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Educational qualifications

B.A. degree in Language (First Class Honours), Department of Language University of York.
Ph.D. degree in General Linguistics, University of London.

Academic positions

Current:

Professor of General Linguistics in the School of Philosophy, Psychology, and Language Sciences,
The University of Edinburgh.

Previous (reverse chronological order):

University of California, Santa Cruz: tenured faculty member and Fellow of Cowell College, July
1981 – June 2007. (Professor of Linguistics July 1983 – June 2007; Dean of Graduate Studies
and Research 1987 – 1993; Distinguished Professor of Humanities 2004-2007.)

Visiting Associate Professor of Linguistics, Stanford University, Stanford, California, March to
June, 1981.

College Visiting Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle,
September 1980 – March 1981.

Lecturer in Linguistics, Department of Phonetics and Linguistics, University College London (University of London), October 1974–September 1982. (On leave 1980–1982.)

Teaching Fellow, Department of Language, University of York, 1972–1973.

Administrative experience

Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1987–1993.

Director of the Arts, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1987–1988.

Teaching

Courses regularly taught: English grammar; mathematical foundations for linguistics; the Unix operating system; model-theoretic syntax philosophy of linguistics.

Summer-school courses taught at the 1974, 1987, and 1993 Linguistic Institutes of the Linguistic Society of America, and the 2003 and 2007 European Summer Schools in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI).

Doctoral supervision: major adviser of Desmond C. Derbyshire (University of London, 1979), Christopher Potts (UCSC, 2003), Ascander Dost (UCSC, 2007); research mentor to Chris Barker (see Barker & Pullum 1990), Rachel Walker (see Walker & Pullum 1999); external Ph.D. examiner for Yong-Bum Kim (University of Victoria), Philip Miller (Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht), and Ping Xue (University of Victoria); Ph.D. committee member for Ted Fernald, Christine Gunlogson, Michael Johnston, Peter Svenonius.

Honors and awards

Fellowship at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California, 1990–1991.

Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, May 2003.

Leonard Bloomfield Book Award for 2001–2003 (for Huddleston & Pullum, *The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language*) from the Linguistic Society of America, January 2004.

Appointed Distinguished Professor of Humanities, UC Santa Cruz, April 2004.

Constance E. Smith Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2005–2006.

Faculty Research Lecturer for 2006–2007, UC Santa Cruz.

Elected a Fellow of the British Academy, July 2009.

Editorial Service:

Consulting Editorships and Editorial Board memberships: *Computational Linguistics*, *Grammars*, *Journal of Amazonian Linguistics*, *Language*, *Linguistic Analysis*, *Linguistics*.

Affiliations

Life Member of the Linguistic Society of America (member since 1974), the International Phonetic Association (member since 1986), the American Philosophical Association (member since 1992), and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2003).

Select publications list

[Omits most bibliographical works, book reviews, conference papers, critical notes, edited books, encyclopedia articles, magazine and newspaper articles, humorous and popular works, radio talks, survey articles, technical reports, translated reprints, and working papers.]

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- Zwicky, Arnold M. & Geoffrey K. Pullum (1983) Cliticization versus inflection: English *n’t*. *Language* **59**, 502–513.
- Pullum, Geoffrey K. (1983) How many possible human languages are there? *Linguistic Inquiry* **14**, 447–467.
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- Postal, Paul M. & Geoffrey K. Pullum (1988) Expletive noun phrases in subcategorized positions. *Linguistic Inquiry* **19**, 635–670.
- Barker, Chris & Geoffrey K. Pullum (1990) A theory of command relations. *Linguistics and Philosophy* **13**, 1–34.
- Kornai, András & Geoffrey K. Pullum (1990) The X-bar theory of phrase structure. *Language* **66**, 24–50.
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