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Education

PhD Celtic and Gaelic, English Language, Sociology; University of Glasgow

- Awarded 2013
- Thesis: *Phonetic variation, sound change, and identity in Scottish Gaelic*
- Funded by University of Glasgow Kelvin-Smith scholarship (£72,400)

BA Modern and Medieval Languages; University of Cambridge

- Awarded 2009
- Specialisms: Linguistics, French, Modern Greek

Teaching qualifications; Lancaster University

- CAP2 2015
- CAP1 2014

Employment

Senior Lecturer in Phonetics and Phonology **2020 until present**
Department of Linguistics and English Language
Lancaster University

Lecturer in Phonetics and Phonology **2013-2020**
Department of Linguistics and English Language
Lancaster University

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Nance, Claire & Sam Kirkham. Forthcoming 2022. Phonetic typology and articulatory constraints: The realisation of secondary articulations in Scottish Gaelic rhotics. *Language*.

Kirkham, Sam & **Claire Nance**. Forthcoming 2022. Evaluating the robustness of palatalisation contrasts in Scottish Gaelic via supervised learning. *Journal of Phonetics*.

Nance, Claire and Dom Moran. 2022. Place identity and authenticity in minority language revitalisation: Scottish Gaelic in Glasgow. *International Journal of Bilingualism*. Online first.

Nance, Claire. 2021. Sound change or community change? The speech community in sound change studies: A case study of Scottish Gaelic. *Linguistics Vanguard*. Online first.

Nance, Claire, Sam Kirkham, Kate Lightfoot & Luke Carroll. 2020. Intonational variation in the North-West of England: The origins of a rising contour in Liverpool. *Language and Speech*. Online first.

Nance, Claire & Sam Kirkham. 2020. The acoustics of three-way lateral and nasal palatalisation contrasts in Scottish Gaelic. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* 147(4), 2858–2872.

Nance, Claire. 2020. Bilingual language exposure and the peer group: Acquiring phonetics and phonology in Gaelic Medium Education. *International Journal of*

Bilingualism 24(2), 360–375.

Nance, Claire & Roibeard Ó Maolalaigh. 2019. Scottish Gaelic. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*.

Kirkham, Sam, **Claire Nance**, Beth Littlewood, Kate Lightfoot & Eve Groarke. 2019. Dialect variation in formant dynamics: The acoustics of lateral and vowel sequences in Manchester and Liverpool English. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* 145, 784–794.

Kirkham, Sam & **Claire Nance**. 2017. An acoustic-articulatory study of bilingual vowel production: Advanced tongue root vowels in Twi and tense/lax vowels in Ghanaian English. *Journal of Phonetics* 62, 65–81.

Nance, Claire, Wilson McLeod, Bernadette O’ Rourke & Stuart Dunmore. 2016. Identity, accent aim, and motivation in second language users: New Scottish Gaelic speakers’ use of phonetic variation. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 20(2), 164–191.

Nance, Claire. 2015. ‘New’ Scottish Gaelic speakers in Glasgow: A phonetic study of language revitalisation. *Language in Society* 44(4), 553–579.

Nance, Claire. 2015. Intonational variation and change in Scottish Gaelic. *Lingua* 160, 1–19.

Nance, Claire. 2014. Phonetic variation in Scottish Gaelic laterals. *Journal of Phonetics* 47, 1–17.

Nance, Claire and Jane Stuart-Smith. 2013. Pre-aspiration and post-aspiration in Scottish Gaelic. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* 43(2), 129–152.

**Peer-reviewed
conference
proceedings**

Nance, Claire, Sam Kirkham and Eve Groarke. 2015. Intonational variation in Liverpool English. *Proceedings of the XVIII International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. Glasgow.

Nance, Claire. 2011. High back vowels in Scottish Gaelic. *Proceedings of the XVII International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. Hong Kong. 1446–1449.

**Commissioned
review essays**

Nance, Claire. 2021. Scottish Gaelic revitalisation: Progress and aspiration. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 25(4). 617–627.

