## LESLIE M. NOLAN UNEXPECTED

## **Artist Statement**

This collection of bold, gestural paintings features figurative work that captures depth of personality in the characters' private moments. Each piece has an "unexpected" quality which permeates through the whole exhibit.

My goal was to create provocative graphic images that create a blur between the real and the imagined. While somewhat abstracted, the people in my work are entirely believable and of our time. I try to convey a feeling of raw immediacy and authenticity through color, line and form.

During studies abroad and a career with CIA, the US Information Agency and State Department, I've lived and worked all over the world. The often uneasy situations experienced in exotic, sometimes unstable places influences my artwork.