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Dr Carruthers joined the University of Worcester in April 2008, originally on secondment from the Commission for Rural Communities. During his secondment (2008 – 2011), he developed and taught a new module on 'people in the countryside', and gave lectures on environmental and land ethics. He also researched and wrote on land and rural ethics and acted as an Expert Advisor to the Commission for Rural Communities, playing a major role in the Commission's 'inquiry into the future for England's upland communities' (published June 2010). Current research interests include land and environmental ethics and ethical approaches to rural policy. Voluntary roles included membership of the Board of Farm Crisis Network, as a trustee since 1995 and as Chairman from 2006 – 2010.

Qualifications

Oxford Executive Development (Oxford Scenarios Programme, 2006)

PhD Agricultural Systems, Reading, 1985

BSc (Hons) Agricultural Botany, Reading, 1976

Teaching & Research

Current Teaching

Environmental and land ethics.

Past and present research interests

Social, cultural and ethical aspects of land-use and rural policy; futures' methods and the future of the countryside; climate change and agriculture; animal welfare; farmer stress; environmental life-cycle assessment; biomass, biofuels and industrial crops; agroforestry; organic farming; GM crops and foods; the ethics and theology of agriculture, environment and land.

Professional Bodies

Member of the Society of Biology (MSB)

Chartered Biologist (CBiol)

Publications

Carruthers, S. P. 2009. The land debate – 'doing the right thing': ethical approaches to land-use decision making. In: Winter, M & Lobley, M (Eds). What is land for? The food, fuel and climate change debate. London, Earthscan.

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