

President's Welcome

Dear All,

It is with great pleasure that I can pen this welcome to you – my first *President's Welcome* since taking the reins of ANZSOC in December last year. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my deepest thanks to Tara McGee for her leadership of the Society and to the outgoing members of the Committee of Management for their contribution and service to our discipline. Naturally, with a change of the guard comes a new Committee of Management with whom I am very much looking forward to working over the next few years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the recent events which have spurred much discussion and conversation throughout our society of late. I would like to thank everyone who reached out to us and I would like to reaffirm that we are committed to working on these discussions in a deliberate, consultative and transparent manner. Your ongoing input into this process will be critical to helping the Committee of Management steer the Society forward.

If you haven't already heard, the ANZSOC conference will be held on the Gold Coast and is being hosted by Griffith University. This will be our first major in-person event since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic and it is an important opportunity for us to come together and share our scholarship. This conference is particularly important because it will serve as an opportunity for us to gauge the ongoing viability of the traditional model of delivery for the annual ANZSOC conference. I for one cannot wait to travel to the Gold Coast - and I look forward to seeing you all there too.

This year, Social Sciences Week (SSW) is scheduled for September 6-12 and ANZSOC has always been a strong supporter of the initiative. Like previous years, we are strongly encouraged to organised events for SSW as well as to consider SSW week as an opportunity to promote our discipline. It is also a great time to co-badge ANZSOC local-events should you be thinking of organising one, so please get in touch with us.



Professor Jason Payne, University of Wollongong

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Vice-Presidents Welcome

It is an honour to be taking on the role of Vice President, following in the steps of an incredible mentor and outstanding criminologist, Rebecca Wickes. Having been a member of ANZSOC since I started my PhD journey (many years ago!) and engaging in various roles as newsletter editor and Victoria state representative, I've always been passionate about the idea of an inclusive, diverse and supportive society for Australian and New Zealand criminologists. But to date, the Society has somewhat struggled to fully embrace and represent the diversity of ideas, methods, approaches and people who make up the criminology community.



When I was considering taking on this role, I had a conversation with Jason Payne as the incoming President to see how our visions for the Society aligned. It didn't take long to realise we shared similar concerns and a desire to initiate meaningful changes.

We know we need to do more and to do better to represent and support criminologists. We need to start by better recognising the marginalisation that is experienced by so many, based on factors like race, gender, sexual identity, disability, age, status – and many other inequalities that often intersect. And we must accept that these inequalities are being felt by the Australian and New Zealand criminology community – members and non-members alike.

It is clear we need to identify, call out and address inequality and underrepresentation in our discipline. We need to find ways to support diverse research, methods and approaches, ideas that challenge the status quo and that seek to innovate, shift and question the current climate. We need to demand and live respect for each other. We need to embrace difference – whether that be differences in opinions, in experiences and backgrounds, in research, in approaches, in what we consider constitutes criminology. And we need to do this in an inclusive way that acknowledges our past failings, and that engages with criminologists working across universities, the public sector, in activism and in advocacy, to find a way forward for our Society that enables us to continue to have lively intellectual debates and stimulating events across the broad church that is Australian and New Zealand criminology.

We are genuinely invested in change. And I hope that my term as VP provides the foundation for a Society that all criminologists feel can be and is representative of them.

*Associate Professor Asher Flynn, Monash University
ANZSOC Vice-President*

We, the members of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC), acknowledge the traditional custodians of Australia and the sovereignty of the Māori in New Zealand.

ANZSOC would like to acknowledge the ongoing Traditional Custodians of the lands for which our members conduct their teaching, learning, and research. We would like to acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and the lands, now called Australia, continue to belong to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Traditional custodians of the lands.

ANZSOC would like to pay respects to the Elders who have passed on the legacy of knowledge and culture to the future generations and acknowledge that the future generations hold the hope, the stories and the continued knowledge for current and emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. May this knowledge through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing guide you with wisdom and courage.

