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## **Personal Profile**

Daren Caruana is Maltese but lived much of his childhood abroad, largely in the UK. He is married to Anne Marie nee' Giglio and they have two young sons. Following his PhD in chemistry from Southampton, he spent three years (1994 – 1997) as a Lecturer/Postdoctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, University of Malta. After that he took up a Senior Postdoctoral position at the Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, USA, eventually settling University College London where he is now a Reader (Associate Professor) in Physical Chemistry.

Daren feels that David Attenborough, Patrick Moore and Heinz Wolff along with very good science teachers at school, have been his main inspiration behind his choice of career.

One of his favourite anecdotes is ""The great obstacle to discovery is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge." By Daniel J. Boorstin

Daren was a great sport during the filming of the X-lab series and like the rest of the film crew at the time, his overriding memory is of being frozen in Greenwich park.





Daren's hobbies include painting and he obviously loves spending time with his family. He is proud of his roots and at home, he and his wife make sure they often talk to the kids in Maltese



Daren's present research interests include Chemistry, Combustion and flame chemistry, Plasma Physics.





## **Relevant Links or info**

Anyone who would like to find out more about Daren's research can look into the following site <a href="http://www.chem.ucl.ac.uk/people/caruana/index.html">http://www.chem.ucl.ac.uk/people/caruana/index.html</a>.