The Criminogenic Impact of Child Removal Practices and the Institutionalisation of Children in Australia and New Zealand

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At the 30th ANZSOC conference held in Canberra in 2017, Rutherford Discovery Fellow and New Zealand academic Dr Elizabeth Stanley gave a keynote address that drew on research conducted for her 2016 book *The Road to Hell: State Violence against Children in Post War NZ*. Dr Stanley’s condemnation of New Zealand’s legacy of institutional violence towards children in state-run institutions, foreshadowed the government’s *Satyanand Royal Commission into Historical Abuse in State Care*, recently established to inquire into the legacy of the ‘stain on our country’s history’ of institutional child abuse.

New Zealanders should note the recent Australian experience in relation to the abuse and mistreatment of children. In the past six months alone, a trilogy of far-reaching inquiries have concluded that the ‘institutional neglect and indifference’ exhibited towards children in care is a significant factor in their subsequent offending.

The first of these inquiries, the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* (the ‘Institutional Responses Royal Commission’), cost in excess of $350 million. During its 5 years of operation it sat for more than 440 days, comprised almost 60 public hearings, involved 1,300 witnesses from 3,489 institutions and heard from approximately 15,000 victim/survivors or their families. The Commission’s final report ran for 17 volumes and encompassed 409 recommendations to make institutions safer for children. Thirty of those recommendations were specifically aimed at improving Australia’s child welfare system so that children are less likely to be subject to sexual abuse while in State care. According to Commissioner McClellan, the abuse of children, and inadequate institutional responses to that abuse, were so heinous and widespread as to constitute ‘a national tragedy, perpetrated over generations within many of our most trusted institutions’.

The second Inquiry, *The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory* (2017), (the ‘NT Royal Commission’) was initiated by Prime Minister Turnbull and the NT Government after shocking footage of children being assaulted, tear-gassed and stripped naked at the Don Dale Youth Detention facility was aired by the national broadcaster. The NT Royal...
Secretary’s Report

Hello! It was great to meet lots of you in Canberra last year at the December conference. I hope that everyone enjoys the conference. I look forward to seeing you again in beautiful Melbourne this December, and also encourage all our members to come to the AGM to be held during the conference. The theme of the 2018 Conference is Encountering Crime: Doing Justice. Please submit an abstract to actively participate in the exchange of information and ideas. Do not forget, ANZSOC members are entitled to register under a reduced registration fee.

Our award program is well and truly underway and the closing date is 30 April 2018. I am looking forward to seeing many nominations this year. For more information on how to apply please check out our website www.anzsoc.org.

If I can assist in any way, please get in touch.

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ANZSOC Secretary

Note from the Editor

Welcome to PacifiCrim for 2018. This year we return to our traditional two issues, with the second issue released at the 2018 ANZSOC conference in Melbourne. In this issue we commence with a critique of recent Inquiries and Royal Commissions into institutional violence and the criminogenic impact of state based violence on children with institutional experiences, which concludes with a call to arms for criminologists to interrogate these issues further. Throughout this issue you will be introduced to some of our new Committee of Management members including our new treasurer, new postgraduate and early career representative, new Western Australia representative, new Northern Territory representative and new Victorian representative.

We’d like to ask feedback from you about the accessibility of this publication, particularly for the visually impaired. We have increased the size of the font in this issue to make it a little easier to read. We want to make PacifiCrim accessible to all our readers and we value your input.

Submissions are open for the next issue, please send in any updates, reports or news on events you would like our members to hear about.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

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**Cont’d criminogenic impact of child removal**

Commission, which cost in excess of $54 million, lobbied for its terms of reference to be broadened to include investigation of the Territory’s child protection and out-of-home care systems. At the release of its 6 volume final report, Commissioners White and Gooda called for ‘fundamental reform...to end approaches that continue to fail children, families and the community.’ The Commissioners said they had come to ‘the tragic conclusion...that not only have the systems failed to address challenges faced by children and young people, they have in some cases made the problems worse’.

The third Inquiry, the *Australian Law Reform Commission Pathways to Justice—Inquiry into the Incarceration Rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* (the ‘ALRC Inquiry’) was initiated by then Commonwealth Attorney-General Brandis to investigate solutions to end the ‘national tragedy’ of the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in custody. Led by Indigenous judge Matthew Myers, the ALRC Inquiry was conducted in 11 months, ran to over 500 pages and made 35 recommendations. While acknowledging that the ‘Terms of Reference for this inquiry do not include an investigation into child protection, child removal or the juvenile justice system,’ it concluded that ‘the link between out-of-home care, juvenile justice and adult incarceration’ was a ‘key driver’ of Indigenous incarceration. The ALRC Inquiry found that the pathway from child removal to institutionalisation had resulted in ‘the normalisation of incarceration’ for many Indigenous families, and it recommended that the Commonwealth Government establish a national inquiry into child protection laws and processes affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Each of the trilogy of Inquiries identified that vulnerable children, placed in the care of the State for their own protection, have not been well-served by child welfare authorities. As the NT Royal Commission warned, governments ‘need to acknowledge that the current child protection system...is not effectively protecting children...[and] must accept that fundamental changes must be made’. The Inquiries found that for many children, placement in the out-of-home care system (OOHC) facilitated their involvement in offending, and led to a succession of criminal charges, convictions and periods of incarceration in both juvenile and adult facilities.