Book chapters

Nance, Claire. In preparation. Acquisition of Scottish Gaelic Phonology. In Chondrogianni, Vicky, Ciara O’Toole and Enlli Thomas (eds) *The acquisition of the Celtic languages*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Nance, Claire. Forthcoming. Five chapters in Culpeper, Jonathan, Dima Atanasova, Aina Casaponsa, Sam Kirkham, Claire Nance and Daniel Van Olmen (ads) *Introducing Linguistics*. London: Routledge.

Nance, Claire. Under review. Emerging Gaelic varieties. In Eska, Joe, Paul Russell, Silva Nurmio, and Peadar Ó Muircheataigh (eds) *Handbook of Celtic languages and linguistics* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Nance, Claire. Under review. Scottish Gaelic. In Fox, Sue (ed) *Language in the British Isles*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Third edition.

Nance, Claire and Sam Kirkham. 2018. Phonology. In *English Language*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 29–41.

Nance, Claire. 2018. Linguistic innovation among Glasgow Gaelic new speakers. In Cassandra Smith-Christmas, Máiraid Moriarty, Michael Hornsby, and Noel Ó Murchadha (eds) *New speakers of minority languages: Linguistic ideologies and practices*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Nance, Claire, Sam Kirkham and Eve Groarke. 2018. Studying intonation in varieties of English: Gender and individual variation in Liverpool. In Natalie Braber and Sandra Jansen (eds) *Sociolinguistics in England*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 275–296.

Nance, Claire and Jane Stuart-Smith. 2013. Pre-aspiration in Lewis Gaelic stop consonants. In *Proceedings of Rannsachadh na Gàidhlig VI*. Aberdeen: Aberdeen University Press. 275–289.

Journal book reviews

Nance, Claire. 2021. Review of Ó Giollagáin, Conchúr, Gòrdan Camshron, Pàdruig Moireach, Brian Ó Curnáin, Iain Caimbeul, Brian MacDonald and Tamás Péterváry. 2020. *The Gaelic Crisis in the Vernacular Community: A Comprehensive Sociolinguistic Survey of Scottish Gaelic*. Aberdeen: Aberdeen University Press. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*. Online first.

Nance, Claire. 2014. Review of Beal, Joan, Lourdes Burbano-Elizondo, and Carmen Llamas. 2012. *Urban North-Eastern English: Tyneside to Teesside*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. *English World-Wide* 35(2), 230–233.

Successful external funding

Lead supervisor AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Award **2021**

- £45,000
- Partner organisation: Lancashire Archives

CI ESRC Methods North-West Collaborative Innovation Grant **2021**

- £1327
- Grant to launch journal special issue for postgraduate students
- Partner: Liverpool University

PI ESRC Impact Acceleration grant **2019**

- £1000
- Grant to increase impact of Gaelic ultrasound research
- Partner organisation: Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, University of Highlands and Islands

