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Education

Victoria University of Wellington, 2002-2010

PhD (New Zealand Studies/History), 2006-2010

'From Alba to Aotearoa: Profiling New Zealand's Scots Migrants, 1840-1920'

Bachelor of Arts, History Honours, 2005

Achieved First Class Honours

Bachelor of Arts, Majoring in History and English Literature, 2002-2004

Employment

March 2015 – Present

Post-Doctoral Fellow, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington

March 2015

Research Assistant to Professor Melanie Nolan, Australian National Centre for Biography, Canberra

February 2015

Research Assistant to Professor Marjory Harper, Aberdeen University

October 2014 – January 2016

Contracted to write entries for Oxford References Online Quick References, Oxford University Press

March 2014 – February 2015

Research Assistant to Dr Steve Behrendt, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington

February 2014 – December 2014

Research Assistant to Professor Charlotte Macdonald, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington

April 2014 – October 2014

Web Advisor, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Wellington, New Zealand

March 2014 – August 2014

Research Assistant to Dr Sydney Shep, Wai-te-ata Press, Victoria University of Wellington

September 2011 – August 2013

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Historical Data Unit, History Programme,
University of Guelph

January 2012 – August 2013

Sessional Teaching Instructor, History Programme, University of Guelph

August 2011 – October 2011

Research Assistant to Professor Kris Inwood, Economics Programme,
University of Guelph

March 2010 – August 2011

Research Assistant to Dr Steve Behrendt, History Programme,
Victoria University of Wellington

February 2007 – June 2007

Teaching Fellow, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington

February 2002 – February 2006

Part-time Counter-hand/Kitchen-hand, and Weekend Manager,
Lorraine Pells Catering, Wellington

Scholarships and Awards

2011-2013: Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Guelph

2010: The Zander & Durden Families Prize in History for PhD dissertation

2006-2010: Royal Society Marsden Fund of New Zealand PhD Scholarship ('New Zealand Scots' project)

2005: FP Wilson Prize for History for long research essay: 'Calamity in the Capital: The 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Wellington'

Publications**Monographs**

Lenihan, R., *From Alba to Aotearoa: Profiling New Zealand's Scottish Migrants, 1840-1920*. Otago University Press, 2015

Patterson, B., Brooking, T., McAloon, J., Lenihan, R. and Bueltmann, T., *Unpacking the Kists: the Scots in New Zealand*, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2013.

Articles, Chapters, Reviews

Lenihan, R., 'A migratory people? Flitters, migrants, and stayers in Scottish populations 1871-1881' in *Gender and Mobility in Scotland and Abroad*, edited by Sierra Dye, Alice Glaze, and Elizabeth Ewan, Guelph Series in Scottish Studies, University of Guelph, forthcoming 2016

Sydney J. Shep, Rebecca Lenihan, Donelle McKinley, Matt Plummer, and Michael Dudding, 'Moving beyond the Threshold: Investigating Digital Literacies and Historical Thinking in New Zealand Universities', *Practice and Evidence of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*, forthcoming, 2016

Lenihan, R., 'Wanderlust: The Multiple Migrations of New Zealand's Scots, 1840 to 1920' in *Lives in Transition: Longitudinal Analysis from Historical Sources*, edited by Peter Baskerville and Kris Inwood, McGill Queen's University Press, 2015

'Good colonisers? The impacts of Irish and Scottish diaspora at home and abroad', review of *The Scottish Diaspora*, by Tanja Bueltmann, Andrew Hinson and Graeme Morton, and *Irish and Scottish encounters with Indigenous Peoples*, by Graeme Morton and David A. Wilson, *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies*, 2014

Review of *Scottish Women: A Documentary History, 1780-1914*, edited by Breitenbach, Fleming, Kehoe and Orr, *New Zealand Journal of History*, October 2014

Review of *Scottish Ethnicity and the Making of New Zealand Society, 1850–1930* by Tanja Bueltmann, *International Review of Scottish Studies*, 2013.

