



## PhD Horizons Programme & Speaker Biographies

THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH  
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**PHD HORIZONS: CAREERS WEBINAR SERIES FOR PHD STUDENTS**

15 - 26 June 2020

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## Session 1: Making the most of PhD Horizons

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 11:30 am

Join this short session with a careers consultant to find out what to expect at the PhD Horizons Virtual Careers Conference and how to make the most of the sessions running over the 2 weeks. There will be some top tips shared to help you prepare and you will have a chance to ask questions about the conference.

## Session 2: Lifesciences

Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3.10pm

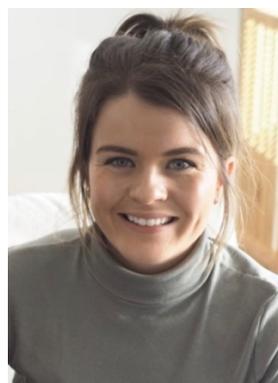
Dr Delyan Mutavchiev, Associate Consultant - Cambridge Healthcare

Delyan completed his undergrad in Biochemistry and Cell Biology in Jacobs University, Bremen, Germany. He then moved to Scotland where he obtained MSc and PhD degrees in Cell Biology from the University of Edinburgh, working on cell polarity signaling in fission yeast at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Bio in the lab of Ken Sawin. After his PhD, he was a Postdoc at the MRC Laboratory for Molecular and Cell Biology at UCL, where he worked for about 2.5 years focusing on cell cycle regulation and evolution in archaea. He made his first steps in consulting by joining Cambridge Healthcare Research in Sep 2019 where he has worked on multiple projects across Immunology, Ophthalmology and Supply Chain Management. Outside of work, he enjoys playing bass guitar and listening to music as well as going to concerts. He is also a big fan of the UFC which he follows closely.



Dr Lois Paton, Business Development Officer – Kyowa Kirin Intl

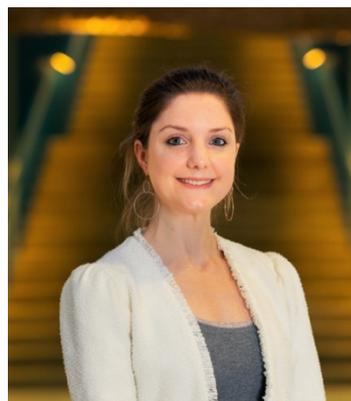
Lois has a BSc in Biochemistry from the University of St Andrews and received her PhD from the University of Dundee in 2016 where she researched novel antibody structures for the treatment of cancer. As part of this work she collaborated with international biotechnology company Genmab at their site in Utrecht, the Netherlands. On completion of her PhD, Lois joined Kyowa Kirin International in Galashiels as a Business Development Officer where she supports the search and evaluation of in-licensing opportunities in-line with the company's strategic objectives.





### Dr Elisabeth Buhl Thubron, Regulatory Affairs Professional – Novo Nordisk

Elisabeth graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2011 with a BSc Honours in Neuroscience. She furthered her education with a MSc Neuroscience degree at University College London (2011-2012), a MRes Biomedical & Translational Sciences degree (2012-2013) and a PhD degree in Diabetic Cognopathy and Alzheimer's Disease (2013-2017) at King's College London. Keen to be closer to the "bedside" end of the "bench-to-bedside" pathway, Elisabeth pursued an opportunity to join the Novo Nordisk graduate programme in Regulatory Affairs in Copenhagen, Denmark. Elisabeth spent two years in 3 different Regulatory Affairs departments in Headquarters (Denmark) and the regional office in Dubai (United Arab Emirates) which covers 110 countries across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Oceania. Since graduating from the programme in September 2019, she has been working as a Regulatory Affairs Professional to help move innovative anti-obesity compounds through pre-clinical and clinical development phases. To move even closer to the "bedside" end of the patient pathway, and to learn more about the diverse market needs, regulatory landscapes, and how these can be applied to the very early stages of drug development, Elisabeth will move to Istanbul to take up a position in Novo Nordisk's largest sub-region as the Regulatory Science and Strategy manager for 79 countries.



