Born 1966, Ashburton, New Zealand, of Māori (Kai Tahu) descent. Lives and works in Auckland, New Zealand.

Education / Academic

Current Associate Professor, Elam School of Fine Arts, University of Auckland

1990 Diploma of Teaching, Christchurch College of Education, Christchurch

1989 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Ilam School of Fine Arts, University of Canterbury, Christchurch,

New Zealand

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024 Priorities: Charlotte Posenenske and Peter Robinson, Artspoace Aotearoa, Auckland

2023 Die Cuts and Derivations, Christchurch Art Gallery, Christchurch

Kā Kaihōpara, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin

Agreements, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne

2022 Local Colour, Shane Cotton and Peter Robinson, Hamish McKay Gallery, Auckland

2021-22 Forward Backwards, Coastal Signs, Auckland

2020 Notations, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne

Rag Trade, 23 Gordon Rd, Hopkinson Agency, Morningside, Auckland

2019 Companion Pieces, with Ava Seymour, Sydney, Sydney

A distant relative, Hopkinson Mossman, Wellington

2018 The 9th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT9), QAGOMA, Brisbane

Peter Robinson, Fieldwork, CoCA Toi Moroki Centre of Contemporary Art, New Zealand

2017 Schisms, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne

After Party, Hopkinson Mossman, Auckland

2016 Politics of Sharing-On Collective Wisdom, ifa-Gallerie, Berlin
2015 Die Cuts and Derivations, Hopkinson Mossman, Auckland

Neologisms, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne

SYNTAX, Artspace, Auckland

Recreation Centre, Nouveau Festival, Centre Pompidou, Paris

2014 Diversions, Peter McLeavey, Wellington, New Zealand

Pair et Impair, Galerie Emmanuel Herve, Paris

2013 Defunct Mnemonics, Peter McLeavey, Wellington, New Zealand

Tribe Subtribe, The Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt Cuts and Junctures, Adam Art Gallery, Wellington

2012 Structure & Subjectivity, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

2011 Essential Security, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne

The Influence of Anxiety, The Centre for Drawing Project Space, London
 Polymer Monoliths, Artspace, Sydney and Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane

2008 Line Works, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne

Snow Ball Blind Time, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand

Promethean Dreams, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

2006

2007	Concatenation and Disp	<i>persion,</i> Sutton Gallery F	Project Space, Melbourne
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Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand Brooke-Gifford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

ACK!, Artspace, Auckland, New Zealand

Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington

2005 The Humours, Dunedin Public Art Gallery

2004 Neo Conceptual Primitivism, Anna Bibby Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

2003 Brooke-Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand

Divine Comedy, Wellington City Art Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

2002 The Return of The Hand, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington

Divine Comedy, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland

Divine Comedy, Ilam School of Fine Arts Gallery, University of Canterbury, Christchurch

2001 Cipher, 5th Gallery, Dublin

Divine Comedy, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand

2000 No reading allowed here, Kapinos Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Berlin, Germany

The end of the twentieth century, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

1999 No Boundary Condition, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

1998 I know nothing, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

The big crunch, Anna Bibby Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1997 *NZPR*, Brooke-Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand

Nice paintings, Anna Bibby Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

Canon fodder, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

1996 Peter Robinson, Anna Bibby Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

Home and away, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

1995 Opus operandi, Ghent, Belgium

Bad Aachen ideas, Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst, Aachen, Germany

1994 100%, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

New Lines/Old Stock, Brooke-Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

1993 9 Paintings of 1993, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

1992 The spaces between, Brooke-Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand

1990 Nature, forms, myth, Last Decade Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand (with Shane Cotton)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 Te Hau Whakatonu: A Series of Never-Ending Beginnings, New Plymouth

2022 Bienvenue, Galerie Emmanuel Herve, Paris

Walls to Live Beside, Rooms to Own: The Chartwell Show, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland

XXX Celebrating 30 Years of Sutton Gallery, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne

2021	Inverse, Galerie Emmanuel Herve, Paris
	Paemanu: Tauraka Toi: A Landing Place, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, New Zealand
	He Reka Te Kūmara, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, New Zealand
2020	Toi Tū Toi Ora: Contemporary Māori Art, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland
2019	9th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia
2016	Politics of Sharing-On Collective Wisdom, ifa-Gallerie, Germany
	Light switch and conduit: The Jim Barr and Mary Barr collection, Dunedin Public Art Gallery
2015	Neither Forward nor Back: Acting in the Present, Jakarta Biennial
2014	A world undone: Works from the Chartwell Collection, Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand
	Pair et Impair, Galerie Emmanuel Herve, booth, Art-O-Rama, International Fair of Contemporary Art, Marseille
	The Piranesi Effect, Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne
2013	Mom, am I a barbarian?, 13th Istanbul Biennial, Turkey
	If you were to live here, The 5th Auckland Triennial, New Zealand
	Light Sweet Crude, Hopkinson Mossman, Auckland, New Zealand
2012	All our relations, 18th Biennale of Sydney, Sydney
2011	De-Building, Christchurch Art Gallery, New Zealand
2008	The Walters Prize, Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand
2006	Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
	The Walters Prize, Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand
2004	Three Colours: Gordon Bennett and Peter Robinson, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne; Bendigo Art Gallery; Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania; Plimsoll Gallery, University of Tasmania; Shepparton Art Gallery; Ballarat Fine Art Gallery; Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane; Christchurch Art Gallery
	Termite Art Against White Elephant, Actual behaviour of drawing, Museo Colecciones ICO, Madrid, Spain
2003	The Sky is the Limit, Kunstverein, Langenhagen, Germany
2002	Iconoclash, ZKM, Karlsruhe, Germany
	Centre of Attraction, 8th Baltic Triennale of International Art, Vilnius, Lithuania
	Media City Seoul, Museum of Modern Art, Seoul, South Korea
	Rest In Space, Kunstnerhus Oslo, Norway
2001	bi-polar, 49th Venice Biennale, New Zealand Pavilion, Museo di Sant'Apollonia, Venice, Italy
	Superman in Bed - Collection Schürmann Kunst für Gegenwart und Fotografie, Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany
	troubler l'écho du temps, oeuvres de la collection, Musée d'Art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon, France
2000	Partage d'exotismes, 5th Biennale d'art contemporain de Lyon 2000, Lyon, France
	Continental shift, Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst, Aachen, Germany; Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht, The Netherlands; Stadsgalerij, Heerlen, The Netherlands; Musée d'Art moderne, Lüttich, Belgium
	Heimat kunst, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany

Drive: power, progress, desire, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand

1999	Kunstwelten im dialog, Museum Ludwig, Köln, Germany
	Toi Toi Toi: three generations of artists from New Zealand, Museum Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany and Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, New Zealand
	Home and away: Contemporary Australian and New Zealand art from the Chartwell Collection, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
	What I photographed this summer, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
1998	Entropy zu hause, Suermondt-Ludwig Museum, Aachen, Germany
	Everyday, 11th Biennale of Sydney, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
	Necessary protection, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
	Blood brothers, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
	What we do here, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
1997	<i>Trade routes: history and geography</i> , 2nd Johannesburg Biennale, billboard and page art projects, Johannesburg, South Africa
	Seppelt Art Awards, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, Australia McCahon to Robinson, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
	Family values, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
	Sky writers and earth movers, McDougall Contemporary Art Annex, Christchurch, New Zealand
1996	Inclusion/Exclusion: Art in the Age of Post Colonialism and Global Migration, Künstlerhaus Burgring, Graz, Austria
	23rd International Biennale of Sao Paulo, Biennale Pavilion, Sao Paulo, Brazil
	2nd Asia-Pacific Triennale of Contemporary Art, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
1995	Cultural safety: contemporary art from New Zealand, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany and City Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand; Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst, Germany; Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton and Dunedin Public Art Gallery
	Hangover, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and Waikato Museum of Art and History, New Zealand
	Korurangi, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, New Zealand
1994	Localities of desire, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, Australia
	Parallel lines: Gordon Walters in context, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, New Zealand
	Art Now, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand
	Aoraki/Hikurangi, McDougall Contemporary Art Annex, Christchurch, New Zealand
1993	Cartel, Brooke-Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
	Te Hau a Taonga, Te Taumata Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
	Groundswell, Manawatu Art Gallery, Palmerston North, New Zealand
1992	Te Kupenga, CSA Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
	ARX 3, Artist Regional Exchange Institute of Contemporary Art, Perth, Australia
	Shadow of style: eight new artists, City Gallery, Wellington and Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
	Vogue/Vague, CSA Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand

A comfortable environment, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand

Prospect Canterbury, McDougall Contemporary Art Annex, Christchurch, New Zealand

1991 Kohia Ko Taikaka Anake, National Art Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

Recognitions, McDougall Contemporary Art Annex, Christchurch, New Zealand

Peter Robinson, Euan McLeod and Shane Cotton, Brooke-Gifford Gallery, Christchurch,

New Zealand

He Toi Na Ngaa Toa O Te Whare Waanaga O Waitaha, School of Fine Arts, University of

Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

1990 Goodman/Suter Biennale, Suter Art Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand

On task, CSA Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand

Te Atinga - contemporary Maori art, Uenuku Marae, Moeraki, New Zealand

Curated Exhibitions

2022 Ngā Toi Taketake, Co-curated with James Tapsell-Kururangi, George Fraser Gallery, Auckland

Awards, Prizes and Grants

2008 The Walters Art Prize

2001 Creative New Zealand Residency, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin

1999 Künstlerhaus Bethanien Residency, Berlin1998 Artspace Residency, Sydney, Australia

1996 Göethe Institut Residency, Düsseldorf, Germany

1995 Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst Residency, Aachen, Germany

Collections

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, New Zealand

Denver Art Museum, United States

Dunedin Public Art Gallery, New Zealand FRAC Region D' Alsace – Lorraine, France Musée d'Art Contemporain de Lyon, France

Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

PROP Foundation, Montana, United States Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands The Jim Barr and Mary Barr Collection

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catalogue, 49th Biennale di Venezia 2001, Wellington: Creative New Zealand, 2001, pp. 7-16.

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Brewster Art Gallery, 2001.

Gregory Burke 'Drive: power, progress, desire, exhibition catalogue, New

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Hanna Fink 'Speechless - The 1998 Biennale of Sydney', Art Asia Pacific, issue 23 1999, p. 35-37.

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exhibition catalogue, Auckland: Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, p.42-43.

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artists/robinson/robinson-story.html

Robert Leonard Everyday, 11th Biennale of Sydney, exhibition catalogue, Sydney: The Biennale of Sydney, 1998,

p. 186.

'Peter Robinson's Strategic Plan', Art Asia Pacific, no. 16 1997, pp. 70-75.

Inklusion/Exklusion, exhibition catalogue, Graz: Künsterlerhaus Graz, 1996, pp. 321-323.

'3.125 % Pure - Peter Robinson Plays the Numbers Game', Art +Text, no.50 1995, pp. 18-20.

'Peter Robinson The End of the Twentieth Century', GalleryNews, Auckland, Auckland Art Gallery

Toi o Tamaki, March/April/May/June 2004, p. 20.

William McAloon 'home and away, Contemporary Australian and New Zealand Art from the Chartwell Collection',

home and away, Contemporary Australian and New Zealand Art from the Chartwell Collection,

Auckland: Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, 1999, pp. 15-29.

'Writing on the body, Locating the lost in recent sculpture', Art Now, The First Biennial Review of

Contemporary Art, exhibition catalogue, Wellington, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa,

1994, pp. 19-23.

Jean-Hubert Martin Universalis, exhibition catalogue, Sao Paulo: Sao Paulo Biennale, 1996.

Felicity Milburn Sky writers and earth movers, Christchurch: The McDougall Contemporary Art Annex, 1998, n.p.

Anna Miles Centre of Attraction – 8th Baltic Triennale of International Art, Vilnius, Lithuania: Baltic Triennale

of International Art, 2002, p. 192-195.

Media City Seoul, exhibition catalogue, Seoul: Seoul Museum of Art, 2002, p. 54-55.

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Liutauras Psibilski 'Spotlight – 8th Baltic Triennial', Flash Art, vol. XXXIV no. 226 October 2002, p. 99.

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