'The Scots, the Irish, and a dismissal of The Ideal Society', Review of *Scottishness and Irishness in New Zealand since 1840* by Angela McCarthy, *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies*, 2013.

Lenihan, R., 'Counting New Zealand's Scots', in R. McClean, B. Patterson and D. Swain (eds), *Counting Stories, Moving Ethnicities: Studies from Aotearoa New Zealand*, University of Waikato, 2012.

Lenihan, R., "'Jocks'-of-all-trades: Genealogical methods, occupational profiles and New Zealand's Scots, 1840–1920', *New Zealand Journal of History*, Volume 46, Number 2, October 2012.

Lenihan, R., 'Migration Patterns of New Zealand's Scottish Settlers', *History Scotland*, Volume 11, Number 3, May/June 2011.

Lenihan, R., "'In habits, in character, in fact ... [in]... everything except language... like the Norwegians": New Zealand's Shetland Migrants', *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies*, Volume 4, Number 1, Autumn 2010.

Lenihan, R., 'Scottish Immigration to New Zealand from 1840 to 1950 – an introduction with preliminary findings', *TKKA: Graduate and Postgraduate E-Journal*, The University of Waikato, New Zealand, 2007.

Lenihan, R., and Patterson, B. 'New Zealand's Scottish Migrants', *Absolutely Positively Genealogy: Proceedings of the 2007 Conference of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 1-4 June 2007*, Ed. Clare Dawe, Wellington, 2007, pp.122-126.

Research Experience

Post-Doctoral Research, 'People in Motion' Project, Historical Data Unit, University of Guelph

September 2011 – August 2013. Advised by Professor Graeme Morton and Professor Kris Inwood.

Development of geographic code dictionary for 1871 census coding.

Data normalisation.

Manual linking of data between 1871 census of Scotland and 1880 census of America, 1881 censuses of Scotland, England and Wales, and Canada.

Development of quality of match code dictionary for linked census data.

Analysis and development of a demographic profile of those traced between censuses.

Doctoral Research, 'Scots in New Zealand' Project, Irish-Scottish Studies Programme, Victoria University of Wellington

February 2006 – January 2010. Supervised by Dr Brad Patterson and Dr Rosalind McClean.

Creation of a database of Scottish migrants to New Zealand.

Development of a code dictionary for Scotland and New Zealand locations, and for occupations.

Statistical analysis of age, gender and marital status of migrants at arrival; of origins within Scotland at regional, county and parish level; of settlement patterns in New Zealand at provincial, county, and community level; of occupations pre- and post-arrival as well as individual and generational occupational mobility; of step- and return migration; and of chain and cluster migration among Shetland migrants.

Integration of qualitative evidence to support quantitative findings.

History Honours Research Paper, Victoria University of Wellington

March – September 2005. 'Calamity in the Capital: The 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Wellington'. Supervised by Associate Professor Charlotte Macdonald.

A micro-historical approach examining day to day life in Wellington between 1 November and 16 December 1918, during the primary surge of the 1918 influenza pandemic.

Creation of a database of information recorded in the Register of Burials in Wellington Cemetery, Karori, in 1917 and 1918.

Conferences, Seminars, and Presentations

Conference Organisation

Tasks performed included drafting conference programs, publicity, arranging venue bookings, organising and supervising catering, and overseeing AV and IT requirements.