The ALRC Inquiry however, included a sobering history lesson that suggests that the past response of governments and child welfare and justice agencies can provide little reassurance that matters will change. It observed that the

‘criminogenic impact of Australia’s child removal practices and subsequent institutionalisation of children has been known for decades,’ yet noted that little has done to address the care-to-crime pathway.

Government responses to the Australian trilogy of Inquiries demonstrate a reluctance to accept responsibility for its role in the creation of criminals. This is evident in the Commonwealth response to the Institutional Responses Royal Commission recommendation for a national Redress Scheme. Commissioner McClellan was clear that ‘redress was critical’ if survivors were ‘to heal and to live a productive and fulfilled life’.

The Commonwealth response was to propose a Redress Scheme to which State and Territory governments, welfare agencies and churches must ‘opt-in’. To date, only the NSW, Victorian and the ACT governments have agreed to participate in the Scheme. The proposal purports to acknowledge the long-term impact of institutional child sexual abuse by providing ‘eligible survivors’ with a redress payment of up to $150,000, access to counselling services, and a direct, personal response from the responsible institution.

However, the Commonwealth has ignored a central tenet of the Institutional Responses Royal Commission recommendation. As Commissioner McClellan observed, some providers dismissed or minimised survivors’ abuse and its impacts, and have effectively blamed them for the abuse they experienced. This is exactly what the Commonwealth has done in respect of child sexual abuse survivors who have criminal records. The Commonwealth has sought to exclude potential claimants with criminal convictions for any serious crime with a sentence of five years or more, and those convicted of sexual offences from the Redress Scheme. In so doing, it has failed to recognise governments’ roles in creating the circumstances in which children in care become involved in the criminal justice system in the first place.
The State’s role in the creation of criminals has been understood by previous New Zealand Inquiries. For example, both the Race Relations Commissioner Dame Susan Devoy and Judge Carolyn Henwood CNZM, Chair of The Confidential Listening and Assistance Service, have stated that the placement of Māori boys in child welfare institutions ‘often led to gang affiliations…many gangs actually began in State institutions.’ In Australia too, there has been some recent acknowledgement of the role of child welfare in manufacturing criminals. The Victorian government recently announced that it would expunge the criminal convictions imposed on children removed from their families and charged with being neglected and abandoned when placed in care.

As with the ALRC Inquiry finding that governments and agencies have long known about the criminalisation of children in care but have failed to address it, criminologists and their societies must acknowledge a similar blindness. Criminology as a discipline has failed our most vulnerable children. Scholarship on this issue is sorely lacking. How is it that a group that comprises less than one percent of the population but are one third of prisoners, has been of so little interest to the Academy? How is it we have failed to examine their impact upon such important issues as deaths in custody? How is that some argued that ‘nothing works’, when we did not consider this cohort’s impact on the causes of crime and the outcomes of rehabilitation programs?

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At last years’ ANZSOC conference, founding members of the Society stated that they had come together partly to address the involvement of children in care in the criminal justice system. Thirty years later, there is a pressing need for ANZSOC to pursue this original agenda. We need large-scale peer-reviewed research studies, access to government and agency data and an understanding of what appears to be the life-long criminogenic implications of a childhood spent in our out-of-home care system.

**Kath McFarlane**  
*Charles Sturt University*

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### 2018 Committee of Management Photo

The 2017 ANZSOC Conference in Canberra gave many of the Committee of Management an opportunity to meet in person. Breaking with tradition, the photo was taken of the Committee of Management members for 2018, traditionally the conference photo opportunity was of the outgoing members.

Front L-R: Fiona Haines, Katalina Bradley, Jason Payne, Emma Colvin, Jeremy Pritchard, Katherine McLachlan

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### Welcome to our New Treasurer

**PacifiCrim** would like to thank our outgoing Treasurer Li Eriksson for her efforts in the role. During her tenure Li has worked tirelessly to smooth out ANZSOC’s banking and finances. We wish her all the best. We welcome our new interim Treasurer, Lara Christensen. Lara will take over the role until elections at the end of this year. Lara is a Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Her PhD research focused on the attrition of child sexual abuse cases from the criminal justice process and Lara’s knowledge base pertains to child sexual offending, including the grooming process, cognitive distortions, crime scripts, online child predators, and victimology.

**Lara Christensen**
Encountering Crime: Doing Justice
ANZSOC’s 2018 Conference

Planning is well underway for the ANZSOC 2018 annual conference! The theme for this year’s conference is:

**ENCOUNTERING CRIME: DOING JUSTICE**

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology is unique. For over 50 years it has held a time-honoured place at the intersection of academic criminology and the many fields it encounters. The 2018 conference continues this tradition by inviting and encouraging robust exchange of voices, visions and experiences of crime, criminology, criminal justice and justice more broadly. We thought long and hard about the theme. For us, this year’s theme speaks to the many ways we as researchers and practitioners encounter crime and find ways of doing justice – across time, place and scale—from the everyday to the extraordinary, the interpersonal to the international. The notion of encounter—meeting, engaging with one another, in relation, in an intersubjective space of dialogue and exchange – is central.

