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Employment

2021 –	Director and Senior Research Fellow, Southern African Social Policy Research Insights, UK
2014 – 2021	Executive Director, Southern African Social Policy Research Insights, UK
2004 - 2013	Professor of Social Policy, University of Oxford
2000 - 2004	Reader in Social Policy University of Oxford
1991 - 2000	Lecturer in Social Policy University of Oxford
1986 - 1991	Student Unit Supervisor/Researcher, Department of Social and Administrative Studies, University of Oxford
1985 - 1986	Community Welfare Rights Lawyer The Barton Project, Oxford
1981 - 1983	Community Welfare Rights Lawyer The Barton Project, Oxford
1976 - 1981	Partner in Solicitor's firm
1974 - 1976	Assistant Solicitor
1971 - 1974	Articled Clerk in Solicitor's firm

Professional Affiliations/Honours

Executive Director - Southern African Social Policy Research Institute NPC (South Africa)
Emeritus Professor of Social Policy, University of Oxford, UK
Emeritus Fellow of Green College, University of Oxford, UK
Research Affiliate, Centre for Microsimulation and Policy Analysis, University of Essex
Director – Deprivation.Org
Member of the Law Society (UK)
Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society
CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to research on poverty)

Qualifications

1985	MSc in Applied Social Studies, Magdalen College, University of Oxford
1974	Solicitor of the Supreme Court, College of Law, London
1970	BA/MA Botany, Magdalen College, University of Oxford

Professional Roles

Deputy Head, Dept of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Oxford 1998-2006
Chair of Graduate Studies Committee, Sociology and Social Policy 1998-2006
Head, Dept of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Oxford 2000
Governing Body Fellow, Green Templeton College, University of Oxford 1991 - 2013
Chair of Staff Committee 2006-2009, and Fellow responsible for Information Technology 1997 - 2009, Green Templeton College, University of Oxford
Member of the journal editorial board of the *Journal of Comparative Social Welfare*.
Advisor to the UK Government Social Exclusion Unit on area deprivation
Member of the UK Government Office of National Statistics Small Area Population Estimates advisory group

Member of the UK Government's New Deal for Lone Parents Working Party 2000 - 2003
Member of the UK Government Office of National Statistics' Neighbourhood Statistics Data Development Board 1999 - 2003.
External Quality assurance for UK Government Department of Work and Pensions Quarterly Social Security Statistics 2004
Advising the African Union/Southern African Development Community on a Regional Social Policy Framework for Southern Africa. 2006
Advisor to the Taylor Committee, and to the SA National Department of Social Development on social security reform. 1999 - 2000
Member of the advisory board of the London School of Economics' Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion 2000 - 2004

Selected publications

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