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- Summary**
- Experienced researcher and assistant lecturer in sociolinguistics, and language policy professional
  - Adept at engaging with and communicating ideas to students and stakeholders effectively
  - Expert knowledge of language policy and planning, bilingual education, use of mixed methods to examine linguistic practice, language revitalisation and linguistic identities
  - Languages: Fluent in English, Scottish Gaelic; working proficiency in Irish, French
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### Employment

**Associate Tutor in Language Education** University of Edinburgh *Mar. 2023-present*  
Supervising MSc dissertations on motivation, policy and L2 identity as part of the Language Education, Intercultural Communication and TESOL programmes at Moray House School of Education and Sport.

**Language Plans Officer** Bòrd na Gàidhlig *May. 2023-Mar. 2024*  
Language policy officer for the Scottish Government-sponsored executive non-departmental public body Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the national policymaker with responsibility for Gaelic language planning.

**Teaching Assistant (Language and Culture)** University of Edinburgh *Nov. 2019-Apr. 2023*  
Responsible for delivering an introductory course in Gaelic language and culture, and providing tutoring, mentoring and assessment on several undergraduate degree programmes in languages and linguistics.

**Fulbright-RSE Scholar** Harvard University *Mar.-Jun. 2022*  
Funded by the Royal Society of Edinburgh, I conducted a 3-month visiting fellowship at Harvard to research on language learning motivations and identity among Gaelic speakers in New England. I also contributed to teaching in the area of educational sociolinguistics at Harvard and CUNY.

**Research Fellow in Sociolinguistics** University of Sussex *Sep. 2020-Sep. 2022*  
Postdoctoral researcher on the interdisciplinary, AHRC-funded collaborative project *Speaking Citizens: The Politics of Speech Education 1850-Present*. My research examined systemic racism and obstacles to the development of bilingual oracy in UK minority languages. As part of this work I also delivered lectures and seminars in sociopragmatics and language education and acquisition to first year linguistics students.

**Research Associate** University of Glasgow *Nov. 2019-Sep. 2020*  
Part-time researcher on a project funded by policymakers to investigate the underlying reasons for language shift in a 'heartland' Gaelic community in the Western Isles of Scotland.

**British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow** University of Edinburgh *Nov. 2016-Oct. 2019*  
My postdoctoral research investigated Gaelic language policy strategies and motivation among 'new speakers' in Scotland and Canada. Throughout my fellowship, I delivered modules on sociopragmatics, discourse, second language acquisition, and language and identity in Celtic & Scottish Studies. I also supervised several Applied Linguistics MSc students within Linguistics and English Language.

**Soillse Research Fellow** University of Edinburgh *Oct. 2015-Oct. 2016*  
Extensive research on various aspects of language policy, including fieldwork on a major assessment of language planning structures in collaboration with colleagues in Scotland and Wales. I also delivered public engagement events, produced a number of academic publications, and taught students on several language courses in Celtic and Scottish Studies.

**Postdoctoral Project Assistant** University of Glasgow *Apr.-Oct. 2015*  
I was employed on a six-month contract at the University of Glasgow as a project assistant supporting colleagues on the CLAG project, investigating Gaelic language proficiency.

### **Research Associate**

- Institute of Cornish Studies, University of Exeter *2019-present*
- Language, Policy & Planning Research Unit, Cardiff University *2023-present*

## Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Gaelic Sociolinguistics

2010-2014

### **University of Edinburgh**

Doctoral thesis: 'Bilingual life after school? Language use, ideologies and attitudes among Gaelic-medium educated adults', defended at viva: 6.11.14

#### **Supervisory panel:**

Prof. Wilson McLeod, Celtic and Scottish Studies

Prof. Lindsay Paterson, Social and Political Sciences

Prof. Rob Dunbar, Celtic and Scottish Studies

Master of Studies in Celtic:

2009-2010

### **University of Oxford**

Distinction

**MSt dissertation:** Decline, revival and the 'Theory of Cornish Distinctiveness': The Role of the Cornish Language in the Persistence of Cornish Identity c.1490–c.2010'

**Course Audited:** Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology

#### **Awards:**

2010 Sir John Rhys Prize for Celtic Studies

2009 Jesus College Graduate Award (Masters scholarship)

Master of Arts (with Honours) Celtic and Linguistics:

2004-2008

### **University of Edinburgh**

First Class

**Dissertation:** 'Xians-via-Yish? Language Attitudes and Cultural Identities on Britain's Celtic Fringe'

#### **Awards:**

2008, 2007: McCaig's Trust Student Grant (£500; external)

2008, 2007, 2006, 2005: University of Edinburgh Blackie Celtic Prize (£250)

2006: University of Edinburgh Marshall Stormonth Prize (£250)

2004: Careswell Exhibition (external scholarship; £250 p.a.)

