

## **Curriculum Vitae: Professor Sir Simon Baron-Cohen**

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### **Current positions**

- Since 2001: Cambridge University, Professor in Developmental Psychopathology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology.
- Since 1997: Cambridge University, Director, Autism Research Centre, Department of Psychiatry.
- Since 2007: Trinity College, Cambridge, Professorial Fellow in Experimental Psychology, NST and MVST.
- Since 2018: Trinity College, Cambridge, Director of Studies in Psychology and Behavioural Sciences Tripos, (PBS).

### **Past positions**

- 1987-88: University College London, Lecturer, Department of Psychology.
- 1989-91: New Blood Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London.
- 1991-94: Senior Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London.
- 1990-94: Co-program lead, MRC Child Psychiatry Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London.
- 1994-99: Lecturer in Developmental Psychopathology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Cambridge University,
- 1999-2001: Reader in Developmental Psychopathology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Cambridge University.
- 1995-2007: Teaching Fellow in Experimental Psychology, Medical and Veterinary Sciences and Natural Sciences Trinity College, Cambridge.

### **Educational qualifications**

- 1978-81: BA Hons Human Sciences, New College, Oxford.
- 1982-85: PhD Psychology, University College London & MRC Cognitive Development Unit.
- 1985-87: MPhil Clinical Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London.

### **Distinctions and Awards**

- 1990: The British Psychological Society, Spearman Medal.
- 1990: The American Psychological Association (Division 7), McCandless Award.
- 1992: Fellowship to the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, 1992.
- 1993: The British Psychological Society (Clinical Psychology Section), May Davison Award.
- 1996: Fellow, British Psychological Society.
- 1998: The British Association for the Advancement of Science, Joseph Lister Lecturer.

- 2004: Princeton University Autism Award: Outstanding investigator.
- 2006: BAFTA Award: Nomination for *Mindreading*, 2002 and *The Transporters* for Best DVD in off-line Learning.
- 2006: Presidents' Award for Distinguished Contributions, British Psychological Society.
- 2007: President, Psychology Section of the British Association.
- 2007: BAFTA Award: Nomination, Best DVD in Children's Learning.
- 2009: Fellow, British Academy.
- 2009: Fellow, American Psychological Association.
- 2001: Lifetime Achievement Award, MENSA.
- 2010: Andrew D White Professor-At-Large, Cornell University.
- 2012: Doctor of Science, Roehampton University.
- 2012: Doctor of Science, Abertay University.
- 2013: Kanner-Asperger Medal, German Society for Research into Autism.
- 2016-26: National Institute of Health Research Senior Investigator.
- 2018: Fellow, Academy of Medical Sciences.
- 2018: Fellow, International Society for Autism Research.
- 2019: British Psychological Society Cognitive and Developmental Psychology Distinguished Contributions Award.
- 2021: Knighthood, New Year's Honours List.
- 2022: The Blackham Medal (Humanists UK).
- 2023: The Medical Research Council (MRC) Millennium Medal.
- 2024: Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.

### **Contributions to the wider research community**

- 1997-2025+: Founding Director, the Autism Research Centre, Cambridge University.
- 2015-18: Chair, Psychology Section (S6) British Academy.
- 2010-25+: Trustee, British Friends of Haifa University.
- 2013: Chair, Azrieli Foundation and Brain Canada Research Funding Committee.
- 2014-16: Vice-President, International Society for Autism Research.
- 2017-19: President, International Society for Autism Research.

### **Contributions to broader society**

- 1999-13: Founding Director, The Cambridge Lifespan Autism Spectrum Service.
- 2013-17: Founding Director, The Chitra Sethia Autism Centre, CPFT NHS.
- 2000-25+: Vice President, National Autistic Society.
- 2008-14: Membership of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Autism.
- 2010-12: Chair, NICE Guideline Development Group for Autism (Adults).
- 2009-14: Membership of the Autism Programme Board, Dept of Health and Social Care.
- 2010-25+: Vice-President, Autism East Anglia.
- 2010-2022: Founding Trustee, Autism Research Trust.
- 2015-25+: Vice-President, Blue Smile, Cambridge.
- 2017: Judge, Wellcome Trust Book Prize.
- 2018-20: Chair of Judges, Spectrum Art Prize (for autistic artists).
- 2022-25: Founding Director and Trustee, Autism Centre of Excellence at Cambridge.
- 2025+: Founding Director and Trustee, Autism Action.

### **Clinical Posts**

- 1985-87: Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Southeast Thames NHS Trust.

- 1999-2018: Consultant Clinical Psychologist, and Director of the Cambridge Lifespan Autism Syndrome Service (CLASS), Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (formerly Cambridgeshire Lifespan NHS Foundation Trust).
- 2000-25+: Consult Clinical Psychologist Expert Witness, Criminal Justice System.

### **Bibliometrics**

- H index: 237 (Google Scholar). Highest H index of all autism researchers in the world (Sweileh, W, et al, 2016, *SpringerPlus*, **5**, 1480).
- Publications: Peer-reviewed articles: 775; Books: 17; Book Chapters: 125.
- Ranking: 4<sup>th</sup> in the world of all academic psychologists: (<https://research.com/scientists-rankings/psychology>).

- Grants** (Approximate grant income £20M). Examples of recent grants include
- 2016-19: Templeton World Charity Foundation. Genetics of maths and autism: £2M.
- 2019-24: Wellcome Trust Collaborative Grant, Autism and Health (£3M).
- 2021-24: Simons Foundation (SFARI) () Autism Prenatal Sex Differences (\$6.4M USD).
- 2018-23: EU IMI AIMS-2-TRIALS. PI: D Murphy. Cambridge Package: £3M Euros.
- 2012-20: Autism Research Trust Project Grants (£10M).
- 2023-26: Autism Centre of Excellence at Cambridge, Suicide and Autism (£0.5M).
- 2024-27: Cambridge University Development Office, Autism Diagnosis (£1.5M).

### **Invited Keynote Lectures** (selected from > 200)

- 2004: Princeton University Autism Meeting Prize Lecture.
- 2005: Darwin Lecture, Cambridge.
- 2009: MIND Institute, Sacramento Distinguished Lecture Series.
- 2014: The Castang Lecture, European Academy of Childhood Disability, Vienna.
- 2013: The Helmholtz Lecture, University of Utrecht (2013).
- 2017: Keynote Lecture, United Nations, Autism Awareness Day, New York.
- 2022: The Albert Neuberger Memorial Lecture, Hebrew University.
- 2023: Karolinska Institutet Psychology Speaker Series, Nobel Forum.
- 2024: The MRC Millennium Medal Lecture, London.
- 2024: The Royal Society Institut Pasteur Lecture, London.

### **Contributions to the development of individuals**

I have supervised 45 PhD students and 15 MPhil students, with 7 ongoing. 35 of my former PhD students have stayed in academia, and 14 of these have faculty positions. These include Professors Bhismadev Chakrabarti (Reading), Tony Charman (KCL), Mike Lombardo (Italian Institute of Technology), Rebecca Knickmeyer (Michigan State), Caroline Robertson (Dartmouth), Meng-Chuan Lai (Toronto), Varun Warriar (Cambridge), Carrie Allison (Cambridge), Ofer Golan (Bar Ilan), Florina Uzefovsky (Ben Gurion), Bonnie Auyeung (Edinburgh) and Richard Bethlehem (Cambridge).

### **Contributions to science communication**

3 popular science books: *The Essential Difference*, *Zero Degrees of Empathy*, and *The Pattern Seekers*, translated into multiple languages, with invited talks at Science and Literary Festivals.