

Curriculum Vitae

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► Personal Profile

I am a reasonably reliable and conscientious person, who's more than averagely knowledgeable in a variety of fields, ranging from evolutionary computing to linguistic statistics. I'd like to use the skills I still have to do some research, in the sense of actually trying to find things out. To be paid for doing so would make it even more satisfying. Although much of what persuades research-funding agencies these days to cough up money isn't research as I understand it, there are still some projects aimed at reducing humanity's areas of ignorance, which I would be happy to join.

► Personal Website

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► Some Possibly Relevant Skills

- good at writing & editing articles, books, papers, reports and reviews;
- proficient with Windows applications, including MS Excel, Powerpoint & Word;
- fluent at computer programming in several languages, e.g. C, Pascal and especially Python;
- skilled at both univariate & multivariate statistical analysis, preferably using R;
- experienced both in devising and applying machine-learning techniques.

► Qualifications

Date	Qualification
2003	Certificate in TEFL, University of Luton/Bedfordshire.
1996	Ph.D. in computational text analysis, University of Nottingham.
1980	M.Sc. in Computer Science, City University, London.
1970	B.A. honours, 1 st class, in Psychology, University of Sheffield.
1966	A-levels in English Literature, History, Geography & General Paper.
1964	7 O-levels, including English & Mathematics.

► Employment History

Dates	Post
2010-2012	Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Translation Studies, University of Leeds.
2009-2010	Research Fellow, School of Medicine, University of Southampton.
2008-2009	Research Associate, Research School of Informatics, Loughborough University.
2006-2007	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Psychology, University of Nottingham.

2004-2005	Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Applied Linguistics, University of Warwick.
1999-2004	Senior Lecturer, Department of Computing & Information Systems, University of Luton / Bedfordshire.
1991-1999	Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Computing, Statistics & Mathematics, University of the West of England, Bristol.
1989-1991	Research Associate, School of Psychology, University of Nottingham.
1984-1989	Freelance author, software developer and computer consultant.
1979-1984	Lecturer / Senior Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, Statistics & Computing, Polytechnic of North London.
1977-1979	Software Manager, RAIR Timesharing Ltd., London.
1975-1977	Academic Programmer, City of London Polytechnic Computer Service.
1974	Lecturer in Social Psychology, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.
1973-1974	Computer Operator/Advisor, Open University Computing Service, Alexandra Palace, London.

► Teaching Experience

A selection of modules & courses for which I have been responsible as module leader during the past two decades follows.

Years	Title + Information
1991-1995	Introduction to Statistical Methods, Level 1 (UWE, Bristol)
1992-1997	Business Decision Analysis, Postgraduate Diploma & MBA (UWE, Bristol)
1995-1996	Multivariate Statistical Methods, Postgraduate Diploma (UWE, Bristol)
1995-1999	Artificial Intelligence, Masters level (UWE, Bristol)
1996-1999	Expert & Knowledge-based Systems, Level 3 (UWE, Bristol)
1996-1999	Machine Learning, Level 3 (UWE, Bristol)
1999-2000	Introduction to Logic, Level 1, evening (Univ. Bedfordshire)
1999-2002	Practical Program Production, Masters level (Univ. Bedfordshire)
2000-2003	Representation Techniques in Artificial Intelligence, Level 2 (Univ. Bedfordshire)
2000-2002	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Level 1 (Univ. Bedfordshire)
2000-2003	Knowledge-based Systems, Level 3 (Univ. Bedfordshire)
2000-2002	Research & Professional Practice, Masters level (Univ. Bedfordshire)
2002-2003	Intelligent Systems, Masters level (Univ. Bedfordshire)
2003-2004	Concepts of Artificial Intelligence, Level 2 (Univ. Bedfordshire)

► Books

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- Forsyth, R.S. (1982). *Pascal at work and play*. London: Chapman & Hall.
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- Drapkin, A.T. & Forsyth, R.S. (1987). *The punter's revenge: computers in the world of gambling*. London: Chapman & Hall.
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► Chapters

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► Refereed Journal Papers

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- Forsyth, R.S. (1990). The strange story of the Perceptron. *AI Review*, 4, 147-155.
- Forsyth, R.S. (1991). Towards a grounded morality. *Changes*, 9(4), 264-278.
- Forsyth, R.S., Clarke, D.D. & Wright, R.L. (1994). Overfitting revisited: an information-theoretic approach to simplifying discrimination trees. *J. of Experimental & Theoretical Artificial Intelligence* 6(3), 289-302.
- McKenzie, D. & Forsyth, R.S. (1995). Classification by similarity. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 11(2), 273-288.
- Holmes, D.I. & Forsyth, R.S. (1995). The "Federalist" revisited: new directions in authorship attribution. *Literary & Linguistic Computing*, 10(2), 111-127.
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- Forsyth, R.S. (2000). Pops & Flops: some properties of famous English poems. *Empirical Studies of the Arts*, 18(1), 49-67.
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► Conference Presentations

