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Educated: (1) McGill University, Montreal, 1960-4; BA with First Class Honours in Philosophy, and Prince of Wales Gold Medal in Philosophy, 1964

(2) Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford, 1964; Balliol College, Oxford, 1964-8; B.Phil. in Philosophy 1966, John Locke Prize in Mental Philosophy 1967. D.Phil. 1970, thesis on Kant's Philosophical Method.

Junior Research Fellow at Merton College, Oxford, 1968-71, and Fellow by special election as tutor 1971-2.

Lecturer in Philosophy at Makerere University, Uganda, 1972.

Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy at Magdalen College, Oxford, from 1972.

University Lecturer (Common University Fund), Oxford University, from 1972.

Deputy Principal of Postmasters, Merton College, 1970-2; Junior or Senior Dean of Arts, Magdalen College, 1973-84 (except for two sabbatical terms in 1977-8) and 1987-8.

Chairman of examiners in PPE, 1979 and 1992; in the Philosophy B.Phil., 1983 and 2010.

Junior Proctor, University of Oxford, 1984-5.

British Council Visiting Lecturer in Brazil, 1985 (Rio, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre).

Chairman of the Sub-Faculty of Philosophy, 1986-7.

Vice-chairman of the Literae Humaniores Faculty Board, 1985-7; chairman 1987-89.

Radcliffe Fellow in Philosophy, 1989-90.

Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy at the Komenius University, Bratislava and at the University of Trnava, Spring Term, 1993.

Delegate of Oxford University Press, 1993-2003.

Convenor of the Oxford Philosophical Monographs Committee from its inception in 1987 to the present.

Member of the General Board, Oxford University, 1995-2000; chairman, review of the Faculty of English, 1996; chairman, review of Archaeology, 1998.

Chairman of the General Board, 1999-2000 (full-time post).

Head of the Humanities Division, Oxford University, 2000-06 (full-time post).

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- "Bradley's Theory of Truth", in G. Stock, ed., *Appearance versus Reality: New Essays on the Philosophy of F.H. Bradley* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1998), pp. 93-109.
- "Imperatywy kategoryczne", tr. by P. Gutowski from English MS, in P. Gutowski and T. Szubka,

eds, *Filozofia Brytyjska u Schyłku XX Wieku* (Lublin, KUL Press, 1998), pp. 487-546.

“Induction and Transcendental Arguments”, in R. Stern, ed., *Transcendental Arguments: Problems and Prospects* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1999), pp. 13-29.

"Joachim on the Nature of Truth", in *Anglo-American Idealism, 1865-1927*, ed. W.J. Mander (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2000), pp.183-97.

“A Problem about Truth”, in R. Schantz, ed., *What is Truth?* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2002), pp. 299-315.

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"Kant" and "Dualism" articles in *The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, eds Asher, R.E. and Simpson, J.M.Y. (Oxford: Pergamon, 1994).

“Contingency” article in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. E.J. Craig.

Other matters

Since being Junior Proctor in 1984-5, then chairman of the Philosophy Sub-Faculty at the University of Oxford, and later chairman of the Literae Humaniores Board, I have been on numerous university committees, as well as college ones. I was a Curator of the Examination Schools from 1990-99. In college, since ceasing to be Senior Dean I have been convenor of the Panel of College Advisers (an alternative to the moral tutor system); have recently been on the Bursarial, Chapel and Choir, and Modernisation Committees (but am now off the first two); Wine Steward 1979-96, and acting again in that capacity from 2003.

From 1982 until about 1993 I was on the Management Committee of the Jan Hus Educational Foundation, which is concerned with promoting educational and cultural objectives in the Czech and Slovak Republics, and for much of the time I was on the Foundation's Executive Committee as well. I visited Czechoslovakia regularly in connection with the Foundation's activities, particularly in the 1980s, when I organised unofficial philosophy courses there as well as giving lectures. The courses were on Philosophical Logic, Kant, Aristotle's *Ethics*, and Descriptive Metaphysics; I gave lectures and seminars in each series.

From 1988 to 1992 I was on the Steering Committee of the Standing Conference for Arts and Social Studies (a national UK pressure group), and I returned to it in 1999 for a further three years.

In 1988-91 I spent quite a lot of time in preparing for publication a selection of letters of the Revd Thomas Twining (historian of music and translator of Aristotle's *Poetics*: 1734-1804), which my father had more or less completed before his final illness but which required extensive checking and some revision of notes. It was published, in two volumes, by the Edwin Mellen Press in 1991.

From 1999 to 2006 I was seconded full-time to the administration of Oxford University. I was able to keep up a small amount of teaching and research, but my University appointments did not really allow for it. In 2006 I returned to my duties as a Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy at Magdalen College, and a "Common University Fund Lecturer" in the University of Oxford.