceptualizing, fund raising and co-ordinating of the projects. This included curating and organizing exhibitions, conferences and walkabouts, as well as the production of the publications. I also oversaw all the financial aspects of the projects, from the raising of funds related to budget outlines to the administration and financial reconciliation of each project. The aim of **PULSE** was to create a platform for dialogue and debate amongst cultural producers worldwide. **PULSE** created projects around themes that were pertinent in context and that found resonance globally. Below is an account of the various International projects that PULSE organized as well as those it participated in:

2000 February, **PULSE** is formally set up as an initiative

October/November, **Open Circuit,** Project Exhibition at the NSA Gallery including amongst others: Isaac Carlos (Portugal), Greg Streak (South Africa), Sharmila Samant (India), Kathryn Smith (South Africa), Mark Bain (USA) ...

**Open-Circuit**: conference – November, Technikon Natal, Durban, Guest Speakers include: James Sey, Virginia Mackenny, Kathryn Smith, Alexander Sudheim, Paul Edmunds.

February, **Open Circuit – closing**, exhibition curated by Greg Streak of Sebastian Diaz Morales (Argentina) and Jo Ractliffe (South Africa)

Launch of Publication: Open Circuit

2001

2002 April – Launch of project "Violence/Silence)

June/July - Project takes place in Durban and Nieubethesda, South Africa

Violence exhibition opens at NSA Gallery, Durban South Africa

**Silence** opens in and around Nieubethesda, South Africa (collaboration with Ibis Art Centre) – Silence became the 2002 !Xoe Bienale

**Violence/Silence** - conference held at NSA Gallery, Durban: includes guest speakers Mary De Haas, Peter Machen, Kathryn Smith, Greg Streak, Survivors of Violence

November, **Violence/Silence** –: curated exhibition opens at US Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Launch of publication and documentary video at US Gallery

December, **PULSE** invited to Lujan, Argentina to take part in a workshop researching "cultural management for artists" on the invitation of TRAMA

2003 June/July, **PULSE** curates a special presentation for the **OK Video, Jakarta Video Festival** on the invitation of Ruangrupa

August – launch 2003 project **Hiv(e)** 

2004 **Hiv(e)** project takes place from January-February 2004. Artists make interventions at Gozololo Children's Centre in the township of Kwamashu, Durban and produce work for exhibition.

April, **Hiv(e)** – exhibition takes place at the Franchise Gallery in Johannesburg. Artists include: Sofia Garciavieyra (Argentina), Ade Darmawan (Indonesia), Jena McCarthy (South Africa) ...

June, launch of Hiv(e) documentary film and publication

July, Greg Streak is invited on behalf of PULSE to deliver a paper at the **South Project – Gathering** in Melbourne, Australia

2004-2005

**Blind Spaces** – a joint collaborative project between PULSE and CEIA (Brazil). An exchange between Brazilian and South African Film-makers, looking at the marginalized spaces within each other's cities (Durban, South Africa and Belo Horizonte, Brazil). Artists and theorists include Joacelio Batista, Pablo Lobato, Marco Paulo Rolla, Marcos Hill, Nisrene Khord, Owen Oppenheimer, Doung Jahangeer, Alexander Wafer, Vaughn Sadie, Greg Streak.

Blind Spaces – December, 2004: Brazilian Filmmakers arrive in Durban for one month of filming.

Blind Spaces – February, 2005: South African filmmakers spend one month in Belo Horizonte filming

Blind Spaces – February, 2005 exhibition / presentation at SESC, Sao Paulo Blind Spaces - compilation of publication and DVD of 8 films (2005-2006)

2005 **KO Video First Durban Video Festival –** a selection of 304 works from 28

different countries showed on 9 DVD loops at 5 venues through the month of

October 2005.

March 2006 – publication launched.

2006 April, **PULSE** invited to give presentation at Rijksakademie (Netherlands) on new

proposed project "Human Insides".

2006-

2007 **Human Insides** – a project that looked at socio-developmental issues in and

around Durban South Africa with the idea of producing 4 documentary films for

mass release.