### Dr Rachel Slater, Technical Leader – Almac

Rachel received her MChem degree from Durham University before completing a PhD also at Durham under the supervision of Professor Graham Sandford entitled 'Polyfluoroaromatic Heterocyclic Ring Systems'. A CASE award made it possible for Rachel to spend a period of time at GSK in Harlow during her PhD studies. Rachel then went on to employment as a Development Chemist with a contract manufacturing organisation 'Sterling Pharma Solutions' based in the North East of England. After a year with Sterling, Rachel made the move to Edinburgh and took up employment with Almac as a Peptide Scientist. Over a period of 14 years with Almac Rachel gained promotion first to Senior Scientist and then to Technical Leader. In June 2020 Rachel will take up employment with Camor Risk and Security Solutions as a Project Manager.





### Session 3: Third Sector

Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3pm

Dr Stephanie Terreni Brown, Managing Director – Clean Water Wave

Stephanie is a co-founder and Director of Clean Water Wave, having established the social enterprise in 2017. She holds a PhD from the University of Edinburgh, an MSc from the University of Oxford; her doctoral research explored water and sanitation infrastructures in Kampala, Uganda.

Previous to managing Clean Water Wave, Stephanie was a Research Fellow at the Centre of African Studies at Edinburgh University, and has worked as a management consultant for a large corporate, where amongst many varied projects she was involved in developing the skills and innovation strategies for UK LEPs, and was engaged with a major education project as part of the Chinese Government's Belt and Road Initiative in South Asia.

Since leaving academia, Stephanie has subsequently built up a portfolio of project management experience with community based organisations, NGOs, and corporates, and has considerable experience working across Asia, the Middle East and Africa. She is as a Fellow of the RSA.



Dr Marjan van de Weg, Senior Data Consultant – Changeworks

Marjan van de Weg started as an ecologist, studying carbon uptake of high-altitude rainforests during her PhD at the University of Edinburgh (2006-2010), followed by two post-docs in the US and the Netherlands, respectively. She then obtained a lectureship, although the whole department was made redundant due to budget cuts a year later in 2015, after which she decided to leave academia for a different career. A process that was not straightforward and challenging at times! After a detour in free-lance scientific editing, she now works as the senior data consultant at Changeworks, one of Scotland's leading environmental charities. At Changeworks she manages data-focused projects or project strands, develops data analysis and visualisation methodologies, and leads the strategy for digitising the services Changeworks offers. She is also an active board member of Bikes for Refugees (Scotland) - a small charity that empowers New Scots by giving them bicycles to independently explore their new surroundings. Finally, since 2016 she has given workshops on switching to a non-academic job for the University of Edinburgh Geosciences grad school. She thinks the most important thing when looking for a non-academic job is to have a strategy in place!





## Dr Ruth McKenna, Senior Research & Communications Manager – Waverley Care

Ruth McKenna is the Senior Research and Communications Manager at Waverley Care, a national HIV, Hepatitis C and sexual health charity. She completed her PhD in Central and East European Studies at the University of Glasgow in 2018. She also holds an LLB Law and MRes from the University of Glasgow. Her current work involves coordinating multiple qualitative and mixed methods research projects on sexual health and blood borne viruses, often in partnership with NHS staff, academics, and other third sector organisations. Prior to joining Waverley Care, Ruth worked as a Research and Development Officer in the Refugee Services department of the British Red Cross. She held this position during the writing up year of her PhD and following submission. Previously, Ruth also worked as an Engagement Coordinator with Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network (GRAMNet).

Ruth is a member of the Interdisciplinary Research in Sexual Health Network (IReSH) and sits on the steering committees of various sexual health and blood borne virus research programmes. She is an external assessor on the University of Glasgow's ESRC Impact Accelerator Award (IAA) panel.





## Session 4: Research & Policy

Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 3.10pm

Dr Graeme Beale, Head of Rural Communities Research – Scottish Government

Graeme Beale is the Head of the Strategic Research Programme in RESAS in the Scottish Government. He joined the Scottish Government in 2009 and has worked in RESAS – Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services for around 5 years, first as the Head of Rural Communities Research and now in his current role. As a Senior Principal Researcher he manages the team that is responsible for the SG's rural and environmental research budget and also manage our science advisors. He really enjoys working on the evidence/policy line and getting the chance to speak to both academics and researchers and policy teams and advising ministers. He was previously a Principal Researcher in the Office of the Chief Researcher in SG, and before that a Senior Researcher in Transport Scotland, and in the SG Communities Analysis Division. His PhD was in Science and Technology Studies in the Science Studies Unit in Edinburgh.