Successful internal funding

PI SPRINT grant, Lancaster University **2022**

- £1800
- Grant for an undergraduate research internship

PI SPRINT grant, Lancaster University **2021**

- £1800
- Grant for an undergraduate research internship

PI SPRINT grant, Lancaster University **2020**

- £3600
- Grant for two undergraduate research internships

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| | PI SPRINT grant, Lancaster University | 2019 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1800 • Grant for an undergraduate research internship | |
| | Joint PI FASS research grant | 2018-2019 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1710.82 • Research grant for a project on palatalisation in Gaelic | |
| | PI Early Career Small Grant, Lancaster University | 2015-2016 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £4983 • Acquisition of phonetic variation in Gaelic primary schools | |
| | Joint PI FASS research grant | 2016-2017 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1000 • Research grant for a project on varieties of English | |
| | Joint PI SPRINT grant, Lancaster University | 2016 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1700 • Grant for an undergraduate research internships | |
| | Joint PI FASS research grant | 2014-2015 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2347.20 • Research grant for a project on intonation in Liverpool | |
| | Joint PI SPRINT grant, Lancaster University | 2014 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1500 • Grant for an undergraduate research internship | |
| Department service | <i>Department Chair of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</i> | 2019 onwards |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful lead of Bronze Athena Swan award in 2020-2021 • Awarded FASS Dean's award for Outstanding contribution to EDI • Led revision of department gender inclusive language guidelines, now adopted as Faculty policy • Launched department annual celebrations of national and religious festivals • Launched department seminar series linked to EDI priorities • Led department LGBTQIA+ Allies representation • Shared practice at Faculty and University Athena Swan network events | |
| | <i>Co-director, Lancaster University Phonetics Lab</i> | 2014 onwards |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-led growth of phonetics research group at Lancaster • Regular research group meetings and vibrant community • Establishment of lab space and fieldwork equipment • 3 PhD and 1 MPhil student have now completed • 8 PhD students currently completing their studies • All students have received funding from ESRC, FASS or national research foundations | |
| | <i>Postgraduate Scholarships Coordinator</i> | 2018-2020 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating award of all PG funding | |
| | <i>Academic Employability Champion</i> | 2017-2019 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers convenor, Lancaster University | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded £18,000 to fund internships for disadvantaged students | |
| | <i>Media Assistant Supervisor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervising Media Assistant and Department Media Library | 2015 onwards |
| | <i>Admissions tutor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate admissions tutor, Lancaster University | 2014-2017 |
| | <i>Ghana campus visit lead</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led 18 students and 3 staff members on a visit to Lancaster University Ghana campus • Visits in March 2014 and March 2015 • Budget £35,000 for each trip | 2014-2015 |
| | <i>Course convenor</i> Undergraduate modules, Lancaster University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sounds of the world's languages, Placement module, Topics in phonetic and phonological theory Postgraduate modules, Lancaster University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experimental phonetics | 2013 onwards |
| Teaching | <i>LING235 Placement Module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed and designed a new work placement module • Second year undergraduate module • Run in collaboration with FASS Placements Team • Sources external work placements for undergraduates • I organise placements with local schools and charities | 2019 onwards |
| | <i>LING103 Introduction to Linguistics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First year undergraduate module • Eight lectures on phonetics | 2013 onwards |
| | <i>LING221 Sounds of the world's languages</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second year undergraduate module • Large core module on phonetics | 2013 onwards |
| | <i>LING325 Topics in phonetic and phonological theory</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third year undergraduate module • Large core module on phonology | 2013-2020 |
| | <i>LING416 Experimental phonetics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed and designed a new phonetics module for MA students • Teaches students phonetic analysis skills and programming | 2014 onwards |
| | <i>LING200 Researching language</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second-year undergraduate module • Workshop on recording and analysing speech data | 2014-2016 |

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| Supervision | <i>BA dissertations</i> | |
| | • 31 BA dissertations in sociophonetics | 2014-2022 |
| | <i>MA dissertations</i> | |
| | • 13 MA dissertations in phonetics and applied linguistics | 2014-2022 |
| | <i>PhD dissertations</i> | |
| | • Pamela Forster PhD in sociolinguistics | 2022-2028 |
| | • Seren Parkman PhD in phonetics | 2021-2025 |
| | • Maya Dewhurst PhD in sociophonetics | 2021-2024 |
| | • Takayuki Nagamine PhD in articulatory phonetics | 2020-2023 |
| | • Max Topps MPhil in sociophonetics and bilingualism | 2016-2021 |
| Examining | • Donald Morrison: <i>Modularity and stratification in phonology: Evidence from Scottish Gaelic</i> | 2016-2020 |
| | • Roy Alderton: <i>Salience and social meaning in speech production and perception</i> | 2015-2019 |
| | <i>External Examiner</i> | 2021 onwards |
| | Newcastle University | |
| | External examiner of undergraduate programmes | |
| | School of English | |
| | <i>PhD External Examiner</i> | 2022 |
| | University of Tartu, Estonia | |
| | Anton Malmi | |
| | <i>PhD Internal Examiner</i> | 2022 |
| Plenary conference talks | Lancaster University | |
| | Bahar Aksu | |
| | <i>PhD External Examiner</i> | 2022 |
| | University of Manchester | |
| | Dr Kaiyue Xing | |
| | <i>PhD External Examiner</i> | 2021 |
| | Queen Margaret University London | |
| | Dr Elisa Passoni | |
| | Nance, Claire. 2019. The next generation of minority language bilinguals. Plenary invited talk at International Symposium on Bilingualism, University of Alberta, July 2019. | |
| | Nance, Claire. 2017. The phonetic outcome of minority language revitalisation. Plenary invited talk at UK Language Variation and Change, Cardiff University, September 2017. | |
| | Nance, Claire. 2013. Social change and sound change in Scottish Gaelic. Plenary invited talk at Manchester and Salford Forum in Linguistics, University of Manchester, November 2013. | |
| | Nance, Claire. 2013. The linguistic outcome of Scottish Gaelic language revitalisation in Glasgow. Plenary invited talk at The Linguistics of the Gaelic Languages XV, University College Dublin, Ireland, April 2013. | |