Australasian Irish Studies Conference, Wellington, 9-12 July 2009

Nations, Diasporas, Identities, Wellington, 27-30 March 2008

New Historians, Wellington, 1-2 September 2006

Scots Abroad: The New Zealand Scots in International Perspective, Wellington, 06-08 July 2006

Chairperson

'Religious histories', *History – Making a Difference*, NZHA conference, Canterbury University, 2-4 December 2015

'Ethnicity and Geographic Mobility', *Historical Inequality and Mobility: New Perspectives in the Digital Era*, University of Guelph, 25-27 May 2012

Conference Papers

'Redcoats' in the 1860s settler stream' – Conference Paper, *History – Making a Difference*, NZHA conference, Canterbury University, 4 December 2015

'Database Fundamentals', *Wellington 2013 THATCamp (The Humanities And Technology Camp)*, Victoria University of Wellington, 28 November 2013

'Digital Databases and Migration Studies: Challenges and Opportunities' – Digital History Forum Paper, *New Zealand Historical Association Biennial Conference*, Otago University, 21 November 2013

'19th and early 20th century Scottish migration to Canada and New Zealand: demographic comparisons' – Conference Paper, *Midwest Conference on British Studies*, 13 October 2012

'Scots in 19th century Canada and New Zealand: a comparative overview of demographic characteristics' – Conference Paper, *Britain and the World*, 22 June 2012

'From 'Ultima Thule' to Aotearoa: New Zealand's Shetland Immigrants' – Conference Paper, *Centre and Periphery*, NZHA conference, Massey University, Palmerston North, November 2009

'Scottish Immigration to New Zealand: Shetland, a case study' – Conference Paper, *Global Nations? Irish and Scottish Expansion since the 16th Century*, Aberdeen University, November 2009

'Patterns of Scottish Settlement in New Zealand' – Conference Paper, *Scotland's Global Impact*, University of the Highlands and Islands, Inverness, October 2009

'New Zealand's Shetland Migrants' – Conference Paper, *Nations Diasporas, Identities*, VUW, March 2008

Seminar Contributions and Public Presentations

'Weebly for personal websites', Research Bazaar, Wellington, 27 April 2016

'A brief history of Jacobites and Culloden', Public Lecture, Kiwi Outlander National Gathering, Wellington, 23 April 2016

'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Settler: Garrison and Empire in the Nineteenth Century', a presentation of preliminary findings and key research questions to the Te Papa curators and research team with Charlotte Macdonald, 2 March 2016

'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Settler: Garrison and Empire in the Nineteenth Century', Seminar paper with Charlotte Macdonald, Victoria University of Wellington History seminar series, 17 July 2015

'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Settler', Presentation to the Alexander Turnbull Library staff with Charlotte Macdonald, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, 5 June 2015

'"Jocks" of all trades: an occupational profile of New Zealand's Scots, 1840-1920', Public Lecture, People's History Talks, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, 12 November 2014

'Who, and how many? Scottish migration to New Zealand by the numbers' – Seminar paper, Victoria University of Wellington History seminar series, 26 September 2014

'Emigrants, stayers, and flitters: demographic and life stage determinants of migration among Scotland's island residents 1871-1881' – Workshop Paper, *Migrations, Mobility and Diaspora: New Conceptualizations, Sources and Methods*, 16 August 2013

'People in Motion: Linking the Census', Presentation to the Consul General of France in Toronto and visiting French academics, University of Guelph, 26 February 2013

'From the land of heather to the land of the fern: Scottish migration to New Zealand, 1840-1920', Public Lecture, Upper Grand District School Board Continuing Education History Lecture Series, Guelph, 28 January 2013

'Scottish migration to Canada and New Zealand: the basic demographic characteristics' – Seminar paper, University of the Highlands and Islands, Dornoch, 19 June 2012

'Life after a VUW PhD: thoughts on my PhD experience, research and publication, job applications, post-doctoral work, and the Canadian academic system' – Presentation to the Victoria University of Wellington History post-graduate seminar series, 15 March 2012

'From Alba to Aotearoa: A précis of a profile of New Zealand's Scots, 1840-1920' – Seminar paper (Scottish Studies Roundtable series), University of Guelph Scottish Studies Centre, 25 January 2012

