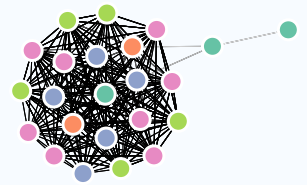


WILLIAM BALL

I am a PhD Researcher, nearing completion of my thesis and am now aiming to develop on the academic foundations I have built so far by securing a post-doctoral research position. This progression will allow me to achieve my wider career aims of producing internationally recognised research which can make an impact on policy related to population health.



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EDUCATION

- Current
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2015
- **PhD. Researcher, Population Health**
[Edinburgh Napier University](#) 📍 Edinburgh, Scotland
- Thesis: Health Inequalities in the British Nursing Workforce.
 - Supervisors: Iain Atherton, Richard Kyle, and Nadine Dougall.
- 2015
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2013
- **BSc. Adult Nursing (Years 2 & 3)**
University of Stirling 📍 Inverness, Scotland
- Awarded with Merit.
 - Transferred to University of Stirling due to relocation.
- 2013
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2011
- **BSc. (Hons) Adult Nursing (Years 1 & 2)**
London South Bank University 📍 London, England
- Commenced degree study in London, undertaking placements in University College London Hospital Trust.
- 2010
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2006
- **BA. Religion, Philosophy & Ethics**
King's College London 📍 London, England

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My main research interest is Health Inequality, with a particular focus on the contribution of Deprivation as a determinant of health. Understanding the mechanisms which underly unfair or unjust variation in health, to better inform effective policy to reduce inequalities is central to my research.

My work to date has been quantitative in nature and makes use of large-scale linked administrative and Census-derived longitudinal datasets. My PhD project includes a cross-national comparison of securely held individual-level data, I am interested in methods to facilitate this type of work which can further enhance our understanding of inequalities between countries.

I aim to build on these interests in my future research and I want to develop work using a longitudinal approach.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, POSTERS & TALKS

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The source code is available on
github.com/nickstrayer/cv.

Last updated on 2020-12-04.

I have recently started my own blog, discussing topics ranging from Health Inequalities, Open Science and issues around the Nursing workforce. In addition I

- 2020 ● **Methodological Problems and Solutions**
Edinburgh Napier University 📍 Online
 • Oral presentation to students of the 'Principles of Data Management & Analysis' MSc module
- 2020 ● **Open Data, Open Science and Transparency in the time of COVID 19**
Radical Statistics (Issue 127)
 • Journal article discussing the rapid adoption of open science approaches in the early stages of the COVID19 pandemic, and related implications to transparency.
- 2020 ● **Self-Rated Health Inequalities in British Nurses**
International Population Data Linkage Network Conference 2020
📍 Adelaide, Australia (Virtual)
 • Presented
- 2018 ● **Health Inequalities in the British Nursing Workforce**
[International Journal of Population Data Science](#) 📍 Banff, Canada
 • Accepted Conference Abstract (Did not attend)
 • Authored with: Kyle, R., Atherton, I. M., and Dougall, N.
- 2018 ● **British Sociology Association MedSoc Symposium** 📍 Edinburgh, Scotland
 • Attended
- 2018 ● **Administrative Data Research Network Conference** 📍 Belfast, Northern Ireland
 • Attended
- 2017 ● **Exploring the 'Scottish Excess' with eDatashield and linkage of an adjusted Index of Multiple Deprivation**
Administrative Data Research Network Conference 2017
 • Oral presentation
- 2016 ● **Self-Rated Health: Representing Health in a Population Study'**
Edinburgh Napier Postgraduate Research Conference 2016
 • Poster presentation



SKILLS & EXPERTISE

My research has required me to develop various skills, including the manipulation and analysis of large data sets, and record linkage with administrative data sources. To facilitate this, I have become proficient in using the R programming language for a number of applications.

I have taken an interest in data visualisation, exemplified by the creation of maps which visualise Deprivation². I have also created an interactive Shiny application which was shortlisted for an award at the 2020 NHS Visual Data Challenge.

Throughout my PhD studies I have combined clinical work with my research, showing good time and project management skills. Due to the sensitive nature of my datasets, I have developed an excellent working relationship with colleagues at the Office for National Statistics and the Scottish Longitudinal Studies.

I have enjoyed mentorship opportunities of undergraduate Nursing students undertaking written assessments, and have also been involved in marking responsibilities. I have sat on the School Research and Innovation Committee as a representative of the Postgraduate Research student body. I was part of the organising team for a Postgraduate Research Conference for students from accross the Edinburgh Universities in 2016 and am currently an Editor for the Society for Social Medicine & Population Health newsletter.

I have given oral and poster presentations of my work in a range of contexts. This includes at international conferences, for research staff within my institution, to research student peers and postgraduate health researchers. I highly value these experiences and have enjoyed tailoring my presentation content to a variety of people, including those with little overlapping subject or methodological knowledge.



TRAINING

- 2017
- **Advanced Analysis of Linked Health Data**
Swansea University
 - 5-day residential course developing on advanced principles of healthcare epidemiology, combined with practical data analysis.
- 2017
- **Safe Users of Research Data Environment (SURE) Accreditation**
Administrative Data Research Centre - Scotland
 - Accreditation training for safe use of datasets held securely within Safe Havens.
- 2017
- **PhD Writing Workshop**
Rose Barbour Workshops

📍 Edinburgh, Scotland

 - 2-Day Thesis writing workshop.
- 2016
- **Introductory Analysis of Linked Health Data**
Swansea University
 - 5-day residential course introducing the foundations of theory and skills required to analyse linked health data.
- 2016
- **Computational Science Using Big Data in R**
Cathie Marsh Institute
 - Training course to identify efficiently working with large amounts of data in R.



CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Current
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2019
- **Cardiac Nurse**
InHealth Group

📍 United Kingdom

 - Working as part of the Mobile Cardiac team providing interventional cardiology services around the United Kingdom.

2018
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2015

- **Cardiac Nurse**
NHS Grampian 📍 Aberdeen, Scotland
 - Working in Cardiac Catheterisation Labs. Working in a team to perform routine and emergency procedures including Coronary Angiograms, Percutaneous Coronary Intervention, Pacemaker Insertion and Electrophysiology studies (including ablations).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **Society for Social Medicine & Population Health (SSM)**
 - Member
- **SSM Newsletter**
 - Organising Committee
- **Radical Statistics**
 - Member
- **International Population Data Linkage Network**
 - Member
- **Royal College of Nurses**
 - Member

LINKS

- 1: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/307608983_Self-Rated_Health_Representing_health_in_a_population_study
- 2: <https://will-ball.github.io/Ireland-Deprivation-Mapping/>