We have already secured two brilliant and exciting keynote speakers: **Professor Jeff Ferrell** (Texas Christian University & the University of Kent) and **Associate Professor Michelle Brown** (Tennessee University). Together they bring strong critical, cultural and visual criminological sensibilities. We will also be featuring an important local Indigenous voice as a keynote speaker – to be announced soon!

Jeff Ferrell’s books include *Crimes of Style, Tearing Down the Streets, Empire of Scrounge*, and, with Keith Hayward and Jock Young, *Cultural Criminology: An Invitation*, winner of the 2009 Distinguished Book Award from the American Society of Criminology. His latest book, *Drift: Illicit Mobility and Uncertain Knowledge* explores the history of drifting to show – through the experience of ‘train hoppers and gutter punks’ – how dislocation and disorientation has become an economic, cultural and political phenomenon in the US. He is founding editor of New York University Press book series *Alternative Criminology*, and one of the founding editors of *Crime, Media, Culture: An International Journal*.

Michelle Brown was recognised as ‘Critical Criminologist of the Year’ in 2016 for her work in critical carceral studies and visual criminology. She is co-editor of *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Crime, Media, and Popular Culture* and, with Eamonn Carrabine, *The Routledge International Handbook of Visual Criminology*. She is co-author, with Nicole Rafter, of *Crime Goes to the Movies: Crime Theory and Popular Culture*. Her book *The Culture of Punishment: Prison, Society, and Spectacle*, brought the notion of ‘penal spectatorship’ to bear on our understanding of how popular ideas about prisons and punishment drive punitive penal policies and practices.

There is much more to come as the year unfolds. For example, you will see a slight difference in the call for papers. Here, as well as identifying your work by traditional keywords, we are asking if you would like your paper to be organised in panels within thematic ‘streams’ that may cut across some of the more traditional groupings. These streams include: Digital Criminology; Crime and the City; Carceral Borders; Victims and Trauma; Mass Harm and Justice; Consequences of Invasion; Extending Punishment; Young People; and Policing Dangerous Consumption. We are also organising collaborative conversations between practitioners, policy-makers and academics. So, if you think your paper would work well in this kind of format just tick the box on your way through the submission process.

We welcome you all to join in the conversation at ANZSOC 2018, and to enjoy our beautiful campus, city and surroundings. See you in Melbourne!

**Fiona Haines and Diana Johns (co-chairs), Juliet Rogers, Mark Wood (UniMelb) and Rebecca Wickes (Monash)**
UNSW Establishes Centre for Crime, Law and Justice

Building on a strong tradition of criminal justice research, scholarship, advocacy and activism dating back to the 1970s, the Faculty of Law at the University of New South has established the UNSW Centre for Crime, Law and Justice.

The Centre has been established to support and promote multi-disciplinary scholarship by UNSW researchers on important topics in criminal law, criminal justice, criminology and crime prevention. The Centre aims to play a prominent, independent and effective leadership role in public debate and reform on criminal justice law and policy challenges that are of pressing local, national and international significance. Centre researchers aim to promote evidence-based policies, laws and practices that enhance social justice.

A high priority for the Centre is to provide research support, expertise and collaboration opportunities for NGOs and community organisations that advocate on behalf of individuals and groups affected by crime and the processes of criminal law enforcement and punishment. The Centre also aims to facilitate networks and alliances involving criminal justice stakeholders within the legal profession, police, government, judiciary, and corrections, and to bring stakeholders together to develop solutions to pressing challenges in criminal justice.

The Centre’s foundation membership includes more than 50 staff and higher degree researchers from the Faculty of Law and the School of Social Sciences at UNSW.

Centre members are currently involved in research projects dealing with many aspects of criminal justice and criminology including: crime victimisation, policing, criminal law, criminal procedure, trials and evidence, sentencing and corrections. Current projects include:

ARC-funded research involving centre members, Julie Stubbs, Eileen Baldry, David Brown and Melanie Schwartz (along with Chris Cunneen, UTS) on ‘Rethinking Community Sanctions’;

work by Vicki Sentas and Camilla Pandolfini (Public Interest Advocacy Centre) in collaboration with the Redfern Legal Centre Police Powers Clinic and the Youth Justice Coalition, on the use of Suspect Targeting Management Plans (STMPs) by the NSW Police: Policing Young People in NSW: A Study of the Suspect Targeting Management Plan (Youth Justice Coalition, 2017); and

research by Centre members Bianca Fileborn and Phillip Wadds (with Stephen Tomsen, WSU) on safety, sexual harassment and sexual assault at Australian music festivals.

These selected projects are illustrative of some of the core themes of the Centre’s research activities, including the relationship between criminal justice administration and social justice and human rights; and the relevance of race, Aboriginality, gender, disability and socio-economic disadvantage to victimisation, criminalisation, the criminal process and punishment. Further details on projects and recent publications involving Centre members can be found at: http://www.cclj.unsw.edu.au.

