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Brief Resumé

Born Margate, Kent, England April 23rd 1954.

Schools	Drapers Mills Infants and Juniors, Margate, Kent Chatham House Grammar School, Ramsgate, Kent
1972-76	Dept of Astronomy, University of Edinburgh BSc Astrophysics
1976-80	Dept of Physics, University of Leicester PhD in X-ray Astronomy
1980-81	Centre for Space Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Exchange Scientist
1981-84	Royal Greenwich Observatory Senior Research Fellow
1984-87	School of Mathematical Sciences, Queen Mary College, Univ. London SERC PDRA
1987-89	School of Mathematical Sciences, Queen Mary College, Univ. London SERC Advanced Fellow
1989-94	Dept of Physics, Queen Mary and Westfield College, Univ. London Lecturer
1994 -	Institute for Astronomy, Univ. Edinburgh Regius Professor of Astronomy and Head of Institute for Astronomy
2003-08	Head of School of Physics, Univ. Edinburgh
2008-09	Visiting Scientist, Stanford Linear Accelerator Centre

Research Interests

- Observational cosmology  
(large scale structure, galaxy formation, high-redshift galaxies)
- Active galaxies and quasars  
(spectral energy distribution, unified schemes, variability, obscured quasars)
- Survey Astronomy  
(leading a new major sky survey in the infra-red, and core member of VISTA project)
- Astronomical e-science  
(leading AstroGrid, a UK project to create a Virtual Observatory)

Publications

Over 200 published articles, reports, etc in scientific journals.

Professional Bodies etc

Fellow of Royal Society of Edinburgh  
Fellow of Royal Astronomical Society (have been Vice President)  
Trustee of Royal Observatory (Edinburgh) Trust (currently Chairman)

### Recent (last few years) Committee membership

- PPARC : Council Member
- Royal Astronomical Society : RAS Council (Vice President)
- European Space Agency : Astronomy Working Group
- European Southern Observatory : Surveys Working Group
- BNSC/PPARC : Space Science Advisory Committee
- VISTA project : Chairman, VISTA Science Committee
- AURA : Gemini Oversight Committee
- PPARC : ATC Management Board

(PPARC = Particle Physics and Astrophysics Research Council)

(BNSC = British National Space Centre)

(VISTA = Visible and Infrared Survey Telescope for Astronomy)

(AURA = Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (USA))

- various ad hoc review panels, mostly for PPARC, also recently for OECD

### Personal

My partner in life is Debbie Capel. We live in Marchmont, Edinburgh and have four young children called Zoë, Kit, and Dylan and Jake. Apart from astronomy and family, the biggest love of my life is drama. I used to be a keen amateur actor, but life is too busy now so I don't really do it anymore. Like most other people of course I like literature, art and music as well. My tastes are broad, but because of my love for serious drama, I find opera impossible to watch.

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