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She has a long-standing interest in qualitative research methods and their usage in psychology. Ever since she chose to use a qualitative research method for her doctoral research in the late 1980s when such approaches were still very much at the fringes within the discipline of psychology, she has engaged with questions about the nature, status and legitimacy of knowledge claims. She has used a variety of qualitative research methods in her own research, including grounded theory methodology (for her doctoral research in the 1980s), discourse analysis (throughout the 1990s) and more recently phenomenological research methods (2000 onwards). She is currently conducting qualitative metasynthesis research into the experience of living with terminal cancer. She is also exploring dual focus methodology by combining Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) with Foucauldian Discourse Analysis (FDA).

Her most recent books include 'Qualitative Interpretation and Analysis in Psychology' (2012, McGraw Hill) 'Introducing Qualitative Research in Psychology' (2013, 3rd edition, McGraw Hill/Open University Press), and 'The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Research in Psychology' (2017, with Wendy Stainton Rogers, London: Sage).