The UNSW Centre for Crime, Law and Justice will be launched at an event to be held on 16 May 2018 at the Kensington campus of UNSW Sydney, in conjunction with the Centre’s Inaugural Public Lecture (see next page).

To learn more about the Centre from Crime, Law and Justice, visit http://www.cclj.unsw.edu.au, follow the centre on Twitter @unswcclj or contact us at cclj@unsw.edu.au.
Professor Adam Crawford to Deliver Inaugural Public Lecture at the Launch of the UNSW Centre for Crime, Law and Justice

Distinguished criminologist, Professor Adam Crawford, from the University of Leeds, will deliver the inaugural public lecture at the official launch of the UNSW Centre for Crime, Law and Justice at the Kensington campus of UNSW Sydney, at 6pm on Wednesday 16 May 2018.

The lecture is the first of what will be an annual public lecture hosted by the newly established UNSW Centre for Crime, Law and Justice (see story previous page).

Professor Crawford will speak on the topic of ‘Decentring the Police from Policing: Re-imagining Public Safety in and through Networks’

The lecture will challenge the tendency to conflate ‘policing’ with the institution and activities of ‘the police’ and argue instead for a conception of policing as a fundamental dimension of municipal governance embedded in and dependent on a complex constellation of inter-agency, multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral networks. This conception, Professor Crawford will argue, is better attuned to contemporary trends towards greater social complexity and diversity, the increasingly distributed nature of knowledge through society, the privatisation and managerialisation of public services, the impact of digital and communications innovations, and the advent of ‘big data’. Further, conceptions of what the police should do differ radically from what they actually do and obscures what they could do to enrich the quality of urban safety and public well-being. Professor Crawford will make the case for a better understanding of the assemblages of, and the relations between, plural actors and processes that straddle the public, private and voluntary sectors, and for investigating how these might best be harnessed in the interests of public safety, whilst being attentive to the civil rights and ethical implications, given the power that attends to the tasks of policing.

About the speaker

Adam Crawford is Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies at the University of Leeds where he is the Director of the Leeds Social Sciences Institute. He is Director of the N8 Policing Research Partnership; a collaboration between universities and policing partners in the north of England. The N8 PRP is seeking to transform the ways in which research knowledge is produced and evidence is utilised and mobilised by policing practitioners.

For nearly 30 years Professor Crawford’s research has focused on policing, urban security, community safety partnerships, the regulation of public space, restorative justice and victims of crime. Recent books include Legitimacy and Compliance in Criminal Justice (2013) and International and Comparative Criminal Justice and Urban Governance (2011). He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and a lifetime honorary member of the British Society of Criminology. He is a former Editor in Chief of Criminology and Criminal Justice and he is an Editorial Board member of the British Journal of Criminology.

Professor Crawford is currently Distinguished Visiting Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.

Professor Crawford’s lecture will draw on work he is completing for a new book, provisionally entitled Networked Policing, to be published by Routledge in 2019.

The Centre for Crime, Law and Justice Inaugural Public Lecture is open to the public and free, but numbers are limited so please rsvp via email to cclj@unsw.edu.au.

For further details, visit http://www.cclj.unsw.edu.au, or email: cclj@unsw.edu.au

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News from the Institute of Criminology, University of Sydney

‘Under New Management’

In January 2018, Professor Arlie Loughnan and Associate Professor Rita Shackel became Co-Directors of the Institute of Criminology.

“We are both academic members of staff at the Sydney Law School, and work in the areas of criminal law, criminal justice, evidence and procedure. We have been members of the IC for a long while and are each excited to take up the position of Co-Director of the Institute.”

“We aim to ensure the IC continues to operate as a leader at the forefront of criminological, criminal law, and criminal justice knowledge production and public education, while at the same time facilitating the goals of its members in their pursuit of research innovation and excellence, impact, public outreach and advocacy.”

“To realise this aim, we will work with members to support individual and collaborative research projects, to host leading national and international visitors, and organise high-value and high profile seminars, workshops and other events. We are keen to consider new initiatives at the same time as building on existing activities.”

New Staff

In January 2018, the Institute of Criminology and Sydney Law School welcomed a new member of staff, Associate Professor Tyrone Kirchengast. Tyrone is an international expert on crime victim rights and improving victim’s access to justice. Prior to joining Sydney Law School, Tyrone taught criminal law and procedure at the University of New South Wales (2009-2017). Tyrone’s recent work examines victim participation across the criminal trial process, private counsel for victims of crime, restorative and therapeutic justice, compensation and restitution, and victim rights as human rights in international and domestic law. At Sydney Law School, Tyrone teaches across the core courses of Civil and Criminal Procedure and Criminal Law.

The IC is a vibrant group, with members working in criminal law, criminology, legal theory, evidence and procedure, psychology, economics, fine arts, among many other fields. Our membership stretches across the School of Law, Faculty of Arts, Business School at the University of Sydney.

