

Helen O'Toole

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Education

- 1989 **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**
Skowhegan, ME
- 1989 **Master of Fine Arts**, Painting/Drawing
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 1986 **Bachelor of Arts**, Painting/Drawing (1st class honors)
National College of Art and Design, Dublin, Ireland
- 1985 **National Diploma in Fine Arts**, Painting/Printmaking (distinction)
Institute of Technology, Sligo, Ireland

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 **Rupture**
Rinehart Gallery, Seattle, WA (
- 2022 **What Was: unmarked**
San Juan Islands Museum of Art, WA
- 2014 **Ground**
The Hamilton Gallery, Sligo, Ireland
- 2013 **Between the Rural and the Void**
Linda Hodges Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2008 **Mór**
Linda Hodges Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2007 **Beag**
The Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
- 2006 **Dwellings**
Linda Hodges Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2002 **Paintings**
Linda Hodges Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2000 **Western Light**
Woodland Art Gallery, Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA
- Paintings**
Linda Hodges Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1999 **Paintings**
Sligo Art Gallery, Yeats Memorial Building, Sligo, Ireland
- 1994 **Toher-Lumen**
The Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 1992 **New Paintings**
Sazama Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Fellowship Work**
Hudson D. Walker Gallery, Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA
- 1991 **Paintings**
Sazama Gallery, Chicago, IL

Selected Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2013 **Rebecca Cummins/Helen O'Toole**
The Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2010 **Lorraine Wall/Helen O'Toole**
The Claremorris Art Gallery, Ireland
- 2009 **Helen O'Leary/Helen O'Toole**
Beverly Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 1988 **Natalie Clark/Helen O'Toole**
Gallery 2, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 **Everyone We Know is Here**
The Hudson D. Walker Gallery, The Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA
- XO Seattle 2023**
Coliseum Theatre, Seattle, WA
- Mostra Corale Da Cajeta a Circe**
Choral Art Exhibition from Cajeta to Circe
Pinacoteca Comunale, "Antonio Sapone" di Gaeta, Italy
- 2022 **Passages: 8 Women Painters**
Stedman Gallery, Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts, NJ
- 2019 **Unforseen Thereness**
Stanek Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- A Contemporary Irish Art Exhibition**
Embassy of Ireland, Berlin, Germany
- 2017 **Crazy Jane**
The Hamilton Gallery, Sligo, Ireland
- 2016 **Contemporary Northwest Art Awards**
Portland Art Museum, OR
- 2015 **Impressions and Portraits of WB Yeats**
The Hamilton Gallery, Sligo, Ireland
- 2012 **Amid a space Between: Irish Artists in America**
SFMOMA Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 **Inside the Collection**
Institute of Contemporary Art, Singapore
- 2009 **Gathering Image, Fugitive Form**
The Kittredge Gallery, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
- 2005 **The 2005 Neddy Artist Fellowship**
Washington State Convention and Trade Centre, Seattle, WA
- Ten Years of Excellence, Neddy Nominees**
Tacoma Art Museum, WA
- 2003 **Dreams**
Sligo Art Gallery, Yeats Memorial Building Sligo, Ireland
- 2001 **Ann Gale, Louise St. Pierre, Helen O'Toole**
Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2000 **Mirabilia Artis**
University of Washington Summer Arts Festival, Meany Hall, Seattle, WA
- 1999 **From Here to the Horizon: Artists of the Rural Landscape**
- 1998 **Paul Harcharik, Helen O'Toole, Jill Sabella**
Linda Hodges Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1995 **Living Landscape '95**
West Cork Arts Center, Skibbereen, Ireland
- Fine Arts Faculty Exhibition**
La Salle Gallery, Singapore
- 1993 **Emerging Chicago Abstraction**
Rockford Museum of Art, Rockford, IL
- 1991 **Contemporary Fine Arts Invitational**
Augustana College Gallery, Rock Island, IL
- 1990 **The Chicago Show**
The Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- Springboard, Selected Graduates of Ireland's Art Colleges, 1985-1988**
Irish Life Exhibition Center, Dublin, Ireland
- 1989 **Surrounding Abstraction, Five Painters from Chicago**
Armstrong Gallery, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA
- 1986 **Guinness Peat Aviation Awards for Emerging Artists**
Kilmainham, Dublin, Ireland

Selected Awards and Honors

- 2024 **Floyd & Jones Endowed Chair in the Arts**
University of Washington, WA
- 2022 **Kreielsheimer Research Grant**
University of Washington, WA
- 2021 **Wyckoff Milliman Endowment Fund**
University of Washington, WA
- 2016 **John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship**
New York, NY
- Contemporary Northwest Art Awards,**
Portland Art Museum, OR
- 2013 **Pollock-Krasner Foundation Fellowship**
Pollock-Krasner Foundation, New York, NY
- Jack and Grace Pruzan Endowed Faculty Fellowship (2013-2015)**
University of Washington, WA
- 2009 **Jack and Grace Pruzan Endowed Faculty Fellowship (2009-2012)**
University of Washington, WA
- Junior Faculty Development Fellowship**
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
University of Washington, WA
- 1999 **Graduate School Award**
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Junior Faculty Development Fellowship**
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 1992 **The Bemis Foundation Residency (1992-1993)**
The Bemis Foundation, Omaha, NE
- 1992 **The Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency**
The Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, Co. Monaghan, Ireland
- 1991 **FAWC, Kenneth Stubbs Fellowship (1991-1992)**
Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA
- 1991 **Community Arts Assistance Program Grant**
Chicago Office of Fine Arts, Chicago, IL
- 1989 **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Fellowship**
Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, ME
- The Art Council of Ireland Travel Award**
Dublin, Ireland

