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This has been a significant year in the history of the Centre for Family Research. In August, the Department of Social and Developmental Psychology, the Department of Experimental Psychology and the Centre for Family Research merged to form a new Department of Psychology in the School of Biological Sciences. The Centre for Family Research is now situated within the new Department but retains its status as a Centre in the University Statutes and Ordinances and is represented on the Faculty Board of Biology. We greatly appreciate the support of the School of Biological Sciences in securing the future of the Centre for the years to come. In a sense we have come full circle. First established in the Department of Experimental Psychology by Martin Richards in the 1960s, the Centre for Family Research has now returned to its original home.

We were delighted to hear of Claire Hughes' well-deserved promotion to Professor of Developmental Psychology. This will come into effect in October 2012. We were also pleased to welcome Sarah Foley to the Centre as a Research Assistant on Claire’s team following her graduation with the highest 1st class PPS degree in Psychology in her year, and Dr Nothando Ngwenya as a Research Associate working with Gail Ewing. Kathy Oswald joined us as a much-needed Administrative Assistant and her contribution has been much appreciated. Our new PhD students were Sophie Zadeh, who also has a 1st class degree in PPS, and Jennifer Landt. It has been a bumper year for PhDs, with Doctorates awarded to Martha Hart, Lucy Blake, Humera Iqbal, Tamara Kayali and Jenny Prüfe. Polly Casey, who has submitted her PhD thesis, left to take up a research position with One plus One, a charity that promotes couple and family relationships, and Laura Mellish is now at Hertfordshire County Council working with "at risk" children. Sarah Jennings has moved farthest away,
currently travelling in Chile, whereas Zeynep Gurtin has remained close to home in the Sociology Department downstairs. We wish them all well for the future.

\[\text{Jenny Prüfe, Lucy Blake and Humera Iqbal with their viva celebration cakes}\]

We had four Visiting Scholars this year: Yolanda Garcia-Ruíz from the University of Valencia working on legal aspects of new developments in assisted reproductive technologies; Dr Rosanna Machin from the Federal University of Sao Paulo in Brazil studying assisted reproduction families from a sociological perspective, and Dr Lucy Frith from the University of Liverpool working on bioethical aspects of assisted reproduction. Professor Linda Layne completed the second half of her one year stint as a Visiting Scholar studying new family forms from an anthropological perspective. Linda returned to the United States in July to take up a position at the National Science Foundation. Our summer interns included Berta Sanfeliu from the University of Barcelona, Ariel Lam from Hong Kong, Susi Arnold from Germany and Tim Kung also from Hong Kong.
The Centre's seminar series continued to attract speakers on diverse topics from a range of disciplines including "The Role of the Social Sciences in Bioethics: Moving the Agenda Forward" by Professor Oonagh Corrigan from the University of Plymouth; "Why do British Indian children have an apparent mental health advantage?" by Dr Anna Goodman from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; "Holding back the years: Understanding why women are becoming older first-time mothers" by Ireene Daly from the Centre for Family Research; "From early roots to current thoughts" by Professor Robert Hinde from the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge; "Feeling, being felt and the relational origins of mind knowledge" by Professor Vasudevi Reddy from the University of Portsmouth; "The Role of Pets in Healthy Child Development" by Dr Sandra McCune, from Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition; "Intensive Parenting Alone: Negotiating the Cultural Contradictions of Motherhood as a Single Mother by Choice" by Professor Linda Layne from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; "Mental Health Problems in Young Children Victims of Bullying: The Neglected Role of Families" by Dr Louise Arseneault from the Institute of Psychiatry; "Parent-teen Attachment Informed Observational Measure and Intervention for Adolescents at High-Risk for Aggressive Behaviour" by Dr Ingrid Obsuth from the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge; "Talkin 'bout my Generation: Exploring Generational Identity among Members of the 1958 British Birth Cohort Study using Mixed-Methods Research" by Professor Jane Elliott from the Institute of Education; "The Debate over Embryo Adoption" by Dr Lucy Frith from the University of Liverpool; and "Learning from Social Environments" by Dr Merideth Gattis from Cardiff University.
The Centre moved into the world of podcasts this year. Following a training course in Public Engagement run by the Personal and Professional Development Programme at the University, Lucy Blake and Sarah Jennings created a podcast series showcasing the work of researchers in the centre, which so far includes podcasts by Humera Iqbal on parenting and family life in multi-ethnic Britain, and by Nothando Ngwenya on the way in which terminally ill patients share bad news with friends and family. These are available on the CFR website.

