

# CURRICULUM VITAE: SIMON BARON-COHEN

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## Personal Statement

Simon Baron-Cohen is Professor of Developmental Psychopathology at the University of Cambridge and Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge. He is a Fellow of the British Academy. He is Director of the Autism Research Centre (ARC) in Cambridge ([www.autismresearchcentre.com](http://www.autismresearchcentre.com)). He is author of *Mindblindness* (MIT Press, 1995), *The Essential Difference* (Penguin UK/Basic Books, 2003), and *Prenatal Testosterone in Mind* (MIT Press, 2005). His current research is testing the 'extreme male brain' theory of autism at the neural, endocrine and genetic levels.

## Publications

270 peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals, 15 books (including anthologies), 3 Multi-Media products, 110 Book Chapters, 54 Magazine or Newspaper articles, 30 Book Reviews. Full list attached.

## Academic Posts

Lecturer in Psychology, University College London, Department of Psychology, 1987-88.

"New Blood" Lecturer (1988-1991) then Senior Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, Departments of Psychology and Child Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, 1991-1994.

Joint-Head of Autism Section, MRC Child Psychiatry Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, London, 1992-1994.

Lecturer (1994-1999), then Reader (1999-2001), then Professor in Developmental Psychopathology, University of Cambridge, Departments of Experimental Psychology and Psychiatry, October 2001+

Teaching Fellow (1995-2007) then Professorial Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge, 2007+

Director, Cambridge Autism Research Centre (ARC) 1997+

## Degrees

BA Hons Human Sciences, New College Oxford, 1978-81.

PhD in Psychology, University College, London, and MRC Cognitive Development Unit, London, 1982-85. Funded by an MRC Studentship.

M. Phil in Clinical Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, London, 1985-87. Funded by a University of London Scholarship.

## Awards

The British Psychological Society (BPS), Spearman Medal, 1990.

The American Psychological Association (Division 7), McCandless Award, 1990.

Fellowship to the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, 1992.

The British Psychological Society (Clinical Psychology Section), May Davison Award, 1993.

Fellow of the British Psychological Society, 1996.  
Fellow of the British Academy, 2009.  
Fellow of the Association of Psychological Science, 2009.  
The British Association for the Advancement of Science (BA), Joseph Lister Lecturer, 1998.  
BAFTA Award – Nomination, Best DVD in off-line learning, 2002  
BAFTA Award – Nomination, Best DVD in children’s education, 2007.  
Autism Award – Outstanding investigator, Philadelphia Autism Association/Princeton University, 2004.  
Vice-President, National Autistic Society, 2004+  
Presidents’ Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychological Knowledge, British Psychological Society (2006)  
President of the Psychology Section of the British Association (2007)  
The Tizard Lecture, University of Kent (2007)  
Vice-President, International Society for Autism Research (2009-2011)  
Distinguished Lecturer, the MIND Institute, Sacramento (2009).

### **Current Grants**

The Three Guineas Project Grant (2007-2012) Cambridge Lifespan Asperger Syndrome Service (£330K)  
MRC Program Grant (2007-2012) Foetal testosterone, autism and autistic traits (£980K)  
Target Autism Genome (TAG) (2004-2011) The genetics of Asperger Syndrome \$400K  
MRC (2005-2010) Brain Anatomy of Autism (Consortium: PI: Declan Murphy)  
The Lottery Commission (2006-2010) Early vs. late intervention in autism. (£486K).  
Bailey-Thomas Foundation (2007-2010) Asperger Resource Centre (£156K)

**PhD Students:** 19 completed, 6 currently registered.

### **Current Clinical Work**

1999+: Consultant Clinical Psychologist (B Grade), NHS Lifespan Healthcare Trust, Developmental Psychiatry Section, Cambridge,  
1999+: Director of CLASS (Cambridge Lifespan Asperger Syndrome Services).

### **National or International Bodies**

British Psychological Society Fellowship Committee (2002)  
Chair, National Autistic Society Accreditation and Standards Body (2002)  
Scientific Advisor to the Research Autism Trust (2002+)  
All Party Parliamentary Group for Autism (2000+)  
Professional Advisory Council to the Geneva Centre for Autism, Canada (2000+)  
MRC College of Experts in Neuroscience (2005-2008)  
Trustee of Resources for Autism (2004)

### **Patron**

Yorkshire Autism Association (2000+)  
Hertfordshire School for Children with Autism (2003)  
UK Synaesthesia Association  
Speaking Up (2005+)  
Cambridge University Science Festival (2006+)

Autism Anglia (Vice President, 2008+)

**Editorial Board**

of 13 Journals, and Co-Editor in Chief of Molecular Autism