Plans for 2018

The IC continues to provide a unique outlet for public education on criminal justice and related issues. This year, we will again host significant workshops and conferences bringing scholars together from across the University and externally to develop research. For example, in July 2018, the Institute will co-host Queering Justice in the Global South (11-13 July). This event will bring together national and international researchers working in areas of criminology, criminal justice studies, sociology, and socio-legal studies to examine issues around the needs of sexuality and gender diverse people and the intersections of inequalities. It will be of interest to researchers, community
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members, and organisations working at the intersections of sexuality, gender diversity, and justice, broadly conceived.

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The Institute of Criminology is one of Australia’s premier criminological, criminal law and criminal justice research and policy centres. We are excited to take on the leadership of the IC and look forward to working to further enhance the strong scholarly and public profile of the IC and its research and professional activities.

Arlie Loughnan and Rita Shackel
The University of Sydney

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The first day was bookended by the conference dinner at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, where delegates were treated to views over New Parliament House from the balcony. The highlight of the dinner was the launch of the Palgrave Handbook of Australian and New Zealand Criminology, Crime and Justice. Many contributors to this weighty tome were present to celebrate.

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The next day delegates were impressed by Louise Taylor’s ‘view from the coalface’. As Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Legal Aid ACT, Ms Taylor provided valuable insight into the intersectional roles Indigenous women have in the criminal justice system, examined against the 25 year history since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

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The final day commenced with Dr Elizabeth Stanley’s stirring keynote address on institutional violence in New Zealand, presenting a critical look at the government’s refusal to acknowledge violence perpetrated against people in state care. Delegates were palpably moved at hearing of the experiences of the ‘victims’ who participated in this research. Dr Stanley explored what acknowledgement of these harms means beyond ritualism. Following this outstanding address, the day continued with the last of the parallel sessions. The ubiquitous American Society of Criminology ice cream social concluded another successful ANZSOC conference.

Emma Colvin
Charles Sturt University
Monash Criminology Congratulates New PhDs

Monash Criminology congratulates five new PhD graduates: Dr Brandy Cochrane, Dr Bodean Hedwards, Dr Mary Iliadis, Dr Sara Maher and Dr Sirakul Suwinthawong. All of them have made a rich contribution to Monash Criminology as postgraduates, in addition to undertaking significant and important work in their fields.

Dr Brandy Cochrane’s thesis, entitled *Migrant Motherhood Project*, examined impacts of border securitisation on refugee and asylum-seeking mothers’ carework before, during and after illegalised journeys. She is now a lecturer in criminology at Deakin University.

Dr Bodean Hedwards’ thesis examined the border crossing experience of irregular Tibetan migrants. It sought to understand the way that the different historical, social and political features shaped the border crossing experience and outcomes. It also explored the methodological complexities and challenges associated with undertaking research in a highly politicised context, with a highly politicised migrant population. She joined the Monash Faculty of Arts team as a project manager to deliver the Global Immersion Guarantee.

Dr Mary Iliadis’ PhD, entitled *Adversarial Justice: A Triangulation of Interests? Reconceptualising the Role of Sexual Assault Victims*, examined three victim-focused reforms operating across three adversarial jurisdictions - England and Wales, Ireland and South Australia. The thesis considers the extent to which these reforms are meeting sexual assault victims’ procedural justice needs and whether similar reforms, including the idea of independent legal representation for sexual assault victims, could operate in the Victorian adversarial justice system. She is now a lecturer in criminology at Deakin University.

Dr Sara Maher’s thesis considers the pre-migration, settlement and post-settlement periods and looks at processing war trauma, family separation and transnational caregiving during conflict. It also examines these women’s paradoxical experience of finding safety and security in Australia.

Dr Sirakul Suwinthawong’s thesis examines the drivers for irregular labour migration and the subsequent negotiation of the border by women migrants. The primary focus on the drivers of women’s irregular migrant labour in Thailand is to consider women’s experiences of irregular labour in Thailand shaped by migration and labour policy and regulation. She is now a lecturer at College of Politics and Governance (COPAG) at Mahasarakham University in the Northeast of Thailand where she is also Assistant Dean for International Affairs.

Thinking to pursue your PhD with Monash Criminology? Feel free to contact Dr Lennon Chang

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Lennon Chang
Monash University
The 11th ANZSOC Postgraduate and Early Career Research Conference

The ANZSOC postgraduate day was one of the highlights of the ANZSOC 2017 conference. I had been looking forward to this day since my previous brief attendance at ANZSOC the year before (I only managed to attend a day of it in 2016), as it was not only a time for me to catch up with my fellow postgraduates, but to network with researchers who are and have gone through similar experiences during the course of their candidature. Being in this environment enabled me to get much needed critical input from my peers, who were able to provide knowledgeable insight to my project and also help me identify gaps that I have overlooked, after being ‘short-sighted’ from looking at issues of punishment and society from a particular angle for most of the year. I am / was very grateful for the advice and considering the topic at hand from a fresh perspective, which has helped sharpen my research proposal.

The conference provided me with a conducive and safe space to voice insecurities about my prospective project and learn about how I might be able to avoid common pitfalls during the course of my candidature. This process helped to boost my confidence in my decision to take on my candidature at Monash University. It also gave me the opportunity to learn from a panel of experts, all of whom come from an extensive and impressive range of research backgrounds. The fact that panellists were also at various stages of their careers also allowed us to envision pathways in the field of research and academia, that can, in all honesty be a complex and albeit confusing trajectory (I speak mainly for myself, as a newcomer who is still learning how to navigate this space). One of the key takeaways was learning more about the ability and benefits of prioritising my PhD project, while balancing teaching and research obligations. Crucial advice such as this is something that I have and undoubtedly will use during the course of my career.

