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**Present Education:**

2020-2024: PhD Candidate in History, Northumbria University

**Research:**

I gained my Master's degree with Distinction in 2019. My thesis 'Public Scandal, Private Sin: Scottish Border Town Women and the Subversion of Patriarchal Control, 1707-1756' explored the agency of women to subvert the Scottish kirk courts in market towns. By using qualitative and quantitative analysis of 1,726 records of subversive sin, it filled a gap in the present published literature, confirming the success of women's subversion of patriarchal control. It offers a unique insight into the understudied, often overlooked and dismissed, eastern Anglo-Scottish border in the first half of the eighteenth century.

My PhD research expands upon my previous studies to continue an exploration of women's agency in Scottish Border towns with a working title of 'Women's Agency and Subversion, 1707-1840: the changes wrought by industrialisation upon the social lives and perceived ownership of the bodies of women living in south-east Scotland'.

**Previous Education:**

2018-2019: MA in History, Northumbria University (Distinction)

1987-1991: BSc. (Hons) Applied Biology, Coventry University

**Present Employment:**

January 2022 to Present; Museums and Gallery Assistant, Live Borders

June 2019 to Present: Front of House at Coldstream Museum, Live Borders

2002 to Present: Freelance adult tutor in textiles, art and design. Public speaker

**Previous Employment:**

May 2019 to December 2021 Art Gallery Assistant at The Hirsell Gallery.

1997 to 2000 Sales Account Manager, SMA Nutrition

1994 to 1997 Industrial Accounts Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific

1992 to 1994 Laboratory Research Assistant, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

1991-1992 Laboratory Assistant, Hammersmith Hospital

**Publications:**

**Book Reviews:**

Jennifer Aston and Catherine Bishop, eds., *Female Entrepreneurs in the Long Nineteenth Century: A Global Perspective*, London, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020).

Reviewed in *Family & Community History*, Vol. 24, No. 1, 2021, pp. 79–80.

**Conference Papers:**

'An Irregular Marriage: The Subversion of the Scottish Kirk by Isabel Clinckscales', A Sacred Covenant? Historic, Legal and Cultural Perspectives on the Development of Marital Law, 20th May 2021

**Seminar Papers:**

'Women's subversion of the Scottish Church Courts 1707-1757.'  
Women's Studies Group 1558- 1837, 25th September 2021

**Awards:**

20th May 2021, Winner of best Early Career Researcher paper at the Conference A Sacred Covenant? Historic, Legal and Cultural Perspectives on the Development of Marital Law

**Memberships:**

Social History Society, 2019 to present  
Women's History Network, 2019 to present  
Women's Studies Group 1558-1837, 2018 to present  
Economic & Social History Society of Scotland, 2019 to present  
British Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies, 2020 to present  
Association of Dress Historians, 2019 to present

**Other Information**

Parish Councillor: Wooler, September 2019 – January 2022