'Scottish Settlement Patterns in New Zealand, 1840-1920' – Seminar paper, *Sent or Went: Badbea - a case study in clearances, leading to a group migration to NZ*, Caithness Archaeological Trust, October 2009

'New Zealand's Scots: an overview of findings', Presentation to the VUW Scottish Interest Group, 28 August 2009

'New Zealand's Scots: an overview of findings to date' – Seminar paper (research round up series), Stout Research Centre, VUW, November 2008

'New Zealand's Scots: an overview of progress and results of analysis to date', Presentation to the Kilbirnie Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 1 October 2008

'Profile of New Zealand's Scottish Immigrants: An overview of findings to date', Presentation to the Lower Hutt Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 3 July 2008

'Overview of the New Zealand Scots project', Presentation to the Clan Chisholm Society, Wellington, 14 June 2008

'An overview of Scottish immigration to New Zealand – with family history sourced case studies' – Presentation at the Kilbirnie Genealogical Society Expo, 19 April 2008.

'Using Genealogical Material in Migration Research' – Workshop paper, *Ulster and New Zealand: Establishing a Future Research Agenda*, VUW, September 2007

'Counting New Zealand's Scots Immigrants: Some Problems Encountered' – Seminar/Workshop paper, *Ethnic Counting: How do we measure Ethnic and Cultural Transfers in the British World?*, VUW, March 2007.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer

HIST316: New Zealand Social History, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington, February to June 2016

An examination of various aspects of New Zealand Social History from c.1800 to 2000. 65 students. I wrote and presented weekly lectures, assigned weekly readings, taught 2x2-hour weekly seminars, consulted with students on their research essays, designed assignments, and graded 2/3's of these. Guided 1 part-time research assistant in the preparation of their seminar teaching and grading. Assignments included a research proposal, research essay, 1 presentation based on an assigned secondary reading and running discussion based on that reading, 1

essay on that same secondary readings, and 1 presentation on their final research project. All written assignments submitted via the course website.

HIST316: New Zealand Social History, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington, July to October 2015

An examination of various aspects of New Zealand Social History from c.1800 to 2000. 38 students. I wrote and presented weekly lectures, assigned weekly readings, taught 2x2-hour weekly seminars, consulted with students on their research essays, designed assignments, and graded these. Assignments included a research proposal, research essay, 2 presentations based on an assigned secondary readings and running discussion based on that reading, 2 short papers on those same secondary readings, and 1 presentation on their final research project. All written assignments submitted via the course website.

Sessional Instructor (Course Co-ordinator)

HIST3140DE: Witch-Hunts and Popular Culture, History Programme, University of Guelph, Distance Education, May – August 2013. Redevelopment: October 2012 – March 2013

A study of the witch-hunts in Scotland, 1560-1707. Capped at 160 students. Between October 2012 and March 2013 I co-redeveloped the course with a PhD student in the history department, updating the course reader, manual and textbook, and developing new assignments, web-based exercises and activities. From May – August 2013 I facilitated this online course, co-ordinated 3 full-time Teaching Assistants, moderated online discussion boards, graded 1/10 of all assignments (all submitted via the course website) and moderated grades across the Teaching Assistants.

HIST4050DE: Topics in Scottish History, History Programme, University of Guelph, Distance Education, January – April 2013

Scottish migration to Canada. Capped at 25 students.

I reviewed the previous incarnation of this online course, updated the required reader, facilitated the course, moderated online discussion boards, consulted with students to develop their final research assignment, and graded all assignments (all submitted via the course website).

HIST3140DE: Witch-Hunts and Popular Culture, History Programme, University of Guelph, Distance Education, May – August 2012

A study of the witch-hunts in Scotland, 1560-1707. Capped at 160 students.

I facilitated the course, co-ordinated 5 part-time Teaching Assistants, moderated

discussion boards, graded 1/6 of all assignments (all submitted via the course website) and moderated grades across the Teaching Assistants.