ANZSOC also recognises iwi Māori and their unceded right to tino rangatiratanga (sovereignty) and their expression of mana motuhaka (self-determination). We acknowledge mātauranga Māori (Māori ways of being and knowing) informs both traditional and contemporary knowledge production and its ability to enhance our collective futures.

Secretary's Note

Hello! I hope everyone is keeping well during this challenging time.

The 33rd Annual ANZSOC Conference will be held from 7-10 December 2021 at the Gold Coast, hosted by Griffith University. The conference theme is *Justice in Dialogue—Enduring Harms and Emerging Challenges* and I would encourage you all to submit an abstract and to come along and network with peers and participate in the exchange of information and ideas. Do not forget, ANZSOC members are entitled to register under a reduced registration fee and you can find more information at:

<http://anzsocconference.com.au/>.

We have received many new membership enquiries in the last few months. For those of you who are not yet members, I would encourage you to join. And for those of you who are members, encourage your colleagues who are not members to join. You can complete a membership application form online at any time. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so to ensure you continue to receive your copy of the Journal. If your membership has expired and you would like to renew, please contact the secretary for assistance. Please also keep your membership details up to date if you move or change jobs.

The ANZSOC new forum site for our Thematic Groups will be launched soon! This is a great way for our members and Group's members to connect over shared experiences. Stay tuned!

For any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please get in touch.

Katalina Foliaki

ANZSOC Secretary

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Editor's Note

Dear members,

Welcome to the first issue of *PacifiCrim* for 2021—and my first issue ever. I would first like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Dr. Mary Illiadis over the past two years as *PacifiCrim* Editor and her support in the handover. I have big shoes to fill!



Thank you to everyone for their eagerness to contribute news and stories to this issue—it really has been a joy compiling so many amazing, especially after the curveball that 2020 threw us all with COVID-19, lockdowns, and rapid changes to how we conduct our work.

In this issue you will find the 2020 ANZSOC Award Winners, and the details of (the many!) successful ARC Linkage, Discovery, and DECRA research projects from the past year. A global pandemic did not slow down our Thematic Groups with several groups holding online or hybrid research symposiums, which are also showcased in this issue.

2020 encouraged innovation in how we think about disseminating research and switch to online learning practices. I am delighted to include details of such work including new podcasts from ANZSOC members Suzanne Reich and R.V. Gundur, and a new online teaching initiative lead by Benoit Leclerc from Griffith University.

I must also take a moment to reflect on the recent and unexpected losses of Dr Hennessey Hayes and Emeritus Professor Anna Stewart, both from Griffith University. Hennessey was one of my colleagues and friends who cared deeply about youth justice and in the education of undergraduate students. Anna was so much more than my PhD supervisor—she was an incredible mentor, friend, and cheerleader of mine. I know I am not alone in my sentiments that Hennessey and Anna were both larger than life characters who will be deeply missed. Michael Townsley and Janet Ransley have provided obituaries for Hennessey and Anna within this issue.



Anna and I at my PhD Graduation

I would lastly like to echo the words of Jason and Asher around increasing representation and the diversity of voices throughout ANZSOC. One small way we can start investing in this change is through *PacifiCrim* and for future issues to include more contributions by people from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds. Part of my role will be to engage with these scholars and make sure their voices are heard. I also welcome members to get in touch with me if you would like to contribute to future issues.

Again, thank you to all who contributed to this issue. If you would like to contribute to the next issue *PacifiCrim*, please submit your stories to me by October 8th, 2021.

Dr Emily Moir, University of the Sunshine Coast
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ANZSOC 2020 Awards

Distinguished Criminologist and ANZSOC Fellow Professor Lorraine Mazerolle

I am extremely honoured to be the recipient of the 2020 **Distinguished Criminologist Award** and to be named as a **Fellow** of the Society. ANZSOC is a thriving society and, with the new Thematic Groups emerging in recent years, the Society continues to grow and inspire many newcomers to criminology across Australia and New Zealand. As a winner of this award, I get the privileged opportunity to talk about my own, personal criminology journey. We all have our own journeys and what is significant about my journey is that it has been alongside of, parallel to, and following in the footsteps of so many amazing people. So, it really is not just my journey: it is a journey of many.