Our social year as continued as usual with Friday coffee, termly visits to the Snug, the Christmas party at the Hotel du Vin, and CFR film night. A highlight this year was the CFR jazz party at which Sophie Zadeh wowed us with amazing singing. We would like to congratulate Susan Imrie on her marriage to Chris. Two new CFR babies were born this year. Kayla, a daughter to Vasanti and Harish, was born in March, followed by Reuben, a son to Susanna and Sam, in April.

Susan Golombok, 7th November 2012.
Non-Traditional Families Research Group
Professor Susan Golombok

We have continued to focus on studies of parent-child relationships and the psychological development and adjustment of children in new family forms, with particular attention to families with same-sex parents and families created by assisted reproductive technologies. Lucy Blake and Polly Casey carried out coding and statistical analysis of data from the 5th phase of our longitudinal study of children born through donor insemination, egg donation and surrogacy, funded by the US National Institutes for Health [NIH] leading to the submission of a number of papers and presentations on the perceptions, experiences and relationships of different family members when the children reached middle to late childhood. Susan Imrie continued to carry out interviews with surrogate mothers and their families, presenting her findings at conferences in the UK and US.

Laura Mellish and Sarah Jennings completed a study of parenting and child development in adoptive gay and lesbian families, funded by the ESRC. This study is particularly topical at the moment given the recent rise in the number of gay and lesbian adopters in the UK and US. The findings showed that where differences were identified between the gay adoptive families and the lesbian or heterosexual adoptive families, these reflected more positive functioning in the gay father families. The findings of this study add to the growing body of research suggesting that fathers can be just as competent at parenting as mothers, and that the absence of a mother does not necessarily have adverse consequences for child adjustment. More
generally, the study provides further evidence for the relative importance of positive family processes as opposed to family structure for optimal child development.

In collaboration with the London Women’s Clinic, Zeynep Gurtin and Susan Golombok conducted a study of the social and psychological aspects of egg sharing, a controversial procedure whereby women undergoing IVF donation a portion of their eggs to another woman in return for reduced cost treatment. Contrary to ethical concerns about the potentially negative consequences of egg sharing, the women who participated in this programme were generally found to have positive experiences and did not regret doing so, even when they were unsuccessful in having a child. This study produced three papers on different aspects of egg sharing.

We also continued to run our Wellcome Trust Enhancement Award in Biomedical Ethics which aims to integrate bioethical analysis and empirical research in relation to the impact of assisted reproductive technologies on the family. The first of three books resulting from this Award "Reproductive Donation: Policy, Practice and Bioethics" was published by Cambridge University Press this year.

Our most recent investigation is of single mothers by choice, i.e. single heterosexual mothers who have had a child alone using donor insemination. This is being conducted by Tabitha Freeman and Sophie Zadeh, again in collaboration with the London Women’s Clinic, and is the first in-depth study to compare parenting and child development in single-mother and two-parent families, all with children born through donor insemination.
In terms of funding, Susan Golombok has been awarded a prestigious 5-year Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator Award to study three emerging family forms (gay fathers who have children through surrogacy and egg donation; donor-conceived siblings; and single mothers by choice) and three emerging reproductive procedures (egg freezing for social reasons; egg sharing; and intra-family gamete donation). She has also been awarded a grant with Michael Lamb (PI) from the ESRC to study infant development and parent-child relationships in gay and lesbian families in France, the Netherlands and the UK.

Susan Golombok has been actively involved in policy issues this year. She became a member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics Working Party on Donor Conception, as well as a member of Advisory Committee for the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority Review of Sperm, Egg and Embryo Donation. In addition, she was invited to give evidence to the Nuffield Council on Bioethics Working Party on novel techniques for the prevention of mitochondrial DNA disorders. She also contributed to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority consultation on new techniques to avoid mitochondrial disease; gave evidence to Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority on egg sharing; and joined the UCLA Williams Institute roundtable for principle international researchers of families with same-sex parents.

Other members of the team have also engaged with policy issues this year. Tabitha Freeman was appointed as a member of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority National Donation Strategy Group. In addition, Tabitha Freeman, Lucy Blake and John Appleby all gave evidence to the Nuffield Council on Bioethics review of donor conception and the disclosure of information, and Zeynep Gurtin
gave evidence to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority on egg sharing. Tabitha Freeman was appointed as Associate Editor of Human Reproduction Update.

