

## Catherine Thomson

### Current Position

Research Fellow and PhD Scholar, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW

### Qualifications

Bachelor Arts (Psychology), University of Sydney.

Master of Arts (Sociology) University of New South Wales.

Graduate Certificate (Survey Design and Data Analysis) University of New South Wales.

### Academic Grants Awarded

- 2009 Australian Institute for Population Ageing Research PhD Scholarship
- 2006 ARC Linkage Grant *Young Carers: Social policy impacts of the caring responsibilities of children and young adults* (Co-chief Investigator with Bettina Cass, Deborah Brennan, Ilan Katz and Deborah Mitchell)
- 2006 UNSW Equity Initiative Grant (with kylie valentine and Trish Hill) *Part-time work and academic careers: constraints and opportunities in FASS*.
- 2005 UNSW Equity Initiative Grant (with kylie valentine and Trish Hill) Part-time work and academic careers: constraints and opportunities in FASS.
- 2004 ARC Linkage Grant Negotiating Caregiving and Employment (Co-Chief Investigator with Michael Bittman)
- 2002 University Research Support Grant (with Jacqueline Tudball) When usual childcare arrangements breakdown: emergency arrangements made by solo parents.
- 2002 ARC Linkage Grant Reaching Isolated Carers: Contacting Carers with Unmet Needs for Information and Support (Co-Chief Investigator with Michael Bittman)
- 2001 University Research Support Program, Carers and Service Non-Use: Understanding why carers do not take up services
- 2000 ARC SPIRT Grant, The Time Determinants of Care: Informal Care and Time Use (Co-Chief Investigator with Michael Bittman)

### Publications

#### Book Chapters

Hill, P., K. Fisher, C. **Thomson** and M. Bittman (2007), 'Carers and Community Service Non-use in Australia', in Isabella Paoletti (ed) *Family Caregiving to Older Disabled People: Relational and Institutional issues*. Nova Science Publishers Inc, New York.

Fast, J., M. Bittman, K. Fisher and C. **Thomson** (2004), 'Making the Invisible Visible: the Life and Time(s) of Informal Caregivers' in Bittman, M. and Folbre, N. (eds), *Family Time: The Social Organisation of Care*, New York:Routledge

Bittman, M. and C. **Thomson** (2000), 'Invisible Support: the determinants of time spent in informal care' eds J. Warburton and Melanie Oppenheimer, *Volunteers and Volunteering*, Sydney: Federation Press, 98-112.

Fine, M. and C. **Thomson** (1996), 'Beyond caring: informal care and the use of home support services by older people', in V. Minichiello, N. Chappell, H. Kendig and A. Walker (eds) *Sociology of Ageing: International Perspectives*, International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Ageing, 207-45.

#### Refereed Journal Articles

Valentine, k. and C. **Thomson** (forthcoming 2009) 'Improving processual quality in early education and care: Process findings from the evaluation of the partnerships in early education program' *Australian Journal of Early Childhood*.

Hill, T., C. **Thomson**, M. Bittman and M. Griffiths (2008), 'What kinds of jobs help carers combine care and employment?' *Family Matters*, 80: 27-32.

Bittman, M., T. Hill and C. **Thomson** (2007), 'The Impact of Caring on Informal; Cares', Employment, Income and Earnings: A Longitudinal Approach', *Australian Journal of Social Issues*, 42 (2), Winter, 255-272.

Valentine, k., K.R. Fisher and C. **Thomson** (2006), 'Making integration happen: the Families First policy experience', *Child Abuse Review*, 15: 414-28.

Fisher, K, R, k. valentine and C. **Thomson** (2006), 'The implementation of Families First NSW: Process lessons from the first four years. *Australian Journal of Early childhood*, 31 (1), March, 11-19.

Brodsky, H., C. **Thomson**, C. Thompson and M. Fine (2005), 'Caregivers of people with dementia and memory loss: reasons for service non-use', *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry* 20, 537-546.

Bittman, M., K. Fisher, P. Hill and C. **Thomson** (2005), 'The Time Cost of Adult Care' *eIJTUR:electronic International Journal of Time Use Research*, 2(1), 54-66.

Saunders, P., C. Evans and C. **Thomson** (2001), 'Social change and economic prosperity: attitudes to growth and welfare, *Just Policy*, September, 23, 4-15.

Fine, M. and C. Thomson (1995), 'Charity, goodwill and community spirit: day care for older adults in a suburban community', *Australian Journal on Aging*, 14, 2, 63-7.

Graham, S., M. Fine, M. McHugh and C. **Thomson** (1991), 'Community support services and their users', *The Australian Quarterly*, Spring, 63, 3, 247-62.

### **Recent Selected Reports and Other Publications**

Thomson, C., T. Hill, M. Griffiths and M. Bittman (forthcoming) *Negotiating Caring and Employment – Final Report for ARC Linkage Project*, Social Policy Research Centre, Sydney.

Muir, K., I. Katz, C. Purcal, R. Patulny, S. Flaxman, D. Abello, N. Cortis, C. **Thomson**, I. Opera, S. Wise, B. Edwards, A. Hayes. (2009), *Stronger Families and Communities Strategy: National Evaluation Preliminary Evaluation Report*, SPRC Report, report prepared for the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW.

Hill, T., C. Smyth, C. **Thomson** and B. Cass (2009), *Young carers: Their characteristics and geographical distribution*, conducted under the auspices of the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (NYARS), report for the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme, Canberra. [http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/youth/programmes\\_funding/nyars/](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/youth/programmes_funding/nyars/).

Hill, T., **Thomson**, C. and Cass, B. (2009) *The costs of caring and the living standards of carers*, Final Report prepared for the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, unpublished

Cass, B., D. Thompson and C. **Thomson** (2008) *Efficacy of strategies to enable and support carers to be effective: A literature review*, Final Report for the Sax Institute, Social Policy Research Centre, unpublished.

McDermott, S., C. **Thomson**. and K. Muir (2008), *Critical Success Factors of Communities for Children*, Report prepared for The Smith Family, Social Policy Research Centre, unpublished.

Muir, K., Katz, I., Purcal, C., Patulny, R., Flaxman, S., Abello, D., Cortis, N., **Thomson**, C., Spooner, C. and Opera, I. (2008), *Stronger Families and Communities Strategy: National Evaluation Preliminary Evaluation Report*, SPRC Report, report prepared for the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW, unpublished.

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Stronger Families and Communities Strategy: National Evaluation Consortium, (2007) *Stronger Families and Communities Strategy National Evaluation Baseline Report on Communities for Children Process Evaluation*, Report prepared for the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, unpublished.