When I was 14, my high school class got sat down for a “Career Guidance” session and we were given half an hour in groups of about 8 to go through an encyclopedia of A-Z in careers. I got to “C” and saw the entry of Criminologist. That was it for me. I was going to be a criminologist. The school guidance counsellor told me to join the police department. I turned up on the doorstep of the South Australia Police Department the day after my 17th Birthday (in those days, that’s how the recruitment worked), but got thrown out at the very first step in the recruitment process for being too short – I was 5 foot ¾ inches and the height restriction for women police at the time was 5 foot 4 inches (for the record, I am now 5 foot 4 inches or 163cms to be precise!).

Devastated that my criminology career was finished before it got started, I went to **Flinders University** to do a Bachelor of Economics. A first-year elective was Sociology and just a small module in that course was The Sociology of Deviance. I was immediately hooked. But it wasn’t until my second year of Uni that I met **Adam Sutton**. This was 1983 and Adam, at that time, was the Director of the Office of Crime Statistics (OCS). He helped me to understand that there were many career pathways to criminology that sat outside the police service. Adam was amazing as an early mentor: I did volunteer work for the OCS over the summer, he urged me to take as many statistics courses as I could (courses out of maths, economics and computer science). Adam then gave me my first ever job, working with him and **Frank Morgan** at the Department of Corrective Services (DCS) on an AIC grant. It was at DCS that I met my lifelong friend and ski buddy, **Leanne Weber**. Lea was, and still is, an amazing scholar and mentor: she has inspired me now for 35 years.

My time in Adelaide as a budding young criminologist was formative: By 1987, I was working within the South Australian Police Department (Special Projects Section) and doing my Honours Degree at Flinders part time. **Sharyn Roach Anleu** had just arrived at Flinders, having finished her PhD in the US at UConn (Al Cohen as her thesis supervisor). I was Sharyn’s first ever Honours student and we have continued our friendship for 33 years. Sharyn, like Lea, has been a lifelong mentor. Indeed, it was Sharyn who took me to my first ever ANZSOC conference in 1987. ANZSOC 1987 was at Melbourne University and it was, I believe, the second ever ANZSOC conference. I recall maybe 30, highly inspirational participants. It was at this conference when I was starstruck and in awe of the work and passion of **Kerry Carrington, Russell Hogg** and **Chris Cunneen** who, at that time, were immersed in *The New Criminology* thinking led by Jock Young, Ian Taylor and Paul Walton in the UK.

The 1980s was, however, a pretty terrible time for young, female workers. As I am writing this piece in March 2020, the **#IBelieveHer** movement is in full flight, with marches all over Australia. Back in the 80’s, working in criminal justice agencies, I experienced repeated sexual harassment and serious stalking. These early experiences of repeated and structural harassment were a significant factor that led me to head overseas in 1990 to pursue my PhD. I had been working at the Federal Attorney-General’s Department in July 1989 where I met Professors **David H Bayley** and **Ronald Clarke**. To cut a long story short, I accepted a scholarship at **Rutgers University** in New Jersey and left Australia in April 1990. At Rutgers, I worked with **David Weisburd** and studied with **Lisa Maher** and **Gail Mason**. Our Aussie Trio had many adventures in New York City. These were formative years that shaped the rest of my career. I had some scary experiences working in the middle of drug markets in Jersey City, Detroit, Oakland but I never experienced any type of sexual harassment. Quite the opposite: my male mentors – **David Weisburd, Larry Sherman, Ron Clarke, David Bayley** - backed me, supported me and promoted me in ways that I probably didn’t quite appreciate at the time. My closet group of colleagues (all male) – **Anthony Braga, Bill Terrill, Justin Ready, John Eck** – were kind, generous and have remained lifelong friends and colleagues.