Dr Beverley Ferguson, Education Officer – Education Scotland

Beverley works in Education Scotland, an executive agency of the Scottish Government. Education Scotland's role is to promote innovation and change in the education system, from early years onwards. As Education Officer, her role involves planning, managing and delivering national, regional and local priorities across all sectors of education. Working closely with Scottish Government colleagues, local authorities, stakeholders and national parenting organisations, Beverley contributes to education policy development. She provides expert knowledge and advice to promote cultural change and improvement in line with current educational policy. Developing and delivering ongoing support to practitioners across Scotland, to meet needs is also a key part of her job. Beverley is responsible for the strategic development of the Parentzone Scotland website. Decisions and actions for this role are based on evidence drawn from a diverse range of research and advice. The ability to understand the limitations of evidence and balance risk against outcomes, using succinct analysis, is crucial. She completed her MSc in Counselling Studies and PhD in Sociology at Edinburgh University. After graduating in 2015, Beverley published an article based on her research in 2016. Beverley has a lot of experience of working with parents and young people. She has had a wide and varied career across higher education institutions, local government, the Scottish Prison Service and the private sector. Beverley is a firm believer that parents can and do make a real difference in their children's lifelong learning. This is a contributing and motivating factor that drives all of her work!





### Dr Angela Jackson-Morris, Senior Global Health Specialist – RTI International

Dr Angela "Angie" Jackson-Morris has been working to improve health in a range of countries and sectors for over twenty years. Angie's expertise is in designing and managing national strategies, policies, programmes, capacity development and research, particularly to reduce and prevent non-communicable diseases. Angie is Senior Global Health Specialist for the Center for Global Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) at RTI International, with focus on developing strategic implementation support to governments to address NCDs. Directly prior to joining RTI, Angie worked for the Government of the remote island of St Helena to develop their first strategic approach to address NCDs, after a number of years as Head of the global tobacco control grants programme at the International Union Against TB and Lung Disease. Angie has led development and delivery of national programmes and strategies in Scotland, and has worked to advance health promotion in the Republic of Maldives and India. Angie holds several degrees from The University of Edinburgh, including a Doctorate exploring NCD-related rehabilitation and secondary prevention, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health.



### Dr Hannah Cook, Senior Policy Adviser - Department for International Trade

Hannah was awarded her PhD from the University of Edinburgh in 2019, for her thesis entitled, 'Artefacts of accountability: Relationships, Audit and Ambitions in the Malawian Microfinance Sector'. Before returning to university, Hannah worked in international development, including with the international NGO Christian Aid, and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum. After submitting her thesis, Hannah joined the Civil Service as a Social Researcher, working first with the Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles, then in the Department for Education. Hannah now works as a Senior Policy Adviser in the Department for International Trade's Official Development Assistance team.





## Session 5: Energy & Engineering

Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3pm

Dr James Scott, Reservoir Engineer – Total S.A.

Since completing his PhD, James moved to France to work for Total. His position is split into two different roles; one is providing support for the various branches of Exploration and Production as a Reservoir Engineer, the other is developing new technologies through industrial and academic R&D projects.

In his position, he works across two sectors, industry and academia. Sitting between the two can be challenging but very rewarding. Working in the energy sector exposes him to a diverse range of industry-related problems and topics, whilst working with academia helps generate innovative ideas. Bringing the two together requires working with different disciplines and perspectives, but when the two crossover this leads to high impact results.

Since starting at Total, no two days have been the same. He has developed a series of new technologies linked to his PhD, which has resulted in the filing of two patents and the creation of a Post-doctoral and PhD position at UPPA, France starting in 2021.



Dr Ben Hudson, Research Engineer – Wave Energy Scotland

Ben has over six years' experience in the offshore renewable energy sector. His undergraduate engineering studies at University College Cork were followed by an MSc in Sustainable Energy Systems at the University of Edinburgh. In 2014, Ben became a Research Engineer at the Industrial Doctoral Centre for Offshore Renewable Energy (IDCORE). As part of this four-year programme, he was placed at JBA Consulting, where he helped to create and develop the ForeCoast® Marine software. This advanced planning and risk management tool helps mitigate the inherent risks of working in the harsh and complex marine environment. Ben passed his viva in 2019 and his thesis focused on the technical methods integrated within this tool. He remained at JBA in a full-time role as a metocean analyst/software developer for just under a year after completing his EngD placement. Since May 2019, Ben has been working at Wave Energy Scotland (WES) which is a technology development body that is driving the search for innovative solutions to the technical challenges facing the wave energy sector. Specifically, he has been working as a software developer on the DTOceanPlus project, which is creating a state-of-the-art suite of tools for the design of optimal ocean energy farms.