I felt more assured in my career decisions and life decision to pursue my doctoral research after productive interactions from researchers, practitioners and scholars, many of whom provided me with pertinent advice that I have and will undoubtedly use throughout my career. These warm interactions also bettered my understanding of how to navigate working in a field that was new and foreign to myself. It was immensely inspiring to be in such a supportive environment, where we were encouraged to share our research experiences. I am also thankful to my colleagues who advised me to attend the conference ahead of my candidature, even though I had some doubts about going into a space to interact with experienced criminologists and practitioners at such an early stage of my career. It truly was and is the warmest and friendliest networking event I have been to! I can't wait to catch up everyone in December in Melbourne!

Ariel Yap
Monash University

The Distinguished Criminologist Award

The ANZSOC Distinguished Criminologist Award is presented each year to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has demonstrated outstanding, significant and sustained contribution to Australian or New Zealand criminology in one or more of the following areas: teaching and scholarship, advancing international appreciation of criminology through research and publications, or involvement in criminology in public life. The award is thus made in recognition of the lifetime contribution to criminology of the recipient.

Up to two individual awards can be presented each year.

The winner(s) of the Award are presented with a plaque at the dinner of the Society's annual conference or otherwise as arranged at the convenience of the recipient(s). Each distinguished criminologist will also be awarded the honorary title Fellow of ANZSOC in accordance with the rules of the association.

Check the ANZSOC website (www.anzsoc.org) for further information!
In July 2017, Cairns (the traditional home of the Yidinji Indigenous peoples) played host to the Crime and Justice in Asia and the Global South conference. Organised by the Asian Criminological Society (their 9th annual conference), the Crime and Justice Research Centre, and Queensland University of Technology this symposium brought together researchers and stakeholders from 27 countries who demonstrated that locally produced knowledge provides innovative methods to study and address crime. The significant research and findings presented at the conference represented the definitive goals of Southern Criminology and ultimately our aims as academics in a multicultural and increasingly globalised world, to better understand prominent criminological issues through local and culturally sensitive scholarship.

Beginning with a postgraduate day, prominent names in the criminological community (such as Sandra Walklate, Rob White, and Chuen-Jim Sheu) guided students and early career researchers through interactive seminars on appropriate research methods and publication. We left these sessions with novel perspectives on the research process and how to navigate the challenges faced by many new researchers.

At the main conference, keynote sessions by Professor Raewyn Connell on “Decolonizing knowledge for criminology”, Professor Guoling Zhao on “Justice and Protection of Rights for Victims of Crime”, and Professor Rosemary Barberet on “The Sustainability of Women’s Human Rights: Dialogue between North and South” set the narrative for the conference on Southern Criminology, and this focus was mirrored in the fascinating work of all presenters. With topics including gendered violence, restorative justice, substance abuse, and conflict or war, all contributors reflected on prominent issues in the Global South. Overwhelmingly, their research was framed by discussions on exclusion, Indigenous narratives of justice, pressing trends in offending and responses, and exciting theoretical or methodological advancements. Through their work, the attending scholars demonstrated the renewed focus on researching previously marginalised groups and gave them a voice that has historically not been recognised.

With the abundance of fascinating work presented, I spent much of my time running between sessions. However, despite only being able to see some of the exceptional presentations prepared by contributors, I would like to thank all presenters, some of whom were rewarded with scholarships to attend the conference (including myself). Ultimately, as a group we attendees confirmed the significant interest in research on the Global South, which was summarised Professor Elliot Currie in his closing session on the need for reflexive and culturally appropriate criminology.

However, the conference was not all work. Dinner and drinks that featured entertainment in the form of Yidinji stories and traditions captured the crowd, and reaffirmed the Indigenous narrative of the conference. Attendees were also treated to tours of the stunning world heritage sites surrounding Cairns, such as the Mossman Gorge Centre where education on Indigenous peoples and languages were combined with beautiful scenery. A snorkelling trip on the Great Barrier Reef was also offered, that allowed conference goers to immerse themselves in one of stunning seven wonders of the natural world. An exceptional success, I again would like to thank all attendees, and hope to see you all again at future conferences.

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New Book: Cascades of Violence

WAR AND CRIME are cascade phenomena. War cascades across space and time to more war; crime to more crime; crime cascades to war; and war to crime.

John Braithwaite and Bina D'Costa investigate the complexity that arises from these Cascades of Violence to show that increasing our understanding of how these cascades work can assist in the simultaneous prevention of both crime and war. For example, understanding the way refugee camps are nodes of both targeted attack and targeted recruitment into violence can stimulate more effective humanitarian prevention efforts to target such nodes of risk. The book also shows how nonviolence and nondomination can also be made to cascade, shunting cascades of violence into reverse.

