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## Education

- May 2010 *Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)*  
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA
- September 1997 *Masters of Science degree in Audiology (M.Sc.)*  
University of Southampton, Hampshire, UK
- June 1999 *Diploma of Acoustics*  
Institute of Acoustics, Hertfordshire, UK
- June 1994 *Bachelor of Science Honors Degree (BSc Hons) in Physics*  
DeMontfort University, Leicester, UK
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## Professional Experience

- July 2010 to present *Clinical Audiologist*  
Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, University of Florida  
Performing clinical and academic teaching and supervision of Doctor of Audiology students, as well as audiologic clinic responsibilities including diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation in a university/hospital setting. Lead audiologist for diagnostic audiological evaluations for cranio-facial team.
- June 2009 to May 2010 *Audiology Extern*  
Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, University of Florida  
Clinical training year involving performance of clinical audiology tasks including diagnostics, rehabilitation and treatment in a university/hospital setting
- July 1999 to June 2007 *Deputy Head of Clinical Audiology and Head of Audiology Training*  
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, Hampshire, UK  
Performed and oversaw all aspects of clinical audiology in a socialized medicine setting. Had responsibility for all academic and clinical training of visiting and in-house undergraduate and post-graduate trainee audiologists. Implemented and managed the regional universal newborn hearing screening program and deputized for Head of Audiology in all administrative and clinical responsibilities when necessary.

June 1998 to June 1999 *Higher Scientific Officer*

Institute of Naval Medicine, Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire, UK

Researched and reviewed audiology protocols within the Royal Navy; advised on underwater noise exposure for service personnel; investigated noise levels on ships, submarines and aircraft, and made appropriate recommendations; and assessed noise exposure of Marines and Special Forces personnel during training periods.

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### **Specialty areas**

Pediatric diagnosis and rehabilitation

Vestibular disorder evaluations and rehabilitation

Adult and pediatric cochlear implant evaluations and aural rehabilitation

Diagnostic audiologic evaluations for ENT and craniofacial medical teams

Newborn hearing screening

Clinical training and supervision in all areas of specialty

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### **Research, presentations and teaching opportunities**

#### Teaching

August 2013 to present *Academic lecturer for Communication Disorders students (on campus and online undergraduates)*

August 2011 to present *Clinical Lecturer for 3rd Year Doctor of Audiology Students in Current Issues*

July 2011 to present *Moderator for online teaching of 4<sup>th</sup> year Doctor of Audiology Students*

July 2010 to present *Preceptor for Doctor of Audiology Students at the University of Florida*

Supervise students in the clinic during their clinical practicums. Preparing them for patient care, supervision of patient contact, reviewing and editing clinical reports and review of student performance. Mentoring 4<sup>th</sup> year students on external extern placements.

2005 to 2007 *Guest Lecturer for Medical students at the University of Southampton, UK*

Lectured on diagnostic and rehabilitative audiology to second year medical students.

July 2003 to June 2007 *Guest Lecturer for Audiology students at University of Southampton, UK*

Lectured on graduate and undergraduate courses in Audiology in all areas of clinical specialty.

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- 2000 to 2007 *Guest Lecturer for Pediatric Residents for Portsmouth Hospitals, UK*
- Lectured on importance of and strategies for newborn hearing screening for well and NICU babies
- July 1998 to June 1999 *Teaching on Noise Assessors course for the Institute of Naval Medicine, UK*
- Teaching active service personnel and occupational health physicians on techniques and strategies for assessing and reducing noise on military transportation, training ranges and underwater work environments.

### Research

- 2010 to 2011 *Noise exposure and effects in operating rooms*
- Advising anesthesiology department on possible detrimental effects of noise from equipment for both patients and personnel.
- 1997 to 1999 *Underwater noise exposure*
- Conducted extensive research on use of hearing protection underwater in order to reduce working divers' noise exposure. Initial research conducted as part of Masters Degree in Audiology, then commissioned for additional research by the Royal Navy

### Presentations

- June 1999 *Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine conference in Boston, Mass*

### **Professional Honors and certifications**

- 2008 - present Mentor for British Audiological Trainees
- 2007 - present State Registration as Clinical Scientist (Audiology) in United Kingdom
- 1999 Outstanding contribution in the field of hearing conservation for service personnel

### **Memberships and Committees**

- 2008 to present American Speech, Language and Hearing Association
- 2008 to present Florida Academy of Audiology and American Academy of Audiology
- 2008 to present Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology
- 1996 to present British Academy of Audiology (previously British Association of Audiological Scientists)
- 1996 to present British Society of Audiology

2005 to 2007	Clinical Training Examiner for Clinical Scientists (Audiology) in United Kingdom
2003 to 2007	Clinical Training committee of British Academy of Audiology