

# Richard Graham John Mills — CV and Biography

## Biography

I am an artist and researcher exploring the tipping point between representation and abstraction. My practice focuses on blocking, fragmentation, and the emergence of imagery from photographs and paintings, where figures become discoverable only through sustained looking. I work primarily in oils and acrylic, developing sequences of images that examine perception, the gaze, and multiple perspectives within a single surface. My practice builds on prior studies in mathematical physics and experience in research institutions, integrating artistic research with material experimentation.

## Education

1963–1967 — University of Adelaide — BSc, BSc (Hons), PhD (Mathematical Physics)

## Employment

2021–2025 — University of Western Australia — Student, School of Design

1991–2000 — CSIRO Mathematical and Information Science — Project Leader; Science and Industry Manager, Joint appointment with University of South Australia

1973–2000 — University of South Australia — Professor of Mathematics

## Funding

1992–1993 — Temperature volume profiles of petrol at service stations — Australian Institute of Petroleum

1991–1993 — Scheduling and control of trains — GIRD Grant — Australian Government

## Professional Service

1979–1984 — Secretary, Australian Society for Operations Research

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