

## Dr Ben Grey - Curriculum Vitae



- ✦ **Co-director, Cambridge Centre for Attachment:** I am involved in carrying out assessments of risk, parenting, and attachment, for the Family Courts as an expert witness. My expertise includes administering and classifying the [Adult Attachment Interview](#) (DMM-AAI), the [CARE-Index](#), the [Parent Development Interview \(RF Scales\)](#), the [School Age Assessment of Attachment \(SAA\)](#). I have been accredited as reliable in these measures. I have been licenced to teach [Child Assessment of Play and Attachment](#) (CAPA: also known as narrative story stems). I have longstanding experience of using all these in assessment work with children and families, and as the basis for intervention, as well as on a consultation basis to other professionals.
- ✦ **Senior Lecturer, University of Roehampton.** I have lectured on the Msc Course in Attachment Studies since it began, and am a PhD supervisor in the Department of Psychology. I am currently convenor of the Postgraduate Certificate in DMM Attachment Based Family Assessment & Intervention. I have been asked to be a reviewer for the international journal, "Child Abuse and Neglect".
- ✦ **Trainer.** I have conducted training for CAFCASS, NAGALRO, BAAF, Local Authorities, and at conferences on attachment, and other areas of professional practice. I have presented at conferences internationally, including: the International Association for the Study of Attachment (IASA) conferences in Bertinoro, Italy (2008), Cambridge (2010) and Frankfurt (2012), and the World Association of Infant Mental Health (WAIMH) Congresses in Edinburgh (2014) and Rome (2018).
- ✦ **The Meaning of the Child Interview (MotC):** I developed, researched, and validated the [Meaning of the Child Interview \(MotC\)](#) to assess parent-child relationships. I teach the MotC internationally, and coordinate an international, multidisciplinary network of professionals using the MotC in their practice and research.

### Previous Employment and Biography

I am a **social worker** of over 20 years' experience working predominantly in the areas of child protection, fostering and adoption. I have worked as a **Children's Guardian for West Sussex GALRO panel and CAFCASS**. I served on the board of **NAGALRO** (the professional association for Children's Guardian's), and the editorial board of their journal 'Seen and Heard'. From 2008-2012 I was **Therapeutic Assessments and Interventions Manager for Family Care**, a voluntary sector organisation running a range of supportive services for families across all levels of risk. I ran a team offering assessment and intervention based on the use of attachment procedures and theory. I was part of the international group that developed the International Association for the Study of Attachment (IASA)'s **protocol for the assessment of attachment in the family courts** and am a co-author of the resulting journal paper. I have been involved in **researching the CAPA (with Dr Farnfield)**, and the **DMM-AAI (with Dr Crittenden)**.

### Relevant Qualifications

- ✦ **PhD in Psychology**, (University of Roehampton), **2014**
- ✦ **MA in Social Work with Distinction (inc. DipSW)**, (Warwick University), **1997**
- ✦ **MSc in Psychology (conversion award)**, (Manchester Metropolitan University), *in progress* – to complete 2019
- ✦ **BA (Honours) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics**, (Oxford University) **1992**

### Peer Reviewed Literature and Book Chapters ( full list at [www.attachment.services/?page\\_id=63](http://www.attachment.services/?page_id=63) )

- ✦ Crittenden, P. M., Farnfield, S., Landini, A., & Grey, B. (2013). 'Assessing attachment for family court decision-making: A forensic protocol for empirically-based evidence regarding attachment'. *Journal of Forensic Practice*, 15(4).
- ✦ Grey, B and Farnfield, S (2017a), 'The Meaning of The Child Interview (MotC) – A new procedure for assessing and understanding parent-child relationships of 'at risk' families', *Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, Vol: 22.2
- ✦ Grey B and Farnfield S (2017b), 'The Meaning of the Child Interview (MotC) - The initial validation of a new procedure for assessing and understanding the parent-child relationships of 'at risk' families, *Journal of Children's Services*, Vol 12:1
- ✦ Crittenden P., Grey B. and Spieker S. (in press) '*Maltreating Parents' Attachment Strategies: Comparisons to Normative, Mentally Ill, and Criminal Adults*' [Journal Article, under review]
- ✦ Grey B. and Gunson J (in press) 'Invisible Children? How attachment theory and evidenced-based procedures can bring to light the hidden experience of endangered children' in Bunston W and Jones S. (Eds.) '*Supporting Vulnerable Babies and Young Children: How to Work with Complex Challenges*' UK: Jessica Kingsley Publishers