Vic Kendall Weiss

Current PHD student working on Tabletop Game Design and Heritage outreach at the University of Exeter

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Key Skills

- Genuine passion for heritage engagement and interactive audience experiences
- Skilled storyteller with strong creative thinking abilities
- Confident communicator and engaging public speaker
- Team-oriented with a collaborative and positive approach
- Quick-thinking and effective problem solver
- Technically proficient with strong digital literacy
- Adaptable, calm, and professional under pressure
- Focused on delivering excellent customer service and visitor experiences
- Enthusiastic, energetic, and dependable team member

Hobbies & Interests

- Playing and creating tabletop role-playing games (TTRPGs), developing storytelling and teamwork skills.
- Enjoying video games, exploring interactive narratives and problem-solving.
- Solving puzzles and escape rooms, building creative thinking and collaborative skills.
- Watching films and exploring cinema, enhancing understanding of storytelling, culture, and visual narratives.

Recent Work Experience

Volunteer – Heritage Community Outreach Event

Blaise Museum, Bristol
May 2025 – Jul 2025

- Helped design, host and run an interactive, story-driven tabletop event for young visitors, blending puzzle-solving and teamwork to create an immersive, memorable experience.
- Facilitated group sessions directly as a Game Master over two days, guiding participants through challenges while ensuring everyone felt included and engaged—mirroring the dynamics of Escape Room gameplay.
- Collected and analysed participant feedback to improve event flow and enhance the interactive visitor experience.

Tutor (Self-Employed)

MyTutor, London
Sep 2021 – Present (freelance/part-time)

- Designed and delivered engaging, goal-driven learning sessions for GCSE and A Level students in English, Classics, and Drama—encouraging creative thinking, quick problem-solving, and confidence under pressure.
- Adapted communication and teaching styles to suit a range of personalities and abilities, building trust and motivation in a supportive, high-energy environment.
- Developed bespoke resources and activities to make complex ideas interactive and accessible—skills transferable to briefing, guiding, and supporting Escape Room teams.
- Completed safeguarding, well-being, and SEND training; DBS-checked and experienced in maintaining calm, professional communication in challenging or fast-paced situations

Anglican Chaplaincy Assistant

St Luke's College Foundation, University of Exeter
Aug 2022 – Jun 2024

- Assisted in planning and delivering community events, managing logistics, visitor welcome, and tech support—ensuring smooth operations and a positive guest experience.
- Fostered an inclusive, welcoming atmosphere for diverse groups, supporting well-being and engagement in shared activities.
- Worked collaboratively with staff and students to build community, develop events, and solve problems creatively under time constraints.

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Education History

PhD in English
Institution: University of Exeter
2025 – 2029 (Ongoing)

- Focused on heritage engagement, narrative theory and storytelling in cultural, literary and gamified contexts.
- Aiming to advance research in Heritage and public engagement, while developing my project management skills through interdisciplinary study.
- My projects concern creating original research methods aimed at enhancing understanding of audience interaction with heritage sites and literary heritage.

Master of Arts in Magic and Occult Sciences
Institution: University of Exeter
2024 – 2025 (With Distinction)

- Engaged in advanced research and interdisciplinary study of esoteric traditions and cultural histories.
- Presented at academic conferences, developing public speaking and communication skills.
- Strengthened research, critical analysis, and independent project management abilities through dissertation work and seminars.

Bachelor of Arts in Classical Studies and English
Institution: University of Exeter
2021 – 2024 (First-Class Honours, 1.1)

- Awarded Gamini Salgado Dissertation Prize (For English), Dean's Commendation, and Departmental Commendation (Classics).
- Developed expertise in literature, languages, and cultural history, with strong skills in critical thinking, research, and academic writing.
- Contributed to departmental events and seminars, enhancing collaborative and presentation skills.

A Levels
Bohunt Sixth Form,
2019 – 2021

- Achieved 4 A* grades in Drama, English Literature, Philosophy, and Classical Civilisations.
- Built strong foundations in analysis, interpretation, and creative communication.

GCSEs
The Petersfield School,
2014 – 2019

- All grades above 6, including two 8s and a 9 in English Literature.
- Received Student Award for Leadership in recognition of extracurricular contributions and teamwork.

References:

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