

## **Colin Fleming - CV**

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### **Research**

My principal research interests lie in the field of international relations, particularly the role and impact of war in the modern world. I am currently investigating the modern utility of the Clausewitzian 'Trinity' in the analysis of the nature and conduct of war. Using the Balkan wars of 1991-1994 as a case study, I am assessing the contemporary relevance of Clausewitzian ideas against the challenges of the increasingly popular 'new war' thesis.

### **Education**

- 2003 – Present day I am currently studying for my PhD in the Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London.
- 2005 -2006 Postgraduate Certificate in Skills to Inspire Learning, Royal Holloway College, University of London. This certificate is a formal accredited post-graduate qualification for teaching in higher education.
- 2002-2003 Master of Letters (M.Litt) War Studies (Distinction)  
University of Aberdeen  
Modules included: War – Evolution, Theory and Practice; War, Culture and Society; The Ethics of War; Literature of War. I submitted an 18,000 word dissertation focussing on the Clausewitzian Trinity and its relevance and adaptability to modern war.
- 1998-2002 MA (Hons) History and International Relations (2.1) University of Aberdeen  
International Relations modules included: International Security, Arms Control, Balkan Security, European Security, Middle East Security.  
History modules included: Medieval Monarchies, Anglo-Scottish Border Warfare. Specialist subject chosen for dissertation: 'The role of warfare in the rise of 'Archibald the Grim''.
- Summer 1998 Summer School for Access, University of Aberdeen.  
From June to August 1998, I attended and successfully completed an intensive access course for entry into undergraduate study.
- 1997-1998 Higher English (A) and History (C)  
Motherwell College, Motherwell.

### **Employment**

#### Teaching/Administration Experience

January 2007 - Present Course Coordinator/Lecturer – Politics and International Relations Access Courses, Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Aberdeen  
Lecturer and seminar leader for politics access course:

- Delivery of lectures and seminars to group of 15-20 students
- Use of audio/television link for distance learning students.

- Responsibility for assessing written work.
- Sole responsibility for setting exam questions, and also marking exam scripts.
- Provide guidance to students – often on a one to one basis.

I have recently designed a new introductory 'Issues in IR' course on behalf of the Centre of Life Long Learning. The course will run from September 2008.

September 2006 - January 2008      Teaching Assistant – Department of Politics and International Relations University of Aberdeen.

- Seminar leader for first year course: 'Introduction to International Relations. I had responsibility for three seminar groups, including assessment of essays and presentations.
- I was also responsible for a further three Seminar groups for second year course: 'International Organisations'.
- In the second semester I was seminar leader for four classes of second year course: 'Theories of International Relations.

September 2004 – May 2006      Teaching Assistant – Department of Politics and International Relations. Royal Holloway College, University of London

- Seminar leader – Issues in International Relations.
- Responsibility for five seminar groups.
- Administrative duties included assessing essays and providing first point of contact for students and the department.

Summer 2005      Teaching Fellow – Joint Services Command and Staff College (JSCSC)

- Responsible for teaching post-graduate course for intermediate officers of the Royal Air Force (RAF)
- Responsibility for developing academic presentation skills and assessment of presentations and essays.
- Responsibility for developing analytical and writing skills, as well as being first point of contact between students and the wider academic community at the Staff College.

Sept. 2004 -2005      Teaching Assistant – Department of War Studies Kings College London (KCL).

- Delivering seminars to four groups of 15 students for first year course: 'The Conduct of War'.
- Responsible for developing the analytical skills needed to complete a wide-ranging course on the history of warfare.
- Responsible for student needs, assessment of essays and any problems encountered while undertaking the course.

2002 -2003      Teaching Assistant – Department of Politics and International Relations University of Aberdeen.

- Seminar leader for first year course: 'Issues in International Relations. I had responsibility for three seminar groups, including assessment of essays and presentations.
- I was also responsible for a further three Seminar groups for second year course: 'International Organisations'.
- My duties included marking students essays and providing the first point of contact for students
- Provided guidance on academic problems relating to the course.

June 2001-June 2002      Parliamentary Assistant – For Member of the Scottish Parliament

The Scottish Parliament

Duties included:

- My primary responsibility was to monitor the local and national media and write press releases and comment for the MSP.
- Further duties included writing and tabling parliamentary questions.
- Constituency work, administration for the MSP, including writing letters on his behalf, dealing with constituent enquiries, and liaison with governmental and private agencies.

### **Seminar Presentation/Publications**

- April 2008 - 'New or Old Wars': Debating a Clausewitzian Future'  
*The Journal of Strategic Studies* (forthcoming, spring 2009) I have two further articles planned for 2009:
- 'Slovenia's War of Independence and the Secret of its Success. Strategy in its Clausewitzian Context'
  - 'Testing the New War Thesis: Militia's, Mobs, or Armies: Force Structures in the Balkan Wars -1991-1995'
- 2008 November Seminar paper (Aberdeen University Seminar Series): 'Testing the New War Thesis: Militia's, Mobs, or Armies: Force Structures in the Balkan Wars'
- 2005 Spring Term 'Revaluating the 'New War' Thesis: A Balkan Case Study' – seminar paper presented at Royal Holloway seminar series.

### **Additional Information & Interests**

- Completed course on using the internet as a research tool at the Institute of Historical Research (IHR)
- Attended one week course on archival research methods at IHR
- Hobbies include hill walking, playing squash, and reading novels. I am also learning to play the Scottish fiddle. (Currently grade two)
- Independently travelled throughout western and eastern Europe, the Balkans and South Africa.

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