## Dr David Kane, Director – Trilemma Consulting

David is a Chartered Engineer with experience in R&D, commercial strategy, and project engineering within the energy and smart agriculture sectors. He has spent much of his career building upon his PhD in energy system control and optimisation, recently focussing on technology solutions to address the energy-water-food nexus. He is currently CTO of Farm-Hand, developing irrigation management for smallholder farmers, whilst consultancy in energy systems R&D, project appraisal and technology investment due diligence.

David studied Engineering Physics at Heriot-Watt University, before joining an research project, monitoring buildings and simulating energy systems. After a brief foray in the Oil & Gas sector, developing environmental monitoring systems across the world, David returned to green energy, leading an engineering consultancy team on project appraisal for renewables and commercial/industrial energy efficiency.

Since then, David returned to R&D, holding staff and consultancy positions with UK and international organisations, from start-up to blue chip, focusing on power & heat generation, energy storage, Micro-Grids, Smart Grid & Virtual Power Plants (VPP). He has been granted several patents, and authored multiple academic journal and conference papers.





## Session 6: Data, Technology & Innovation

Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2pm – 3.10pm

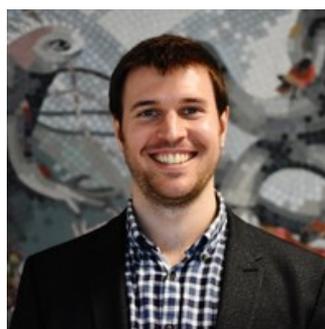
### Dr Sorcha Gilroy, Data Scientist – Peak AI

Sorcha grew up in Cork, Ireland. She stayed near home for her undergrad, doing a BSc in mathematical sciences at University College Cork. She then moved to Edinburgh to join the Centre for Doctoral Training in Data Science in the School of Informatics. Her research focussed on the mathematical foundations of natural language processing. After completing her PhD in 2019, she took a job working as a data scientist in a small company in Manchester called Peak AI.



### Dr Matthew Reeves, Knowledge Transfer Manager – Knowledge Transfer Network

Matthew studied MChemPhys Chemical Physics with industrial experience (2007-12), working at Unilever on placement during 2010-11, going on to complete a PhD in Soft Matter Physics in 2016, both at UoE. For the following ~2 years he worked on industry focussed research as an Impact Acceleration Associate for the Edinburgh Complex Fluids Partnership (ECFP) based in UoE Physics. At the start of 2019 he joined the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) as a Knowledge Transfer Manager for Materials Chemistry and Formulation, where he leads projects to bring together stakeholder groups to accelerate innovation in various topics.





## Dr Stephanie Boyle, Senior Instructor & Team Lead for Data Analysis – CodeClan

Stephanie completed her Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience at The University of Glasgow in 2017. During that time, she realised the parts she loved most about her PhD were data science and teaching, and so she decided to pursue that avenue after completion. She went on to be a Statistical Programmer in the data science department of a pharmaceutical company in Edinburgh, and spent two happy years there. In early 2019 she decided to start freelancing in order to up-skill and hopefully get back into teaching. Through this, she ended up doing some freelance work for CodeClan, and then in mid-2019 she was hired as a Lead Instructor for their new data analysis course. This year she was promoted to Senior Instructor and Team Lead, and her main roles now are to manage a team of instructors, and to write and teach data analysis bootcamps and short courses across the different CodeClan campuses in Scotland.



Dr Ana Fialho, Data Scientist – Made.com, PhD in Physics 2019 – University of Edinburgh (*full biography to follow*).



