

General information

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Personal statement

Who am I? I have often found myself asking that very question. So here is my attempt at answering it succinctly:

*a furniture maker who became passionate about enabling others
to achieve their goals*

Having run my own business as a furniture maker for nearly 15 years I wanted a new challenge, but one that complemented and took advantage of the skills and knowledge that I had gained. So when the opportunity came along to start teaching the very subject that I have been passionate about for the majority of my working life I jumped at it. Over the ensuing years my interest in vocational education grew until it rivalled my enthusiasm for furniture making.

In recent years my attention has become drawn to how we can use information technology to support the needs of individual learners. This has led me to devise flexible approaches to learning that include roll-on/roll-off apprenticeship programmes, blended and flipped delivery models for woodworking subject areas and on-line delivery of theory elements. Innovation demands that we also change, forcing us to gain new and often challenging skills. For me this has included: VLE administration, learning object development using authoring software such as Storyline and Captivate, on-line course development and gaining a far deeper understanding of the methodologies that underpin such processes.

Having moved on in my own approach to vocational education I was offered the opportunity to support colleagues in developing similar approaches to delivering their subject areas. This is the focus of my current role as both a lecturer and e-learning excellence coach.

Some of my work has been documented by JISC and ACER

ACER have also recognised some of the work that I have been doing with the ACER Award 2012-2013 for outstanding contribution to learners and learning at Cambridge Regional College.

And in 2011 a colleague and I were awarded a Practitioner Research Fellowship which focused on staff development.

Employment History

From	To	
8/08		E-learning excellence coach, lecturer in carpentry & joinery and furniture making at Cambridge Regional College.
4/07	7/08	Part-time training coordinator, IV, NVQ assessor/lecturer for the Royal Forest of Dean College (wood occupations, site and bench) (.8 contract).
3/06	6/07	Lecturer and course manager (furniture design and making, FCA and ICA site and bench) at Weymouth College.
3/05	3/06	Working (part-time) for the Four Poster Bed Company (product development, yurts).
12/03	3/05	Student MA Design Enterprise, Staffordshire University. And working (part-time) for the Four Poster Bed Company.
4/03	12/03	Lecturer and course manager at Moulton College, (furniture and interior design).
9/99	4/03	Lecturer at Isle College, Wisbech, (furniture making and design)
9/98	6/00	Student Basford Hall, Nottingham, HND, BA Applied furniture studies
4/98	9/98	Heritage Restorations, Welshpool, Cabinetmaker.
1/97	4/98	I & J L Brown, Hereford, Cabinetmaker.
9/96	1/97	Blue Haven Marine, Rugby, boat-building and fitting-out.
9/95	9/96	Student IBTC, Oulton Broad, Boat-building course.
0/82	9/95	Self-employed running own business, cabinet making, joinery, and fitting out. Clients included: Blakeney Hotels (Cliveden), M P Burke (Doncaster), The Halcyon Hotel (Holland Park), The Portobello Hotel, The Draycote Hotel, Julie Hodges Designs, Lisa Vandy Designs, Williams Holdings, King's College (Cambridge), Bylaw, The Bishop of Birmingham, Robin James Engineering (side car production).
6/79	0/82	The Original Boat Co, Evesham. Boat building and day to day running of yard
6/76	6/79	W J Riley Sports Cars, Car body restoration.
0/76	6/78	General building experience with: R Byard, S Bowen, Hailsowen Joinery Ltd, Ernest Deacon Ltd.
0/75	6/78	Leach and Sellers, Leominster, Cabinet making
0/71	0/75	Training as Cabinetmaker with: I & J L Brown and G T Rackstraw.

Membership of Professional Bodies		
Association of Learning Technologists (CMALT)	Grade: Certified	Date: 2015
Society for Education and Training (SET)	Grade: Member QTLS	Date: 2010
Institute of Carpenters (FIOC)	Grade: Fellow	Date: 2007

Qualifications

MA Design Enterprise, , (Merit).

BA Applied Furniture Studies (1st Class Hons) Basford Hall, Nottingham, 2000, (Buckingham Chilterns University College).

HND Furniture Studies, Basford Hall, Nottingham, 1999, (Buckingham Chilterns University College).

PGCE (Post-Compulsory), Centre for Professional Development, Norwich, 2004, (APU).

Licentiate City and Guilds Institute (LCGI) 2007.

NEBOSH General Certificate.

(15/08/08) C & G FAETC parts 1& 2.

NVQ level 3 Bench Joinery (25/04/07).

ITQ level 3 C & G. (17/12/09)

CSCS cardholder (test 22/03/07)

Assessor units: D32, D33, D34 (updated July 2003).

CITB, C & G Approved Assessor Wood Occupations (2024).
(site, bench, shop-fitting and wheel-wrighting. Technical certificates: site and bench FCA, ICA and ACA).

CITB, C & G Approved Internal Verifier (Construction NVQs to 2036).

IBTC Boat Building Diploma (Distinction).

C & G Boat Building 1 & 2 (Credit).

Adult literacy and numeracy at level 2.

PASMA tower scaffold.