

The Honorary Graduand: Malcolm Bryan Love

The Orator: Professor Emma Weitkamp

Malcolm Bryan Love is to be awarded the Honorary Master of Science.

Malcolm Love is an independent producer, radio host and lecturer in Science Communication. He is also a public communication skills coach and trainer, having run workshops in more than 45 countries worldwide.

Malcolm started his working life as a Baptist Minister in Battersea, London. He now describes himself as a 'Devout Sceptic' after a long running series he produced for the BBC.

Before joining the BBC staff in 1988 Malcolm attempted freelance journalism in Central America (Nicaragua and El Salvador). Shortlisted for BBC religious affairs correspondent, he eventually worked for the BBC as a producer (and occasional presenter) in London, Cardiff and Bristol where he became senior producer for features and documentaries. His many programme series include:

- *Short History of the Cold Shower (Victorian pseudo-medical advice about various aspects of 'healthy' living)*
- *On the Ropes with John Humphrys (which won a Sony Award for 'best interview of the year')*
- *Fourth Column (a weekly Satirical show)*
- *Devout Sceptics (for which he won a Sandford St Martin award)*

In 1997 he became interested in Science Communication when he was invited to be a visiting lecturer on one of the UK's earliest Science Communication courses at Birkbeck College, London. Malcolm realised that his background and mix of experience was perfectly suited to enabling academics and others to communicate their expertise. This led to a 13-year involvement with the course. During this time UWE's Prof Frank Burnet invited him to help teach a new Master of Science in Science Communication. A role he recently relinquished after 20 years.

Malcolm is part of the group that created and established 'FameLab', the largest, public facing, science communication competition and training programme in the world.