

Current Position

Dr Ariane Critchley is a Lecturer in Social Work (Child Protection) at the University of Stirling. She leads the Applied Professional Studies Pathway for professionals seeking a post-qualifying award in child welfare. This role encompasses recruitment and admissions for the Child Welfare and Protection Certificate, and ensuring the smooth running of this popular programme, offered across Scotland. She is Module Co-ordinator for Assessment and Decision Making and teaches across the programme, as well as contributing to qualifying education in Social Work.

Research Outputs: Peer-reviewed Publications and Academic Book Chapters

Published

Critchley A, Grant A, Brown A, Morriss L. (2021) Editorial: Breastfeeding, social work and the rights of infants who have been removed. *Qualitative Social Work*. December 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14733250211069410>

Critchley, A., Cowan, P., Grant, M. and Hardy, M. (2021) Changes and Continuities in Adoption Social Work: Adoption in Scotland Since the 1968 Act, *The British Journal of Social Work*, Volume 51(6), 2061-2079, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcaa114>

Critchley, A. (2021). Giving up the ghost: Findings on fathers and social work from a study of pre-birth child protection. *Qualitative Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F14733250211019463>

Critchley, A. and Roesch-Marsh, A. (2021). Poetry helps: Poetry as a means of creative reflection in social work. Invited book chapter in Turner, D. (Ed) (2021). *Social Work and Covid 19: Lessons for Contemporary Education and Practice?* St Albans, Herts: Critical Publishing.

Critchley, A. and Mitchell, M. (2020). Can knowledge exchange forge a collaborative pathway to policymaking? A case study example of the Recognition Matters knowledge exchange project. *British Journal of Social Work*, 50(8), 2298-2318.

Critchley, A. (2020). Baby Brain: Neuroscience, policy-making and child protection. *Scottish Affairs*, 29(4), 512-528.

Davidson, E., Critchley, A. and Wright, L. (2020). Special Issue Editorial. *Scottish Affairs*, 29(4), 451-455.

Critchley, A. (2020). 'The lion's den': Social workers' understandings of risk to infants. *Child & Family Social Work*, 25, 895– 903.

Critchley, A. (2019). Jumping through hoops: Families' experiences of pre-birth child protection. Chapter 8 in Murray, L., McDonnell, L., Hinton-Smith, T., Ferreira, N. and Walsh, K. (Eds.) (2019) *Families in Motion: Ebbing and Flowing through Space and Time*. Bingley: Emerald Publishing, 135-154.

Critchley, A. (2018). *Pre-Birth Child Protection* Iriss Insight 42, available at: <https://www.iriss.org.uk/resources/insights/pre-birth-child-protection>

Research Outputs: Doctoral Thesis and Grey Literature

Critchley, A. (2019). *Quickening Steps: An Ethnography of Pre-birth Child Protection in Scotland*. Doctoral thesis. Edinburgh: The University of Edinburgh.

Grant, M. and Critchley, A. (2019). [Mapping Adoption Support in Scotland: Initial Findings from Survey Analysis](#) and [Mapping Adoption Support in Scotland: A guide to support services across Scotland](#). Edinburgh: Adoption UK Scotland and AFA Scotland.

Critchley, A., Grant, M., Cowan, P. and Hardy, M. (2018). [Exploring the changing nature of adoption work since the Social Work \(Scotland\) Act 1968](#). Edinburgh: Social Work Scotland.

Critchley, A. and Gillies, A. (2018). [Best Practice and Local Authority Progress in Self-Directed Support](#). Edinburgh: Social Work Scotland. Edinburgh: Social Work Scotland.

Cheyne, H., Critchley, A., Elders, A., Hill, D., Milburn, E., and Paterson, A. (2015). [Having a Baby in Scotland 2015: Listening to Mothers' the National Report of the Scottish Maternity Survey 2015](#). Edinburgh: Scottish Government.

Hall, G. and Critchley, A. (2013). [An exploratory study to consider the experience of participating in a 'safe contact' assessment from the perspectives of the children, parents and social workers involved](#). Part of the [Changing Children and Families Social Work knowledge exchange partnership project](#). Edinburgh: Centre for Research on Families and Relationships (CRFR), University of Edinburgh.

Magazine articles and blogposts

Critchley, A., Taylor-Beswick, A. and Barnett-Jones, B. (2020). [The Urgency in a Moment: A Call for Critical Self-Reflection and Action](#). Blogpost reflecting on a Social Work Book Group event, 16th December 2020.

