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He progressed to York University where he researched the Labour movement in the years immediately before and after the First World War. Between 1971 and 1999 he taught at schools in Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Leicester, including 17 years as the principal of Stanground College, a large community comprehensive in Peterborough.

His book *Rescuing the Comprehensive Experience* (Open University Press, 1986) reaffirmed the importance of comprehensive education in the threatening environment of the Thatcher years.

His publications include *The Pendulum Swings: Transforming School Reform* (Trentham, 2010), *Human Resource Management in Education: Contexts, Themes and Impact*, with Justine Mercer and Richard Bird (Routledge, 2010), *Education and Social Mobility: Dreams of Success* (IOE, Trentham Books, 2014) with Kate Hoskins, *STEM, Social Mobility and Equality: Avenues for Widening Access* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020) also with Kate Hoskins, and *Busking Latin: A Memoir* (The Stamford Press, 2019).

He is a member of The Society of Authors and has published 10 books in his career to date, as well as countless articles in the national media and over 20 peer-reviewed journal articles.