2008-2009

DIS - EASE (a new generation of video art from the Rijksakademie

**archives)** is a video compilation screening that reflects on the diversity of approach within the medium, both in terms of content and articulation

Screeings:

Bank Gallery, Durban, 2009

South African National Gallery, Cape Town, 2009

FAIVA video festival in Bamako (February 2012)

### **PULSE Publications:**

Open Circuit, Durban, 2001, catalogue of exhibition project

**Violence/Silence**, Durban, 2002, catalogue of exhibition project (include a documentary video)

Silent Zones (RAIN publication), 2001/2002

Ok Video, publication for OK Video, Jakarta Video Festival 2003

Shifting Maps (RAIN publication), 2004

Hiv(e), 2004 – A2 poster, catalogue of project, 35' documentary film

KO Video 1<sup>st</sup> Durban Video Festival, catalogue of project

PULSE documentary film (2000 – 2006), commissioned by Dutch ministry

Human Insides, 2006-2007, catalogue and 4 documentary films

Dis-Ease (a new generation of video art from the Rijksakademie archives) – catalogue and video loop

#### **Academic Development:**

At the Durban University of Technology I have been involved in aspects of course planning, in particular the vertical and horizontal alignment of the 3D studies programme from  $1^{st}-3^{rd}$  years, as well as the co-ordination and management of the B-tech and Masters programmes. I am currently involved in a restructuring of the post-graduate levels of study to align it with national norms and standards. I have also served on various boards with regards to re-curriculation of various levels of study. I currently serve as a member of the Faculty Research Committee which confers on matters relating to student Masters and PhD research. I am constantly furthering my pedagogical and practice research pursuits:

2015 Accredited Assessor Training (26-30 March)

Masters and Doctoral Supervision Workshop (Prof. Johan Muton)

Academic Literacies: From Tacit to Conscious Awareness and Practice

ISEA2015 Vancouver, Canada – part of official team to bid for ISEA2018 in Durban

Accredited Moderator Training 12-16 November

Article Writing Workshop 17-19 November, 2015

Institutional Research Day 26 November, 2016 (Best Oral Presentation)

2016 Doctoral Mentoring Proposal Development Programme:

Session 1. Theoretical Frameworks for Doctoral Research outcomes

Session 2. Approaches to Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Study

Session 3. Mixed, Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

Session 4. Data Analysis: Methods, Tools and Theory

Session 5. Data Analysis: Practical's, Software and Preliminary Analysis

Session 6. Peer review presentations and Oral Defence (successful)

Strengthening Postgraduate Supervision Course (30 Credits), Centre for Higher Education Research, Training and Learning

ISEA 2016, Hong Kong: 16–22 May, 2016 (Core committee member / Curatorial Team Member 2018)

Serve as Chairperson of Departmental Research Committee (DRC) and on the Faculty Research Committee (FRC)

2017 Developing literacy practices in Postgraduate Studies (Prof. Sioux Mckenna)

AcLits symposium on the 25-26 May

Reading and Writing Journal Articles (Dr Goodier, NIHSS-SAHUDA Mentor)

Continue to serve as Chairperson of Departmental Research Committee (DRC) and on the Faculty Research Committee (FRC)

#### **Creative Research:**

I have regarded the practice of art as a form of critical enquiry, as conceptually reflective research. My research focus over the past few years has been on a PhD level in which my primary concerns are with challenging the systemic abuse of power on all levels, and therefore much of my practice falls within the theoretical framework of Critical Theory (The Frankfurt School) and the overarching concepts of Governmentality (Foucault). My current PhD practice hinges on the concept of *Nothing Matters* - a conscious play on the multiple meanings implicit in the statement. Embedded are both the obvious explication, that being one of nihilism, as well as the more subtle implication that it is the seemingly arbitrary and inconsequential that really counts, yet remain deliberately elusive. The levels of apathy and conformity prevalent in societies and that are governed by what Adorno and Horkheimer termed the Culture Industry, form the basis of my research challenge. My practice therefore looks at finding metaphors and visual cues that, in their apparent 'nothingness', seek to address the very substantive elements in society that are the real cause for concern.