Cascades of Violence is one of the few books that all at once constructs a sophisticated and innovative theoretical framework, relies on a wealth of primary material, and presents extraordinary comparative breadth and depth. It will be of great value to students and scholars of violence.” - Séverine Autesserre, Barnard College, Columbia University, author of Peaceland and the Trouble with the Congo

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John Braithwaite and Bina D’Costa
Australian National University

New Zealand Criminology Postgraduate Profiles

In our last issue we were pleased to provide research snapshots of some of New Zealand’s PhD students. We continue this with part two of the piece.

Callum Fitzpatrick – The University of Auckland

My research examines the coverage of methamphetamine by the NZ media over the last decade. Using content analysis, I’m attempting to determine whether the coverage can be accurately described using a moral panic framework. Of particular interest are the links between the media coverage of methamphetamine and the sudden rise in the methamphetamine “contamination” industry.

Callum Fitzpatrick

Jennifer Swaysland – AUT

This study explored children’s expectations, experiences and social support during parental re-entry from prison in NZ, from the perspectives of seven children, their primary caregiver and two community practitioners. Findings revealed that most children desired a post-release relationship, with hopes of re-establishing the family unit. Yet, many describe the transition as unexpectedly difficult, conveying disappointment due to unmet expectations. During these uncertain times, children seek social support from family, friends or accessible professionals and through team sport participation. Child-centred programmes are required to meet children’s daily needs throughout parental re-entry both in the community and in prisons.

Ariana Kingi – Auckland University of Technology

The purpose of this study was to explore whether restorative justice (RJ) has the capacity to empower (or disempower) offenders of Māori descent in the eyes of currently practising restorative justice facilitators. The study was grounded in a Te Ao Maori, Matauranga Maori and Kaupapa Maori framework, utilising a qualitative, exploratory approach. Semi-structured interviews were used and analysed with a general inductive approach. The findings highlight a lack of consensus regarding the concepts of empowerment and disempowerment, but corroborates with the literature regarding RJ’s capacity to empower offenders through participation, accountability, and redemption narrative. Further study is needed to confirm these findings.

Ariana Kingi

James Rodgers
Auckland University of Technology
New Victorian Representative—Asher Flynn

I wanted to start this piece by quoting from my inspirational leader and mentor, the ANZSOC Australian Vice-President, Associate Professor Rebecca Wickes, who when asked to provide a similar overview last year said: ‘I silently (okay not so silently) groaned when I received the request. Writing about myself is my least favourite thing to do’.

With that in mind … I completed by PhD at Monash University in 2010, under the supervision of Professors Jude McCulloch and Dean Wilson (now at the University of Sussex). I received my first academic posting in late 2009 as a lecturer in legal studies at La Trobe University. It was here that I met my research partners and friends (or frelleagues as Ana would say), the incredible Associate Professors Nicola Henry and Anastasia Powell. La Trobe was a wonderful place to start my academic career, but I returned to Monash in October 2012 as a lecturer in criminology and was appointed to senior lecturer in 2015, and Director of the Monash Social and Political Sciences Graduate Research Program in 2018. As a female ECR, you would be hard pressed to find a more rewarding and motivating department of powerful, successful female leaders. To name just a few, (the!) Professor Sharon Pickering, Professor Jude McCulloch and Associate Professor Rebecca Wickes. I feel truly blessed to have had the support and guidance of these powerhouse criminologists as I’ve moved from ECR to ‘academic’ and have no doubt my career has been shaped and strengthened as a result of their mentorship.

As part of my role at Monash, I have been able to supervise a number of inspiring, early career scholars, who I’d like to mention here. Dr Mary Iliadis (now a Level B at Deakin University), Dr Allegra Schermuly (Research Fellow at Monash University), the very-soon-to-be Dr Kate Burns (Education Fellow at Monash University), Dr Chris Kirtley, ANZSOC ECR/PG representative Maddy Ulbrick, as well as strong feminist researchers Rachael Burgin, Katherine Schofield and Laura Anderson. I am incredibly fortunate to have been able to be part of these enthusiastic and passionate emerging scholars’ journeys, and I look forward to watching their careers continue to thrive!

I have been very lucky to receive a number of prestigious national and international research fellowships, including at the University of Durham (Visiting Fellow in Law, 2018), the University of Warwick (Research Fellow in Law 2014-2017; Visiting Fellow in Criminal Justice 2013), the University of Manchester (Research Fellow in Law 2013) and Mannix College (Research Fellow in Social Sciences 2014). In 2013, I was awarded the ANZSOC New Scholar Prize for the best early career academic paper written in a criminology-related area. The next year I received the Faculty of Arts Dean’s Award for Excellence in Research by Early Career Researchers and an Emerging Researcher Fellowship (Monash University).

Currently, I am CI on an ARC Discovery Project, Revenge pornography: The prevalence and nature of non-consensual imagery and the implications for law reform, with Associate Professors Nicola Henry and Anastasia Powell, as well as international partner investigators, Professors Clare McGlynn (Durham University), Erika Rackley (Birmingham University) and Nicola Gavey (Auckland University). This is the first project to conduct a comprehensive qualitative and quantitative comparative cross-country analysis of image-based sexual abuse (‘revenge porn’) across Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand, and builds on our recently completed Criminology Research Council-funded project, Responding to revenge pornography: The scope, nature and impact of Australian criminal laws.

