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Academic

Autumn 2007: Visiting Scholar, New York University, Department of Sociology

- 2006-08: Visiting Tutor, Goldsmiths College, London
I have taught weekly seminars of 20 undergraduates, on three different courses, covering core texts and ideas in sociology, social theory and cultural theory.
- 2005-09: PhD, Goldsmiths College, London
PhD in Sociology, supervised by Prof Scott Lash & Prof Michael Keith, on concepts and governance of economic competition – due to complete in early 2009
- 1998-99: Masters, University of Essex
MA hons. degree in Modern European Philosophy - awarded with Distinction. Dissertation on Adorno
- 1995-98: Undergraduate, University of Cambridge
BA hons. degree in Social & Political Science – 2.1.
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Work

- Affiliations: Fellow of The Young Foundation, Trustee of the Media Standards Trust, Editorial Board Member, *Renewal*.
- Mar-Jun '08: Director of Talks, Institute of Contemporary Arts
I spent three months, standing in for the existing Director of Talks. I had responsibility for conceiving of and organizing talks on philosophy, science, politics and contemporary culture.
- 2004-2006: Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research
The Institute for Public Policy Research (ippr) is the UK's leading progressive think tank. I ran its Digital Society Team, focusing on e-government, the knowledge economy, intellectual property rights, media regulation and a variety of contemporary policy agendas relating to new technology. Responsibilities included intellectual leadership on these issues inside and outside ippr, writing and publishing reports (see published work), fund-raising, management of a team of four people, public speaking, and contributing articles to national media.
- 2002-2004: Researcher, The Work Foundation
I worked in the Research team focusing on social capital, social networks and new media. I authored two published reports on the role of new media in formation and sustenance of social networks and communities, drawing out business and policy implications.
- 2002: Work and Business Specialist, Breaking Trends in the Global Village
Breaking Trends in the Global Village is a research initiative, backed by a consortium of businesses, that studies latest demographic and consumer trends in cosmopolitan cities around the world. I interviewed leading experts in Sydney and London, to explore emerging social and economic trends. The output from these studies was a series of multimedia presentations.

- Oct 2000-02: **Researching *The World We're In*, for Will Hutton**
The World We're In was Will Hutton's best-selling sequel to *The State We're In*, examining the choice that Britain faces between a European and an American model of capitalism. I read over 150 books on various aspects of American and European finance, business, and political and social institutions; tracked the latest developments in the media and in academic thinking; toured the US and Germany to interview economic and political experts.
- Jul-Sep '00: **Researcher, London Underground Project, The Industrial Society**
Ken Livingstone commissioned the Industrial Society to carry out an independent review of the Government's proposed PFI for the Underground. I identified and interviewed key transport experts; carried out a comprehensive literature on transport policy and PFIs; wrote key passages of the final report and shaped the report's eventual findings.
- Jan-Jun '00: **Research Assistant for Gavin Strang MP**
Campaigning against the partial privatisation of Air Traffic Control, I researched and drafted possible amendments to the Transport Bill. Other aspects of the campaign included liaising with interested MPs and Unions, researching the various alternatives to PPP and responding to media inquiries. In addition to the standard responsibilities of an MP's researcher, I created an MP's web site at www.gavingstranmp.co.uk
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Published work

- Academic:**
- 'Between Bureaucracy and Academy: The Authority of the Economic Policy Advisor' in C. Calhoun & R. Sennett (eds) (2008) *Creating Authority*, Routledge (forthcoming)
 - 'Using the Internet as a Research Tool: Between Information and Communication' in R. Finnegan (ed) (2005), *Participating in the Knowledge Society: Researchers Beyond the University Walls*, Palgrave MacMillan.
 - Book review of *New Television, Old Politics*, published in *New Media & Society* 2005 7: 286-288 (Sage 2005)
- Think tank:**
- *Public Innovation: Intellectual Property in a Digital Age*, ippr (2006)
 - 'Markets in the Online Public Sphere', ippr (2005)
 - *Modernising with Purpose: A Manifesto for a Digital Britain*, ippr (2005)
 - *Proxicomunication: ICT and the Local Public Realm*, The Work Foundation (2004)
 - *Invisible Villages: Technolocalism & Community Renewal*, New Local Government Network (2004).
 - *Mapping Social Networks in Organisations*, The Work Foundation (2003)
 - *You Don't Know Me, But: Social Capital & Social Software*, The Work Foundation (2003)
[Since translated and published in German]
- Media:**
- Articles published in *The Guardian*, *The Times*, *The New Statesman*, *Prospect*, *Guardian Public*, *Public Policy Research*, *Renewal*, *Viewpoint*, *Computing*, *Open Democracy*, *BBC Online*, *The Register*, *RSA Journal*. I have both television and radio experience and speak regularly at conferences. In May 2006, I was profiled in *The Guardian's* weekly 'Ideas Interview'. In 2003, I was invited to give a lecture at the RSA entitled 'Communication in the Twenty First Century'.
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