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## Curriculum Vitae

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### HIGHER EDUCATION

<b>2001-2005</b>	University College London	PhD.	History of Medicine.
<b>1999-2000</b>	University of East Anglia	MA. (Distinction)	History and History of Medicine.
<b>1996-1999</b>	Lancaster University	BA. (Hons.) 1:1	History and History of Science.

### PRINCIPAL POSITIONS HELD

<b>2008-2011</b>	University of Manchester (Manchester, UK) Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM).	Wellcome Research Fellow (History of Medicine).
<b>2006-2008</b>	University of Manchester (Manchester, UK) Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM).	Research Associate (History of Medicine).

### PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

- History of twentieth century biomedical science (currently with particular reference to animal experimentation and laboratory practice).
- History of medical ethics and bioethics (currently with specific reference to animal and human experimentation).
- History of Veterinary Medicine (currently with specific reference to animal experimentation, comparative medicine, and the relations of veterinary to human medicine, including shared knowledges, practices and technologies).
- History of human - animal relations (currently with particular reference to animal use in laboratory science, industrialized farming, and knowledge transfer from animal to human, laboratory to clinic, in biomedical science).
- Historiography and theoretical reflection on historical practice (with particular reference to history of science, medicine and technology).

### PUBLICATIONS:

- 2010** Robert G. W. Kirk "[A Brave New Animal for a Brave New World: The British Laboratory Animals Bureau and the Constitution of International Standards of Laboratory Animal Production and Use, circa 1947–1968.](#)" *Isis*, 2010, Volume 101, Issue 1, Pages 62-94.
- 2009** Robert G. W. Kirk "[Between the clinic and the laboratory: Ethology and Pharmacology in the Work of Michael Robin Alexander Chance, c. 1946 – 1964,](#)" *Medical History*, 53:513-536.
- 2008** Robert G. W. Kirk "[“Wanted - Standard Guinea Pigs’: Standardization and the experimental animal market in Britain c.1919-1947,](#)" *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 2008, volume 39, Issue 3, pp.280-291.