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He has published widely across the social sciences, including 23 books and 140 articles and book chapters. He is editor of the international journals, *Progress in Human Geography* and *Dialogues in Human Geography*, and for eleven years was the editor of *Social and Cultural Geography*. He was the editor-in-chief of the 12 volume, *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, and edits two book series, *Irish Society and Key Concepts in Geography*. He is currently a PI on the Programmable City project, the Digital Repository of Ireland, and the All-Island Research Observatory.

He has delivered over 100 invited talks at conferences and universities and his research has been cited over 600 times in local, national and international media. His book 'Code/Space' (with Martin Dodge) won the Association of American Geographers 'Meridian Book Award' for the outstanding book in the discipline in 2011 and a 'CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title 2011' award from the American Library Association. He was the 2013 recipient of the Royal Irish Academy's Gold Medal for the Social Sciences.

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