We have also been active in public engagement. Susan Golombok presented “The C21st Family” at the Hay Literary Festival in June; “Three parent families: Myth or reality?” at the Cheltenham Science Festival in June; and “All shapes and sizes: Does family structure matter for children’s psychological wellbeing?” at the University of Cambridge Alumni Weekend in September. Tabitha Freeman was appointed to the Advisory Panel of a Progress Education Trust public engagement project on donor conception funded by the Wellcome Trust. Susan Golombok gave invited lectures at Weill Cornell Medical College, New York; the University of Manchester; the Canadian Andrology & Fertility Society, Toronto; the National Academy for Parenting Research, King’s College London; Tufts Medical Center, Boston; the Wellcome Trust Medical Humanities and Ethics Showcase, Manchester; and the opening plenary lecture at the 6th International Congress of the European Society of Family Relations, Norway.
(Not So) New Arrivals

This year, all the ‘new arrivals’ in the Social Development Research Group are home-grown. This partly reflects the success of the MPhil cohort, who managed to integrate with PhD students very effectively, to the extent that the two new PhD students for 2012 are both former Cambridge MPhil students: Amanda Aldercotte (who is originally from Canada) and Nik Darshane (who arrived in Cambridge from Glasgow). In addition, Sarah Foley, who graduated with flying colours from Cambridge this summer, has recently started work as a research assistant on the latest (age 12!) wave of the ESRC-funded Toddlers Up study. It turns out that several members of the CFR supervised Sarah during her final year and so know her quite well already. Likewise, Irene Daly, who everyone in the CFR will know from her PhD work on women’s reproductive decision making has spent much of the last year doing something completely different as she has been working on the new Westminster Foundation funded study to develop a teacher-friendly measure of school readiness in reception class children. Finally, this year saw the very welcome return of Dr Rosie Ensor after her year on maternity leave. As a result, all five ‘new faces’ will actually look quite familiar to many!

The Fifth and Sixth Wave of the Toddlers Up Study.

This year saw the successful completion of the most recent wave of school visits to the study children in their final year of primary school (age 10). During these visits (led by Rory Devine and Naomi White), the children completed both a cognitive
battery (including tests of verbal ability, executive function and theory of mind) and a set of structured interviews about their relationships at home and at school. Analyses of cognitive data from these visits are on-going as part of Rory's PhD and will focus on stability and change in theory of mind and executive function (as well as social correlates of these two domains). In addition, by interviewing the Toddlers Up study children and gathering questionnaire data from their siblings, Naomi hopes to achieve a comprehensive and reliable index of the quality of children's sibling relationships, in order to address the concerns raised by many parents (e.g., will my children always fight?) and to explore the links between children's relationships with siblings and with school-mates. In addition, as noted earlier, a new wave of home-visits has just begun, and Sarah Foley (assisted by many different members of the research group) will be completing video-based observations of the study children interacting with both siblings and caregivers, and gathering detailed information about life events using the Life History Calendar.

A Year for Writing Up.

This year, three PhD students in the Social Development Research Group (Rory Devine, Nao Fujita and Gabriella Roman) have been working hard to write up their theses, such that the coming term should see two or more additional opportunities for ordering fancy cake for the Friday coffee morning! And watch this space for details of exciting new publications. Specifically, papers in the pipe-line include:

(i) A new measure of theory of mind understanding in older children and adolescents, which involves humorous clips from Harold Lloyd's classic silent film 'Safety Last' and can be administered to whole classes of
children at once (Devine & Hughes, in press with Child Development).

(ii) Longitudinal analyses that demonstrate that toddlers whose mothers frequently refer conversationally to cognitive states (e.g., ‘I think that X... Do you remember when... He doesn’t know...’) show, in the school-age years, greater success on various tests of theory of mind (Ensor, Devine, Marks & Hughes, under review).

(iii) A meta-analysis of the relationship between theory of mind and executive function performance in children aged 3 to 10 (Devine & Hughes, under review);

(iv) A new study of children’s trust (and mistrust) that examines age-related changes, individual differences and effects of social context for children’s trust in others – a topic that has received almost no attention to date (Wong, Freeman & Hughes, in prep).

New Grants

This has been a good year for gaining grants – with several new projects being launched as a result:

ESRC funds new UK-Hong Kong study of children’s theory of mind. This October, Rory Devine will begin post-doctoral work on a new cross-cultural study of children’s understanding of mind that focuses on two distinct milestones: early ‘intuitive’ mentalizing and later reflective abilities for understanding the interpretative nature of
mind. The cross-cultural dimension in this study also provides a valuable opportunity to examine the generality of relations between theory of mind and executive function.

_ESRC renews funding for the Toddlers Up study._ As mentioned earlier, we were successful in the last and final round of ESRC small grants and so are able to visit the Toddlers Up study children now they are 12. This is exciting, as it will allow us to examine continuity and change in mother-child interactions across a 10 year period; the visits will also enable Naomi White to enrich her measures of sibling relationships by including direct observations of the study children and their siblings (to parallel those conducted at ages 2, 3 and 6).