**Invited
talks**

Nance, Claire. 2022. Phonetic variation in Scottish Gaelic sonorants: Articulatory and acoustic insights. Institute for Phonetics and Speech Processing, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München, June 2022.

Nance, Claire. 2022. Speaking Citizens Conference: Round table discussion on ‘The uses of Oracy’. University of Sussex, January 2022.

Nance, Claire. 2021. The role of language professionals in minority language revitalisation: Users and shapers of Gaelic. Centre for Modern Language Research, University of Aberdeen, November 2021.

Nance, Claire. 2021. The role of language professionals in minority language revitalisation: Variation in rhotic production. Formal approaches to Celtic Linguistics international seminar series, University of Arizona, March 2021.

Nance, Claire. 2021. The role of language professionals in minority language revitalisation: Variation in rhotic production. University of Cambridge departmental seminar, February 2021.

Nance, Claire. 2019. Acquisition of phonology in immersion education: Stops and laterals in Scottish Gaelic. Research seminar, New Zealand Institute of Language, Brain and Behaviour, University of Canterbury, October 2019.

Nance, Claire. 2017. Language revitalisation: Linguistic creativity and innovation in Scottish Gaelic. Research seminar, University of Huddersfield, September 2017.

Nance, Claire. 2015. Phonetic variation in second language users: Aims, targets, and identity construction in language revitalisation contexts. Research seminar, University of York, November 2015.

Nance, Claire. 2014. New speakers of Scottish Gaelic: A sociophonetic study of language revitalisation. Research seminar, University of Brighton, December 2014.

Nance, Claire, Sam Kirkham & Eve Groarke. 2014. Intonational variation in Liverpool English. Language Variation and Change Research Group seminar, Lancaster University, October 2014.

Nance, Claire. 2014. The phonetics of language obsolescence and revitalisation: A case study of Scottish Gaelic. Research seminar, Georgetown University, September 2014.

Nance, Claire. 2014. The phonetics of language obsolescence and revitalisation: A case study of Scottish Gaelic. Research seminar, Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana, March 2014.

Nance, Claire. 2013. The changing sound of Gaelic in Scotland. Research seminar, Lews Castle College, University of Highlands and Islands, November 2013.

Nance, Claire. 2013. Social change and sound change in Scottish Gaelic. Linguistics Circle seminar, Lancaster University, November 2013.

Nance, Claire. 2012. Variation in Scottish Gaelic tone and intonation. Phonetics laboratory lunch, University of Glasgow, October 2012.

Nance, Claire. 2012. Phonetic variation and identity in Scottish Gaelic. University of Sheffield, March 2012.

Nance, Claire. 2012. Phonetic variation in Glaswegian Gaelic. Language in Context Research Group, University of Edinburgh, February 2012.

Nance, Claire 2011. A tale of two communities: Gaelic in Glasgow and Gaelic on the Isle of Lewis. Making an impact with your PhD seminar series, University of Glasgow, March 2011.

Nance, Claire. 2010. The acoustics of aspiration: a study of Scottish Gaelic stop consonants. Departmental seminar, English Language, University of Glasgow, December 2010.

Nance, Claire. 2010. Scottish Gaelic stop consonants: an acoustic study. Centre for Scottish and Celtic Studies research seminar, University of Glasgow, October 2010.

