



Professional Memberships/Fellowships

- 1991** Member of the British Ecological Society
- 1991** Member of the Association of Applied Biologists
- 2010** Chartered Environmentalist
- 2013** Professional Agriculturalist
- 2013** Principal Fellow of the HEA

Awards/Prizes/Distinctions

- 2008** National Teaching Fellowship

Career

Plan after graduating?

After graduating, I ran my own business for 5 years as an agricultural and forestry contractor, before teaching in Further Education Colleges.

Did that change? If so, how?

After completing my PhD in my early 30s and joining the University of Reading as a post doc, I was able to fulfil a long-standing interest in teaching and pedagogy by undertaking small, teaching-related research projects alongside "normal" disciplinary research. In the late 1990s and 2000s there was significant educationally-related funding available and I was part of, and in some cases led, projects funded by JISC, the HEA and HEFCE. My secondment to the UK Centre for Bioscience in 2002 gave me access to nationwide networks and collaborations.

What are your special interests/achievements in education?

My main educational interests focus on three areas. Firstly, I am keen to involve undergraduates in research. This has led to the development of resources such as "Engage in Research" (<http://www.engageinresearch.ac.uk/>) and the international student research journal "Bioscience Horizons". A second area of interest is the enhancement of student feedback, which led to the development of the "engage in feedback" website (<http://www.reading.ac.uk/internal/engageinfeedback/EFB-Home.aspx>) and a number of related publications. I am also interested in the use of technology in learning, particularly in relation to fieldwork (<http://www.enhancingfieldwork.org.uk/>) and I have a number of publications in this area, including a book that is currently in press.

1983
BSc in Agriculture, University of Newcastle

1988
Certificate in Education, Wolverhampton Polytechnic (now University of Wolverhampton)

1993
PhD in Agro-ecological Systems at Cranfield University

1994
Lectureship at University of Reading

1996
Programme Director BSc Rural Environmental Science

2002
0.2 FTE Secondment to the UK Centre for Bioscience Education, Leeds

2004
Promoted to Senior Lectureship

2008
Became Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning in the Faculty of Life Sciences at Reading

2010
Promoted to Professorship

Undertook Management and Leadership in Education Programme at Harvard University

2014
Became Head of School of Agriculture, Policy and Development