## Session 7: Non-academic Higher Education

Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm – 3pm

Dr Justine Seran, Projects Advisor – Edinburgh Global, University of Edinburgh

Dr. Justine Seran graduated with a PhD in English Literature from the University of Edinburgh in June 2016 with a thesis on contemporary Australian Aboriginal and Aotearoa/New Zealand Maori women's writing. She then undertook an internship in Brussels in minority rights advocacy before returning to Edinburgh and joining professional services, first with Careers Service then Edinburgh Global. As a Projects Advisor, she works on international strategic partnerships for the university, creating new types of student mobility and enhancing support for students abroad. Originally from France, she went on study exchange to Scotland and Australia, where she developed a passion for international education.



Dr Gemma Cassells, Public Services Sector Lead – Data Driven Innovation

Gemma's interest in policymaking started during her PhD research in Malawi, where she saw how important it was for local and national government to have access to accurate, reliable information to make decisions about sustainable forest management. She moved into the public sector after her PhD, as she wanted to apply what she had learnt about data-supported decision making. Leading the Highland Council's Climate Change team, she developed a data-led approach to developing and implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies for the region. Leading Edinburgh's smart city work, she has seen the range of areas where data can play a role in transforming services, providing better insights into the city from improving access to health and social care to traffic mapping. In her current role as Public Services Lead for the Data Driven Innovation programme, she has been able to apply both her academic and professional skills to a diverse range of projects supporting the use of data in the public sector, ranging from community participation to digital twins.





## Dr Marja Main, Research Impact Officer – University of Edinburgh

Marja Main is a Research Impact Officer at the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. Marja carried out her PhD research at the Centre for Discovery Brain Sciences, developing a zebrafish model of myelin breakdown and repair. Upon completion in 2017, she looked for a new role outside the lab but within the sphere of academic research and was fortunate to be offered a post at Edinburgh Research Office helping CMVM researchers with developing, costing and submitting funding applications. This gave her a comprehensive overview of the funding landscape as well as the University's research infrastructure. In 2018, Marja took the opportunity to apply for a Research Impact Officer role within the CMVM Research Office, and now works with CMVM academics to identify, broaden, report and evidence the real-world benefits (i.e. impact) of their research. This is to prepare an impact case study portfolio for the College's Research Excellence Framework (REF) submission, but also more broadly to develop an Impact Strategy for the College and provide a service for researchers wishing to enhance the impact of their research.





## Session 8: Media

Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3.10pm

Dr Emma Flynn, Project Manager – TRC Media

Emma is an experienced project manager who has worked with a range of arts and cultural research organisations across Scotland. She is a graduate of Fine Art Photography at the Glasgow School of Art, gained her MLitt in Managing in the Creative Industries in 2009 and completed her doctorate in 2014, both at University of St Andrews. Before joining TRC Emma spent five years as Festival Coordinator for Glasgow International.



Dr Peter Geoghegan, Journalist and Writer – openDemocracy

Peter Geoghegan is an Irish writer, broadcaster and investigations editor at the award-winning news website *openDemocracy*. He has made documentaries for BBC Radio 4, investigative television for Channel 4 and his journalism has appeared in numerous outlets including the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, the *London Review of Books* and the *Sunday Times*. His last book, *The People's Referendum: Why Scotland Will Never Be the Same Again*, was nominated for the Saltire First Book Award. His new book, *Democracy for Sale: Dark Money and Dirty Politics* is out in August, published by Head of Zeus. He received a PhD in human geography from the University of Edinburgh in 2008.





### Dr Ealasaid Munro, Broadcasting Regulation Division – Ofcom

Ealasaid gained a PhD in GeoSciences (Human Geography) from the University of Edinburgh in 2012. She worked first within the School of GeoSciences as a Teaching Fellow, before taking up a postdoctoral research position in the College of Arts at the University of Glasgow. After working for Glasgow for five years on short-term AHRC-funded projects, she took up a permanent post in the Division of Media, Communications and Culture at the University of Stirling in January 2018. Shortly afterwards, she made the decision to leave academia and now work for Ofcom in their broadcasting regulation division.



### Dr Ruairidh Maciver, Senior Journalist – BBC Alba

Ruairidh gained a PhD in Celtic and Gaelic at the University of Glasgow in 2018. His research explored the impact of the military in the Gàidhealtachd, through song and poetry. He was still finishing his PhD when he started working as a Broadcast Journalist with BBC Alba in November 2016, initially based in Inverness and latterly in Glasgow. He took up a post as a Senior Journalist in November 2019, based again in Inverness. His work is split between producing TV and radio news programmes and reporting on various stories. He also edits the reviews section of the Gaelic periodical, Steall.