1993	Two person exhibition with Siemon Allen, Institute of Contemporary Art, Jhb
	Momentum, Pretoria Art Museum
1994	Artists Invite Artists, Durban Art Gallery
	Vacated, John Waldron Art Centre, Indiana, USA
	Forms of the Future, Durban Art Gallery
1995	Bartel Arts Trust: Opening Exhibition, BAT Centre, Durban
1996	Some Man-Made Objects, first Solo Exhibition, N.S.A. Gallery, Durban
	Jabulisa: Art of KwaZulu Natal, Standard Bank National Arts Festival, Grahamstown, South Africa (touring to Standard Bank Centre, Johannesburg; Tatham Art Gallery, Pietermaritzburg, Durban Art Gallery
1997	Open Ateljiers, Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam
	South Africa in Colour, Stadparkspaviljoen, Groningen, Netherlands catalogue
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1998	DIS – EASE, Axiom Gallery, Cheltenham, U.K.
	Semi – Detached, Group exhibition, Toadsmoor Mill, Stroud, U.K.
1999	<b>The Mind on Scale : The Lava Edge</b> , Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, Mark Dion, Ashley Bickerton, Daniel Noguiera, Pippiloti Rist, Jeroen Kooijmans (curator, Christine Sluysmans)
	Video Views, with William Kentridge, Clive van der Berg, Tracy Rose, Malcolm

Payne, Kendell Geers, Penny Siopis and Randolph Hartzenberg, South African

National Gallery, Capetown (curator, Emma Bedford)

2000 Unplugged 5 Market Gallery, Johannesburg

A.r.e.a. 2000, Reykjavik Art Museum - Iceland (curated by Gavin Younge)

!Xoe 2 site specific, Nieu Bethesda and Grahamstown Festival

!Xoe2 - Off-Site, Bell-Roberts Contemporary, Cape-Town, South Africa.

Divine, Greg Streak & Andries Botha, NSA Gallery, Durban

"Outpost", Association of Arts gallery, Pretoria

Tour Guides of the Inner City, Johannesburg (curator: Stephen Hobbs)

4 persons, Lakeen Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

**Open-circuit** – self-curated exhibition, N.S.A. Gallery, Durban, South Africa (Mark Bain, Isaac Carlos, Stephen Hobbs, Jeremy Wafer...)

2001 rest and motion, Klein Karoo Arts Festival – curator, Kathryn Smith

**South: voyages into mutant technologies**, Portuguese Cultural Centre, Maputo, Mozambique, Eder Santos, Marcello Dantes, Lucas Bambozzi), curator, Jose Ferreira catalogue

World Wide Video Festival - Amsterdam, Holland

2002 "7" group Video show, Lakeen Gallery, Mumbai, India

Outpost 11 - US Gallery, Stellenbosch catalogue

**Violence** – self-curated exhibition N.S.A. Gallery, Durban, South Africa (Adriana Lestido, Marco Paulo Rolla, Paul Edmunds ...) catalogue

**Silence -** self-curated exhibition – Nieubethesda, South Africa (Bharti Kher, Adriana Lestido, Marco Paulo Rolla, Luan Nel ...) catalogue

2003 **OK Video** - Jakarta Video Festival (curator: Greg Streak) Greg Streak, Stephen Hobbs, Kathryn Smith, Jose Ferreira catalogue

Video Brazil: Single Channel (Minnette Vari, Andries Botha, Virginia Mackenny) catalogue

**Hiv(e)**: Franchise Gallery, Johannesburg (self-curated – PULSE project) Sofia Garciavieyra, Ade Darmawan, Paul Edmunds (SA) catalogue

