

Stephanie Droop

Versatile professional turns to cognitive research

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EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh

MSc Human Cognitive
Neuropsychology

Sept 2018 – Aug 2021

- Dissertation “The structure of context” with supervisor Neil Bramley, whose lab I’ve joined and with whom I start a PhD in September 2021
- Course highlights: Causal Cognition (80%), Language Behaviours, Brains and Cognition (78%), Specialist Techniques in Psychological Research (75%)
- Research assistant collecting and analysing EEG/ERP data on attention
- Coding skills: R (especially mixed effect modelling), Python

University of Glasgow

MSc Psychological Studies

Sept 2017 – Aug 2018

With merit

- Dissertation “The lateralised readiness potential as a biomarker for Alzheimer’s disease” (A4), supervisor Kerry Kilborn
- Course highlights: Perception and Visual Cognition (A4), Developmental Psychology (A5), Research Methods (B1), Individual Differences (B1), Cognitive Psychology (B1)
- Research assistant collecting and analysing EEG/ERP data on attention

ACCA

Accounting Chartership

Jan 2011 – Dec 2015

- 14 courses, 2 every 6 months, all aspects of accounting, tax and finance
- Funded by KPMG LLP on the job

University of Edinburgh

MA HONS Russian Studies and
History of Art

Sept 2003 – Jun 2007

1st with distinction

- Dissertation “Themes of good and evil in Bulgakov’s Master and Margarita” (A3)
- Third year placements in Perm and Moscow
- Year medal for Russian 1st year
- Geology in 1st and 2nd year as extra

George Heriot’s School

Fully funded bursary

Aug 1996 – Jun 2002

- Highers: Maths, English, Biology, History, Geography, Classics (All A)
- A-levels: Art (A)
- Year prize S1, S2. Subject prizes S3-S5 English, Art, History
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award: Bronze (1999), Silver (2000), Gold (2001)

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EMPLOYMENT

Dhamma Dipa

Oct 2019 – Jul 2020

Voluntary

- One of six managers running 300-person residential meditation centre
- Year out of study to consolidate ideas and learn effective habits
- Trust meetings, investment + construction decisions
- Everyday maintenance and pastoral issues

Leuchie House

General Assistant

Sept 2018 – Oct 2019

- Respite care centre for neurodegenerative conditions
- Personal care of guests: toileting, mealtimes, activities
- Gained experience with patients for potential MSc dissertation

KPMG LLP, Aberdeen

Analyst, Deal Advisory

Nov 2013 – Aug 2017

- Project-based financial due diligence on mid-market companies
- Analysis of financial performance and position
- Presenting results at board meetings and to clients
- Financial modelling, cash flows and projections of profitability

KPMG LLP, Moscow

Translator, Editor

Jun 2011 – Nov 2013

- Editing technical reports for international clients
- Introduced own new “active editing” approach to work closer with project teams
- Convinced partners to fund my accounting qualification
- Joined professional staff

Sanoma Media

2009 – 2011

- Translation for Vedomosti (Russian version of FT)
- Sales and marketing translations

OU Business School

2008

- Consultant contract to improve communication with Russian institute

FREELANCE

Editing and translating

- **2020:** Sandermoen Publishing: translated *The Cult in My Grandmother's House*, 280pp. Published in English, Spring 2021.
- **2016-2019:** Sandermoen Publishing: edited books *My Russian Wife*, *Organisational Structures*, *Management Consulting*
- **2010-2013:** Many clients and projects, e.g. Eurasian Development Bank annual reports