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Her thesis "Exploring the Socialisation of Newly Qualified Primary School Teachers in Ireland", a large scale mixed method research, involved analysis of 480 questionnaire responses and 52 in-depth interviews on a variety of aspects of professional experiences of beginning teachers. The study focused on the following areas: i) The most frequent aspects of socialisation experiences encountered in the first teaching year; ii) Effects of initial teacher education on teachers' socialisation experiences; iii) Similarities and differences in professional experiences across particular work settings and iv) The role of different agencies in the professional experiences.

Principal research interests lie in the broad area of higher education and lifelong learning. Research interests also include curriculum in higher education; college effects on students; professional lives and professional development of practitioners (eg. teachers, academics).