



# Lyrene Kühn-Botma

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2021** **M.A. Fine Arts**, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa (cum laude)  
*Grief and Art: Sites, games and melancholy objects*
- 2015** **B. A. Fine Arts** (With distinctions in Drawing and Printmaking as well as Contemporary South African art contexts), University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa
- 2010** National Senior Certificate (Matric)

### WORK

- 2022-** **Programme Director**, Department of Fine Arts, University of the Free State, South Africa
- Lecturer**, Department of Fine Arts, University of the Free State, South Africa
- 2019-2021** **Junior Lecturer**, Department of Fine Arts, University of the Free State, South Africa
- 2016-2018** **Part Time Junior Lecturer**, Department of Fine Arts, University of the Free State, South Africa
- 2018** Jointly presented the curatorial module at the Johannes Stegmann Art Gallery (During Mrs. de Jesus's maternity leave absence), University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa
- 2018** Part-time lecturing to modules presented by the Fine Arts Department to students of Occupational Therapy, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa
- 2017-** Printmaking Workshop guest lecturer (Silkscreen, Linocut, Etching), Firefly Studios, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa

## Areas of research and Art practice:

Memory, Memorialization, Video Games, Grief, Thanatology, Ludology, Loss, Mourning, Site, Melancholy Objects

Drawing, Printmaking, Embossing, Digital drawing

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- CURATORIAL**      **2022**      **UFS Curator:** *Fluid Imaginaries. as part of the NIROX Open Laboratory II Winter Sculpture Exhibition titled: Good Neighbours*
- EXHIBITIONS**      **2022**      **Things that live and move,** Group Exhibition with The Printing Girls Collective, 5 November - 3 December, David Krut Projects, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Tussen media, over talen heen,** Group exhibition during the Vrystaat Arts Festival in partnership with De Schrijvers Werf Project, Bloemfontein, South Africa.
- International Lithographic Symposium Exhibition,** participated as a member of The Printing Girls, 23 July - 7 August 2022, Tidaholm, Sweden.
- SASOL New Signatures:** *Discovering South Africa's Emerging Artists, Finalist Exhibition, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria, South Africa*
- Miniatures in Print,** group exhibition as a member of The Printing Girls, Gallery 2, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Good Neighbours** (*Fluid Imaginaries*), 7 May – 31 August 2022, NIROX winter exhibition Open Laboratory II, NIROX Sculpture Park, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2021**      **SASOL New Signatures:** *Discovering South Africa's Emerging Artists, Finalist Exhibition, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria, South Africa*
- Phatshoany Henney New Breed Art competition**  
*Finalist exhibition, Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein, South Africa*
- Interface,** Group exhibition, Online in conjunction with Vrystaat Frynse Festival 2021, to be exhibited physically at the **Johannes Stegmann Art Gallery,** University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa in 2022

***The Printing Girls Annual Exhibition***, Group Exhibition  
by The Printing Girls Printmaking Collective,  
-The Art Room, Parkhurst, Johannesburg, South Africa  
-SA Print Gallery, Woodstock, Cape Town, South Africa

***Untitled***, Group exhibition by the Free State Art Collective,  
Gallery 2, Johannesburg, South Africa

**2020** ***Grounded***, Group exhibition by the department of Fine  
Arts at the University of the Free State, Online, Vrystaat  
Arts Festival vrystroom. URL

**2019** ***Grief and Art: Sites, Games and Melancholy Objects***,  
Solo exhibition towards the completion of the M.A. Fine  
Arts degree at the University of the Free State, Johannes  
Stegmann Art Gallery, Bloemfontein, South Africa

***Betwixt and Between***, Group Exhibition, Sceana Foyer,  
Free State Arts Festival Visual Arts Program, Bloemfontein,  
South Africa

***NeXus, A Transnational Exposition***, Bloemfontein, South  
Africa & Brighton, United Kingdom  
-Vryng festival, Free State Art Festival 1-7 July 2019  
-Brighton Jubilee Library, Brighton Pride, Brighton, United  
Kingdom 29 July- 11 August 2019

