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| Education | | |
| 2007-2012, PhD in Sociology and Social Policy, University of Stirling (ESRC quota award)  2006-2007, MSc Applied Social Research, University of Stirling  2001-2005, BA (hons) History and Sociology (first class), University of Stirling | | |
| Current Position 2015-today, Research Fellow, National Centre for Research Methods, University of Edinburgh, UK  “Quantitative Methods Pedagogy in Social Science” | | |
| * **Previous Positions**   2013-15 Research Fellow, School of Geosciences, University of Edinburgh, UK  Scottish Longitudinal Study Project (SLS), “Consequences, risk factors and geography of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET)”  2011 – 2013 Investigator Scientist, Medical Research Council (MRC), Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow, UK  2010 Assistant Statistician, Scottish Government, Office of the Chief Statistician, project:  “ Response Rates to Scottish Government Population Surveys”  2007 – 2011 Recognised Teacher, University of Stirling, School of Applied Social Science, Stirling, UK | | |
| **Potential REF 2021 Publications**   1. **Ralston, K.**, Walsh, D., Feng, Z., Dibben, C., McCartney, G., O’Reilly, D., (2017). Do differences in religious affiliation explain high levels of excess mortality in the UK*? Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*. doi:10.1136/jech-2016-208176 2. **Ralston, K.,** Everington, D., Feng, Z., Dibben, C. (2016) ‘Do young people not in education employment or training (NEET) experience long term occupational scarring? A longitudinal analysis over 20 years of follow up’*Contemporary Social Research,* **<**http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/21582041.2016.1194452> 3. **Ralston, K**., Gayle, V., Lambert, P., (2016). Gender, Occupation and First Birth: Do “Career Men” Delay First Birth Too? *Sociological Research Online* 21, 3. <http://www.socresonline.org.uk/21/1/3.html> DOI: 10.5153/sro.3862 4. Millard, A. D., Raab, G. M., James Lewsey, Eaglesham, P., Craig, P., **Ralston,** **K.**, and McCartney, G., (2015) "Mortality differences between equality groups, and inequalities in mortality within equality groups, in Scotland 1991-2009" *International Journal for Equity in Health***,** doi:10.1186/s12939-015-0274-8 5. **Ralston, K.**, Dundas, R. & Leyland, A. (2014). A comparison of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2004 with the 2009+1 SIMD: does choice of measure affect the interpretation of inequality in mortality? *International Journal of Health Geographics,* 13**,** 27.   **Additional publications**  Under review  **Ralston, K**., Gayle, V., Exploring ‘generations’ and ‘cultures’ of worklessness in contemporary Britain, in *Sociology*  **Ralston, K**., MacInnes, J., Gayle, V., Crow, G., Is statistical anxiety negatively associated with course performance? in *Journal of Statistics Education*  2017  Feng, Z., **Ralston, K.,** Everington, D., Dibben, C., (2017) Long term health effects of NEET experiences: evidence from a longitudinal analysis of young people in Scotland. *International Journal for Population Data Science 1*. ISSN 2399-4908. Available at: <https://ijpds.org/article/view/327>. doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.23889/ijpds.v1i1.327.  2016  **Ralston, K.,** MacInnes, J., Crow, G., and Gayle, V. (2016) We need to talk about statistical anxiety. A review of the evidence around statistical anxiety in the context of quantitative methods pedagogy. *NCRM Working Paper*, NCRM , <http://eprints.ncrm.ac.uk/3987/>  Katikireddi, S. Leyland, A.H. McKee, M. **Ralston, K.** Stuckler, D. 2016. Occupational mortality rates in the UK: Geographical comparisons using linked administrative data. *European Journal of Public Health* 26(suppl\_1), ckw166.083  2015  Feng, Z., Everington, D., **Ralston, K.**, Dibben, C., Raab, G., Graham, E., (2015) Consequences, risk factors and geography of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), *Government Social Research Report*. Scottish Government, Children, Education and Skills. http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00487854.pdf  **Ralston, K.