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Qualifications

1980-1983: BA(Hons) first class: University of East Anglia; Economics, Quantitative methods and Politics
1984-1985: MPhil: University of Cambridge; Economics
1985-1989: PhD: University of East Anglia; Multinationals in the Labour Market
1999-2001: Postgraduate Certificate in Further, Adult and Higher Education: Manchester Metropolitan University

Biography

Fiona joined Birmingham Business School in 2007. She has a PhD in Economics from the University of East Anglia (1989) and an MPhil in economics from Cambridge University (1985). Her first degree in Economics, Politics and Quantitative Methods is from The University of East Anglia (1983). Her main theoretical and empirical contributions are concentrated at the intersection between labour economics, the sociology of work and HRM, in health economics and in sports economics and policy. Current research is focussed mainly around employment and policy issues linked to older age, the ageing society and the care economy.

Teaching

Undergraduate Level 1:

- Economics for Business

Undergraduate Level 3:

- Labour Economics
- Advanced Business Economics (see **www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk/businesseconomics (http://www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk/businesseconomics)**)

Masters/Doctoral level:

- Introductory and quantitative Research methods

2003 recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award by the Economic Centre of the Learning and Teaching Support Network for teaching on game theory

Postgraduate supervision

Fiona supervises doctoral researchers working on:

- The ageing labour force
- Gender, ageing and work
- Informal care and paid employment
- The economics of Sports and sports policy

Current doctoral research students are working on a range of projects including: retirement decision making, female employment in Saudi Arabia, participation of older Chinese workers in physical activity and demographic ageing in China.

XIAOCONG YANG: Demographic ageing in China: income in later life, labour market effects and the employment costs of informal care. An empirical study employing the CLHLS, CHNS and CHARLS micro-databases to investigate the impacts of demographic ageing on the labour market, the distribution of income and the welfare of the elderly population in China: demographic transition in China; income in later life; income inequality and health status among older people; opportunity costs of informal elder care; comparisons with France, Germany, UK and China.

CHRISTIAN KWEKU DARKO: Wage Inequality in Ghana: The Role of Education, Skill-Biased Technological Change and Foreign Direct Investment. The econometric analysis focuses on: the impact of educational attainment and skills on wages and how differences in educational attainment contribute to wage inequality; the impact of technical change on relative wages over time and whether this implies skill biased technical change; the impact of multinationals on wages in the Ghanaian labour market and; the impact of wage differentials and wage inequality for economic growth in Ghana.

PhD opportunities

Research

Fiona's research is concentrated at the intersection between labour economics, the sociology of work and HRM and in health economics. She also researches topical issues in sports economics and policy and has published work in economic development and game theory.

A major focus of her research is on the interaction between paid work and individual characteristics and circumstances including older age, caring responsibilities and

ethnicity. Current research is located around issues linked to older age and the ageing society, uses mixed-methodologies and is inter-disciplinary.

Main areas of current research are:

- The ageing labour force: Ageing and employment, retirement decision making, active ageing
- Women's unpaid work particularly the trade-off between informal care provision and paid employment
- Economics of sports and sports policy

Grants awarded:

British Academy (2015). Autonomy, interdependence, and social security: an integrated study of disability benefit entitlement and family life. £9.285 (PI)

Other activities

University management: Director of Doctoral Research in the College of Social Science

Publications

Journal publications (most recent)

Porcellato L., Carmichael F, and Hulme C. 2015. Using occupational history calendars to capture lengthy and complex working lives: a mixed method approach with older people, *International Journal of Social Research Methodology* (DOI: 10.1080/13645579.2014.988005)

Carmichael, F., Duberley, J. and Szmigin, I. (2015) Older women and their participation in exercise and leisure-time physical activity: the double edged sword of work, *Sport in Society* 18:1 January 42-60 (DOI: 10.1080/17430437.2014.919261)

Carmichael, F., Thomas, D. and Rossi, G. (2014) Production, efficiency and corruption in Italian Serie A Football, *Journal of Sports Economics,* 1-24. DOI: 10.1177/1527002514551802

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Duberley, J., Carmichael, F. and Szmigin, I. (2013) Exploring Women's Retirement: Continuity, Context and Career Transition, *Gender, Work & Organization,* doi:10.1111/gwao.12013

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Carmichael F. and Thomas D., (2011) Maintaining position by investing in human capital: the case of the premier league, *Bulletin of Economic Research,* Vol. 63 no. 4 464-497