**2018** ***Phatshoany Henney New Breed Art competition  
Finalist exhibition***, Oliewenhuis Art Museum,  
Bloemfontein, South Africa

***Speaking out and standing up: An exhibition in honour  
of courageous South African women***, Group Exhibition,  
Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein, South Africa

***Leermeesters***, Group Exhibition, Gallery on Levisour,  
Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa

***SASOL New Signatures Top 100: Discovering South  
Africa's Emerging Artists***, Finalist Exhibition, Pretoria Art  
Museum, Pretoria, South Africa

***VROST: Free State Open Studio Tour***, Free State Art  
Festival, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South  
Africa

**2017** ***Bio Art Group Exhibition***, Microbiology Department,  
University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, Free State,  
South Africa

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## Works in Collection and Notable Spaces

University of the Free State Permanent art collection  
MAPSA Permanent Collection, Richmond, South Africa  
Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

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**Phatshoany Henney New Breed Art competition  
Finalist exhibition**, Oliewenhuis Art Museum,  
Bloemfontein, South Africa

**2016** **SASOL New Signatures Top 100: Discovering South  
Africa's Emerging Artists**, Finalist Exhibition, Pretoria Art  
Museum, Pretoria, South Africa

**2015** ***A single grain of Rice competition Exhibition***, Galerie  
Metanoïa, Paris, France

**ENGRAM**, Exhibition show at the William Humphreys Art  
Gallery, Kimberley, South Africa

**2014** **SASOL New Signatures Top 100: Discovering South  
Africa's Emerging Artists**, Finalist Exhibition, Pretoria Art  
Museum, Pretoria, South Africa

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## PUBLICATIONS

**2022** **Video Games, Art-Making, and Digital Commemorative  
Narratives**, 2022. In: de Arte, Volume 57 (3): *Untold Stories:  
Material Narratives of Fragility, Grief, and Healing*.

**2021** **Book cover illustration**: Rossouw, M. 2021.  
*Transformational Ethics of Film: Thinking the  
cinemakeover in the film-philosophy debate*.

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## CONFERENCES and ARTIST TALKS

**2022** ***Present Paper at Transfers and Traversals:  
Interdisciplinary Translation Studies Conference 2022***,  
University of the Free State, South Africa. (30 November -  
2 December 2022)  
Paper title: *Artmaking, Images and their Media as Sites  
of Memorialization*

**Podcast with Christa Swanepoel from David Krut  
Projects**: The Printing Girls ep. 1/3 - Lyrene Kühn-Botma  
on Presence and Absence.

**Webinar with Leshoka Joe Legate**, owner and founder of LL Editions, Fine Art Lithography Studio in Johannesburg, 29 September 2022.

**2021** **Present Paper at SAVAH 35th Annual Conference**, Online. (29 September-2 October 2021)  
Paper title: *Gamified Grief: Video games, artmaking and digital commemorative narrative*

**2019** **Panel member at EDHE Lekgotla**, Durban  
Session: The ideology & declaration: Activating and developing entrepreneurial mindsets  
*Entrepreneurship in Printmaking at tertiary level*

## SERVICES and COLLECTIVES

**2021** Member of **The Printing Girls**. A national collective of female printmakers in South Africa

**2019** Printmaker for the **Platfontein Printing Project** in collaboration with the Vrystaat arts Festival and Free State Arts and Health (FSAH)

**2018-** Member of the **Free State Art Collective**  
  
Co-judged: Down the Rabbit Hole: Art/Photography Competition, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa

**2013** Community Service learning Program at Lesedi la Setjhaba, Rocklands, Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa

**2012-** Member of the Golden Key International Honour Society

## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2021**

**Recipient of the Dean's medal in the Faculty of Humanities**, University of the Free State. Awarded for the best Masters Degree graduate in the whole of the Faculty of Humanities.

- o Protea Colours in Mind Sports in the video game: TEKKEN Tag Tournament 2
- o Participated in the International E-Sports Federation (IESF) Championships, TEKKEN Tag Tournament 2, women's division, in 2012 in South Korea earning a fourth place, and in Romania in 2013 earning a fifth place