I returned to Australia (Griffith University) in 2000, with two young boys, both born in the US with my former husband **Paul Mazerolle**. When I arrived back in Australia, **Peter Grabosky** very kindly gave me a box of ANZSOC Journals from the years 1990 to 2000: it was a kind gesture, welcoming me back to Australia (and telling me to get reading on what I had missed for 10 years!).

I’ve been back in Australia now for 20 years, building new collaborations with incredibly talented people, notably **Janet Ransley, Sarah Bennett, Rebecca Wickes** and a host of really inspiring PhD students. And at the core of these collaborations are our policing partners who now work in transformed (albeit not perfect) organizations from what they were when I left Australia in 1990. So, as I said at the start of this piece, my journey is not just my journey: it is a journey of many. Thank you.



Professor Lorraine Mazerolle

ANZSOC 2020 Awards

New Scholar Prize: Dr Mary Illiadis

Dr Mary Illiadis, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Deakin University, is honoured to have been awarded the ANZSOC New Scholar Prize for best publication in criminology for her sole-authored journal article, 'Victim representation for sexual history evidence in Ireland: A step towards or away from meeting victims' procedural justice needs?', published in *Criminology & Criminal Justice*.

Mary's article sheds light on a significant criminological and socio-legal problem: the use of sexual assault victims' sensitive third-party evidence in criminal trials. It analyses the legal representation to which sexual assault victims are entitled to in Ireland in circumstances where defence counsel seek to adduce victims' sexual history evidence in court and cross-examine victims on that evidence.

The research was also cited extensively in the *Gillen Review into the Laws and Procedures in Serious Sexual Offences* in Northern Ireland and was used to inform the introduction of a pilot scheme for victim legal representation. Mary's submission received outstanding commendation: 'Sir John Gillen QC conveys his profound gratitude to you for the consummate skill and research that has been invested in your response. The content is absolutely invaluable and will serve to inform his final views on this issue [of the use of victims' sexual history evidence in court] in a manner that otherwise would not have been possible'.

Mary is incredibly grateful to the panel of this award and to ANZSOC for encouraging and supporting early-career researchers.

Dr Mary Illiadis, Senior Lecturer, Deakin University



Dr Mary Illiadis

Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award: Dr Barbara Blundell, Dr Joseph Clare, Dr Emily Moir, Professor Mike Clare, and Professor Eileen Webb

As a team, we are absolutely delighted to be the recipient of the 2020 Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award for our project *Review into the Prevalence and Characteristics of Elder Abuse in Queensland*. This project was commissioned by the Queensland Government in response to two inquiries about domestic and family violence and financial protections for senior citizens. Our multidisciplinary team included social workers, lawyers, and criminologists and examined the prevalence and risk factors associated with elder abuse throughout Queensland.

The project included legislative and service provider mapping, interviews, focus groups, and online surveys with stakeholders and front-line workers across Queensland to understand current issues in the sector, and explore options for strengthening responses and prevention strategies.

Given our aging population and the high suspected levels of under-reporting of elder abuse, we made several recommendations on how data collection methods could be enhanced and how criminological frameworks could be utilised to develop targeted methods to detect and prevent elder abuse. The report has been used by the Queensland Government to help build their *Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-2026*, particularly around how services can best meet the needs of vulnerable Queenslanders.

Dr Barbara Blundell, Senior Lecturer, Curtin University; Dr Joseph Clare, Senior Lecturer, The University of Western Australia; Dr Emily Moir, Lecturer, University of the Sunshine Coast; Professor Mike Clare, Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, The University of Western Australia; Professor Eileen Webb, University of South Australia



Dr Emily Moir and Dr Barbara Blundell at the 2019 National Elder Abuse Conference with the Motel Sisters

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David Biles Correctional Research Award: Dr Nadine McKillop, Dr Susan Rayment- McHugh, Professor Tim Prenzler, and Dr Lara Christensen

The Effectiveness of Sexual Offender Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs: Integrating Global and Local Perspectives to Enhance Correctional Outcomes

As part of the 2018 Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) Research Grant Scheme, our team were awarded funding to integrate global and local perspectives around sexual offender rehabilitation and reintegration programs to inform local practice. We also aimed to identify the most effective programming pathways through the correctional system, including transition from custody into the community.

