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PROFILE

I have eighteen years' experience in development education, NGO management and research, and academic editing. I am now self-employed as an academic editor, with specialisms in political science and humanities.

Recent work includes substantial rewriting of School of Oriental and African Studies distance learning materials on NGO management; copyediting reports for the Institute of Development Studies, DFID and the European Commission; and extensive work with academics around the world.

I was the author of a major report on democratic participation and the Scottish Parliament, *Participation Matters: Report of the Audit of Democratic Participation Project* (2002). I am former chief executive of the campaigning charity Jubilee Scotland, and currently (until June 2019) a trustee of Jubilee Debt Campaign.

EDUCATION

PhD	Philosophy	University of Edinburgh, 2000 [with Tim Williamson, Alex Bird]
MSc	Philosophy	University of Edinburgh, 1996
BA	Philosophy	University of Leeds, 1994 (1st class)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Academic copyeditor, self-employed (2008–present)

English language academic editing services (www.babelediting.com). Language editing, proofreading, copyediting, indexing and project management, specialising in development, philosophy, history, and politics.

Selected recent work

Substantial rewriting of School of Oriental and African Studies distance learning materials on NGO management, updating references and redeveloping the overarching philosophical framework of the module.

Writing of report on excellence in primary education, based on drafts and notes from Education Development Trust.

Design and editorial support for European Commission document 'Strengthening Education–Nutrition Links in External EU Assistance: An Evidence-based Planning Resource', working directly with EC officer on behalf of IDS.

Clients in the last year have included academics and research units at:

University of Oxford; University of Cambridge; University of Vienna; University Duisburg-Essen; Köln University; Sabancı University, Istanbul; Durham University; Sharif University, Tehran; Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences (IPM), Tehran; King's College London; Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin; GREGHEC, CNRS & HEC Paris; Seoul National University; Universität Bern, Switzerland; Technical University Dortmund; Ruhr-Universität Bochum; CREM, Université de Caen Normandie; Bureau d'économie théorique et appliquée, University of Strasbourg.

PAST EMPLOYMENT

National coordinator, Jubilee Scotland (2005–8, ft.)

Chief executive of the Scottish branch of the international campaign to cancel illegitimate global debt. Duties included lobbying UK politicians, design of public campaigns, managing staff and volunteers, research for publications, press management, event management and fundraising, co-organised Make Poverty History march in Edinburgh 2005.

Coordinator, Global Citizenship Project, University of Glasgow (2003–5, pt.)

NGO officer on 'Learning and Teaching for Global Citizenship in Initial Teacher Education' project, within the Faculty of Education at the University of Glasgow. Work included organising public talks, designing workshops, evaluating the project and reporting to DFID.

Research officer, Scottish Civic Forum (2001–3, ft.)

Author and sole researcher of *Participation Matters: Report of the Audit of Democratic Participation Project*, funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. This project assessed the degree to which Scottish devolution was meeting its aim of creating a more participatory democratic society in Scotland.

VOLUNTARY AND FREELANCE WORK

Board member, Jubilee Debt Campaign (2013–19). UK branch of international campaign to cancel illegitimate global debt.

Intergenerational philosophy project (2009–12). Philosophical reflection and exchanges between school children and care home residents, supported by Joseph Rowntree Foundation, York, UK.

Freelance charity and NGO research (2009–11). Various small research projects, York, UK.

Dialectic democracy project (2003–7 pt.). Democratic participation and reflection project, **kenyersel.org**, run in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Edinburgh University development funding, 2004.

Philosophical stories (2003–4 pt.). Philosophical reflection programme for children and parents in areas of deprivation, funded by the children’s charity Barnados, Glasgow.

Adult education (1999–2002 pt.). Community philosophy project, Adult Learning Project, Edinburgh.

Various projects (2002–5). Research on debt, democracy and decentralization, Republic of Mali; consultant on ‘democratic deepening’ for British Council; research for Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations.

ACADEMIC TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Conference presentations and guest lectures (2005–). Guest lectures and talks on philosophy, global debt, globalization, campaigning and civil society given at various universities and community groups.

Visiting fellow (2004–5). Research on the concept of global citizenship, at the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs, University of St Andrews.

Teaching fellow (1997–2004 pt.). Department of Philosophy at University of Edinburgh and University of Stirling.