_Waltham Trust funding._ As a 'top-up' to the ESRC grant we will, thanks to a small grant from the Waltham Trust, be investigating children’s relationships with pets. In part, this study aims quite simply to document the number and type of pets in families, and the reasons and ways in which pets are brought into family life – this goal was sparked by recent reports that more children in the USA have a pet at home than have a resident father. Another goal is to assess children's stress responses (using cortisol assays) to investigate whether pets do, as is often claimed, help to reduce stress within family life.

_Westminster Foundation funds the piloting of a new school-readiness measure._ As mentioned earlier, Irene Daly has joined the Social Development Research group and is working on a project (being conducted in collaboration with Professors Susan Golombok & John Rust) to develop a new teacher-friendly (i.e., brief!) questionnaire to aid in screening children who lack the school readiness needed for success in
their reception year. This work was commissioned by Frank Field, MP, and is designed to support the effectiveness of interventions in deprived areas of the UK, including Frank Field’s constituency, Birkenhead.

**Cambridge School of Humanities Research Scheme funds two new pilot studies.** Along with colleagues in the Faculty of Education (Dr Michelle Ellefson) and the Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics (Dr Napoleon Katsos), we have, thanks to internal funding from this scheme, been able to conduct two pilot studies—a school-based intervention that uses art groups to promote children’s early executive function skills (the Think Art! project) and a cross-cultural validation of online tests of executive function for children aged 8 to 12, designed to investigate why bilingual children show an advantage on tests of executive function. This work has brought together three graduate researchers from the social development team: Adelle Pushparatnam and Jenny Landt have been administering the task battery in Malaysia and in Mexico, while Laura de Landgraaf administered the tasks to children in the UK. We are currently analysing data from these pilot studies in order to strengthen applications for larger-scale externally funded studies.

**Anglo-Japanese research organizations fund Nao Fujita’s research.** This year, Nao has been successful in obtaining small grants from British Association for Japanese Studies and Toshiba Graduate Research Scholarship. These funds have enabled her to employ professional transcribing services and to present her interesting findings on contrasts between British and Japanese mothers’ talk about children at three different meetings, including an international conference in South Africa.
Grant applications.

At least three new grant applications are in the pipe-line. First, building on the success of last year's application to the ESRC UK-Hong Kong bilateral call, we have submitted, with Dr Michelle Ellefson, an application for a new grant that would allow us to examine relations between parental characteristics and child executive functions, academic achievement in the two countries – our aim here is to integrate two distinct bodies of work (on social influences on / academic benefits of executive function) and apply cross-cultural comparisons to test the generality of findings and illuminate underlying processes. Second, together with Dr Ellefson we have also applied to the Isaac Newton Trust for funds that would enable Amanda Aldercotte to work on an extension of the Think Art! project – our findings to date appear to suggest gender-specific patterns of improvement following this intervention, but more work confirming these results would again be valuable in constructing a compelling argument for external funding – our plan is to apply for a large grant from the ESRC in the coming year. Third, we have just applied to the Isaac Newton Trust for funding to allow the Toddlers Up home visits to include observations of the children interacting with their siblings. These observations will allow us to examine stability and change in the quality of children's sibling interactions over a 10 year period, and will also provide a valuable platform for applying for external funds to examine sibling influences on adolescent risk-taking behaviour.

Conference papers, invited talks and engaging new audiences.

This has also been a busy year for disseminating findings, with key themes for presentations being executive functions and Anglo-Japanese contrasts in parenting. With regard to executive functions, I gave an invited talk in October 2011 at the
University of Uppsala in Sweden, a keynote address in Utrecht in March 2012 at the European Meeting for Executive Function Developmental Research, and an invited talk on executive functions and parenting at the Eunythidis Meeting for ADHD research in Barcelona in May 2012. In addition, Nao Fujita has presented her cross-cultural comparisons of British and Japanese mothers' talk about children at three different meetings this year: a British Academy meeting on cross-cultural studies of language acquisition in Sheffield in January 2012, a research day at Robinson College, Cambridge in May 2012 and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology in Stellenbosh in South Africa in July 2012. Finally, we have continued to contribute to schemes designed to attract talented sixth formers to applying to study psychology at Cambridge – both through the annual essay competition (which once more attracted over 100 entries and this year was on the topics of 'gender differences – fact or fiction' and 'what is good enough parenting') and through a talk that Rory Devine gave as part of the Open Day at Corpus Christi College.
Families and Health Research Group
Helen Statham

The success of research within the families and health grouping is dependent on successful collaborations with a variety of outside people and organisations including clinicians, other health professionals and the NGOs who are crucially involved with the provision of health care and the support services. The reputation of the Centre for Family Research for conducting quality research is crucial in supporting these relationships with people who are often very busy doing what is their ‘day job’ of providing care and/or support and for whom research participation adds extra burdens. We are, as ever, grateful for their on-going involvement with our research and hope that they find it helpful and informative.