I have also recently completed a Criminology Research Council-funded project, Negotiated Guilty Pleas: An Empirical Analysis with the remarkable Emeritus Professor Arie Freiberg – another significant career (and life!) mentor. Arie’s and my project was the first empirical analysis of the plea negotiation process in Australia to use both case files and interview data. Our book, Negotiated Guilty Pleas: Pragmatic Justice in an Imperfect World (Palgrave Macmillan), will be available in late 2018, and we look forward to working together on a follow-up project over the next few years.

I was previously a member of the ANZSOC Executive Committee, serving as Editor of *PaciﬁCrim* from October 2013 to May 2016. During this time, I observed the changing trends, concerns and landscape of ANZ criminology with much interest. As the new Victorian representative, I will play an active role in the Executive, raising the views and issues identified by members, and continue my commitment to transparent modes of communication to keep all members heard and fully informed. I am passionate about the challenges and rewards this opportunity brings and I want to thank everyone for voting me into this position. Please feel free to send me an email or say hi at the next conference!

*Asher Flynn*  
*Monash University*
New Postgrad and ECR Representative

I am a PhD researcher at Monash University, researching economic abuse in Victoria. I am also a legal and policy volunteer at Women’s Legal Service Victoria. In 2014, I was awarded the Criminology Honours Dissertation Prize and the Faculty of Arts Publication Prize. In 2015, I received an honourable commendation by ANZSOC for my honours literature review. I was awarded Best Abstract by an Australian Based Scholar at the ANZSOC conference in 2016. This recognition early in my postgraduate studies gave me much needed confidence in myself as a researcher. I also gratefully acknowledge the genuine support, encouragement and mentoring of postgraduate students by Early Career and Senior academics such as Dr Cassandra Cross, Associate Professor Anastasia Powell, Dr Bianca Fileborn and Dr Sanja Milivojevic (to name a few) over the years. They have fostered such a collegial and supportive environment, which makes attending the conference an even more enriching experience. Given the profound impact the ANZSOC conferences have had on my research and my confidence, I am extremely passionate about continuing Dr Cassandra Cross’s legacy of cultivating a dynamic and vibrant research community and supporting and promoting the work of honours, postgraduate and emerging early career researchers within ANZ criminology.

I would also like to encourage all honours, masters, and PhD candidates to consider submitting an abstract to the Victorian Postgraduate Criminology Conference to be held on 22 June 2018 at RMIT University in Melbourne. This is an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their work. We will also be hosting a public panel event with exciting guest panelists! So stay tuned!

Maddy Ulbrick
Monash University

New WA Representative

Dr Jade Lindley is delighted to be the new Western Australian representative for the ANZSOC Committee of Management. She is a criminologist having worked as a researcher in state and federal government, and at international organisations abroad. Jade has been working at The University of Western Australia since 2016 as a criminologist in the Law School. She teaches within the undergraduate Law and Society major and the Master of International Law and is the Coordinator of that Masters program. Jade’s research focuses on transnational crime, regulation and international law. In addition, she is the Director of Data Linkage and Evaluations of the Centre for Indigenous Peoples and Community Justice.

In her role as the new Western Australian representative, Jade is looking forward to continuing her work on criminal issues within and beyond Australian borders, particularly those off the West Australian coast and in the Indian Ocean. As the 2019 ANZSOC Conference is to be hosted by UWA in Perth, Jade is working hard to bring together a fascinating program and interesting keynote experts.

Jade Lindley
University of WA

New NT Representative

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Maddy Ulbrick
Monash University

My name is Karen Heenan and I reside in Alice Springs, Central Australia. At the 2017 AGM in Canberra, I was elected as a Northern Territory Rep to ANZSOC, a very exciting opportunity. I was also awarded the 2017 Allan van Zyl Memorial Prize during the 2017 ANZSOC Annual Conference. I hold a Bachelor of Social Science (Criminology and Forensic Science) degree; a Master of Criminology and Criminal Justice degree; and a Master of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (Intelligence Specialisation) degree. I am presently undertaking a criminological thesis with Griffith University, as well as studying further postgraduate degrees. I am instrumented as a Youth Justice Official Visitor here in Central Australia. Such a role requires that I inspect the condition of the Youth Detention Centre within my region, also inquiring into the behaviour and treatment of youth within the Centre, reporting to the Minister for Territory Families. The role is confronting, yet highly rewarding. I also undertook the same role with regard to Adult Corrections for a period of three years. Additional to my Official Visitor role, I am also an eLearning Advisor with Swinburne Online, teaching and facilitating Criminology, Policing, Corrections, and Forensic Psychology units. As you may be aware, the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detection of Children in the Northern Territory recently raised a number of recommendations within the Commission’ Final Report. Hence, there is a great deal of positive change occurring within Youth Justice here in the Northern Territory. I am thankful for the opportunity to directly contribute to such positive change. I look forward to representing the Northern Territory during my term of appointment.

Karen Heenan
Swinburne University
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