## Session 9: Business & Finance

Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3.10pm

Dr Rebecca Douglas, Trainee Patent Attorney – Hindles

Rebecca moved to Glasgow from Leeds in 2007 for a 5-year degree MSci in Physics. During this time, she took part in summer research projects which she enjoyed enough that, after completing her MSci, she decided to pursue a PhD with Glasgow's Institute for Gravitational Research (IGR). Her PhD work focussed on detector development for the LIGO and KAGRA detectors, and in particular on materials for use in the detectors and the thermal noise associated with such detectors. She was lucky enough to be a member of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration when gravitational waves were detected for the first time. Following her PhD she spent a year as a post-doctoral researcher working on MEMS gravimeters, as part of a joint project between the IGR and QuantIC, the UK Quantum Technology Hub. She loves research and the decision to leave academia was not an easy one but by the summer of 2017 she was ready for a new challenge and decided to train as a patent attorney. She is now a part-qualified trainee patent attorney with Hindles, a company in Edinburgh.



Dr Rossana Zetti, Professional Learning Advisor – Knowledge Brief

After graduating in Classical Literature at Università degli Studi di Milano, Rossana completed an Msc and a PhD in Classics at the University of Edinburgh, focusing on the reception of Sophocles' *Antigone* in 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe.

During her time in academia, she enjoyed researching and exploring new ideas, but what she found most fascinating was sharing those ideas with others, bridging the gap between academic research and practice. That's why she applied for a role at KnowledgeBrief, where she is currently working as Professional Learning Advisor.

In addition to coaching and delivering leadership and management training to managers and leaders from various industries across the UK, she designs and delivers a range of learning programmes, online, as blended courses and in person, and she oversees the writing of KnowledgeBrief's monthly research publication, the SCAN.





## Dr Devasuda Anblagan, Finance Manager – NHS England & NHS Improvement

I completed my BSc and PhD in Physics at the University of Nottingham. My PhD focused on studying the effect of the uterine environment on foetal development using MRI, and investigating the factors that confer risk and resilience for injury that occur during early development. In 2012, on completion of my PhD, I joined the University of Edinburgh to continue my research in MRI, including studying the effects of drug abuse and stress on foetal brain growth, and exploring the microstructural changes in the brain that accompany preterm birth using various image analysis tools and machine learning techniques. In September 2017, I joined the NHS Management Training Scheme to train as a finance manager, and have worked at Cambridge University Hospital, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust, PwC, and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sustainability Transformation Partnership's System Delivery Unit. On completion of my training in April 2020, I joined NHS England and NHS Improvement as a finance manager. In my talk, I will discuss the reasons for moving from academic medical research to the NHS, including my desire to have a more direct impact on healthcare, and to better understand the funding models and healthcare agenda.



## Dr Blaine Kenneally, Consulting Analyst – Accenture

Blaine took up a scholarship from the Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities to work on a PhD in Philosophy from 2015 to 2018. His research focused on conscious experiences, looking at the relationship between what they are about and how they feel. Having applied for several jobs and graduate schemes midway through his PhD, Blaine received an offer in early 2018 to join Accenture commencing in 2019, and so was able to use the intervening time to complete his PhD. At Accenture Blaine has worked as a Business Analyst for three different clients across Financial Services and Public Services. He currently works within a team supporting live digital services for a government public service client.





## Session 10: PhD Horizons – Next Steps

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 11 – 12pm

If you attended (or are planning to attend) any of the PhD Horizons webinars then this session is for you. Did you hear about some interesting career areas but don't know what you should do next to progress your ideas? Or did you find the speakers interesting but you're not sure if any of the career areas were right for you? In this session you will find out what you can do next to explore your career options and you'll have time to ask the questions that weren't answered in the panels you attended. This session will be ran by a member of the careers consultants team.



### Support from the Careers Service

Don't forget that the Careers Service is here to support you with your career planning throughout your time as a PhD student. We can help you to: research and consider different career options (in and out of academia); think about what you want from a career; develop a strategy for gaining relevant experience and skills during your PhD; identify where to look for jobs; and give feedback on CVs or interview practice.

Look out for our workshops specifically for PhD students, these run throughout the year, you can find out more at: <https://mycareerhub.ed.ac.uk> > Events

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