The most extensive area of research within the group remains that undertaken by Gail Ewing on aspects of palliative care as they relate to family carers. Work on the implementation of the Carer Support Needs Assessment Tool (CSNAT) both nationally and internationally reflects the immense interest in this tool designed in previous years. As one current study ends (‘Trial to evaluate the impact of a Carer Support Needs Assessment Tool (CSNAT) intervention in hospice home care’ funded by NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme in collaboration with G Grande, K Greene, J Moore, S Payne and C Todd) funding has been obtained for a further study. Dimbleby Cancer Care has awarded a grant to Gail and Professor Grande (University of Manchester) to explore ‘Factors associated with successful implementation of a Carer Support Needs Assessment Tool (CSNAT) in Hospice Home Care’. Internationally, studies are underway in which Gail is a
collaborator/advisor at Curtin University, Western Australia where Professor Samar Aoun is conducting at trial of the CSNAT with the Silver Chain palliative care service in Western Australia; and at the University of British Columbia, Victoria, Canada where CSNAT is being used in a carer assessment study, again replicating on-going work with the CSNAT in the UK. A new area of work for Gail saw the arrival of Dr Nothando Ngwenya in the Centre. Nothando, who had previously developed methods to use the internet and other new technologies to undertake palliative care, was appointed as a Research Associate on a study about sharing bad news. The aim of this research, funded by Dimbleby Cancer Care, is to develop an intervention to support patients with cancer share the news of their diagnosis with significant others.

Gail continues to collaborate widely on other related studies in end-of-life and palliative care, including work with Dr Morag Farquhar (University of Cambridge) on ‘End of life care in advanced Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): identifying, understanding and meeting the changing care and support needs of patients and their carers’ and with Jane Seymour (University of Manchester) on ‘Cascading knowledge about end of life care at home: the development and piloting of a training programme for those who help carers and a carer resource pack’. As well as collaborations on active research studies, Gail also works with colleagues from the Cancer Experiences Collaborative (CECo) based at the University of Manchester on work on their Methodology Theme (which has so far included a systematic review on recruitment methods in palliative care: the protocol for the review has been published by the Cochrane collaboration); collaborates with Professor Gunn Grande on other studies on support for family carers based around
the CSNAT and with the National Association for Hospice at Home in our work on supporting family carers; and is a member of both the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Taskforce on Family Carers led by Professor Sheila Payne from Lancaster University and the International Palliative Care Family Carer Collaboration.

Helen Statham undertook new research this year, carrying out a large online survey of the school experiences of lesbian, gay or bisexual young people. This was work commissioned by Stonewall UK and was in part a replication of a survey undertaken five years ago which explored the incidence of homophobic bullying in UK schools and colleges and what policies schools and colleges had in place to stop bullying and to support their young people. This survey which was completed by over 1600 young adults was expanded to include questions on mental health and other aspects of their life coming out and growing up as lesbian gay or bisexual in the 21st century. The initial report has been published by Stonewall UK (http://www.stonewall.org.uk/documents/school_report_2012.pdf). We were fortunate to be joined over the summer by a psychology intern, Tim Kung who has undertaken additional analysis on this data set.

Helen’s work on pregnancy-related issues continues. The 2nd paper from a small unfunded collaboration with fetal medicine specialists was published drawing that work on perinatal post-mortems to a close. Researchers seem to be showing renewed interest in termination of pregnancy after prenatal diagnosis, an area where the Centre has previously done important work and Helen is advising doctoral students in London and Nottingham as well as completing work in Newcastle on
professionals attitudes to the provision of late termination and with the Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme of the UK National Screening Committee on choices offered to women.

Graduate students working on health-related issues have all completed their research and are writing theses and disseminating findings (see below). Irene Daly’s work on older-motherhood is particularly topical and of wide-spread interest and she recently supervised a medical student, Anastasia Theodosiou, who interviewed GPs about if and how they talked to patients about fertility decline. She also convened a CRASSH workshop in conjunction with Susanna Graham and Linda Layne called the Rhetoric of Selfishness. Jenny Prüfe has spent the last year writing up her thesis and has now left the centre to start a new life working as a clinical child/developmental psychologist and researcher at the Medical University of Hannover in the department of paediatric liver, kidney and metabolic diseases. We wish her luck for the future.