Artist Residencies

- 1992 **The Bemis Center (1992-1993)**
The Bemis Foundation, Omaha, NE
- 1992 **The Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig**
The Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, Co. Monaghan, Ireland
- 1991 **Fine Arts Work Centre, Kenneth Stubbs Fellowship (1991-1992)**
Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA

Public or Institutional Collections

Portland Art Museum, OR
Capital One, Richmond, VA
Swedish Hospital, Seattle, WA
Mc Kinsey & CO., Chicago, IL
Amdahl Corporation, Hinsdale, IL
Tuthill Corporation, Hinsdale, IL
National College of Art and Design, Dublin, Ireland
Regional Technical College Sligo, Ireland

Selected Bibliography

- 2022 Bryant, Elizabeth. Gail Grinnell, Helen O'Toole, Tom Gormally. Review.
Art Access. May
- 2019 Lennon, Joseph, Weathered Together
Stanek Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, May 3-June 29 (catalog)
- 2016 Laing-Malcolmson, Bonnie, Contemporary Northwest Art Awards
The Portland Art Museum (catalog)
- 2013 Pollman, Lisa. **Oil Paintings Uncover Ancient Connections and Mysteries**
The Seattle Vine. February
Rumold, Danila. Beyond The Void.
Contemplative Process. February
- 2012 Bigman, Alexander. Irish Art in America: 'Amid a Space Between' at SFMOMA Artists
Gallery.
ZYZZYVA, April
Rumold, Danila. Amid a Space Between.
Contemplative Process. March
- 2009 Davidson, Dave R. A quartet of evocatively murky painters muddy the wall of Kittredge
Gallery. **Tacoma Weekly**. November
- 2006 Hackett, Regina. Review.
Seattle Post Intelligencer. March 17
- 1999 Ó Cuív, Ruairí. A few thoughts provoked by painting.
Sligo Art Gallery Exhibition brochure. August
- 1995 McQuaid, Sali. Atmospheric. Review.
Artist Writer. February
Ewart, Mark. Living Landscape. Review
Irish Times, August
- 1994 Artner, Alan G. Two more Chicago painters are guided by the light. Review.
Chicago Tribune. December 2
- 1992 Teevan, Colin. New Paintings.
Sazama Gallery Exhibition Brochure. September
Yood, James. Chicago. Helen O'Toole. Sazama Gallery. Review
Art Forum. December
- 1991 Hixon, Kathryn. Chicago in Review.
Arts Magazine, June
McCracken, David. Gallery Scene. Review.
Chicago Tribune, April 5
- 1990 Fallon, Brian. "Springboard" of Irish Life. Review
The Irish Times, February 8
- 1988 Anderson, Tonnia L. Review
Gallery News, SAIC, November
Lautman, Victoria. Artistic License.
National Public Radio. November
- 1987 Dunne, Aidan. **Irish Women Artists**,
From the Eighteenth Century to the Present Day. P69
- 1986 Fallon, Brian. GPA Awards Exhibition. Review
Irish Times. October
Dunne, Aidan. Art Student Vision and the Restorer's Art.
Irish Times. June

Visiting Artist and Lectures

- 2023 La Salle College of the Arts, Singapore University, Singapore
- 2022 Two Artist Museum Talks, San Juan Islands Art Museum, WA
- 2021 Artist talk, Massachusetts College of Art, MA
- 2016 Artist Talk, Portland Art Museum, OR
- 2014 "What Makes its Presence Known", panel - Josephine Halvorson and Emily Gherard
Puget Sound University, Tacoma, WA
- 2013 Promotion Lecture, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, WA

	Conversations with Painters, artist talk and discussion on “The Sublime” with Gary Carpenter, Helen O’Toole Workshop, Olympia, WA
	Artist Talk, Visiting Artist, Puget Sound University, Tacoma, WA
2012	Artist Talk, Conversations with Painters, Jordan Wolfson Workshop, Olympia, WA
	Artist Gallery Talk, SFMOMA Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2009	Artist Conversation, Kittredge Art Gallery, University of Puget Sound, WA
2007	Visiting Artist, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK
	Artist Talk, Errew National School, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2000	Artist Talk, Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA
1998	Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA
1996	Artist Talk, Faculty Lecture Series, School of Art, University of Washington, WA
1995	Malaysian Institute of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Academic Appointments

2014 -present	Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2002 - 2014	Associate Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
1996 - 2002	Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
1993 - 1995	Full-time lecturer, LaSalle-SIA College of the Arts, Singapore
1999/2004/2024	University of Washington Rome Program in Art and Art History