

**Most recent post** (early retirement, 31 March 1992)

1976-92 **Principal Lecturer in Sociology**

School of Policy Studies and Social Research  
Faculty of Environmental and Social Studies  
The Polytechnic of North London

(1976-92) **Admissions Tutor** BA and BSc (Social Research)

(1978-92) **Director, Survey Research Unit**

(1984-90) **Research Degrees Tutor**, Faculty of Social Studies

(1991-92) **Assessment Tutor**, BSc (Social Research)

**Previous posts**

1970-76 **Senior Research Fellow** (Univ Reader Scale)

Survey Unit, Social Science Research Council

1968-70 **Lecturer** (tenured from April 1969)

Dept of Transportation and Environmental Planning  
University of Birmingham

1965-68 **Research Assistant**

Dept of Economics and Geography  
University of Salford

1964-65 **Assistant Lecturer Grade A**

English and Liberal Studies  
Openshaw Technical College, Manchester

1964 **Assistant Classics Master** (Spring Term)

Durham Johnstone Grammar/Technical School for Boys

(seconded full time from Durham University to replace sick teacher)

**Other academic**

1981-83 **External Examiner** (CNAAB)

MSc Social and Behavioural Research, Ulster Polytechnic

**Main Research Interests**

Subjective Social Indicators ("Quality of Life")

Collaborative research with local authorities and community groups particularly projects involving surveys, statistics and computing)

Training and employment market in the area of research and information, especially in the public sector.

Survey Research (Methods and applications)

Secondary analysis

Computing applications in the social sciences

**Publications:**

Extensive and varied in field of survey research, social indicators, social science computing and statistics. (See separate list)

## Professional activities

- 1965-1992 **Full member** British Sociological Association
- 1968-70 **Member:** Joint RTPI/BSA Committee on Sociology and Town Planning
- 1968-71 **Member:** Research and Advisory Board, Inst for the Study of Worship and Religious Architecture, University of Birmingham
- 1968-1985 **Founder member and Newsletter Editor** BSA Quantitative Sociology Group
- 1970-1992 **Full member** Market Research Society
- 1978 - **Founder member** Social Research Association
- 1978-1992 **Founder member, Chair and Newsletter Editor** UK SPSS Users' Group
- 1971 -1985 **Founder member** Study Group on Computers in Survey Analysis, now Association for Survey Computing (**Secretary 1971-1976**)
- 1971-1973 **Assessor:** Social Science Research Council Computer Panel
- 1971-74 **Co-Founder/Secretary:** Study Group on Computers in Survey Analysis (now Association for Survey Computing)
- 1973-74, 1976-82 **Editor:** Quantitative Sociology Newsletter
- 1974 **Organiser:** International Conference on ***Social Science Data and the new SPSS***, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 1974 **Organiser:** SSRC Survey Unit conference ***Social Theory, Social Policy and Survey Research*** London School of Economics and Political Science
- 1975 **Organiser:** BSA Quantitative Sociology Group Conference, "**Evaluation Research and the Measurement of Social Change**" Univ of Kent
- 1975-76 **Member:** Education Cttee, Market Research Society
- 1975-77 **Member:** Research and Development Cttee, Market Research Society
- 1976-79 **Elected Member:** Research Cttee and Finance Cttee, British Sociological Association
- 1977-79 **Elected Member:** Executive Cttee, British Sociological Association
- 1977-82 **Founder/Chairman and Newsletter Editor**, UK SPSS Users' Group
- 1978-87 **Member:** Editorial Board "**Social Indicators Research**"
- 1978-82 **Board of Directors**, Research Cttee33 Logic and Methodology, International Sociological Association
- 1986-89 **Founder:** (then **Convenor** of Judges' Panel) **Mark Abrams Prize** awarded annually for best publication linking Social Theory, Social Policy and Survey Research. (taken over in 1989 by the Social Research Association): **member** of judging panel for relaunch in 2004 (Prize discontinued after 2007).

## Community activities

1966-67 **Secretary:** Manchester Campaign for Comprehensive Education

1974-78 **Alderman:** London Borough of Haringey.  
Vice-chair, Governing Body, Wood Green School. Member at various times of Education, Planning, Finance and General Purposes Cttees and their sub-committees. Member of majority party Policy Advisory Group throughout and of Leader's Conference on the Rate 1977/88 (the year the cuts started). Also Vice-chair of London On-line Local Authorities (LOLA) and Chair of the Research Working Party which produced "Haringey Trends"

1978-83 **Chair of Governors:** Wood Green School (11-18 mixed comprehensive, L B Haringey)

## Trade Union activities

**1971-1973** **AUT** staff-side representative on Joint Negotiating Panel for Conditions of &  
&1974-76 Service in SSRC Research Units  
1979-81 **Chair:** Natfhe Branch, Ladbroke House PNL  
1985-89 **Fund Organiser:** PNL Emergency Fund for Natfhe members defending a High Court action brought by a student who was a senior and active member of the National Front.

## Education

1951-60 High School for Boys, Scarborough, Yorkshire  
1960-63 Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge  
1960-63 St Cuthbert's Society, Durham

## Qualifications

1963 BA Hons: (Classics Part 1; Social Anthropology Part2)  
Cambridge University (MA 1967)  
1964 Diploma in Education, Durham University  
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