

ELLIOT NAPIER

ESRC-funded PhD student examining queer migration in Central Asia and former Erasmus Mundus scholarship holder with diverse career experience in public service and governance.

EDUCATION

University of Glasgow

Sep 2022 – ongoing

PhD in Central and East European Studies

Working with aspiring queer migrants in Kazakhstan across the LGBTQ+ spectrum to explore how and when pre-departure aspirations form, trace early migratory trajectories and identify barriers and challenges that lead to altering or abandoning migration plans.

- Project title: *Becoming a queer migrant in Kazakhstan: choices, pathways and identities*.
- Awards: fully funded by the Economic and Social Research Council through SGSSS.
- Supervisors: Prof Rebecca Kay and Dr Francesca Stella.

University of Glasgow, University of Tartu, KIMEP University

Sep 2019 – Jun 2022

Erasmus Mundus triple master's degree programme

Central and East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies:

- *International Master (IntM)*, awarded with distinction, University of Glasgow.
- *Master of Arts (MA)*, University of Tartu.

International Relations:

- *Master (M)*, awarded *summa cum laude*, KIMEP University.
- Thesis topic: Queer migration in Kazakhstan.
- Residency and coursework requirements in three countries, culminating in three degrees.
- Awards: Full Erasmus Mundus scholarship from the European Commission.

University of Glasgow

Sep 2014 – Jun 2019

MA(Hons) in Russian Language and Central and East European Studies

First class honours degree with distinction in spoken Russian.

- Dissertation topic: Lived experience of queer men in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.
- Study abroad: Full academic year 2016-17 at Tver State University, Russia.
- Summer schools: KIMEP University, Kazakhstan, 2018; Fukushima University, Japan, 2018; Tver State University, Russia, 2014.

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office

04/02/2021 – 12/08/2021

Education and Communications departments intern

I provided logistical and administrative support to the Education Sector's activities and events promoting inclusive education. I assisted in compiling and preparing reports, concept notes and conference papers, as well as drafting major publications, providing research, translation and proofing support. I prepared publication and news media output, wrote articles and press releases and administered the office's official Twitter account.

The Scottish Parliament – Office of Bob Doris MSP

04/02/2020 – 05/01/2021

Constituency Caseworker

08/04/2019 – 11/07/2019

I carried out policy-related research and drafted official communications and documents from Mr Doris to public bodies, government ministers and departments. I had responsibility for progressing requests for support or intervention from constituents and organisations, and also provided general administrative support.

John Smith Centre for Public Service**21/01/2019 – 07/04/2019****Parliamentary Intern**

This was a paid, 10-week, non-party political internship working in the constituency office of Bob Doris, Member of the Scottish Parliament for Maryhill and Springburn. I supported Mr Doris and his office staff with constituency issues, casework and press enquiries as well as policy research and responses to policy queries.

University of Glasgow Court**11/10/2017 – 16/10/2019****Member of Court (University Governor)**

I was a full member of University Court, the highest governing body of the Scottish University of the Year 2018 and 2022, and fourth oldest university in the English-speaking world. I was twice elected to this position to contribute to and scrutinise strategic decision-making on matters of finance, policy, public relations, investments, internationalisation and student and staff welfare during a period of rapid expansion and £1bn+ capital investment.

Glasgow University Students' Representative Council**01/07/2017 – 31/06/2019****Age Equality Officer – Volunteer****23/10/2014 – 30/06/2016**

I was elected by students in 2014 and re-elected in 2015, 2017 and 2018. My achievements in post include proposing and leading a Freshers' Week outreach programme to assist with retention of 'non-traditional students,' the creation of a Parents' Policy to extend rights and support for students with parental responsibilities, and the opening of family study spaces.

Police Scotland (Formerly Lothian and Borders Police)**11/11/2008 – 05/09/2014****Police Officer**

I held a variety of roles across departments: plain-clothes drugs team, domestic violence investigation, missing persons, community policing, custody care and welfare, emergency response. Training undertaken: developing intelligence, financial investigation, vulnerable persons, investigating stalking, tutor constable, response driving, emergency life support.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Economic and Social Research Council PhD studentship**2022 – 2026****Scottish Graduate School for Social Sciences**

Winner of competitive award process to support innovative research in the social sciences.

Erasmus Mundus Scholarship**2019 – 2021****European Commission**

Awarded to outstanding candidates to facilitate study on EM joint degree programmes.

President's List**Spring, Autumn 2021****KIMEP University**

Awarded for 4.33/4.33 GPA in Spring semester 2021 and Autumn semester 2021.

MacFie Bequest in Sociology and Anthropology**2016****University of Glasgow**

Awarded for achieving the highest mark in Sociology course exam.

Lanfine Bursary in Russian Language**2014, 2015****University of Glasgow**

Awarded twice for achievement in *ab initio* Russian Language.