**, and MacInnes, J. Crow, G. Gayle, V. (2015),Quantitative Methods Pedagogy in Social Science,*Methods News*, ESRC National Centre for Research Methods Newsletter, Summer 2015  **Ralston, K.**, (2015), A practical guide to Using Panel Data, International Journal of Social Research Methodology, 015, http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13645579.2015.1062630 (book review)  Raab, G. **Ralston, K.**, (2015), E-DataSHIELD: E-mail Data Aggregation Through Anonymous Summary-statistics from Harmonized Individual levEL Databases, *Scottish Longitudinal Survey Working Paper.*  2014  Dundas, R. Walsh, D. Brown, D. Allik, M. **Ralston, K**. Davies, C.A. Leyland, A.H. 2014. The influence of individual socioeconomic status and area deprivation on cause-specific mortality in England. *European Journal of Public Health* 24(suppl\_2), cku:164–016.  Millard, A. D., Raab, G., Lewsey, J., Eaglesham, P. C. P., **Ralston, K.**, and McCartney, G. (2014). *Equality, inequality and mortality in Scotland.* NHS Health Scotland.  **Ralston, K.**, Everington, D., Dibben, C. & Feng, Z. (2014). Risk factors and consequences of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET): Phase two interim report, *Report Scottish Government, employability, skills and lifelong learning directorate*.  **Ralston, K.**, Dibben, C. Feng, Z. (2014). Risk factors and consequences of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), report on preliminary results, *Report Scottish Government, employability, skills and lifelong learning directorate*.  <2013  [Dundas, R.](http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/view/author/12309.html), **Ralston, K.**, [Walsh, D.](http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/view/author/14975.html), and [Leyland, A.](http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/view/author/2063.html) (2013) [OP31 is excess mortality in Glasgow an artefact of inadequate control for deprivation: a case-control study.](http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/89687/) [Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health](http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/view/journal_volume/Journal_of_Epidemiology_and_Community_Health.html), 67 (Sup 1). A16-A17. ISSN 0143-005X (doi:[10.1136/jech-2013-203126.31](http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/jech-2013-203126.31))  **Ralston, K.** (2012). The Relationship between Social Stratification and First Birth in Scotland. *In:* Lambert, P., Connelly, R., Blackburn, R. M. & Gayle, V. (eds.) *Social Stratification: Trends and Processes.* Farnham: Ashgate Publishing Limited.  **Ralston, K.**, Connelly, R. Murray, S. Playford, C. (2010) ‘Methods in Survey Design to Improve Response Rates: A Review of the Empirical Evidence’**,** School of Applied Social Science Working Paper.  **Ralston, K.** and Stannard, A. (2010). Report on Response to Scottish Government Population Surveys. Office of the Chief Statistician, Edinburgh: Scottish Government. (www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/933/0098778.doc)  PhD thesis: **Ralston, K.** (2012) Childbearing and First Birth in Scotland, University of Stirling | | |
| Selected Teaching Experience | | |
| 2017 Course coordinator, Introduction to Data Analysis, LEAPS Summer School  2017 Completed: Introduction to Student Feedback and Assessment, 6 week course by Commonwealth Education Trust  2016 Undertaking - Edinburgh University Teaching Award, Fellowship awarded by the Higher Education Academy  **2015-ongoing PhD Supervisor: Vettini, A.** Attitudes to breadth versus depth in postgraduate social science research methods training  **2011-ongoing Guest lecturer: Social Research Methods – University of Stirling**  2015 Stata Programming for Social Surveys and Administrative Data Analysis  2014/15 Graphing data using Stata, invited course - Scottish Economics Society Annual Conference  2013 An Introduction to Multi Level Modelling in SPSS, invited course at SPSS User group annual meeting  **2007-2011 Undergraduate and postgraduate courses taught:**  **‘Social Differentiation’ -** Tutorials, exam marking and essay marking;  ‘**Understanding Social Policy’** - Tutorials, exam marking and essay marking;  ‘Research Process II’ SPSS computer lab, seminars and lecturing;  ‘The development of Social Theory’ - Tutorials, exam marking and essay marking  MSc ‘Quantitative Data Analysis’-SPSS computer lab | | |
