



# History with Religious Studies

## 1999

**Who is your current employer and what do they do?**

**Scotland on Sunday newspaper** (The Business magazine)

**What is your job title and what does the job entail?**

**Wine Correspondent**

Writing about all aspects of wine for a weekly column.

**How did you achieve your current position?**

I was President of the University Wine Society and through that, got to know all of Scotland's wine merchants. Justerini & Brooks had a Christmas job going which I pounced on, worked hard and turned it into a Saturday and summer job. After I graduated they offered me a contract as a wine merchant. Three years later I moved to London-based rivals Lea & Sandeman.

It was always my intention to be a journalist. I wrote for the student newspaper in my first year, and worked out that the best way in was to do a postgraduate course. In 2001 I left the wine trade, and completed my Diploma in Newspaper Journalism at Cardiff University. I did a week's work placement at The Scotsman and really showed what I could do, was invited back for interview after my course finished, and took up a position as a general reporter. I enjoyed a variety of jobs on the paper including social diary, business desk, news desk and Consumer Affairs Correspondent.

In 2005 I was spotted by the Editor of Scotland on Sunday at a private winetasting I was hosting for Alexander McCall Smith. Three months later I moved to Scotland on Sunday as their Wine Correspondent.

**Will Lyons**

**Update 2010** - Will is now working for The Wall Street Journal in London as a Wine Columnist.