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- 1965-1968 B.A. in Psychology, Sussex University; 1st class honors.
- 1968-1971 D. Phil. in Psychology, Experimental Psychology, Oxford University.
- 1971-1972 Research Fellow, Center for Cognitive Studies, Harvard University, U.S.A.
- 1972-1973 Research Fellow, Experimental Psychology, Oxford University
- 1973-1976 Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Lancaster University
- 1976-1979 Reader in Psychology, Free University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1979-1981 Lecturer, Department of Social Psychology, London School of Economics
- 1981-1996 Lecturer in Psychology, Oxford University, Fellow of St John's College
- 1992-1993 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, U.S.A.
- 1996-1998 Reader in Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford.
- 1998-2001 Professor of Developmental Psychology, University of Oxford.
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- 2001- Emeritus Fellow, St John's College, Oxford
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Awards and Honors

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| 2005 | Guggenheim Fellowship |
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| 2007 | Docteur Honoris Causa; Université de Rennes, France |
| 2009 | Elected as Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science |
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Professional activities

Former Editor of *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*; Former Associate Editor of *Child Development*. Reviewer for: *Science, PNAS, Psychological Science, Child Development, Cognitive Science, Developmental Science, Developmental Psychology, Cognition, Mind and Language, Human Development, Society for Research in Child Development Monographs, Behavioral and Brain Sciences, Development and Psychopathology, Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*.

Referee for ESRC and MRC (U.K.), NSF (U.S.) and SSHRC (Canada).

Publications

Books

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Edited Books

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Journal Articles and Chapters

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