HIST2000: British Isles 1066 to 1603, History Programme, University of Guelph, January – April 2012

An overview examination of the social, political and religious history of the British Isles between 1066 and 1603. Capped at 100 students

I wrote and presented twice weekly lectures, assigned primary and secondary weekly readings, consulted with students on their research essays, designed in-class quizzes (run with i-clicker technology), two written assignments, the mid-term and the final exam, and graded these in conjunction with one full-time Teaching Assistant.

Guest Lecturer

HIST489: History Honours Research Project, Victoria University of Wellington, 1 April 2016

Presented an interactive/hands-on session on 'Digital tools (and some other tips and tricks) to make your honours year easier (and that will change your life)', introducing students to cloud storage (specifically Dropbox), citation management software (specifically Zotero), digital note-taking software (specifically Evernote), project management applications (specifically Trello), digital time-management tools (specifically Klok), digital time-management and productivity tools (specifically Pomodoro), and some tips and tricks in Microsoft Word including how to use the style tool bar effectively, section and page breaks, creating a contents page, adding hyperlinks, and creating an accessible PDF.

HIST316: New Zealand Social History, Victoria University of Wellington, 27 May 2014

Presented a lecture on migration to New Zealand from 1840 to 1940. Taught three 2-hour seminars pertaining to holidays and travel in New Zealand. Graded 50% of the final essays for the course. Created and maintained an external website for the course (content provided by the core lecturer).

TXTT301: Entangled Print Cultures: Canada in the British World, Text Technologies, Victoria University of Wellington, 13 December 2013

Presented a lecture on Scottish migration to Canada, the sources used to study these migration flows, and how databases and digitised sources are aiding to trace these flows better than ever before.

HIST4170: Exploring Digital Humanities, History Programme, University of Guelph, 29 January 2013

Presented a lecture on 'Big Data', outlining my research utilising census data, discussing fundamental database creation and data normalisation processes, and incorporating two hands-on database construction/data normalisation exercises.

Teaching Fellow

HIST317: Topics in New Zealand History, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington, February to June 2007

Settler and Migrant Peoples of New Zealand. Approximately 60 students. Co-developer and co-lecturer. Taught weekly two-hour seminars for 20 students, consulted with students on their research essay assignments, and graded 1/3 of the assignments.

Research Interests

New Zealand History
19th and 20th Century British Social History
Migration History
Quantitative History
Demographic trends in history

Other Professional Development, Contributions, and Affiliations

February – October 2016

Participated in 'Developing Scholarly Habits' programme for early career academics run by the Victoria University of Wellington Centre for Academic Development

October 2015

Peer-reviewed an article submission for the *Scottish Historical Review*

July 2013 to Present

Member of the Professional Historians' Association of New Zealand/Aotearoa (PHANZA)

Member of the New Zealand Historical Association (NZHA)

June 2013

Attended 'Geographical Information Systems in the Digital Humanities' at the Digital Humanities Summer Institute, Victoria, British Columbia

December 2012

Peer-reviewed an article submission for the *Australasian Journal of Victorian Studies*

June 2012

Attended 'Digital Humanities Databases' at the Digital Humanities Summer Institute, Victoria, British Columbia

September 2012 – August 2013

Member of the University of Guelph History Department Curriculum Committee

September 2012 – March 2013

Active participation in the University of Guelph College of Arts 'DigiDo' and 'DigiCafé' Digital Humanities series

September 2011 – March 2012, and September 2012 – March 2013

Active participation in the University of Guelph Scottish Studies Roundtable series.

October 2007 – January 2008

Visiting Researcher, AHRC Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, Aberdeen University.

Archival research at the National Archives of Scotland, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives, Aberdeen University Archives, and the Shetland Museum and Archives.

January 2006 – Present

Occasional genealogical and other historical research for members of the public upon request

January 2006 – December 2012

Member of research team funded by the Royal Society Marsden Fund of New Zealand, investigating New Zealand's Scots