Critchley, A., Davidson, E. and Wright, L.H.V. (2020). [Scottish Affairs Special Issue on Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\): Whose interests does an ACEs agenda for Scotland actually serve?](#) *Edinburgh University Press Blog*, 30th October 2020.

Critchley, A. and Roesch-Marsh, A. (2020). [An uncertain future: poetry as a response to the impact of Covid-19 on social workers](#). *Social Work 2020 under Covid-19 magazine*. 3rd Edition, 18th May 2020.

Critchley, A. (2020). [Social work education in a pandemic](#). Invited blog for *Iriss*, 7th April 2020.

Critchley, A. (2020). [The Cost of Co-production](#). Commissioned blog for the [2020 Making Work Visible](#) campaign, 8th March 2020. Edinburgh: Engender.

Critchley, A. (2020). [Pregnancy and Risk: A social work perspective](#). Guest blog for the [WRISK project](#), 18th February 2020. British Pregnancy Advisory Service and Cardiff University.

Critchley, A. (2019). [Who do you think you are?](#) Guest blog for [PhD Women Scotland](#) blog series, 25th January 2019.

Critchley, A. (2017). [How resilient do we want our children and young people to be?](#) Invited blogpost for the CRFR series [Making Scotland an ACE Informed Nation](#). Edinburgh: Centre for Research on Families and Relationships (CRFR), University of Edinburgh.

Invited Seminars, Workshops and Contributions

Critchley, A. (2021). Invited Webinar on 'Risk to Infants'. Stoke-on-Trent City Council, June 2021.

Critchley, A. and Roesch-Marsh, A. (2021). 'Poetry and Positivity'. Invited workshop for Lewisham Children's Services and Goldsmiths, University of London, May 2021.

Critchley, A. (2021). Invited contribution to 'meet the authors' ['Social Work and Covid 19' World Social Work Day Book Launch](#). Hosted by Queens University Belfast, March 2021.

Critchley, A. and Roesch-Marsh, A. (2021). 'Poetry for Practice'. Invited workshop for the Scottish Association of Social Workers (SASW), February 2021.

Critchley, A. (2021). ['Vulnerable babies' under a risk paradigm. Invited seminar in the Children and Childhood Research Group Seminar Series](#), Manchester Metropolitan University, January 2021

Recognition Matters (2020). Invited webinar for BASW with Azaria Faver, Nicky Hunter and Dr Mary Mitchell. *BASW Success in Social Work webinar*, November 2020.

Critchley, A. and Cowan, P. (2020). Invited Webinar on Adoption Case Records. *Adoption Week Scotland*, November 2020.

Critchley, A. (2020). Invited Infant Risk Webinar, *Birmingham Practice Week*, November 2020.

Critchley, A. (2020). Invited Webinar on Risk to Infants. *Coventry County Council Practice Week*, November 2020.

Critchley, A. (2020). Working with risk in pregnancy: what does 'quality' mean? Invited talk to the Care Commission Strategic Inspectorate, Edinburgh, March 2020.

Grant, M. and Critchley, A. (2019). 'Mapping Adoption Support' Invited Talk for the Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS) *Adoption Support Practitioners Event*, Adoption Week Scotland, Glasgow, November 2019.

Invited Panel Member for the *Maternal Mental Health Scotland 6th Annual Conference*, Glasgow, May 2019.

Critchley, A. (2019). 'Self-Directed Support: Revolution or Work in Progress?' Invited Talk for *Holyrood Self-Directed Support: Commissioning for Personal Outcomes Event*, Edinburgh, February 2019.

Critchley, A. (2019). 'ACE's: An opportunity or a set-back?' Invited Seminar with Dr Lynn McNair (University of Edinburgh), *ACEs, resilience and the early years*. CRFR, The University of Edinburgh, February 2019.

Critchley, A., Cowan, P., Hardy, M. and Grant, M. (2018). 'Adoption in Scotland since 1968: Changes and Continuities in the Social Work Role'. Invited workshop, Social Work Scotland's *Celebrate the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Event*, Edinburgh, December 2018.

Critchley, A. (2019). 'Research on Self-Directed Support'. Invited talk for Social Work Scotland and the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland (CCPS) *Reform through Collaboration Event*, Edinburgh, August 2018.

Critchley, A. (2018). 'Pre-birth Child Protection'. Invited research launch, *Social Work Scotland Annual Conference*, Crieff, June 2018.

