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He obtained a BSc in Physics from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1972 and subsequently the degrees of MSc in Geophysics (1973) and PhD Physics (1978) from the same institution. He was awarded a DSc by the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) in 1998. Following postdoctoral positions at the University of Strathclyde (1977-1979) and University of Edinburgh (1979-1982) he was appointed Senior Lecturer then Principal Lecturer at North Staffordshire Polytechnic (1982-1985). He moved to the Department of Materials at the University of Manchester/UMIST in 1986, becoming Professor in 1999, and serving as Head of Department from 2000 to 2004. He has published over 230 peer reviewed journal papers, served as editor for 12 volumes of conference proceedings and holds one patent. His primary field of research is functional ceramics, which has included magnetic and microwave dielectric ceramics, but has for the last decade focussed on thermoelectric materials for power generation applications. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IoM3) and was elected a Member of World Academy of Ceramics in 2008. He was awarded the Verulam Prize and medal of IoM3 in 2007

He served on the ECerS Council for several years, and was a member of the President's Advisory Board and Chair of the Research and Development Working Group. He was President of the International Ceramic Federation from 2004-2006. He served as a member of the Journal of ECerS Trust and has been an editor of Journal of the European Ceramic Society since 2015.