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PERSONAL PROFILE

Successful British psychology graduate, with first class honours degree and national recognition, seeks to develop career within the field of Sensory Science. Having worked in academia and the coffee industry overseas, I wish to enhance my scientific and work skills to gain employment in the food and beverage industry. My hard-working disposition, mature nature, and desire to learn make me an excellent employee and potential post-graduate candidate.

EDUCATION

2003-2006: *The University of Central Lancashire, UK.*

- **Grade: BSc (Hons) Psychology First class honours.**
- **Award: British Psychological Society Best Student Award.** The prize was awarded for attaining the best overall grade (78%) amongst the entire psychology faculty, consisting of over 300 students.
- **Independent Project:** Awarded a mark of 85%, and has been strongly recommended for publication by my advisor Dr. Andy Morley. This was a year- long research thesis, and included a literature review, statistical analyses and erudite write up.
- **Skills Developed:** Communication, critical thinking, numeracy, IT and problem solving skills were developed and demonstrated proficiently. Sensory science was taught in numerous models.

2001-2003: *Hanley Castle 6th Form, Worcestershire, England*

Grades: Four A-Levels and one AS level in psychology (A), business studies (A), media studies (B), mathematics (C) and general studies (C).

Awards: Top student award in media studies and psychology.

1996-2001: *Hanley Castle High School, Worcestershire, England. Grades:* 10 A*-B GCSE's

PSYCHOLOGY WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2009 – June 2009: *Neuropsychological Assessor. La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.*

- Assessed cognitive ability of patients diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment.
- One – on – one interview with participants using a battery of questionnaires.
- Data analysis.
- Assisted with preparation of reports.

Jan 2009 – June 2010: *Research assistant, Social Research Centre, Melbourne, Australia.*

- Conducted government approved surveys with the Australian public.
- Insight into questionnaire design and data analysis.

March-Sept 2007, Oct 2008–Jan 2009: *Research assistant to Professor Bonnie Barber at Murdoch University, Western Australia*

- Examined the influence of extracurricular activities upon adolescent development.
- Organised the logistics of a large, state-wide study. Interacted with a range of clientele; build rapport with school teachers, parents and students; gained business interest by developing sponsorship deals; data collection and analyses.

WORK EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE COFFEE INDUSTRY

July 2011: Coffee consultant, *Electik Espresso*. London.

- Responsible for serving single origin specialty coffees to the public in a variety of brewing methods.
- Scientifically analyse extraction yield and concentration strength to ascertain brewing protocol for each coffee.
- In-house trainer and coordinator for public events.

June 2010: World Barista Championship team support member to Matija Hrkac from Croatia,

Nov 2009 – May 2010: Retail Associate / Supervisor and Barista; *Mojo Coffee Cartel*, Wellington, New Zealand. <http://www.mojocoffee.co.nz/>

Worked with a respected coffee roaster and retailer.

- Enhanced coffee knowledge, and consumer behaviour awareness.
- Developed excellent time management and organisational skills.
- Customer service and hospitality training.
- Palate development training.
- Attendee and volunteer at all New Zealand regional barista finals.

Aug – Oct 2009: *Western Australian Barista Academy (WABA)*, Perth, Australia.

Attained coffee training with Australian representative barista.

- Successfully completed the following courses;
- Advanced Barista Techniques
- Latte Art Skills and Techniques

July – Oct 2009: *Ristretto Espresso Specialists*, Perth, Australia. <http://www.ristretto.com.au/>

Barista Training and Sensory Development with award winning roasters and coffee professionals.

- Sensory training, including evaluating single origin coffees for palate development.
- Attendee at Western Australian Barista Championships

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & INTERESTS

- Member of the Specialty Coffee Association of Europe
- Graduate member of the British Psychological Society
- Interests in *travel*: this has widened my perspective and developed people skills. Travelling independently has evidenced commendable flexibility and self-management skills.

REFEREES

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