

Tania Staras

Tapestry weaver, historian, writer, researcher, educator

Qualifications

2026	Open College of the Arts	Short Course in Psychogeography Foundation Diploma in Tapestry Weaving
2025-2027	West Dean College	
2025	Living Well Dying Well	Foundation Training PGCHE Advanced Diploma in Midwifery Studies PhD in History
2008-2011	University of Nottingham	
2000-2003	University of Sheffield	
1993-1997	University of Sheffield Thesis title: "A Price must be paid for motherhood": <i>The experience of maternity in Sheffield, 1879-1939</i>	
1991-1992	University of Leicester	MA in English Local History: Distinction BA (Honours) in History 2:1
1987-1990	University of Cambridge	

Employment

2014-2024	University of Brighton	Principal Lecturer in Midwifery LME, Academic Lead for midwifery Senior Lecturer in Midwifery Staff midwife Staff midwife
2014-2019	University of Brighton	
2007-2014	University of Nottingham	
2003-2008	Nottingham City Hospital	
2003	Jessop Wing, Sheffield	
1997-2000	Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield <ul style="list-style-type: none">Joint co-ordinator, researcher and author on Born in Sheffield history project; an oral, written and photographic history of maternity care in Sheffield.	
1998-2000	University of Sheffield Adult Continuing Education and Department of History	University tutor
1990-1991	Chantry Bagpipe Museum, Morpeth	Assistant museum curator

Social Partnership, consultancy and exhibitions

- **Current: Editorial Board member *Tapestry Weaving* magazine (British Tapestry Group)**
- **Piece selected for Sussex Contemporary Exhibition Nov 2025 (*The Kitchen Table*: sold)**
- **TV consultancy and on-screen interviews Voltage TV 'The palace' 2023**
- **TV consultancy and on-screen interviews BBC *A house through Time* and *Who Do You think Are?* 2021; BBC 1 documentary about the impact of the NHS broadcast July 2016; *Health before the NHS: the road to recovery*, Timeshift BBC4, September 2012**
- **Wellcome digital stories 'Imagining the foetus'**
<https://wellcomecollection.org/articles/Xw7mQBAAACEAKRJ3>
And 'The Place of birth' <https://wellcomecollection.org/articles/Y44I5REAAC-UNZQm>
- **Article** on the history of the place of birth in *History Today*
- **Organiser** of Wellcome funded 'witness' seminar exploring genesis, development and legacy of *Changing Childbirth* Report held at RCOG 17th October 2013
- **Curator** of public exhibition at the university of Nottingham in Spring 2012 entitled 'Mothers and Midwives' and attracting 7000+ visitors

Main Publications

NB publications as 'McIntosh' prior to 2021

- T Staras, S Lang and Scamell M** (2026) A historical perspective of the risk problem in maternity care in UK and India. Chapter 3 Coxon K and M Scamell eds *Critical Studies of risk in maternity care*, Palgrave Macmillian
- Moriarty J, Parks M, Raisborough J, Staras T, F Stevenson** (2024) Creative Pause: A collaborative, autoethnographic research project exploring how storytelling menopause experiences might support wellbeing *writing in practice* 10: 69-85
- Staras, T ed** (2023) *Communication in midwifery – theory and practice*, London: Elsevier
- Staras, T** (2022) 'A brief history of district midwifery' *AIMS Journal* 34 (3)
- Clements K and Staras T** (2021) 'Complex social factors' in Anderson M, ed., *Perinatal mental health*, Elsevier
- McIntosh, T** (2017) 'Pushed into it?' *History Today*, November
- McIntosh, T** (2017) 'Changing messages about place of birth in Mother and Baby magazine between 1956 and 1992' *Midwifery* 54: 1-6
- McIntosh, T** (2017) 'Risk in childbirth; contemporary and historical perspectives' *MIDIRS Midwifery Digest* 27 (2)
- McIntosh, T** (2017) 'Using oral and documentary sources to explore histories of midwifery', *SAGE Research Methods Cases* DOI:10.4135/9781473991057
- McIntosh, T** (2016) 'Attrition from midwifery programmes at a Midwifery school in the English Midlands 1939-1973: An historical study' *Nurse Education Today* DOI:10.1016/j.net.2016.05.029
- McIntosh, T** (2014) "'I'm not the tradesman'" a case study of district midwifery in Nottingham and Derby 1954 - 1974' *Social History of Medicine* doi:10.1093/shm/hku011
- McIntosh, T** (2014) 'Delivering the impossible? The contradiction of maternity care provision' *MIDIRS Midwifery Digest*, 24 (1)
- McIntosh, T and Hunter, B** (2013) ' "Unfinished business"? Reflections on Changing Childbirth twenty years on'. *Midwifery* 10.1016/j.midw.2013.12.006
- McIntosh T, Fraser DM, Stephen N, Avis M** (2013) 'Final year students' perceptions of learning to be a midwife in six British universities', *Nurse Educ Today*, 33 (10): 1179-83 doi: 10.1016/j.nedt.2012.05.020
- McIntosh, T** (2012) *A social history of maternity and childbirth: key themes in maternity care*, Abingdon: Routledge.
- McIntosh, T** (2012) 'The concept of early labour in the experience of maternity in twentieth century Britain', *Midwifery*, 29 (1): 3-9. doi: 10.1016/j.midw.2012.07.005
- Mathers, H and McIntosh, T** (2000) *Born in Sheffield: a history of women's health services in Sheffield*. Wharncliffe Press, Sheffield.
- McIntosh, T** (2000) "'An abortionist City": maternal mortality, abortion and birth control in Sheffield, 1920-1940.' *Medical History*, 44: 75-96.
- McIntosh, T** (1998) 'Profession, skill or domestic duty? Midwifery in Sheffield, 1881-1936.' *Social History of Medicine*, 11:403-420.
- McIntosh, T** (1998) *The decline of Stourbridge Fair, 1770-1934*. Dept of English Local History, Leicester.