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He teaches courses, for undergraduate and graduate students, in the area of quantitative data analysis (applied statistics) for the social and behavioural sciences, since 1988. It is also responsible for teaching courses in the Master of Psychology in the areas of career counselling and assessment.

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