Carmichael F., Hulme. C., Ingham. B., Porcellato, L., and Prashar, A., (2010) Giving older workers a voice; constraints on employment, *Work Employment and Society*, Volume 24 Issue 1, March 2010, 85-103

Carmichael F., Charles, S. and Hulme, C. T., (2010) Who will care? Employment status and willingness to supply informal care, *Journal of Health Economics*, 29, 182-90

Carmichael F., Ingham, B. and Chirijevskis A., (2009) Implications Of An Increasing Old-Age Dependency Ratio: The UK And Latvian Experiences Compared, *Pensions, Special Issue on Global Pension Perspectives Part 2*, 14:4

Carmichael F. and Hulme C., (2008) Are the Needs of Carers Being Met by Government Policy? *Journal of Community Nursing*, September 22, 4-12

Carmichael F, Connell G, Hulme C, Sheppard S., (2008) Work life imbalance; informal care and paid employment, *Feminist Economics*, April 14(2) 3-35

Carmichael F., and Thomas D., (2008) Does the best team win? Analysis of team performances at EURO 2004, *European Sport Management Quarterly,* 8:3, 211-228. Republished in Andreff, W.,(2011) *Recent Developments in the Economics of Sport,* The International Library of Critical Writings In Economics, Founding Series Editor: Mark Blaug, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham

Commissioned reports (most recent)

Carmichael F. (2011) *Review of research on caregiving activities and labour market behaviour*. Report for The Policy Research Directorate, Strategic and Policy Research Branch of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Canadian Federal Government

Carmichael, F., (2011) Informal Care in the UK: Constraints on Choice, Report for the British Academy, summary available at:
http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/research/research-centres/crew/working-papers.aspx
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Carmichael F., Ercolani M., Kang L., Maimaiti Y., O'Mahony M., Peng F., Robinson C. (2009) *Education, Training and Productivity*, Report for the European Union Commission, Education, Training and Productivity project

Books

Carmichael F., (2004) A Guide to Game Theory, Pearson Education

Chapters in books, invited book reviews (indicative)

Carmichael, F. and Thomas, D. (2014) Team performance: production and efficiency in football in Goddard, J. and. Sloane, P. (eds.) *Handbook on the Economics of Football*, Edward Elgar

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Carmichael D (2012) Review of Blossfeld, H., Buchholz, S. and Kurz, K. (editors), Ageing Populations, Globalization and the Labor Market. Subtitle: Comparing Late Working Life and Retirement in Modern Societies, *Work Employment and Society* (forthcoming)

Carmichael F., Hulme. C., Porcellato, L., Ingham. B., Prashar, A., (2011) Ageism and age discrimination: the experiences and perceptions of older employees, in Parry, E. and Tyson, S. (eds.) *Managing age diversity*, Palgrave Macmillan

Carmichael F. (2009) Review of John Eisenbeg *et al.*, The Triumph of Imagination. Creativity in Sport and Fred Coalter, A Wider Social Role for Sport. Who's Keeping the Score? *International Review of Applied Economics*, 23, November, 743-746 (ABS 2)

Carmichael F., Connell C., Hulme C. and Sheppard S. (2008) ¿Quién cuida y a que coste? El compromiso entre el cuidado no remunerado y el empleo remunerado, in De Villota P. (ed.)*, Conciliación de la vida profesional y familiar*, Editorial Sintesis: Madrid

Pre 2008 publications

Carmichael F., (1992) Multinationals and strikes: Theory and evidence, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, vol. 39 Feb, 52-68

Carmichael F., (1992) The impact of multinational enterprise on wages: theory and evidence, *International Journal of Manpower,* vol. 13, no. 2, 27-40 (*Paper received the 1992 *IJM* award for excellence)

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Carmichael F., (1994) Benefit regulation and low pay: government policy 1979-1993, *Renewal,* vol. 2 no. 3, 40-50

Carmichael F. and Morris C., (1995) The impact of vertical integration on wages; new evidence, *International Review of Applied Economics,* vol. 9 no. 1, 42-58

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Carmichael F. and Charles S. A., (1998) The labour market costs of community care, *Journal of Health Economics,* Vol. 17, no. 6, 747-765

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Carmichael F. and Woods R., (2000) Ethnic penalties in unemployment and occupational attainment: evidence for Britain, *International Review of Applied Economics,* vol. 14, no. 1, 72-98

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Carmichael F., (2000) Intergenerational mobility and occupational status in Britain*, Applied Economics Letters*, vol. 7, 391-396

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