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- Forsyth, R.S. (2016). The genesis of genetic programming: a frontiersman's tale. *SIGEvolution, Newsletter of the ACM Special Interest Group on Genetic and Evolutionary Computation*, 9(3), 3-11.
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► Fiction

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► Invited Lectures & Talks

In the 1980s and 1990s it was quite commonplace for me to give invited talks, usually on subjects related to Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems; for instance, at the first three International Symposia in AI and Expert Systems in Berlin 1987-1989, but I have not kept a record of them. The following list gives a selection of my invited talks of the last 12 years.

November 1998, Centre for Computing in the Humanities, King's College London: *Cicero or Ciceronian? Unmasking a Four-Hundred-Year-Old Forgery.*

October 2006, Corpus Research Group Seminar, University of Lancaster: *A Naive Markov Classifier for Short Text Sequences.*

December 2007, London Forum for Authorship Studies, Institute of English Studies, University of London: *On Authorship Attribution and Text Classification, Part 1.*

March 2008, London Forum for Authorship Studies, Institute of English Studies, University of London: *On Authorship Attribution and Text Classification, Part 2.*

July 2009, Academic Meeting, Division of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Southampton: *Time's Pencil: some signs of ageing in the writings of eminent authors.*

March 2011, Natural Language Processing Seminar Series, University of Leeds: *Back in the 2SSR: Using bilingual similarity space remapping to quantify corpus comparability.*

March 2016, EuroGP 2016, Porto, plenary talk: *Confessions of a Mongrel Rule-Breeder.*

► Languages

Progresanta Esperanto; "schoolboy" French; virtually negligible Hungarian; very poor Italian.

► Interests

Art, poetry, reading, running, talk, travel.

► Non-Academic Qualifications

Clean driver's licence, mainly because I never drive. (-;-)

► Additional Information

I developed the PC/BEAGLE package in 1985-1986 which was a data mining tool using an early form of what would now be called Genetic Programming. Indeed it is arguable that I discovered Genetic Programming (Forsyth, 1981) before the scientist normally credited with its invention, John Koza. In any case, I am unusually well informed about evolutionary computing -- one of the most robust and versatile methods of automated model-development.

Between 1984 and 1989 I was self-employed and carried out consultancy projects for a Norwegian Oil Exploration Company, BUPA Medical Research, a Swiss Bank and a UK Bank. These involved knowledge discovery in databases.

In 1991 I co-founded the Bristol Philosophy Circle, and was an active member from 1991 to 1995. This entailed organizing, and often taking part in, a series of discussions on a wide range of issues, from quantum theory to gender politics, with a group of people from all walks of life united only by a shared enthusiasm for debating ideas.

From 1992 to 1994 I was editor of the Newsletter of the British Computer Society's Specialist Group on Expert Systems.

I have been an external PhD examiner five times, at the universities of Liverpool, Nottingham, Belfast (Queen's U.), Edinburgh and Bristol. I also served as an external moderator at Middlesex University (1993-1996) for their degree and masters programmes in Artificial Intelligence. I have supervised 2 PhD students to completion as first supervisor (director of studies) and one MPhil student, who didn't intend to progress to a doctorate. All 3 passed on first submission; and all 3 were Greek, as it happens.

In 2004 I completed 2 evaluation reports on a pair of training programmes funded by the European Social Fund. These involved analyzing data collected by the project teams as well as deciding what other data to collect and how to analyze it. This involved face-to-face and telephone interviewing. In addition to conventional statistical analyses, with SPSS, I developed my own coding scheme, motivated by my earlier text-analysis work, for analyzing free-form responses. The request to do the second of these reports came from the manager of a training project who had read my earlier report and described it as "excellent".

In June 2005, I took part in the Warwick Shoot-out competition in which teams had to make a short film in 24 hours. As well as general work for our team, I acted the part of Professor Mort, a deranged scientist, so I can now claim that for 7 minutes I was a Professor at Warwick University -- 14 minutes, arguably, since our entry, *The Hole*, won the "best film" award and was re-shown along with the other prize-winners.

► **Referees**

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Dr David Holmes, Professor of Statistics College of New Jersey Ewing NJ 08628-0718 USA. (+1)609-771 2164 dholmes@tcnj.edu	Dr David Clarke, Professor of Psychology University of Nottingham Nottingham NG7 2RD UK. (+44)115 846 6966 (+44)115 951 5284 David.Clarke@nottingham.ac.uk	Robert Clayton, IT Director FG Energy 133 Aldersgate London EC1A 4JA UK. (+44)20 7726 9570 RClayton@fgenergy.com

Thank you for your interest.