

#### Professional Memberships/Fellowships

- Member of The Physiological Society
- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology

### Awards/prizes/distinctions

- The Physiological Society Otto Hutter Teaching Prize
- HE Bioscience Teacher of the Year Award
- National Teaching Fellowship

## 1996 BSc Human Biology, University of Leeds

# 1999 PhD in Physiology,

# University of

2002 Teaching Fellow in Neuroscience. University of Leeds

2004 Programme Leader for BSc Neuroscience. University of Leeds

2007 Appointed as Faculty Virtual Learnina Environment Coordinator

2008 Senior Lecturer and Director of the Undergraduate School for the Faculty of Biological Sciences

# 2009 Elected as Faculty representative on University's Taught Student **Education Board**

# 2011

Member of Education and Outreach Committee for the Physiological Society (until 2014)

practical settings Started fractional secondment as University Blended Learning Champion

2012

Awarded £60K

from Hiaher

Academy for

interactive

eBooks in

research grant

into multimedia

Education

## 2014 Promoted to Professor and Chair of **Educational** Technology, Innovation and Change and Director of Digital

Learning

#### Career

## Plan after graduating?

After I graduated I went straight into a PhD position in Physiology, without much thought. After that I took up a post-doc at Imperial College envisaging a traditional academic career that combined teaching with subject-based (neuroscience) research.

# Did that change? If so, how?

After three years my supervisor moved and I took up a teaching fellow role at Leeds, hoping to continue my research alongside developing as a teacher. It proved impossible to continue with funded neuroscience research, and I started to focus on teaching innovation and scholarship in about 2005, with a particular interest in technology-based education.

# What are your special interests/achievements in education?

My main interest and expertise is in blended learning and the use of innovative technologies. Having led a series of large technology enhanced learning projects, I currently have responsibility for blended and digital learning projects across the University of Leeds. My academic home is now in Education, where I do research into digital and blended learning.

I also have an interest and involvement in educational publishing having been the Editor-in-Chief of Bioscience Horizons, the international student research journal published by Oxford University Press, from 2010 until 2014, and I co-authored a successful student study skills book on technology enhanced learning with Stella Cottrell in 2012.