## Book Publications

Dunmore, S. (in press) *New Gaelic Speakers in Nova Scotia and Scotland: Heritage, motivation and identity* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press).

Dunmore, S., K. Rosiak and C. Taylor (eds) (in press) *New Approaches to Language and Identity in Contexts of Migration and Diaspora* (London: Routledge).

Taylor, C., S. Goodman and S. Dunmore (eds) (in press) *The Construction of Migrant Identities* (London: Bloomsbury).

Dunmore, S. 2019. *Language Revitalisation in Gaelic Scotland: Linguistic practice and ideology* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press).

## Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Dunmore, S. 2022. 'Oracy and ideology in contemporary Gaelic: Conceptions of fluency and its perceived decline subsequent to immersion?', *Journal of Celtic Linguistics* 23: 35–67. DOI: <https://doi.org/0.16922/jcl.23.3>

Armstrong, T., W. McLeod, R. Dunbar, S. Dunmore, B. O'Rourke, M. Macleod and G. Munro 2022. 'Gaelic and Identity: A Response to Iain MacKinnon', *Scottish Affairs* 31: 64–83.

McLeod, W., R. Dunbar, M. Macleod, B. O'Rourke, S. Dunmore and T. Armstrong 2002. 'Against Exclusionary Gaelic Language Policy: A Response to Ó Giollagáin and Caimbeul', *Scottish Affairs* 31: 84–103.

Dunmore, S. 2021. 'Transatlantic context for Gaelic language revitalization', *Studia Celtica Posnaniensa* 5: 1–20. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2478/scp-2020-0001>.

- Dunmore, S. 2021. 'Emic and essentialist perspectives on Gaelic heritage: New speakers, language policy and cultural identity in Nova Scotia and Scotland', *Language in Society* 50: 259–81. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0047404520000032>
- Dunmore, S. 2021. 'Language policy and prospects: Metalinguistic discourses on social disruption and language maintenance in a transatlantic minority', *Language and Communication* 76: 69-78. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.langcom.2020.10.006>
- Dunmore, S. 2020 'A Cornish Revival? The nascent iconization of a post-obsolescent language', *Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics* 6. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/jhsl-2018-0001>
- NicLeòid, S.L. & S. Dunmore 2019. 'Sòisealachadh cànan agus leantainneachd dhà-chànanach am measg cloinne agus inbhich a rinn FMG' [Language socialisation and bilingual continuity among children and adults who received GME] *Scottish Gaelic Studies* XXXI.
- Dunmore, S. 2018. 'Bilingual life after school? Opportunity, choice and ideology among former Gaelic-medium students', *Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness* LXVIII: 287–316.
- Dunmore, S. 2017. 'Immersion education outcomes and the Gaelic community: Identities and language ideologies among Gaelic-medium educated adults in Scotland', *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, 38: 726-41. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01434632.2016.1249875>.
- Nance, C., W. McLeod, B. O'Rourke and S. Dunmore. 2016. 'Identity, accent aim, and motivation in second language users: New Scottish Gaelic speakers' use of phonetic variation', *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 20: 164-191.
- Dunmore, S. 2011. 'Xians-via-Yish?: Language Attitudes and Cultural Identities on Britain's Celtic Periphery', *Cornish Studies* 19: 60-83.