San Francisco Video Festival

2004

Tangentia, international public art project in Cato Manor, Durban catalogue

2005	KKNK – klein karoo fesitval
	KO Video: 1st Durban Video Festival – self-initiated festival and participant along with 300 other video works from 28 different countries (Johan Grimonprez, Tracy Emin, William Kentridge, Benny Nemerofsky Ramsay, Owen Oppenheimer) catalogue
2006	<b>Nie Meer</b> , De Warende Turnhout – Belgium (Robin Rhode, Candice Breitz, Tracy Rose, Mustafa Maluka etc.)
	Shared Histories / Decolonising the Image – Arti De Amiticae, Amsterdam
	De Grote Oversteek – Stedilijk Museum, Zwolle (Moshekwa Lange, Gregg Smith)
	21 <sup>st</sup> Durban International Film Festival: Official Selection and Special Mention Jury Award with first full feature documentary film: Beauty and the Beasts (78' 31")
2007	Drift two person show with Ledelle Moe at the 1708 Gallery, Washington, U.S.A catalogue
2008	The Light Show: Bank Gallery (Stephen Hobbs, Jeremy Wafer)
	Accumulative Disintegration – solo exhibition, Bank Gallery, Durban
2009	Harbour, KZNSA Gallery, Durban
	Social Pattern, AVA Gallery, Cape Town (Paul Edmunds, Kim Liebermann)
	Johannesburg Art Fair
	Calvin Me, Centrum voor Beeldende Kunst, Dortrecht (Anish Kapoor, Marc Quinn, Ai Wei Wei)
	No / Thing: UCA Gallery, Cape Town
	New Connections - DUT Staff Exhibition, DUT Gallery, Durban catalogue
2010	Hearts and Minds: Savanah, Georgia, USA catalogue
	Art Amsterdam (represented by Soledad Senlle Gallery, Amsterdam)
	Nothing Lasts Forever: solo exhibition, Soledad Senlle Gallery, Amsterdam
2011	Mogen we ook tijdelijk (), 21rozendaal in Enschede, Netherlands catalogue
	Fake Empire (blue monday) – DAC commissioned temporary work for COP 17
2012	Salvo, group show – Commune 1 Gallery, Cape Town catalogue

2013	Seeing Red, Feeling Blue - Solo Exhibition Commune1 Gallery, Cape Town
	KadS2 – site specific installation exhibition, Amsterdam, Netherlands catalogue
	Weerberig, Aardklop festival
2015	Staff Exhibition: Digital Festival, DUT, Durban 10-12 September, 2015 catalogue
2016	<b>Greg Streak- Selected Works</b> , Solo Exhibition: Grand Provence, Franschoek Cape Town 14 May – 14 July, 2016
2017	<b>Ek Sê</b> – Documenta 14 Education programme : <b>Synantiseis</b> (series of presentations), Athens, Greece

# **Commissions:**

1999 - 2001	Metal and Glass for the Diakonia Centre, Durban (collaboration with Jeremy Wafer)
2000	Sculpture, Metal and Glass for the Dorothy Nyembe Community Centre, Cato Crest, Durban (collaboration with Jeremy Wafer)
2003	Sculpture for the Arrabella Sheraton Hotel, Cape Town (collaboration with Jeremy Wafer)
2005	Drill Hall – Johannesburg (opening) commissioned work
2011	Commissioned temporary public work for COP 17 (Department of Arts & Culture) http://vansa.co.za/Projects/Past/greg-streak-2013-fake-empire-blue-monday

# **Awards and Residencies:**

1991	Recipient - Emma Smith Bursary (Honours study), Art History Prize, cum laude: Sculpture
1993	Merit (2nd) - Durban Arts Festival (visual arts)
	Winner - Natal Post "Young Achiever Award": sculpture proposal
	Merit Award and scholarship - Technikon Natal for Masters study (Highest Aggregate - School of Arts)
1994	Winner: Durban Arts Festival (visual arts)
1995	Joint winner: National Arts Youth Festival
1996	Finalist for Emma Smith International Bursary
1997 – 1998	Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam (2 year residency)

1998	International Bursary from Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, South Africa
2000	Open Circle, Mumbai, India
2002	Further Up in the Air, Liverpool, UK
	Trama Workshop, Buenos Aires, Argentina
2003	Winner of the public sculpture commission (with Andries Botha): Prophet Isaiah Shembe
	Workshop /conference – Jakarta Video Festival (Indonesia)
2004	The South Project, Melbourne, Australia: guest speaker
2005	Blind Spaces, Belo Horizonte / Sao Paulo, Brazil: speaker / artist
2007	Awarded the Ampersand Fellowship (Nov / Dec 2007 – New York)

