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### **PhD Summary**

There is an important and on-going debate about the scale and scope of religious discrimination and prejudice against those of Irish Catholic descent in Scotland. My Research will critically explore the contours of this debate, and identify the principal sources of the disagreement (theoretical, methodological, etc.). Through the generation of qualitative interview data, I intend to investigate the relative salience of religious identities amongst Catholics and Protestants as against those of race, class and gender. Key here will be the need to explore and understand the factors that help to produce and sustain such identities, and whether actual experiences of, and/or perceptions of, discrimination and prejudice constitute important variables in the production of such identities. Such qualitative work will be situated within a case study approach which will allow me to combine the generation of my own data with an analysis of relevant political debates, archival research and secondary analysis of large-scale data sets to produce a fully-rounded picture of religious-based identity formation in Scotland.

### **Research questions:**

Narratives of location. Understanding the Experiences of the Irish Catholic Diaspora in the West of Scotland

### **Methods and data:**

Qualitative research methods using life history interviews.

### **Research Interests:**

Sectarianism

Cultural Racism

Nationalism