### **Peer-reviewed Book Chapters & Conference Proceedings**

- Dunmore, S. 2023. 'Gaelic heritage, language revitalisation and identity in present-day Nova Scotia' in Kehoe, S., C. Dalglish and A. Tindley (eds) *The Scottish Highlands and the Atlantic World: Social Networks and Identities* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press), pp. 47-70.
- Dunmore, S. 2018. 'When school is over and done with: Linguistic practices and socio-demographic profiles of Gaelic-medium educated adults', in MacLeod et al. (eds) *Gaelic in Contemporary Scotland: The Sociolinguistics of an Endangered Language* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press), pp. 62-78.
- Dunmore, S. 2018. 'New Gaelic Speakers, New Gaels? Language ideologies and ethnolinguistic continuity among Gaelic-medium educated adults', in Smith-Christmas *et al.* (eds) *New Speakers of Minority Languages: Linguistic Practice and Ideology* (London: Palgrave), pp.23-44.
- Dunmore, S. 2016. 'Gàidheil, Goill agus Coimhearsnachd na Gàidhlig: Ideòlasan cànan aig inbhich a fhuair foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig' [*Gaels, Lowlanders and the Gaelic Community: Language ideologies among adults who received Gaelic-medium education*], *Rannsachadh na Gàidhlig* 8 (Edinburgh: Dunedin Academic Press).
- Dunmore, S. & C. Smith-Christmas 2015. 'Voicing the "other": Code-switching in discourses of Gaelic language ideologies', in Torgersen et al. (eds) *Language Variation - European Perspectives V* (Amsterdam: John Benjamins), pp. 87-98.
- Dunmore, S. 2012. 'Language Decline and the "Theory of Cornish Distinctiveness": The Historiography of Language and Identity in Early Modern Cornwall', in A. Furchtgott *et al.* (eds) *Proceedings of the Harvard Celtic Colloquium 31* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press), pp. 91-117.

### **Book Reviews**

- Dunmore, S. 2022. 'Review: "North American Gaels: Speech, Story, and Song in the Diaspora", by Natasha Sumner and Aidan Doyle (eds.)'. *Minorités linguistiques et société / Linguistic Minorities and Society*.
- Dunmore, S. 2021. 'Review: "Gaelic Language Revitalization: Concepts and Challenges" by Emily McEwan-Fujita', *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01434632.2021.1884938>

- Dunmore, S. 2021. 'Review: "Minority languages, national languages, and official language policies"', by G. Lane-Mercier et al. (eds)', *British Journal of Canadian Studies* 33: 130-1.
- Dunmore, S. 2020. 'Review: "Brexit, language policy and linguistic diversity"', by Diarmait Mac Giolla Chríost and Matteo Bonotti', *Language Problems and Language Planning*.

### **Commissioned Reports**

- Jones, K., S. Dunmore, L. Dombrowski, G. Munro, R. Dunbar, T. Armstrong and M. MacLeod (forthcoming) *Progress Report: National Gaelic Language Plan 2018-23* (Inverness: Bòrd na Gàidhlig).
- Jones, K., C. Williams, S. Dunmore, W. McLeod and R. Dunbar 2016. *Assessment of the National Gaelic Language Plan 2012-17*. Commissioned report for Bòrd na Gàidhlig (Inverness: Bòrd na Gàidhlig).
- McLeod, W., B. O'Rourke & S. Dunmore 2014. *New Speakers of Gaelic in Edinburgh and Glasgow*, Report for Soillse (Sleat, Isle of Skye: Soillse Research).

### **Prizes and Fellowships**

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| <b>Visiting Fellow</b>                     | Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris III) | <i>Feb.-Mar. 2019</i> |
| <b>British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow</b> | University of Edinburgh       | <i>2016-2019</i>      |
| <b>Sir John Rhys Prize</b>                 | University of Oxford          | <i>2010</i>           |
| <b>McCaig's Trust Grant</b>                | McCaig's Trust, Glasgow       | <i>2007-2008</i>      |
| <b>Marshall Stormonth Prize</b>            | University of Edinburgh       | <i>2006</i>           |
| <b>Blackie Celtic Prize</b>                | University of Edinburgh       | <i>2005-2008</i>      |
| <b>Careswell Exhibition</b>                | Careswell Trust, Shrewsbury   | <i>2004-2008</i>      |

### **Competitively Awarded Funding**

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| Royal Society of Edinburgh | US\$15,000 | Fulbright Scholarship   | <i>2021-22</i>   |
| British Academy            | £255,000   | Postdoctoral Fellowship | <i>2016-19</i>   |
| Soillse, UHI               | £56,000    | 4-year PhD Studentship  | <i>2010-14</i>   |
| Jesus College, Oxford      | £5500      | Masters Scholarship     | <i>2009-2010</i> |

