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2003-2005 University College London (University of London): **MSc**
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1990-1994 King's College London (University of London): **PhD**
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1987-1990 King's College London (University of London): **BA (First Class Honours)**
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Previous Academic Positions

September 2004-August 2007: Lecturer in Liberal Arts and Assistant Director of Senior Courses, St Clare's, Oxford.

September 1996-August 2004: Tutor in Philosophy, St Clare's, Oxford.

1995-1996: Lecturer in Philosophy (p/t), Heythrop College, University of London.

1994-1996: Tutor in Philosophical and Systematic Theology (p/t), University of Birmingham.

Publications

Books:

- *The Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction* (with Beverley Clack), Oxford: Polity Press, 1998.
- *Wittgenstein, Frazer and Religion*, Basingstoke & London: Macmillan, 1999.
- *An Introduction to Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Religion*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1999.
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