| * **Recent conferences and invited papers** | | |
| Ralston, K., & Gayle, V. (2016). *Exploring ‘generations’ and ‘cultures’ of worklessness using the British Household Panel Survey*. Paper presented at the Social Surveys and Social Statistics research group Seminar, Stirling. | | |
| Ralston, K., Zhigiang, F., Everington, D., & Dibben, C. (2016). *Do young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) experience long term occupational scarring? A longitudinal analysis over 20 years of follow up.* Paper presented at the British Society of Population Studies, Winchester. | | |
| Feng, Z., Ralston, K., Everington, D., Dibben, C., & Graham, E. (2016). *Health Consequences of Young People not in Employment, Education or Training: A 20 Year Longitudinal Analysis*. Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Mainz, Germany. | | |
| Ralston, K., MacInnes, J., Crow, G., & Gayle, V. (2016). *Students’ Perspectives on the Value of Quantitative Methods* InvitedPaper presented at the BSA Annual Conference 2016, Aston University, Birmingham. | | |
| Ralston, K., MacInnes, J., Gayle, V., & Crow, G. (2016). *We need to talk about statistical anxiety*. Paper presented at the Stirling Social Survey Group - all hands seminar, Stirling University. | | |
| Ralston, K., Feng, Z., Everington, D. and Dibben, C. (2015). Do young people not in education employment or training (NEET) experience long term occupational scarring? A longitudinal analysis over 20 years of follow up. *Cambridge Social Stratification Seminar.* Milan; Italy. | | |
| Ralston, K. ‘An easy life on benefits’ (2015). - Do young people have children to get council houses? Modelling moves from the parental home with the BHPS, *Social Surveys and Social Statistics research group Seminar*, Stirling | | |
| Ralston, K., Feng, Z., Everington, D. and Dibben, C. (2015). Outcomes of NEET, what happens to young people in Scotland who are not in education, employment and training? Longitudinal analyses over a 20 year follow up period. *Journal of Youth Studies Conference.* Copenhagen. | | |
| Ralston, K. Feng, Z. Walsh, D. Dibben, C. (2014). Assessing the potential impact of markers of social support on levels of ‘excess’ mortality in Scotland and Glasgow compared to elsewhere in the UK, British Society of Population Studies, University of Winchester, Winchester | | |
| Ralston, K. Feng, Z. Walsh, D. Dibben, C. (2014). The long term impacts of NEET experiences on health: Evidence from the Scottish Longitudinal Study, British Society of Population Studies, University of Winchester, Winchester | | |
| Ralston, K., Feng, Z. & Dibben, C. (2014). Risk factors and consequences of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET): Objectives, methods of study and emerging findings. Workshop - Scottish Government Research Group, 2014 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow | | |
| * **Grants and awards**   2016-2017 Co-investigator, British Academy Special Research Project, Mathematics Anxiety, award: 150k  “Unsettling understandings of maths anxiety: A critical synthesis to inform policy and practice”  http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/specialprojects.cfm  2007-2012 Economic and Social Research Council 1+3 quota award studentship and incorporating an award of a 3-month extension internship with the Scottish Government (Autumn 2010), PTA-031-2006-00246 | | |
| * **Additional offices of trust**   Editor, NCRM Working paper series  Reviewer in various scientific journals: e.g. *International Journal of Health Geographics, Contemporary Social Science, Public Health, Contemporary Economic Policy*  Blog curator, <https://thedetectiveshandbook.wordpress.com/>  SLLS Conference organizer | | |
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