

Winter Rusiloski, MFA

Bio

Winter Rusiloski was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; she was an only child in a rural setting. She was interested in art and dance as a child, painting landscapes and studying dance into adulthood. Rusiloski completed a BFA in Painting and Related Arts-Dance at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and an MFA in Painting at Texas Christian University. She studied abroad with the University of Georgia in Cortona and TCU in Budapest at the Hungarian Academy of Fine Arts.

Rusiloski has been exploring abstract paintings inspired by landscape for the last seventeen years. These paintings merge landscape and abstraction to create suggestive narratives with figurative elements. Rusiloski's sources include water, land and sky with an emphasis on space often utilizing the horizon. Her paintings are powerful and expressive in color and brushstroke. The Boundary Waters in Minnesota and reoccurring visits to various bodies of water were influential.

She has lived in Texas since 2002 and enjoys the vast space and varied qualities of the Texas landscape. Her most recent work synthesizes elements from Niagara Falls and Big Bend. Rusiloski often collages photographs onto the canvas, which act as an abstract mark within the paint, creating a new space. She juxtaposes photographs relating to machinery and industry and manmade structures with the suggested landscapes.

Her exhibition highlights include: The Texas Biennial, Hunting Art Prize Finalist, Texas Paint Part 2-Out of Abstraction (Arlington Museum of Art), The Texas Oklahoma Art Prize (Wichita Falls Museum of Art) and The 30th September Competition (Alexandria Museum of Art), Studio Visit Magazine, Dallas Art Fair, and Art Santa Fe. Artspace 111 in Fort Worth represents her work.

Rusiloski currently resides in West, Texas with her artist husband, and five daughters. She is a professor of painting at Baylor University. Rusiloski and her husband share a studio, deadWEST in Lakeside, TX where they pursue numerous collaborative projects.