

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Alison James PhD**  
**Professor Emerita, University of Winchester**

**National Teaching Fellow**  
**Principal Fellow, Higher Education Academy**

**Trained and experienced LEGO® Serious Play® Facilitator**  
**Professional Coach (Institute of Leadership & Management L5)**

**Academic adviser, reviewer, researcher.**  
**International keynote speaker**  
**Author of numerous publications relating to higher education**

### **EDUCATION**

2004-2007 Phd, University of Southampton: *Ambivalence and Detachment: A Biographical Analysis of the Life and Art of Dod Procter RA*  
2002-2004 MA Education (Biography and Education): Distinction (University of Southampton)  
1993-1995 Certificate of Education in FE, Farnborough College of Technology  
1983-1984 Trilingual Secretarial Diploma, St James College, Kensington  
1978-1982 BA Hons French and Italian: 2:1. University of Wales, Aberystwyth  
1971-1978 Gumley House School Isleworth: 2 S levels, 3 A levels, 7 O'levels

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### **Summary**

- Senior roles in academic development and quality assurance/enhancement
- Instigation and leadership of institutional strategies, policies and practices in monotechnic and multidisciplinary institutions
- Extensive experience of teaching and curriculum design/delivery at all levels of HE
- Experienced manager of both discrete and cross-institutional teams, and of both line and 'dotted line' management
- Substantial experience chairing committees and working groups
- Oversight, design and delivery of educational and staff development and pedagogic projects and innovation
- Extensive work in developing access to the curriculum through staff development and the creation of EDI programmes such as ADAPT
- Numerous collaborations to develop cross institutional links and establish support through external networks/contributors/partnerships.
- Diverse external roles including trusteeships, examinerships (including PhD) and advisory roles for PG Certs, validations, HEA Fellowship recognition, peer review and editorial boards.

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### **EMPLOYMENT**

**Current.** Independent academic adviser, scholar and consultant. Disseminating outcomes from three year study into The Value of Play in Higher Education, funded by the Imagination Lab Foundation and published in 2022. For further information please visit <https://engagingimagination.com>

2017- December 2019

Director, Academic Quality and Development and Professor of Learning and Teaching, University of Winchester

2016- 2017

Acting Director Academic Quality and Development and Head of Learning and Teaching, University of Winchester.

2012-2016

Associate Dean, Learning and Teaching, London College of Fashion

2005-2012

Head of Learning and Teaching, London College of Fashion

2011-2012

0.5 secondment: Acting Associate Dean/Acting Dean Centre for Learning and Teaching in Art and Design, UAL

2002 – 2005

Learning & Teaching Co-ordinator, Surrey Institute of Art & Design, University College.

1998-2002

Languages Co-ordinator/Project Co-ordinator ALLADIN, Surrey Institute of Art and Design

1990-1997

Sessional Lecturer in modern foreign languages and cultural and historical theories related to media at the Surrey Institute of Art and Design, Alton College, Petersfield College and Farnborough College of Technology.

Prior to 1990 I was working outside education.

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