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Current Research:

'Constructing Narratives From Numbers To Explore Demographic Trajectories: A Pilot Study', Visiting Academic, Centre for Longitudinal Studies, Institute of Education, London, November/December 2009.

Previous Research:

'Rural and Urban Solo Living: Social integration, Quality of Life and Future Orientations' Two year ESCR-funded project with Professors Lynn Jamieson and Fran Wasoff, CRFR University of Edinburgh, 2007-2009

'Delayed Childbearing and Childlessness in Britain: the 1958 and 1970 cohorts compared', ESCR Postdoctoral Fellowship funded under the Understanding Population Trends and Processes (UPTAP) programme. <http://www.uptap.net/> CRFR University of Edinburgh, 2005-2006

'Transport and Mobility: The Perspectives of Disadvantaged Communities', Joseph Rowntree Foundation-funded project, Transport Studies Group, University of Westminster, 1999-2000

Education:

- PhD. 'Contemporary Spinsterhood: Gender, Partnership Status, and Social Change', University of London.
- MSc. Gender Relations, Gender Institute, London School of Economics.
- MA (Hons). Sociology and Philosophy University of Glasgow

Publications:

- Jamieson, L and Simpson, R. (forthcoming) *Solo Living, Identity and Belonging*, Palgrave MacMillan
- Jamieson, L. Lewis, R. and Simpson, R. (forthcoming) *Researching Families and Relationships: Reflections on Process*, Palgrave MacMillan
- Simpson, R. (2010, forthcoming) Entry: "Singletons"/Single by Choice, Sage *Multimedia Encyclopaedia of Women in Today's World*
- Simpson, R (2010, forthcoming) Book Review: The Shadow of Marriage and The Single Woman, *Feminist Review*
- Simpson, R (2009) *Contemporary Spinsterhood in Britain: Gender, Partnership Status and Social Change*, VDM Verlag: Saarbrücken.
- Simpson, R. (2009) 'Delayed Childbearing and Childlessness in Britain', in Stillwell, J., Coast, E. and Keele, D. (eds.), *Fertility, Living Arrangements and Care: Understanding Population Trends and Processes*, Springer: Dordrecht
- Jamieson, L., Wasoff, F. and Simpson, R. (2009) Solo-Living, Demographic and Family Change: The Need to Know More about Men, *Sociological Research Online*, 14, (2/3), <http://www.socresonline.org.uk/14/2/5.html>
- Simpson, R. (2008) Entries: The Married Women's Property Act and Bachelors and Spinsters, Sage *Encyclopaedia of Gender and Society*
- Simpson, R. (2007) 'Childbearing on Hold: Delayed Childbearing and Childlessness in Britain' March *UPTAP Research Findings* <http://www.uptap.net/>
- Simpson, R. (2006) 'The Intimate Relationships of Contemporary Spinsters', special issue on Intimacy Beyond the Family, *Sociological Research Online*, 11 (3) <http://www.socresonline.org.uk/11/3/simpson.html>

- Simpson, R. (2003) 'Contemporary Spinsters in the New Millennium: Changing Notions of Family & Kinship', *Gender Institute New Working Paper Series*, Issue 10. <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/genderInstitute/workingPapers.htm>
- Lucas, K., Grosvenor, T. and Simpson, R. (2001) *Transport, The Environment and Social Exclusion*, York: York Publishing Services for Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Awards:

- British Academy Small Research Grant, 2009
- ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2005-2006
- ESRC Research Studentship, PhD research, 2000 – 2003
- Stipend, Rutgers Centre for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University, 2004, to participate in 'Gendered Passages in Historical Perspective: Single Women' programme
- ESRC Advanced Course Studentship, Masters Research, 1998 - 1999