Dissemination

A number of studies have been disseminated in various ways this year and full details of individuals’ publications can be found elsewhere in the report. Gail’s work has been presented at a range of national and international meetings, including the 7th World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care in Trondheim, the 12th Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care in Lisbon, the Cancer Experiences Collaborative (CECo) Workshop in Newcastle and when visiting Cairns as an Adjunct Research Fellow and to various hospice home care services participating in the carer research studies. Helen presented to the UK
National Screening Committee and to the Fetal Anomaly sub-group and to the BPAS conference in London. Irenée has presented a number of papers on older mothers including ‘Older first time mothers-smart or selfish?’ at the CRASSH workshop and ‘Older motherhood-purposeful delay or inadvertent retiming?’ to the Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology in Oxford. Jenny Prüfe presented 2 papers on her PhD work to the 43rd Annual Conference of ewopa-renalchild (the European Working Group On Psychosocial Aspects Of Children With Chronic Renal Failure) in Hamburg. Her presentations were titled ‘The need for peer-support in pediatric nephrology’ and ‘Decision making processes in the context of living related kidney donation’.

Although retired, Martin Richards has contributed to work on the ethics and practices of returning research results and incidental findings to participants in biomedical population studies and biobanks and on social and ethical issues around assisted and collaborative reproduction and developing techniques including those related to mitochondrial DNA disorders.

He is Vice-Chair of the UK Biobank Ethics and Governance Council, a member of the Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Human Tissue Management Committee and a Member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics. The Centre was delighted when he was appointed Chair of a Nuffield Council on Bioethics Working Party on Genomics, Heath Records, Database Linkage and Privacy. Three PhD theses have been completed and submitted this year. The variety of topics reflects the range of areas studied within the group. Two vivas have already taken place (and the cakes consumed!) Tamara Kayali’s research focused
on issues of control, responsibility and the self in depression. Jenny Prüfe’s thesis was titled ‘Seeking Certainty in an Uncertain World: Psychosocial Aspects of Renal Replacement Therapies in Children and Adolescents’. And most recently, Irenée Daly submitted her thesis ‘Misconceptions: women’s knowledge of age-related fertility decline in the context of a trend towards older motherhood’. We will look forward to celebrating in the coming term.
PUBLICATIONS

John Appleby

Publications


Conference Presentations

Trust and Identity: Two reasons for telling children if they were donor conceived Sixth International Conference on Applied Ethics Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan October 28-30, 2011.

Lucy Blake

Publications


Forthcoming:


Conference Presentations


Polly Casey

Conference Presentations


Irene Daly

Conference Presentations


Rory Devine

Publications


Dr Rosie Ensor

Publications


Dr Gail Ewing

Publications


Conference Presentations (published abstracts)


Grande G, Ewing G, Sawatzky R. Supporting family carers: the relative importance of different support domains in explaining negative and positive impacts from
caregiving. Palliative Medicine: Abstracts of the 7th World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) 2012; 26:408.


Other Invited Presentations


G Ewing and G Grande. Using the Carer Support Needs Assessment Tool (CSNAT) in Practice: What Have We Learnt. The UK experience. Presentation at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth Western Australia, 4th October 2012.

Dr Tabitha Freeman

Publications

Freeman, T. and Richards, M. (in press). Parentesco, paternidad y pruebas de ADN. In R. Esteinou (Ed.) La nueva generacion social de familias. Tecnologias de reproduccion asistida y temas contemporaneos.. Mexico City: CIESAS.


Conference Presentations

September 2012, Essex, UK
A web of relationships: searching for donor siblings and donors.
Invited speaker at European Science Foundation Exploratory Workshop on New Perspectives on Gamete and Embryo Donation: Ethics, Kinship and Citizenship in a Globalized World
Presenting: Dr Tabitha Freeman

May 2012, London, UK
Making Connections: mothers and children contacting their donor and donor siblings.
Invited speaker at Solo Mothers Conference, Donor Conception Network.
Presenting: Dr Tabitha Freeman

May 2012, London, UK
The Mother and Child Study: initial findings.
Invited speakers at Solo Mothers Conference, Donor Conception Network
Presenting: Sophie Zadeh and Tabitha Freeman

September 2011, London, UK
Searching for donors and donor siblings: What shall we tell the children?
Alternative Families Show

July 2011, Stockholm, Sweden
Donor insemination families: A study of the impact of disclosure versus non-disclosure on parent-child relationships and child adjustment at adolescence
European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology 27th Annual Meeting

