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### CAREER

- 2018 Invited Artist, *Xu Zhimo Poetry and Art Festival*, Symposium, King's College, Cambridge
- 2012-16 Senior Lecturer, School of Art, Aberystwyth University
- 2014 Elected a member of the Royal Society of Arts
- 2011 Invited speaker: Taipei International Watercolour Symposium, Taiwan Normal University, 3 September 2011.
- 2009-12 Vice President of the Royal Watercolour Society
- 2005 Elected Artist Associate of the Alpine Club
- 2003 Elected to the Royal Watercolour Society
- 1996-03 Lecturer and Tour Leader, ACE Study Tours (Tuscany & Umbria, Venice, Himalayan India)
- 1992 Appointed Lecturer, School of Art, Aberystwyth University
- 1991-2 M.A. (with distinction) in Art History and Theory University of Essex
- 1984 Post-Graduate Certificate in Art Education (PGCE)
- 1981-3 Art tutor, Islington Adult Education Institute
- 1981-2 Post-Graduate study, Accademia di Belle Arti, Florence (Lived and worked at Villa Querceto, Panzano, Tuscany)
- 1975-9 Slade School of Fine Art, UCL, B.A. (Hons) in Fine Art

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, PRIZES & AWARDS

- 2014 Visiting Fellowship, University of Melbourne, Australia
- 2011 Paul Mellon Publication Grant
- 2009 Sir David Hughes Parry Fund award
- 2007 AHRC research grant award
- 2005 BBC Radio and the Artist Competition (joint winner)
- 2004 AHRC small grant award
- 2000-1 Sir Robert Menzies Australian Bicentennial Fellowship
- 2000 Arts Council of Wales exhibition touring grant
- 1992 Blomfield Research Award, Essex University
- 1980-1 Italian Government Art Scholarship to Florence
- 1980 Boise Travelling Scholarship to Italy
- 1979 Melville Nettleship Prize, Slade School of Art

### ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Artist Residency, Dunmoochin, Melbourne (Feb-Aug)
- 2017 Artist Residency FIAF, Farindola, Abruzzo
- 2007-8 Artist Residency, Dunmoochin, Melbourne (Aug-Jan)
- 2006 RWS Artists' Camp, Aurangabad, Maharashtra
- 2005 Visiting Artist Fellow, La Trobe University, Melbourne
- 1999 Visiting artist (masterclass) GAAA, Glen Arbor, Michigan
- 1998 Artist in Residence, GAAA, Glen Arbor, Michigan
- 1992-3 Artist in Residence, Melbourne Grammar School

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Icebergs & Inselbergs*, Alpine Club, London
- 2018 Tree Portraits and other paintings, Long Gallery, Dunmoochin
- 2009-10 *Life-Line: a drawing retrospective*, School of Art Galleries, Aberystwyth
- 2008-9 *Sketches from Gran Paradiso*, Alpine Club, London
- 2008 Paintings in the Long Gallery, Dunmoochin, Melbourne
- 2004 *A Sometimes Cloud*, Old Fire Engine House, Ely
- 1999 *Paintings of Ladakh*, Oxford Gallery, Oxford
- 1998 *Recent Paintings*, Center Gallery, Glen Arbor, Michigan
- 1997 *A Sunburnt Country*, Commonwealth Institute, London
- 1997 *Between Two Worlds: Paintings of Ladakh*, Y Tabernacl, MOMA, Wales
- 1996 *The Empty Landscape*, National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth
- 1995 *Red Sands, Blue Gums*, Y Tabernacl, MOMA, Wales
- 1993 *St. Martin's Gallery*, Melbourne
- 1991 *Phoenix Gallery*, Lavenham
- 1989 *Old Fire Engine House*, Ely

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Australian Watercolour Institute, 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Juniper Hall, Sydney
- 2019 *In the Studio*, Royal Watercolour Society Spring Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2018 Royal Watercolour Society Autumn Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2018 *Xu Zhimo Poetry and Art Festival*, King's College, Cambridge.
- 2018 *Biennial International Prize 'Marche d'Acqua' Fabriano Watercolour 2018*, Museo della Carta e della Filigrana, Fabriano, Italy.
- 2017 Royal Watercolour Society Autumn Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2017 FIAF Artist Residency Exhibition, Old Bakery, Farindola, Abruzzo, Italy
- 2017 *Synthetic-Color: Qingdao International Watercolor Biennale* Qingdao Art Museum, China
- 2016 Mountain Arts Festival, Rheged, Cumbria (& catalogue)
- 2016 *Glaciers*, Alpine Club, London
- 2016 *Shakespeare: a celebration*, RWS & RE collaborative exhibition, Bankside Gallery and 2017 tour to California Lutheran University, USA
- 2015 Mountain Arts Festival, Rheged, Cumbria
- 2015 *Watercolour Etc: RWS Spring Show*, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2015 *Artists' Journeys: RWS Autumn Show*, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2013 *RWS in Malta*, Auberge d'Italie, Valetta
- 2011 *Taiwan International Watercolor Exhibition (invited artist)*, Taipei Cultural Center, New York, Robeson Gallery, Penn State University, PA; Carrollton Cultural Arts Center, GA and Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall, Taipei. 130pp. catalogue
- 2011 *A Year in the Life of the Royal Albert Hall: an exhibition of paintings by members of the Royal Watercolour Society*, Royal Albert Hall, London (23 April –17 June 2011)
- 2010 Royal Watercolour Society Spring Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London and The Glasgow Art Club, Glasgow
- 2009 Australian Watercolour Institute 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition (invited RWS artist), Wagner Gallery, Sydney and tour
- 2009 Royal Watercolour Society Autumn Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London