Critchley, A. and Kinnell, M. (2017). 'Scottish Adoption's Chance4Change project'. Invited presentation for the CELCIS *Best practice in contemporary adoption work' Practice Exchange Workshop*, Perth, April 2017.

Critchley, A. and Kinnell, M. (2016). 'Scottish Adoption's Chance4Change project'. Invited presentation for the CELCIS, *'Historical Adoption' Practice Exchange Workshop*, Glasgow, April 2016.

Research Outputs: Conference Papers and Workshops

Nuffield Family Justice Observatory International Exchange Session. 'What Chance Change? Further International Perspectives on Infant Removals and Child Welfare Systems', *Kempe A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare International Virtual Conference*, October 2022.

Recognition Matters team. 'Family Outcomes, Recognition and Change', Interactive Workshop, *Kempe A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare International Virtual Conference*, October 2022.

Critchley, A. (2021). 'Vulnerable babies' under a risk paradigm: The infant perspective', *EuSARF Conference XVI*, September 2021.

Critchley, A. (2021). "'There's nae appeal system': Findings on the risk of paternal erasure from a Scottish study of pre-birth child protection', *EuSARF Conference XVI*, September 2021.

Critchley, A. (2019). 'Future vision: Meeting the challenge of working with unborn babies and risk in pregnancy', University College Cork, *7th National Child Protection and Welfare Social Work Conference*, Cork, October 2019.

Grant, M. and Critchley, A. (2019). 'Mind the gap: the mental health needs of adopted children and young people', The Centre for Child Wellbeing and Protection, University of Stirling, *Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing: Communities, families, resilience and resistance*, Stirling, September 2019.

Critchley, A. (2019). 'The ethics of social work with unborn and newborn babies', *European Conference for Social Work Research*, Leuven, April 2019.

Critchley, A., Cowan, P., Hardy, M. and Grant, M. (2019). 'Adoption in Scotland since 1968: Changes and Continuities in the Social Work Role', *European Conference for Social Work Research*, Leuven, April 2019.

Critchley, A. and Dunne, N. (2016). 'Emotions, interviews and silences', *British Sociological Association, Emotions Study Group: Emotions in the Social World Workshop*, Edinburgh, September 2016.

Critchley, A. (2016). *'I thought we had to wait until the bairn was born': The role of time in pre-birth child protection in Scotland*, *The International Social Work & Society Academy (TISSA) Conference*, Ghent, August 2016.

Critchley, A. (2016). *'Under the Microscope' – The question of 'whose children' in pre-birth child protection*, *CRFR International Conference*, Edinburgh, June 2016.

Critchley, A. (2015). Symposium paper 'Professional responses to mothers, with and without their children, when there is violence and abuse', *Violence: Children, Family, Society Conference*, The University of Northampton, June 2015.

Critchley, A. (2015). 'Pre-birth child protection and the question of structural violence', *Violence: Children, Family, Society Conference*, The University of Northampton, June 2015.

Critchley, A. (2015). *'I thought we had to wait until the bairn was born' – an exploration of pre-birth child protection in Scotland*, *CRFR New Researchers Conference*, Edinburgh, June 2015.

Critchley, A. (2015). 'I just can't go there. Emotional directions in pre-birth child protection', *5th International Conference in Emotional Geographies*, CRFR, Edinburgh, May 2015

Event Origination and Leadership

[The Social Work Research Collective Ethnography Themed Event](#) Featuring presentations from three PhD and ECR researchers on their ethnographic projects, June 2021.

Organised by a 4 nations team of social work researchers to support new and upcoming ECRs.

[Social Work Book Group: Shattered Bonds](#) featuring a reading by the author Professor Dorothy Roberts (University of Pennsylvania). Hosted digitally by Queens University Belfast, October 2020. Forthcoming online event co-created and organised with Dr Amanda Taylor-Beswick (Queens University Belfast), and Ms Beverley Barnett-Jones, MBE (Nuffield Family Justice Observatory).

[My Death, My Choice](#), School of Health and Social Care Interdisciplinary Learning Seminar on death and dying for Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, February 2020.

Co-created and organised with Ms Sue Murray with contributions from Mr Alex Pandolfo and Ms Amanda Ward. ***Delivered with the benefit of internal 'Theme' funding from the School.***

[Scottish Social Work PhD and ECR Network Inaugural event](#), Edinburgh, December 2019.