This involved conducting: (1) a global literature review exploring best-practice standards for correctional programming, exemplar programs, and outcome evaluations of sexual offender treatment programs (SOTPs) and reintegration programs; (2) local program mapping and analysis (including document analysis, focus groups/interviews with QCS staff) to identify key strengths of current QCS SOTPs, factors that increase chances of success, as well as potential areas for enhancing effective and efficient service delivery; and (3) an analysis of post-release outcomes for 2,407 prisoners convicted of sexual offences over an average of 4.8 years.

This led to four key areas for consideration for future correctional policy and practice: (1) that QCS's suite of SOTPs be updated and extended to include enhanced multi-systemic and situational components in line with key developments in sexual violence prevention; (2) that QCS revise current SOTPs (and underlying program logic) for Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander people (currently underway); (3) that a more nuanced approach to evaluation of SOTPs is required to build the current evidence-base and answer what works, for whom, in what respects and how, and (4) that continued investment in, and evaluation of, reintegration programs is essential, with a focus on integrated management and economic cost-benefit analyses.

We are honoured to receive this prestigious award and take this opportunity to thank the amazing team of research assistants involved with us in this project, QCS for funding this important research, and ANZSOC for recognising its contribution to the field.

*USC Sexual Violence Research and Prevention Unit
Dr Nadine McKillop, Dr Susan Rayment-McHugh,
Professor Tim Prenzler, and Dr Lara Christensen,
University of the Sunshine Coast*

Award for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching: Professor Tim Prenzler, Dr Lara Christensen, Dr Nadine McKillop, Dr Susan Rayment-McHugh, and Dr Mary Riley

The award is for the teaching team in the Bachelor of Criminology and Justice at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The degree was introduced in 2015 and enlarged in 2020 when enrolments reached 600 – including large numbers in double degrees with psychology, social work, and law. We were delighted to receive this award from our association in recognition of years of painstaking work devising curriculum, developing and teaching courses, and striving to meet the needs of a diverse student group in a regional area.

From the start, our focus was on access and employment – given that many of our students live in far-flung locations, have employment and carer responsibilities, are first in family to attend university, and most will look for practitioner jobs. With this in mind, we offered a range of enrolment and progression pathways, and a wide range of academic and social support services — including one-on-one tutoring, first year support meetings, regular communication and encouragement, formative assessment, and an active student society. The BCJ was the first undergraduate program at USC to offer online enrolment. Other features included inspiring guest speakers, field work, field trips, and small group work. The adoption of technologies such as Sway, Mentimeter and Kahoot allowed for enhanced student participation in classes, including bringing online students into the on-campus experience.

The design of our curriculum was based on reviews of criminology programs around the world. The content includes traditional areas of study such as crime theories, research methods, policing, criminal law, corrections, and youth justice; with required courses in diversity and criminal justice, crime prevention, and professional ethics. Our enlarged curriculum includes courses in professional development, working with victims and offenders, and cyber-crime. Overall, our students have been keen supporters of our efforts and enthusiastic about their learning experiences and graduate outcomes.

*Professor Tim Prenzler, Dr Lara Christensen, Dr Nadine McKillop, Dr Susan Rayment-McHugh, and Dr Mary Riley
University of the Sunshine Coast*



The USC Team: Dr Lara Christensen, Dr Nadine McKillop, Dr Susan Rayment-McHugh, Dr Mary Riley, and Professor Tim Prenzler

ANZSOC 2020 Awards

Undergraduate Student Paper Award: Sabine Singh

I feel extremely honoured to receive the Undergraduate Student Paper Award! The paper was written in 2019 during my second year of my Bachelor of Arts at The University of Western Australia. The task was to critique a proposed state policy and evaluate if it could effectively reduce crime if implemented.

