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PERSONAL PROFILE

Holds a Master of Science in Medical Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh. Holds a Bachelor of Arts in History with Certificates in Medical Humanities and Heritage Studies from the University of King's College. President's List of Distinction at the University of King's College from 2020-2023. Recipient of several academic and research awards, including a Scotia Scholars Award from Research Nova Scotia. Co-founder and owner of a registered small business which delivers Gaelic cultural presentations to students across Nova Scotia.

EDUCATION

- 09/2023 – 08/2024 *The University of Edinburgh*
Master of Science in Medical Anthropology, Graduated with Distinction
Dissertation Title: Social Media and Anti-Vaccinationism: Community, Conspiracy, and Resistance
- 09/2019 – 05/2023 *University of King's College*
BA Majoring in History, President's List, Graduated with Distinction
Certificate in Medical Humanities, President's List
Certificate in Heritage Studies, President's List

PUBLICATIONS

- 10/2025 *Canadian Journal of Health History*
Author: *Implementing a Global Health Programme: Smallpox and Nepal* (book review)
Submitted, publication forthcoming
- 02/2023 *Association of Nova Scotia Museums*
Student consultant on the TRACK museum evaluation document
- 03/2023 *Association of Nova Scotia Museums*
Author: "Making Space for the Past: Short-Term Responses to Long-Term Problems"
Author: "Dialogues of Change: Building Links Between Communities and Museums"

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 02/2026 *Nova Scotia Health Immunization Community of Practice*
Inaugural Speaker: "Antivaccination and Public Health on Social Media"

02/2026	<i>Nova Scotia Regional Medical Officers of Health</i> Presenter and Author: “Misinformation and Public Health in the Age of Social Media”
06/2024	<i>Canadian Society for the History of Medicine</i> Presenter and Author: “‘Death the Vaccinator’: A History of Anti-Vaccination Sentiment through Images”
05/2024	<i>Students of Medical Anthropology</i> Conference Co-Organizer: Durham-Edinburgh Medical Anthropology Workshop 2024, “Health and the Environment”
05/2023	<i>Canadian Society for the History of Medicine</i> Presenter and Author: “Plagues, Pandemics, Prevention? How historic concepts of health and illness have shaped our response to epidemics.”

RELEVANT JOB EXPERIENCE

10/2024 – present	Administrative Assistant <i>Nova Scotia Health Authority</i> Sole assistant to the Director of Primary Health Care – Department of Family Medicine, Chronic Disease Management, & Wellness.
01/2025 – present	Teacher’s Assistant <i>University of King’s College</i> HSTC 2102: Origins of Modern Medicine Professor: Dr. Melanie Frappier <i>Dalhousie University</i> HIST 2002: Later Medieval Europe Professor: Dr. Kirsten Schut
05/2016 – present	Co-Owner / Co-Founder <i>Up With Gaelic Celtic Performances</i> Joint owner and operator of an educational business that offers presentations on the Nova Scotia Gaelic culture to schools provincially. To date, have spoken to over 13,000 students and educators and have been recognized for our work by the government of Nova Scotia and the Scottish Government.
01/2022 – 09/2023	Research Assistant <i>Books by Heart Project / The QEII Health Sciences Centre</i> Aided an ongoing research study looking into the links between literature and cardiology patients.
07/2022 – 08/2023	Development Support Officer <i>Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide</i> Aided in the creation of curriculum. Researched, wrote, and submitted governmental and private funding applications and reports.
06/2019 – 08/2021	Administrative Assistant <i>Comhairle na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia</i>

Aided in the creation and dissemination of community engagement materials (newsletter, surveys, interviews). Created the Council's existing website and managed existing social media.

AWARDS & HONORS

05/2019 – 05/2023	University of King's College – Academic Scholarship
03/2022	Research Nova Scotia - Scotia Scholars Award
11/2018	Loran Scholars Foundation – Honour Citation Awardee and Semi-Finalist