June 2011, Open University, UK
Title: Disclosure decisions in families created by anonymous donor insemination: Parents’ and children’s reflections at adolescence
British Sociological Association Human Reproduction Study Group 9th Annual Conference

Nao Fujita

Conference Presentations

Fujita, Hughes, Talking about your child: Do British and Japanese mothers differ in their talk about their children? (Paper). The British Academy Latin America Link


Fujita, Hughes, Cross-cultural research: Examining relationships between maternal talk and child’s cognitive performance in Japan and the UK (Paper). International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) 21st International Congress, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 17-21 July 2012

Professor Susan Golombok

Publications


Golombok, S. (2011) Tribute to Professor Robert Edwards. RBMOnline, 23, Special Issue 1, 75.


Golombok, S. (in press) Families created by reproductive donation. Child Development Perspectives

Hines, M., Golombok, S., Zervoulis, K, Yates, A., D’Arcy, J. & the ALSPAC Study Team (in press) Sex-typical play behaviour at age 3.5 years and sex-typical cognition at age 13 years: A longitudinal, population study. Archives of Sexual Behavior


Blake, L., Casey, P., Jadva, V. & Golombok, S. (in press) “I was quite amazed”: Donor conception and parent-child relationships from the perspective of the child. Children and Society


Conference Presentations

“All shapes and sizes: The impact of assisted reproductive technologies on the family”. Invited presentation to conference on Clinical and Developmental Implications of Assisted Reproductive Technology. Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, February 2011.

“Researching lesbian and gay family life: A retrospective” Invited presentation to conference on “Same-sex marriage: Before and after”, University of Manchester, Manchester Museum, March 2011.


“New families, old values: Parenting and child development in families created by assisted reproductive technologies”. Invited presentation to National Academy for Parenting Research, King’s College London, February 2012.


“Children’s development and wellbeing in many family forms”. Invited presentation at Tufts Medical Center, Boston, 16th May 2012.

“The C21st Family”. Invited presentation at the Hay Literary Festival, June 2012.
"Three parent families: Myth or reality?" Invited presentation to Cheltenham Science Festival, June 2012.


"Assisted reproduction and the family" Invited presentation to Wellcome Trust Medical Humanities and Ethics Showcase, Manchester, September 2012.


Dr Susanna Graham

Publications


Zeynep Gürtin

Publications


Dr Claire Hughes

Publications


Conference Presentations

Hughes, C. (2011). Executive Functions: Parental influences, cognitive correlates and social outcomes. Department of Psychology, Uppsala University, Sweden (October)

Hughes, C. (2012). Parenting and Executive Functions. Invited paper at the Eunythidis Meeting for ADHD research, Barcelona, Spain (May)


Fujita, Hughes, Cross-cultural research: Examining relationships between maternal talk and child’s cognitive performance in Japan and the UK (Paper). International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) 21st International Congress, Stellenbosh, South Africa, 17-21 July 2012

Susan Imrie

Publications

Imrie, S. & Zadeh, S., October 2012, Single women using donor insemination: Thoughts on the discussion of the latest findings from the Centre for Parenting Culture Studies, Bionews.

Conference Presentations


Humera Iqbal

Publications


**Vasanti Jadva**

**Publications**


**Sarah Jennings**

**Publications**


Conference Presentations

November 2011 Children's voices: children and young adults with lesbian and gay parents talk about their lives, presentation given at Cambridge Interdisciplinary Reproduction Forum's Interdisciplinary Workshop on Reproduction

November 2011 Are the kids alright? (with Helen Statham), paper presented as part of Anglia Ruskin University’s Grad Society Research and Debate series.


Jennifer Landt

Publications


Conference Presentations


Laura Mellish

Publications


**Conference Presentations**


September, 2012: The Cambridge Study of Gay and Lesbian Adoptive Parents. Presentation of Research Findings to South East Counties and Unitaries Adoption Meeting


**Jenny Prüfe**

**Conference Presentations**

The need for peer-support in pediatric nephrology and Decision making processes in the context of living related kidney donation. ewopa-renalchild European working group on psychosocial aspects of children with chronic renal failure, 43rd Annual Conference in Hamburg May 10th - 12th, 2012

**Professor Martin Richards**

**Publications**


**Papers and chapters**


Gabriela Roman

Publications


Helen Statham

Publications


Conference Presentations

May 2012- Behind the offer of termination for fetal abnormality- paper given to the BPAS conference Pills in Practice: Is abortion and contraception policy meeting women’s needs? Royal Society of Medicine, London
Sophie Zadeh

