Ph.D students in the Centre for Family Research and its forerunners (1968 - 2016).

For those who were awarded a Cambridge University Ph.D., the title of the dissertation and the date of the award of the degree are taken from theses held in the Cambridge University Library thesis collection. This list also notes studentships or funding source for some students. The University Department through which the dissertation was submitted are also given – neither the Centre, nor its forerunners had a status in the University allowing this to take place directly through the Centre. So Centre graduate students were registered through another Cambridge University Department or Faculty.

There several reasons why some graduate students working in the Centre did not submit a dissertation to Cambridge University. Some may not have completed their PhD project; a few submitted to another University, while others did not complete their work in Cambridge and moved to posts elsewhere, or there were other reasons. For these cases where there is no record of a Cambridge PhD dissertation, there is a note of the work they undertook in the Centre which been taken from the annual reports etc of the Centre. The lists includes all those recorded as beginning their post graduate work (or studentship) from the early days in the Unit for Medical Applications of Psychology from 1968 to the Centre for Family Research in 2016. An indication is given of the Department through which the student is registered. The record attempts to give indications of subsequent careers where this is known.

Almost 60 PhDs have been awarded to those in the Centre or its fore runners. The first was awarded to Paul Light in 1974 (The role taking skills of 4 year old children) with a further two more the following year (Ian Clifton Everest. (Reading and
perceptual organisation) and Denise Campbell (Avard) (Evaluation of aspects of neonatal paediatric services – SCBUs).

CFR after an entry indicates that there is a copy of the thesis in the Centre for Family Research Lowenfeld library.

Aldercotte, Amanda. Graduate student from 2012 onwards. Early social emotional skills and their relationship to social and academic success.


Appleby, John. Should children be told if they were conceived using donated reproductive tissue? The ethics of disclosure and the welfare of children. No information re department recorded. 2014. Subsequently, Wellcome post doctoral research fellow. Kings College London.


Campbell (Avard), Denise. Evaluation of aspects of neonatal paediatric services. No department cited in record, 1975. CFR. Subsequently, Research Director for the Centre of Genomics and Policy, and Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.


Clifton-Everest, Ian. Reading and perceptual organisation. Department of Experimental Psychology. 1975. Later, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Metropolitan University of London.


Daly, Ireenee. Misconceptions: women’s knowledge of age related fertility decline in the context of trend towards older motherhood. Faculty of Human, Social and Political Sciences. 2014. Later Lecturer, Health and Life Sciences, De Montfort University, Leicester.


Downing, Claudia. (MRC) Reproductive decision-making in families at risk for Huntington’s disease: perceptions of responsibility. Department of Social and Political Sciences, 2002. CFR. Wellcome Trust Postdoctoral Fellow, CFR.

Ensor, Rosie (née Davie). Child and family correlates of pro social behaviour. Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, 2006. CFR. Research Associate CFR.


Foley, Sarah. Graduate student from 2012. An international study of first time mothers and fathers and their relationship with their infants.


Graham, Susanna. Imagined futures: experiences and decision –making of single women embarking upon motherhood through sperm donation. Faculty of Human, Social and Political Sciences. 2014. Research Associate, CFR.


Halati, Marjaneh. Graduate student from 1989 onwards. Mothers and daughters and marriage in Iran – before and after the revolution. Later founder and Director of the OMID Foundation which empowers disadvantaged young women in Iran.


Henshall, Christopher (Chris). Gender behaviour and cognition in pre-school children. No department cited in record, 1983. CFR. Later Deputy Director of R and D at the Department of Health, London, etc.

Illooi, Elena. Graduate student from 2013. Longitudinal study of adolescents conceived by assisted reproduction.

Imrie, Susan. Graduate student from 2013. Parental psychological well being and parent – infant relationships.


Jones, Kitty. Graduate student from 2015 onwards. Follow up of solo mothers by choice.

Kayali (Browne), Tamara. The real me: control, responsibility and the self in depression. Department of Social and Developmental Psychology. 2012. Later Lecturer, Australian National University, Canberra.


Kocoaluk, Sultan. Graduate student 1990 onwards. Intermarriage and integration of Turkish immigrants in Britain.


Lamba, Nishtha. Graduate student from 2013 onwards. The experiences, motivations and psychological wellbeing of Indian surrogate mothers.

Landt, Jennifer. Graduate student 2010 onwards. Theory of mind and children’s perceptions of social obligations: a cross-cultural study in Mexico and the UK.

Leighton, Carlos. Role taking, sharing and co-operation in young children. Department of Paediatrics, 1990. CFR. Carlos founded and directed El Centro de Investigaciones para La Infancia y Le Familia, Metropolitana University, Caracas, Venezuela which carries out intervention projects and research in the communities of the barrios of Caracus. Carlos was killed in a car jacking in Caracas 1992.


Pinkerton, Gill. Graduate student. 1970-1972. Left to obtain practical experience of child development and became a playgroup organiser.


Pushparatnam, Adelle. Interventions for children with autistic spectrum disorder: a cross cultural perspective. Faculty of Human, Social and Political Sciences. 2015. CFR.


Stone, Martin. Graduate student from 1980. Moved to LSE. Relationship between theoretical development of psychology and psychiatry and their current areas of practice in NHS. Later Jungian psycho-analyst, London.
Tasker, Fiona. (ESRC) Adolescents’ attitudes to marriage and relationships following parental divorce. Department of Social and Political Sciences, 1990. CFR. Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychological Sciences, Birkbeck, University of London.


Totterman (Crowe), Nicola. (ESRC link award). Intermittent father absence and the development of children. Department of Social and Political Sciences, 1989. CFR.


White, Naomi. Sibling relationships from pre - school to pre – adolescence: change, correlates and consequences. Faculty of Human, Social and Political Sciences.2015. CFR. Later Research Associate CFR.

Wild, Lauren. Inter-parental conflict and child adjustment: exploring the role of children’s emotional competence. Department of Social and Political Sciences, 2001. CFR. Later Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, South Africa.


Wong, Keri Ka – Yee. Paranoia and social mistrust in UK and Hong Kong children. Faculty of Human, Social and Political Sciences. 2015.

Zadeh, Sophie. Thinking on fertile ground: a study of social representations of single mothers by sperm donation in the UK. Faculty of Human, Social and Political Sciences. 2015. Later CFR Research Associate and Research Fellow, Corpus Christi College.