

## Profile

Clair has taken a non-traditional route into academic research after graduating from Durham University in 1992 and flourishing in a professional career as a senior practitioner in the criminal justice sector. She has continued to further her education whilst working full time, attaining a Masters with the Open University in 2021, and is currently working towards a PhD in English Literature at the University of Sheffield.

Her focus for doctoral research is on liminal personae as intercessory agents in four novels by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman.

## Publications

Currently undergoing peer review: ‘Gatekeeping feminine access to the Divine in “The Problem of Susan” and *A Game of You* for the edited volume *Theology and Neil Gaiman*, part of the *Theology and Pop Culture* series published by Rowman and Littlefield.

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## Papers

‘Human Incarnate: Identity and environment in the characterisation of Adam Young in Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman’s *Good Omens*.’ Presented at *Identity 22*, a postgraduate colloquium hosted by the University of Sheffield, 27th May 2022.

## Education

Current- PhD researcher at the University of Sheffield. Thesis title: ‘Liminal Personae as Intercessory Agents in four novels by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman’. Supervisor: Dr Meredith Warren ([meredithwarren.hcommons.org](https://meredithwarren.hcommons.org) ; <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/english/people/academic-staff/meredith-warren> )

2021- The Open University – MA English with Distinction

2006- The Open University- BA (Honours) English First Class

1992- Durham University, England- BA (Honours) Sociology and Social Policy Upper Second Class

## Professional Experience

### **Associate, Adaptus Consulting Services 2021- present**

Providing consultancy expertise and bid writing services in the criminal justice, health and welfare sectors.

### **Assistant Director, Sodexo Justice Services- 2012- 2021**

Bid writing for government contracts in the Justice sector. Mobilisation specialist

### **Prison Governor, HM Prison Service – 1992-2012**

After graduation recruited into the accelerated promotion scheme, designed to identify and nurture the future leaders of the service. Held a number of senior management

positions in prisons and headquarters including a Parliamentary position as Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for Prisons in 2001.

Skills

Operational leadership. mobilisation and strategic planning. Drafting and working to a demanding brief, including meeting quality outcomes and submission deadlines.

References

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