Nance, Claire. 2009. Language and identity in the Celtic languages: the case of Scottish Gaelic and Breton. University of Cambridge, November 2009.

Media and engagement activities

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| BBC Alba, Radio nan Gàidheal, BBC website | 2020 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the nature of Gaelic communities, and research results • National TV, radio and website • Interview and coverage in Gaelic | |
| The Conversation | 2020 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article on Gaelic Medium Education | |
| BBC Alba, Radio nan Gàidheal, BBC website | 2018 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage of data collection for Gaelic ultrasound • National TV, radio and website • Interview and coverage in Gaelic | |
| The Times | 2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert consultant on Scottish Gaelic • National newspaper | |
| The Herald | 2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article about my research into 'Glasgow Gaelic' • National Scottish newspaper | |
| Community Activities Day, Lancaster University | 2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran an ultrasound phonetics stand • Attended by around 300 participants over 5 hours | |
| Le Stylist (French edition of The Stylist) | 2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert consultant on Valley Girl speech • Magazine distributed in all major French cities | |
| BBC news website | 2013 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert consultant on High Rising Terminal/Uptalk • Article received over one million views | |

Reviewing

Grant reviewer

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Reviewer

Journal of Phonetics

Journal of Laboratory Phonology

Language and Speech

Asia Pacific Language Variation

Journal of Celtic Linguistics

Journal of Sociolinguistics

International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism

Journal of the Acoustical Society of America

Language in Society

Language and Linguistics Compass

Language, Culture and Curriculum

Journal of the International Phonetic Association

International Journal of Bilingualism

English Language and Linguistics

Journal of Linguistics

Cambridge University Press

Palgrave

Routledge

Abstract reviewer

Laboratory Phonology (University of Seoul) **2022**

British Association of Academic Phoneticians (University of York) **2022**

International Conference on Tone and Intonation (Sonderborg University) **2021**

UK Language Variation and Change 13 (University of Glasgow) **2021**

British Association of Academic Phoneticians (University of York) **2020**

International Congress of the Phonetic Sciences (University of Melbourne) **2019**

International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (Fryske Akademy) **2019**

UK Language Variation and Change 12 (Queen Mary University, London) **2019**

Tone and Intonation in Europe (University of Gothenburg) **2018**

British Association of Academic Phoneticians (University of Kent) **2018**

UK Language Variation and Change 11 (Cardiff University) **2017**

British Association of Academic Phoneticians (Lancaster University) **2016**

Phonetics and Phonology in Europe (University of Cambridge) **2015**

International Congress of the Phonetic Sciences (University of Glasgow) **2015**

UK Language Variation and Change 9 (University of Sheffield) **2013**

Conference and workshop organisation

Organiser **2017**

Minority language phonetics panel

- Panel of eight papers at the International Symposium on Bilingualism, University of Limerick, Ireland, June 2017.

Co-organiser **2016**

British Association of Academic Phoneticians (Lancaster University)

Co-organiser **2015**

South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable (Lancaster University)

Co-organiser **2014**

6th Northern Englishes Workshop (Lancaster University)

- Organiser* **2011**
 Celtic phonetics workshop
- Workshop of nine papers at the International Congress of Celtic Studies, National University of Ireland Maynooth, Ireland, August 2011.
- Organiser* **2011**
 ELAN (transcription software) workshop, University of Glasgow, June 2011.
- Funded by Kelvin-Smith research fund, University of Glasgow (£200).
- Co-organiser* **2011**
 Problems and Possibilities in Sociophonetics, University of Sheffield, March 2011.
- Workshop for post-graduate students and early career researchers.
 - Funded by University of Sheffield Rapid Response Fund/Research Strategy Committee (£500).
- Organiser* **2011**
 Language in Glasgow workshop.
- Day workshop celebrating language and linguistic research, University of Glasgow, January 2011.
- Founder and convener* **2010 - 2011**
 Language in Glasgow research network.
- Funded by University of Glasgow New Initiatives Fund/College of Arts/Arts Lab (£1500).