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Degrees

B.A. Cambridge, Economics; Ph.D. Edinburgh, Accounting and Economics

Positions held

2016- Professor Emeritus, University of Cambridge, Director of Research, then Fellow,
Cambridge Judge Business School

2003-16 Professor of Financial Accounting, CJBS (variously Acting Director, CJBS, Head of
Finance and Accounting Group, Director of Teaching)

Previously Senior Lecturer, Lecturer, Assistant Director of Research, Director of Graduate
Studies, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics; SSRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow,
Research Officer, Dept. of Applied Economics, Cambridge; Research Associate, Dept. of
Accounting and Business Method, University of Edinburgh; Trainee accountant, Price
Waterhouse

Variously also: Fellow of Darwin College, Cambridge

Academic Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Visiting Scholar, Harvard Business School, INSEAD, LSE

Research

Working at the intersection of accounting, economics and finance. Current themes: M&A;
accounting and economic policy; accounting regulation

Teaching

M&A, Accounting, Regulation of accounting and finance

Teaching awards: MBA (2016), Executive Education (2018)

Publications

Statistics

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