### **Invited Lectures and Conference Keynotes**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023** Oxford Celtic Seminar, Faculty of English, Oxford University.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023** Guest Lecture, School of Welsh, Cardiff University.
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022** Applied Sociolinguistics MA Seminar, Birmingham City University.
- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022** Graduate Center, City University of New York, Sociolinguistics Seminars: "Indexing heritage, iconizing language: Linguistic ideology in discourses of Gaelic acquisition in Nova Scotia and New England".
- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021** Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, 2021 Irish Studies Seminar.
- 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021** Leiden University Centre for Linguistics, Language Policy and Practices Seminar.
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021** Space, Place and Belonging Seminar, University of Liverpool.
- 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020** Mercator Research Centre Seminar, Ljouwert, Netherlands.
- 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019** Bristol Centre for Linguistics Seminar, UWE Bristol.
- 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019** Language, Ideology and Power Seminars, Lancaster University. 'Contemporary language policy and contrasting ethnolinguistic identities in Scotland and Nova Scotia'.
- 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019** Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Seminars, University of the Highlands and Islands. 'Dualchas is dearbh-aithne nan Gàidheal' [*Gaelic Heritage and Identity*]
- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019** Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris. 'Language and ideology in Scotland'.
- 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018** Celtic Sociolinguistics Symposium Plenary Lecture, NUI Galway. 'Contrasting Gaelic identities in Scotland and Nova Scotia'.

**15th August 2018** Atlantic Canada Communities Series, St Mary's University/Chestico Museum, Port Hood NS. 'Gaelic heritage and language use: Some Nova Scotian perspectives'.  
**22nd September 2017** Linguistics in Progress Series, St Mary's University, Halifax NS.

### **Paid and Pro-bono Consultancies**

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| Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, UHI / Bòrd na Gàidhlig:<br>National Gaelic Language Plan 2018-23 Review                               | <i>Apr-Jul. 2021</i>  |
| CaskieCo. Consulting / South Harris Community Trust<br>Leverburgh Community Hub and Seallam Centre Renewal Plans         | <i>2020-21</i>        |
| Iomairt Ghàidhlig Dhùn Èideann / Edinburgh Gaelic Initiative<br>Communications Strategy and Digital Identity Development | <i>2014-16</i>        |
| Bòrd na Gàidhlig<br>National Gaelic Language Plan 2012-2017 Review   | <i>Jan.-Sep. 2015</i> |

### **Selected Conference and Seminar Papers**

**April 2023** North American Gaels Conference, Montréal, Québec.  
**17th March 2023** Minority Languages in the City Conference, Ljouwert, Friesland.  
**15th July 2022** Sociolinguistics Symposium 24, Ghent, Belgium.  
**17th November 2021** 120th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore.  
**12th July 2021** DN27: Language ideologies and political discourse, Open University.  
**7th June 2021** Approaches to Migration, Language and Identity 2021, University of Sussex.  
**24th March 2021** International Conference on Minority Languages, Bilbao, Euskadi / Spain.  
**2nd July 2019** 9th Cambridge Conference on Language Endangerment, University of Cambridge  
**30th May 2019** BAAL 2nd Language Policy Forum, University of Edinburgh.  
**24th May 2019** 17th International Conference on Minority Languages, Leeuwarden, Friesland.  
**27th June 2018** Sociolinguistics Symposium 22, University of Auckland. 'Gaelic revitalisation in Scotland and Nova Scotia: New speaker practices, ideologies and identities'.

### **Press Coverage, Knowledge Exchange and Public Engagement**

**13th February 2023** Invited talk, Education Scotland: "Gaelic language development, oracy and group belonging: Linguistic identities of racialised students in GME"  
**22nd March 2022** BBC News broadcast interview [Radio and television] Taghta podcast: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0bxb54m>  
**18th September 2020** Broadcast interview for BBC News; BBC Alba/Radio nan Gàidheal.  
**9th September 2020** Blog post for *Speaking Citizens*: [www.speakingcitizens.org/blog/article-title-goes-here-2/](http://www.speakingcitizens.org/blog/article-title-goes-here-2/)  
**7th September 2020** Invited blog post for *Speak.social*: [blog.speak.social/gaelic-language/](http://blog.speak.social/gaelic-language/)  
**20th July 2020** Interview with CaMP Anthropology on 2019 monograph: <https://campanthropology.org/2020/07/20/stuart-dunmore/>  
**30th May 2019** Interview for BBC news, Radio nan Gàidheal 'Aithris na Maidne'  
**13th June 2018** "Community linguist conducting Gaelic language research in Nova Scotia" Truro Daily News (Truro, NS)  
**8th June 2018** "Linguist Dunmore conducting Gaelic language research", The Casket (Antigonish, NS)  
**27th September 2016** CPD Seminar for 'Gaelic Immersion for Teachers' professional development (Strathclyde University), An t-Alltan Conference, Aviemore

### **References**

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| Prof. Em. Wilson McLeod | <a href="mailto:w.mcleod@ed.ac.uk">w.mcleod@ed.ac.uk</a>             |
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