Sole designed and co-organised event with Dr Eve Mullins with keynotes from Dr Lisa Morriss (Lancaster University) and Mr Andrew Crummy, artist and activist and contributions from a range of stakeholders including Social Work Scotland.

Funding: £2500 Scottish Graduate School for Social Science (SGSSS) Advanced Training Fund (ATF).

[Recognition Matters: a knowledge exchange event](#), Edinburgh, September 2019.

Co-created and organised national knowledge exchange event with Dr Mary Mitchell (University of Edinburgh), Ms Julie Falconer, Ms Heather Rush, Ms Nicky Hunter and Ms Azaria Faver.

Funding: Competitive knowledge exchange funding (see awards below).

[Quickening Steps: Working with unborn children](#), a research seminar, Edinburgh, September 2018.

Sole organised knowledge exchange event chaired by Dr Helen Whincup (University of Stirling) featuring service leader contributions from both Perth and Kinross and City of Edinburgh councils.

Funding: £500 prize money from the SGSSS Knowledge Exchange and Impact Award, 2018.

Engaging fathers: Lessons from across Social Work a Knowledge Exchange event for professionals as part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science, University of Edinburgh, November 2018.

Co-created and organised knowledge exchange event with Dr Eve Mullins.

Funding: £1300 ESRC Festival of Social Science funding.

Quickening Steps: Working with unborn children? a Knowledge Exchange event for professionals as part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science, University of Edinburgh, November 2016.

Sole organised and created knowledge exchange event for a national audience.

Funding: £1000 ESRC Festival of Social Science funding.

Research Grant Awards and Income Generation

£13,608 of a £33,450 grant awarded under the Scottish Parliament's Improving Health and Wellbeing programme, in association with AFA Scotland and the Scottish Government, 2021.

This grant has been awarded in order to take forward ongoing development of Best Principles for supporting birth families who experience child removal in Scotland. The main objectives/expected outcomes of the Grant are:

- Development of a set of Best Principles - including a literature review, engagement with local authorities and organisations involved in this area of work and the creation of a 'Best Practice Principles for Supporting Parents' document.
- Mapping Exercise - Map the provision of services in Scotland for parents whose children have been removed from their care.
- Birth Parents Advisory Group – Participatory primary research with parents whose children have been removed through care proceedings in Scotland.

£8000 grant awarded through the Social Work Scotland Call for papers for The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 – 50th Anniversary project, 2018.

£8000 grant awarded in March 2018 to a small-scale research proposal 'The Changing Nature of Adoption Work in Scotland since 1968: An exploration of the major changes and continuities in the social work role in adoption assessment and support in the Scottish context since the 1968 Act'. A project which I originated, designed and led with partners from three institutions: AFA (Scotland), Scottish Adoption and Edinburgh Napier University. Outputs from the project include a first-authored article in the British Journal of Social Work and a report for Social Work Scotland.

ESRC 1+3 PhD Studentship grant award number 1091282

Fully funded PhD in Social Work 'Quickening steps: an ethnography of pre-birth child protection', undertaken within the Graduate School of Social and Political Science at the University of Edinburgh. Outputs include solo-authored peer-reviewed journal articles, a book chapter, interdisciplinary blog posts, a series of knowledge exchange events and a research briefing available [here](#).

Research Grant Applications

£80,000 applied for from the Nuffield Family Justice Observatory (NFJO) in response to the Invitation to Tender, April 2021

Primary qualitative research focused on the experiences of separated families and their children.

£60,000 grant applied for through the Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF) ECR Fellowship Route, March 2021

Baby Steps: The Early Lives of Infants in Care, a one-year ethnographic 'pilot' research project.

Knowledge Exchange and Impact Grant Awards

£8,000 Knowledge Exchange funds to deliver the 'Recognition Matters' project, 2019-20.

Combined funds secured jointly with Dr Mary Mitchell (University of Edinburgh) as follows:

1. £5000 from the University of Edinburgh, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Knowledge Exchange Fund 2019.
2. £3000 from Edinburgh Napier University, School of Health and Social Care Public Engagement Fund, across two successful applications in 2019 (£1500) and in 2020 (£1500).
3. Support in kind from the City of Edinburgh Council and from national stakeholders.

The Recognition Matters films are available through the project YouTube Channel [here](#), and an accompanying briefing note can be accessed [here](#). The Edinburgh Napier University press release on the project can be read [here](#).

