

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://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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