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Education and qualifications

1964-67 University of Cambridge, Gonville and Caius College
B.A. (1967), M.A. (1971)
First class honours in Part I of Economics Tripos
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1967-71 Harvard University
M.A. (1969), Ph.D. (1973)
Special fields: Mathematical Economics and Econometrics
Money and Banking
Ph.D. thesis: Production theory, replacement, and the utilization
of capital equipment
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Honours and distinctions

American Iron and Steel Institute Dissertation Fellowship (1970)
Fellow, British Academy (2000)
Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship (2003-06)
Fellow, Econometric Society (2005)

Employment

1969-71	Teaching Fellow in Economics, Harvard University
1971-72	Ellis Hunter Memorial Fellow in Economics, University of York
1972-83	Lecturer in Economics, University of York
1983-84	Visiting Fellow in Economics, Université Catholique de Louvain
1983-85	Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of York
1985-99	Professor of Economics, University of Southampton
1999-2013	Professor of Economics, University of Oxford and Fellow, All Souls College

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Publications

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Book contributions

“Efficient labour organization: incentives, power and the transactions cost approach.” In Frank H. Stephen (ed.), *Firms, Organization and Labour: Approaches to the Economics of Work Organization* (Macmillan, London, 1984), 119-126 (ISBN 0-333-34692-0).

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“Contract inefficiency, wages and employment: an assessment.” In *Economics in a Changing World*, vol. 5, Jean-Paul Fitoussi (ed.), *Economic Growth and Capital and Labour Markets* (Macmillan, London, 1995), 221-249 (ISBN 0-333-60127-0 and 0-312-12468-6).

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“Individual employment contracts.” In Orley Ashenfelter and David Card (eds.), *Handbook of Labor Economics*, vol. 3B, chapter 35 (Elsevier Science, Amsterdam, 1999), 2291-2372 (ISBN 0 444 50188 6).

(with Martin Chalkley) "Government purchasing of health services." In Anthony J. Culyer and Joseph P. Newhouse (eds.), *Handbook of Health Economics*, vol. 1A, chapter 15 (Elsevier Science, Amsterdam, 2000), 847-890 (ISBN 0 444 50470 2).

(with James W. Maw and Barry McCormick) "General training by firms, apprentice contracts, and public policy." In Francis Green (ed.), *Recent Developments in the Economics of Training*, vol. 1, chapter 6 (Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2007) (ISBN 978 1 84542 546 3). Reprinted from *European Economic Review*, 47(2), April 2003, 197-227.

*(with W. Bentley MacLeod) "Implicit contracts, incentive compatibility, and involuntary unemployment." In Patrick Bolton (ed.), *The Economics of Contracts*, vol. 2, chapter 12 (Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2008) (ISBN 978 1 84064 416 6). Reprinted from *Econometrica* 57(2), March 1989, 447-480.

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