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Employment

Research Fellow

Animal Welfare
Scotland's Rural College
24 Oct 2022 → present

Research Fellow

Scotland's Rural College
Edinburgh, United Kingdom
24 Oct 2022 → present

Associate

Centre for Health and Social Innovation. University of the Fraser Valley
Canada
1 May 2020 → present

Associate

University of the Fraser Valley
Canada
1 Nov 2011 → present

Honorary Professor

University of the Fraser Valley
Canada
1 Nov 2011 → present

Qualifications

PhD, The effects of normal and pathological ageing on non-automatic language, executive control and frontal-lobe function, University of Dundee
1 Sept 2000 → 1 Jun 2003
Award Date: 30 Mar 2005
1 Sept 2023 → ... British Psychological Society , Chartered Psychologist. Division of Academics, Researchers and Teachers

Research interests

Human-Animal Interaction
One Welfare
Human Welfare & Elder Abuse
Child and Adolescent Development
Intergenerational Programs & Education
Social Isolation & Loneliness

Awards

RESAS 22-27: SRUC-a3-3 Solutions To Improve Laying Hen Welfare.
Sandilands, V. (PI), Lawrence, A. (Col), Baker, E. (Col), D'Eath, R. (Col) & Jessiman, L. (Col)
Scottish Government: Rural & Environment Science & Analytical Services: £342,914.52
1/04/22 → 31/03/27

Current Projects

Developing further evidence requirements for precision bred animals

Haskell, M. (PI), Dwyer, C. (CoPI), Li, B. (CoPI), Prentice, P. (Researcher), Banos, G. (Researcher) & Jessiman, L. (Researcher)

15/04/24 → 31/12/24

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RESAS 22-27: SRUC-a3-4 Influencing Human Behaviour To Improve Animal Welfare

Jessiman, L. (PI), Donbavand, J. (Col), Akaichi, F. (Col), Dwyer, C. (Col), Wemelsfelder, F. (Col), Lamont, K. (Col),

Turner, S. (Col), Farish, M. (Col), Baxter, E. (Col), Rutherford, K. (Col) & Jessiman, L. (PI)

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Understanding protective factors in lone and isolated workers in the West Highlands and Skye

Lamont, K. (PI) & Jessiman, L. (CoPI)

1/09/23 → 31/01/24

Projects

2021-2024 TD Canada Trust, Ready Commitment. (A Principal Investigator). Title of study: *“Improved Understanding, Enhanced Access: Utilizing Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to Strengthen Social Connections as a Path to Improve Health Outcomes”*

\$225,000.00

2021-2022 University of Fraser Valley Student Work Studies Grants **\$3,331.20**

2020-2021 University of Fraser Valley Student Work Studies Grants **\$3,331.20**

2019 -2022 *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)* Insight Development Grant, Co-Investigator.

Title of study: Read for your Rights! Literary Mentorship Program **\$29,940.00**

2019-2020 University of Fraser Valley Student Work Studies Grants **\$3,331.20**

2018-2019 University of Fraser Valley Student Work Studies Grants **\$3,331.20**

2017-2018 University of Fraser Valley Student Work Studies Grants **\$3,331.20**

2016-2017 University of Fraser Valley Student Work Studies Grants **\$3,331.20**

2014-2015 University of Fraser Valley Research Grant, Faculty of Health Sciences (co-applicant)

\$1000.00

2013-2014 University of Fraser Valley Student Work Studies Grants **\$3,331.20**

2007 Innovation & Research Unit, University of West of Scotland, UK. Travel bursary. **£500**

2000-2003 Royal Society of Edinburgh/Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Research in Ageing Studentship. *Improving the Quality of Life of the Ageing Population.* **£64,000**

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Teaching

Teaching Experience

2022-2023

Masters in Applied Animal Behaviour & Animal Welfare. University of Edinburgh.

Teaching - Qualitative Research Methods & Models of Behaviour Change

2011- 2022

Module Co-ordinator/Leader:

Introduction to Psychology (1st year level psychology module)
Introduction to Developmental Psychology (2nd year level psychology module)
Psychology of Adolescence (3rd year level psychology module)
Psychology of Language (3rd year level psychology module)
Adulthood & Ageing (3rd year level psychology module)
Human Neuropsychology (3rd year level psychology module)
Special Topics Module in Research Methods (4th year level)
Independent Research Studies (3rd & 4th year level)
Psychology Honours program
Psychology Honours Seminar module
Elder College (Lifelong Learning) (Short Course: Myths of Ageing; Guest lecture: Optimal Ageing)

Module development - 2019 to 2022

Specialist topic: Upper-level Research Methods
Specialist topic: Dementia in the 21st Century: *Don't Forget about Us*.
Psychology Honours Seminar Module

2005 - 2011 (University of the West of Scotland, UK)**Module Co-ordinator/Leader:**

Child Development (3rd year core psychology module)
Social Psychology (3rd year core psychology module)
Lifespan Development B (2nd year core social work module)
Child Development & Psychology (1st year elective)

Moderator:

Biological Psychology: Brain & Behaviour (3rd year core psychology module)
Social Psychology (3rd year core psychology module)
SPSS for Psychology (3rd year core psychology module)
Research Methods for Psychology (3rd year core module)
Lifespan Development A (2nd year core social work module)
Understanding Development (2nd year core social science module)
Social Cognition (2nd year core social science module)

Other teaching contributions:

Psychology of Reading: neuropsychology of ageing and reading (4th year psychology elective)
Psychology of Language: neuropsychology of ageing and language (4th year psychology elective)
Quantitative Research Methods (4th year social work dissertation module)
Social Science Research methods (2nd year core social science module)
Psychological issues during pregnancy (2nd year midwifery core module)
Postnatal care & psychological issues (2nd year midwifery core module)
Prenatal testing: attitudes & ethical considerations (1st year midwifery core module)
Introduction to Psychology (1st year general health nursing core module)
The Psychology of Ageing (1st year general health nursing core module)
Social Psychology for Nursing (1st year general health nursing core module)
Understanding Bereavement (1st year general health nursing core module)
Phenomenology & Nursing (2nd year mental health nursing core module)

2020 (March)

Guest Lecturer. "My Healthy Ageing Brain". Educational Series in Optimal Ageing. Elder College & Building Community Engagement Program.

2006

Guest lecturer on Neuropsychology of Language module, School of Psychology, University of Dundee, UK.

1999-2002

Teaching Assistant, Division of Psychology, University of Abertay, UK

Coursework marker (first year psychology reports), School of Psychology, University of Dundee, UK.