Recognition and Prizes

- The impact of Ariane's doctoral research was showcased within the prestigious University of Edinburgh's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science College-wide event '[World-leading research – A celebration of Impact](#)' 2019.
- Awarded a £500 research impact prize as Runner Up in the [Scottish Graduate School of Social Science \(SGSSS\) Research Impact and Knowledge Exchange Competition 2018](#).
- Awarded the [Marjorie A. Brown Memorial Prize](#) for best social work student jointly with Dr Autumn Roesch-Marsh, University of Edinburgh MSW 2001-2003.

Competitive Conference Bursaries

£500 bursary awarded by The Fran Trust Conference Award, January 2019

To support presentation and attendance at the *European Conference for Social Work Research* in Leuven, Belgium, April 2019.

£150 bursary awarded by the Sociological Review Foundation, September 2019

To support attendance at the Sociological Review Foundation event, *Towards a Red Feminist Horizon*, University of Leeds, November 2019.

Teaching Recognition, Achievements and Professional Development

- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (2017).
- Nominated by students for three [Edinburgh Napier Student Association \(ENSA\) Excellence Awards 2020](#): 'Best Lecturer/ Tutor', 'Most Inspiring Tutor/ Lecturer' and 'Best Academic Support or Personal Development Tutor'.
- Reviewer for HEA Fellowship and Associate Fellowship portfolio applications across Edinburgh Napier University Schools through the university's ENroute scheme.
- [Students as Colleagues](#) scheme member, 2019-20 & 2020-21 developing teaching excellence in partnership with student colleagues across Edinburgh Napier University Schools.
- Action Learning Set participant in the [Quality Assurance Agency \(QAA\) 2021 national enhancement theme: Programme Leadership: Strengthening Resilience, Supporting Learning Communities](#), working with peers in a range of Scottish HEIs.
- Nominated for two Edinburgh University Student Association (EUSA) Teaching Awards: '[Best Student who Tutors](#)' (2016-2017) and '[Best Feedback](#)' (2013-2014).

Teaching Experience

January 2019 – August 2021 Edinburgh Napier University

Lecturer in Social Work, The School of Health and Social Care

Programme Leader for the Master of Social Work Programme (January – August 2021)

Programme Lead and Lecturer on the post-graduate Masters in Social Work programme, which commenced January 2019 and is delivered collaboratively with Allied Health Professional Masters in Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy. Key responsibilities included:

- MSW Programme Leadership, including responsibility for recruitment and admissions.
- School of Health and Social Care Research Ethics and Governance Committee Member.
- Supervision of Masters Dissertations, including primary research and literature review projects, and liaison with School and local ethics and research access committees.
- Teaching, marking and moderation across the three inter-disciplinary programmes.
- Institutional Representative - Strategy Group for Anti-Racist Education Practice in Scotland.

February 2020-ongoing

Robert Gordon University

External Examiner for the BA (Hons) Social Work by Distance Learning programme.

Academic Years 2016-2018 and 2013- 2014

The University of Edinburgh

Part-time Tutor in the School of Social and Political Science

Tutor on a range of undergraduate courses in social work including delivering tutorials, marking and providing feedback. Employing a variety of group-work and facilitation techniques, structured peer-learning and different media to promote students' learning and integration into academic practices.

Academic Years 2013- 2017

The University of Edinburgh

Guest Lecturer in the School of Social and Political Science

Providing invited 'guest lectures' on child protection and practitioner research provided opportunities for teaching in larger group contexts with undergraduate and postgraduate audiences.

August 2012-March 2013

The University of Edinburgh

Part-time Practice Tutor in Social Work

Tutor to students on social work placement, including placement visits, support of the progress of placement learning and acting as point of University contact for students.

Consultancy and Freelance Commissions

October 2018 - October 2020

Consultancy, The Nest Productions

IMDb credited Consultant to The Nest Productions providing expert consultancy on child welfare and protection in Scotland for the major BBC drama series 'The Nest' (2020), written by BAFTA-winning screenwriter Nicole Taylor (Three Girls, Wild Rose). The press release from Edinburgh Napier University is available [here](#).

November 2017 – April 2018

Research, Social Work Scotland

Researcher at Social Work Scotland responsible for the completion of Scottish Government commissioned research into national best practice in the implementation of Self-Directed Support. Outputs included the [Best Practice and Local Authority Progress in Self-Directed Support report](#).

