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Dr Piggott has a long-standing interest in the economic and financial aspects of population aging, including especially retirement and pension economics and finance. His publications include more than 90 journal articles and chapters in books, which have appeared in the leading international academic journals as well as in highly cited conference volumes. In addition, he has co-authored two books, both published by Cambridge University Press. The second of these, on mandatory pension saving, was released in late 2001.

For some years now he has had a policy and research interest in the evolving pension reform debate in the Asian region. For the last several years he has been working on aging issues with the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, and he recently concluded an evaluation of World Bank assistance on pension reform in the Asian region for the Bank's Operations Evaluation Department. In 2007 he was appointed Visiting Professor, Zhejiang University, China. He serves on the Australian Treasury's Academic Consultative Panel, is a member of the Ministerial Superannuation Advisory Committee, is a Scientific Advisor to the Frisch Center for Economic Research, University of Oslo, and was recently appointed to the Federal Taxation Review Panel. He is on the editorial board of the Cambridge journal, *The Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*.