## **Public and Corporate Collections:**

The South African National Gallery, Cape Town

The Durban Art Gallery, Durban

Sasol Art Collection, Johannesburg

Numerous private collections

## **Community Activity**

2002 – 2004 Chairperson of Exhibitions committee of the KZNSA

The KZNSA is the oldest organisation for the Visual Arts in Kwa-Zulu Natal. It maintains a nationally reputed gallery, runs a well-established community programme with particular emphasis on street children, a shop selling craft and design items and a restaurant

2000 – 2009 Founder member and co-ordinator of PULSE

**PULSE** is an artist run initiative, founded in February 2000 by South African artist Greg Streak. **PULSE** is linked to an international network of artist initiatives in other developing countries including Argentina, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mali and Mexico to name a few. This collective matrix is known as the **RAIN Artists' Initiatives Network** and is the brainchild of the **Rijksakademie** in Amsterdam, Holland. PULSE sought to create projects that critiqued issues and debates of global relevance, to be inclusive of the exclusive and celebrate the idiosyncratic and intimate within the visual arts. Many of the projects were created with social issues at the fore, and all projects had community / educative programmes attached to them.

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selected reviews & press:

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Harbour – group exhibition review: Peter Machen, artthrob, April 2009

**Exhibition stimulates in an odd way** - review of Social Pattern: Melvyn Minaar, Cape Times April6, 2009

New Connections - DUT Staff exhibition: March 2009 Mapping a Dyslexic Heart - reviews: Professor Juliette Lieb DuToit, Ian Calder, Andrew Verster Accumulative Disintegration: Bank Gallery 24 July – 21 August 2008 reviews:

Things fall apart review: Peter Machen, Weekend Witness, 16 August 2008

Holding it together is a part of it review: Jose' Ferreira

Accumulative Disintegration – a critique: Carin Goodwin

031 interview: Vaughn Sadie

The Art Cowboy reflective review: Peter Machen, The South African Art Times, September 2008

Bathed in Light - The Light Show - review: Peter Machen, The South African Art Times, February 2008

Greg Streak + Ledelle Moe - review Dinah Ryan, Art Papers, p70, July / August 2007

**Primary Faith** - Virginia Mackenny: catalogue essay for **Drift** 1708 Gallery, Washington, USA - 2007

What Lies Between review: Andy Kozlowski, Style Weekly, January 2007

10 Years 100 Artists: Art in a Democratic South Africa 2004 Greg Streak by Kathryn Smith - a major publication to showcase what South African art looks like after a decade of democracy and the country's reintegration into the international community.

Hiv(e) review: Brenton Maart, Art South Africa, vol. 02 issue 04,p78, 2004

Making Art that Works – Zingi Mfeka: This Day (newspaper)

Outpost 11 review: Paul Edmunds, Art South Africa, vol 01 issue 02, p59 2002

Public Speaker Outpost 11 catalogue text: Virginia Mackenny

Violence / Silence review: Nic Dawes / Kathryn Smith, Art South Africa, vol 01 issue 01 p50-51, 2002

**Disjunctive Dialogues - Conversations across Boundaries** - Virginia Mackenny: catalogue essay for Violence / Silence (group exhibition) July 2002

Flash Art: Group review - May / June 2001 p. 81

A feature on an artist in the public eye: Greg Streak - by Virginia MacKenny, artthrob, February 2001

Artthrob Artists of 2000: Artthrob: January 2001

!Xoe off-site review: Paul Edmunds, artthrob, November 2000

Open-Circuit, review: Paul Edmunds, artthrob, November 2000

**Divine**, Greg Streak / Andries Botha review: Virginia Mackenny, artthrob, May 2000 (click link and scroll down to bottom of page for review)

At last, video as art and here at home, Benita Munitz, Cape Times (15/04/99), P 10

Shapes echo our culture - Gloucestershire Echo - March 1998