July 2016 – September 2016

Data Analysis, Scottish Government

Commissioned as a Data Analyst by the Scottish Government's Children and Families Directorate to provide qualitative data analysis and thematic reporting on the Neonatal Care Experiences Survey, as part of the national [Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services](#) (2017).

February 2014 – March 2014

Research and Evaluation, Scottish Adoption

Commissioned to produce a report of the evaluation of 'Building Attachment through Art', a Partnership Project between Scottish Adoption and the Edinburgh Art Therapy Centre funded by the Cattanach Trust. To assess what difference Art Therapy support had made to adoptive families.
Social Work Service

July 2020 – Ongoing

British Association of Social Workers (BASW)

Member of the [BASW Future of Social Work eBook](#) Steering Group – [BASW UK Heritage Project](#)

July 2020 – Ongoing

Scottish Adoption

Agency Decision Maker for the Adoption and Fostering Panel of Scottish Adoption, responsible for approving applications and **Board Member** providing oversight and leadership on a voluntary basis.

March 2014-September 2015

Scottish Adoption

Senior Practitioner (part-time)

Lead practitioner on the innovative, positively evaluated [Chance4Change project](#) for birth mothers including one-to-one support, supporting contact and life-story work and therapeutic groupwork.

Oct 2013-July 2014

City of Edinburgh Council

Independent Panel Member, Adoption & Permanence Panel

Continued Panel membership subsequent to leaving the employ of the City of Edinburgh Council.

May 2004 – October 2013

The City of Edinburgh Council, Children and Families

Senior Practitioner (November 2006 – October 2013)

Social Worker (May 2004 – November 2006)

Qualified social worker involved in the full range of child protection, child welfare and permanency work. Trained in Signs of Safety and therapeutic storytelling approaches. Adoption & Permanence Panel member. Responsibilities for training and development within the team and neighbourhood.

Aug 2003 – May 2004

Midlothian Council

Family Support Worker within Lasswade Integration Team

Providing preventative support to families, children and young people through a range of individual and groupwork approaches as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

April 2005 – September 2016 Independent Practitioner, Various

Between 2005 and 2016, Ariane undertook commissions as an independent social work practitioner in the area of fostering and adoption. Primarily this involved undertaking assessments of prospective foster carers (FCA Scotland) and adopters (Scottish Adoption). Ariane also co-ran a creative groupwork programme to support adopted children and their families with the transition to primary school over several years (Scottish Adoption).

Pre-Qualifying Employment

Ariane began working in the field of social care in 1995, during her undergraduate degree. Prior to qualifying as a Social Worker in 2003, she was employed in a range of support worker positions in social care settings. These included women's refuge (Edinburgh Women's Aid), homeless community drop-in (Four Square), play-schemes and youth projects, supported accommodation, and homecare in the community. In the summer of 2002, she worked as an unqualified social worker covering generic area 'duty' for an area office within Scottish Borders Council. During 2001, she held an administrative role in a team working on the implementation of Direct Payments.

Education and Qualifications

The University of Edinburgh 2013-2019

ESRC funded PhD in Social Work completed in 2019

PhD Title: ['Quickenings Steps: An Ethnography of Pre-birth Child Protection in Scotland'](#)

The University of Edinburgh 2011-2012

Master of Research in Social Work with Distinction awarded 2012.

The University of Dundee 2005-2006

Certificate in Child Care and Protection Studies awarded February 2006.

The University of Edinburgh 2001-2003

Master of Social Work with Distinction and Diploma in Social Work awarded June 2003.

The University of Edinburgh 1995-1999

MA Honours Degree in Mental Philosophy 2.1 awarded June 1999

Specialisation in Applied Ethics, Modern Continental Philosophy and the Philosophy of Religion.

First Year courses in Sociology and Psychology.

Professional Association, Registration and Network Membership

[Originator and convenor of the Scottish Social Work PhD and ECR Network](#)

In December 2019, the first meeting was held of a network for PhD students and Early Career Researchers working on social work-related studies in Scotland. Since then, Ariane has continued to convene the network, providing regular updates on relevant opportunities. She is now working with colleagues across the UK and Ireland; a 4 nations network event having taken place in June 2021.

Registered Social Worker with the Scottish Social Services Council

Member of the Adoption Taskforce for Scotland, chaired by CELCIS

Member of the Feminist Studies Association - **successfully completed the Association's mentorship scheme 2019-2020, mentored by Professor Kate Sang (Heriot Watt University).**

Member of the British Association of Social Workers

Member of the British Sociological Association