- 2009 High Watermark: Royal Watercolour Society and Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, Bankside Gallery and Mall Galleries, London
- 2009 Past Present and Future: 50 Years of Watercolour Painting in Wales, National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth and Taliesin Arts Centre, Swansea University
- 2009 Royal Watercolour Society Spring Exhibition, Bankside Gallery and Martin's Gallery, Cheltenham
- 2008 Royal Watercolour Society Autumn Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2008 Watercolour Society of Wales, Y Tabernacl, MOMA, Wales
- 2007 Fforma, Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Mold
- 2007 Watercolour Society of Wales, Swansea Grand Theatre, Swansea
- 2007 Institute of Contemporary Art (ICIA), Mumbai, India and Bankside Gallery, London
- 2007 Royal Watercolour Society Spring Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2007 Living Artists of the Alpine Club, Alpine Club, London
- 2007 150 Years of the Alpine Club, John Mitchell Fine Paintings, Old Bond Street, London
- 2006 Fforma, Plas Glyn-y-Weddw Gallery, Gwynedd
- 2006 Royal Watercolour Society Spring Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2005–6 Wales Drawing/Arlunio Cymru, Aberystwyth & Wrexham Arts Centres
- 2005 Fforma, Stark Gallery, London
- 2005 High Life, Royal Watercolour Society Autumn Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2005 BBC Radio and the Artist Competition, Bankside Gallery London
- 2005 Fforma, Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Mold
- 2004 Twelve by Twelve: Fforma at Toko, Aberystwyth
- 2004 Fforma, Saint David's Hall, Cardiff; Theatre Mwldan, Cardigan
- 2004 Aqua Nova, Royal Watercolour Society Autumn Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2004 Then and Now: 200 Years of the Royal Watercolour Society, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2004 Royal Watercolour Society Spring & Autumn Exhibitions, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2003 Royal Watercolour Society Spring & Autumn Exhibitions, Bankside Gallery, London
- 2002–3 Wales Drawing Biennale, Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Mold, Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Oriel Wexham
- 2002 Watercolour Society of Wales, Y Tabernacl, MOMA, Wales
- 2002 Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours, Mall Galleries, London
- 2001 Watercolour Society of Wales - Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy, Turner House Gallery, Penarth, Newport Museum
- 2000 Watercolour Society of Wales - Turner House Gallery, Penarth
- 2000 Watercolour Society of Wales - Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy, Turner House Gallery, Penarth
- 1999 Watercolour Society of Wales - Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy, Turner House Gallery, Penarth, Newport Museum
- 1998 Oriel 31 Open Exhibition, Newtown, Wales
- 1998 Royal Society of British Artists, Mall Galleries, London
- 1998 Watercolour Society of Wales – Summer Exhibition, Brecknock Museum and Turner House, Penarth
- 1998 Watercolour Society of Wales – New Works, Y Tabernacl, MOMA, Wales

1997–8 Wales Drawing Biennale, Aberystwyth, Wrexham, Cardiff & Swansea  
 1997 Oriol 31 Open Exhibition, Newtown, Wales  
 1996 Drawings For All Competition, Gainsborough's House, Sudbury & Tour  
 1995 Wexas Travel Painting Competition, Mall Galleries, London  
 1995 Welsh Open Exhibition, Aberystwyth Arts Centre  
 1995 Gregynog Hall, Powys  
 1995 Royal Watercolour Society, Bankside Gallery, London  
 1994 Singer & Friedlander Competition, Mall Galleries, London  
 1994 Laing Landscape Competition  
 1994 Royal Watercolour Society, Bankside Gallery, London  
 1993 London Group 80th Anniversary Exhibition, Barbican Gallery, London & Tour  
 1993 Aberystwyth Artists, Deffert Francis Gallery, Swansea  
 1992 Royal Watercolour Society, Bankside Gallery, London  
 1991 University of Essex Gallery  
 1991 East Anglian Gallery, Great Bardfield  
 1991 Chappel Galleries, Essex  
 1991 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, London  
 1991 Phoenix Gallery, London

#### SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Simon Pierse, Kangchenjunga, *Himalayan Journal*, Vol. 73, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition, 2018. Oxford University Press (India), ISSN-13 978-0-195642-85-8

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Roger Sears, David Pocknell and Francis Bowyer (eds.), *Watercolour Masters: Then & Now*, London: Cassell Illustrated, September 2006, ISBN 1-844034-47-X.

Rogers Sears and David Pocknell (eds.), *The Watercolour Expert*, London: Cassell Illustrated, September 2004, ISBN 1-84403-49-7.

*2011 Taiwan International Watercolour Exhibition*, (exhibition catalogue), Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall, Taipei, and touring to USA, 2011-12, 138pp., (p.92).

Marina Vaizey and Simon Pierse, *Paintings of Ladakh*, Aberystwyth: School of Art Press, 1999, 36pp., 8 colour and 11 B&W plates, ISBN 1-899095-15-2

## FILMOGRAPHY

*The Sunshine Painters: Watercolour artists in Lamorna* (with Paul Newland, Richard Sorrell and Jenny Wheatley). Directed by Steve Gammond, Artists and Film series (2010). Running time 70 mins approx.

*The Open Sky: Watercolour artists in Newlyn* (with Paul Newland, Richard Sorrell and Jenny Wheatley). Directed by Steve Gammond, Artists and Film series (2010). Running time 80 mins approx.

*Walking with Alfred Williams*, premiered at the Mountain Arts Festival, Rheged, Cumbria, October 2016, Running time 39 mins approx.