Conference Presentations


ACTIVE CFR GRANTS 2011/12

**XJAG/56**
Grant holder: Dr Gail Ewing  
Investigator: Dr Gail Ewing  
Title: GE costs for Carer tool trial in 6 Home Hospice Care Services  
Sponsor: Cambridge Community Services NHS Trust  
Period: May 2012 – April 2014  
Amount: £41,147.00

**XJAG/52**
Grant holder: Dr Claire Hughes  
Investigator: Dr Claire Hughes  
Title: Conduct problems from age 2 to age 10: Family and cognitive processes.  
Sponsor: ESRC  
Period: May 2012 – December 2013  
Amount: £99,164.00

**XJAG/51**
Grant holder: Dr Claire Hughes (PI) and Professor Susan Golombok  
Investigator: Dr Claire Hughes  
Title: Ready Steady Go  
Sponsor: The Westminster Fund (FB Grosvenor Group Ltd)  
Period: January 2012 – January 2013  
Amount: £46,855

**XJAG/50**
Grant holder: Dr Gail Ewing  
Investigator: Dr Gail Ewing  
Title: Sharing bad news: development of an intervention to support patients with cancer share the news of their diagnosis with significant others.  
Sponsor: Dimbleby Cancer Care  
Period: January 2012 – September 2013  
Amount: £117,090

**XJAG/49**
Grant holder: Dr Gail Ewing  
Investigator: Dr Gail Ewing  
Title: District Nurses in Palliative Home Care: A Pilot Study of a Communication Skills Tool  
Sponsor: Dimbleby Cancer Care (via University of Manchester)  
Period: October 2011 – September 2012  
Amount: £1,513

**XJAG/48**
Grant holder: Dr Gail Ewing  
Investigator: Dr Gail Ewing  
Title: Sharing bad news  
Sponsor: NIHR-WACLERN  
Period: June 2011 – December 2011  
Amount: £9,255
XJAG/047
Grant holder: Helen Statham
Investigator: Helen Statham
Title: A GB wide survey of lesbian, gay and bisexual young people in secondary school
Sponsor: Stonewall Equality Ltd
Period: September 2011 – August 2012
Amount: £16,000

XJAG/046
Grant holder: Dr Gail Ewing
Investigator: Dr Gail Ewing
Title: SGH carer tool trial
Sponsor: Dimbleby Cancer Care (via University of Manchester)
Period: January 2011 – March 2012
Amount: £18,276

XJAG/044
Grant holder: Dr Vasanti Jadva
Investigator: Susan Imrie
Title: A follow up study of the experiences and psychological health of surrogate mothers and their families
Sponsor: ESRC
Period: November 2010 – October 2012
Amount: £200,303

XJAG/043
Grant holder: Prof. Susan Golombok
Investigator: Dr Tabitha Freeman
Title: Single mothers by choice
Sponsor: The Isaac Newton Trust
Period: September 2010 – August 2012
Amount: £37,163

XJAG/042
Grant holder: Dr Gail Ewing
Investigator: Dr Gail Ewing
Title: Carer tool development work
Sponsor: BUPA Foundation
Period: June 2010 – January 2011
Amount: £15,934

XJAG/041
Grant holder: Prof. Susan Golombok
Investigator: Zeynep Gurtin Broadbent
Title: Egg sharing in IVF treatments: Bioethical and psychosocial implications
Sponsor: The London Women’s Clinic
Amount: £73,175
XJAG/039
Grant holder: Prof. Susan Golombok (PI) & Prof. Michael Lamb (CI)
Investigator: Sarah Jennings and Laura Mellish
Title: Parenting and the psychological development of children in gay father families
Sponsor: ESRC
Period: October 2009 – September 2012
Amount: £351,863

XJAG/037
Grant holder: Prof. Susan Golombok (PI), Dr Tabitha Freeman, Dr Vasanti Jadva, Dr Shirlene Badger, Helen Statham & Professor Martin Richards
Investigator: n/a
Title: Redefining families: Bioethics, assisted reproduction and emerging family forms.
Sponsor: Wellcome Trust
Amount: £350,000

XJAG/036
Grant holder: Dr Rosie Ensor
Investigator: Dr Rosie Ensor
Title: Post-doctoral Fellowship
Sponsor: British Academy
Period: November 2008 – March 2012
Amount: £272,845

XJAG/033
Grant holder: Prof. Susan Golombok
Investigator: Dr Vasanti Jadva, Lucy Blake, Polly Casey & Jenny Readings
Title: Families created by assisted reproduction: Parenting and child development.
Sponsor: NIH
Period: September 2007 – June 2013
Amount: $1,147,500