I critiqued the Victorian Coalition's 2018 campaign for a 'two-strike' policy of harsher mandatory sentencing ranging from 10 to 26 years for adult re-offenders convicted of one of eleven violent offences (including rape, murder, burglary and carjacking). The Coalition's policy was a populist knee-jerk reaction that oversimplifies the complexities of criminal conduct.

Policymakers enforcing mandatory sentencing have come to the erroneous conclusion that imprisonment has a causal relationship with deterring crime. My advice against the policy was three-fold. First, I argued it politicised public concerns by outlining the cyclical pattern of moral panics and mandatory sentences as a de facto solution to appear proactive. Second, the policy failed to account for individual circumstances which hinder rational choices - such as imperfect information, cognitive impairments, impulsivity and influences of alcohol and other drugs. Third, even when mandatory sentencing policies coexist with decreased crime rates, it has considerably poor social costs. Sentencing policies like the Coalition's can increase the already extremely disproportionate representation of Indigenous Australians in the criminal justice system. The violent crimes targeted in the Coalition's mandatory sentences are commonly committed by disadvantaged groups (such as property crime). This comes back to the tantalising nature of violent crimes compared to 'white-collar crime'.

I would especially like to thank Associate Professor Hilde Tubex for the opportunity and her ongoing encouragement. I had a lot of fun embracing my own political opinions and using criminological theory to debate the foreseeable consequences of a proposed policy.



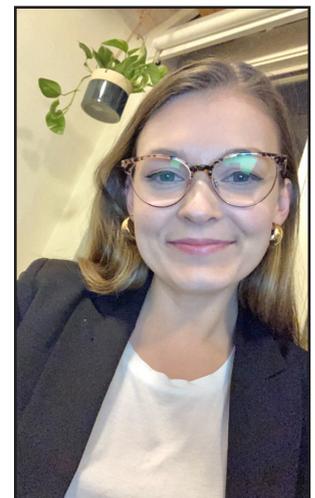
*Sabine Singh
The University of
Western Australia*

Best Honours or Masters Thesis in Criminology Award: Chantelle Langdon

I am incredibly humbled and honoured to have my Honours research from Monash University recognised by ANZSOC and would like to extend special thanks to my supervisors Dr. Jarrett Blaustein and Dr. Kristen Davis for their guidance and support and to Dr. Silke Myer and PhD candidate David Vikalis who also gave their input into the research.

Through this research, it was my goal to amplify the voices of homeless individuals who are often overlooked and misunderstood in a system which fails to recognise housing as a fundamental human right. Being able to complete my research with the Salvation Army Crisis Support Services, where I am now overjoyed to be employed as a Social Worker, was such a privilege as the front-line staff and management team work tirelessly to advocate on behalf of some of the most vulnerable members of the Victorian community and to provide an integral service by temporarily accommodating individuals experiencing crisis in hotels.

Whilst this provides much needed respite to clients, this thesis highlighted the way in which some of the more sub-standard hotel options which we utilise may potentially re-traumatise individuals who statistically are highly likely to have experienced trauma in their lives. Thus, the goal of this thesis was to highlight both the benefits and downfalls of hotel crisis accommodation, which is utilised as a measure of harm reduction practice, amidst a lack of social housing and other more suitable options for clients. It is my hope that this research will encourage housing to occupy the policy agenda within state and federal government, and that there can be more pledges like the recent 5.3 billion dollar pledge to build and repair existing social housing in Victoria on a national scale to address the homeless crisis that we see in Australia today, and to provide clients with long-term, dignified accommodation options.



*Chantelle Langdon
Monash University
Social Worker,
Salvation Army Crisis
Support Services*

ANZSOC 2020 Awards

PhD Student Paper Award: Siobhan Lawler

I am very honoured to be awarded the PhD student paper award for the paper 'Themes in sentencing young adults charged with serious violent crime involving alcohol and other drugs' published in the *Journal of Criminology*. I want to express my gratitude to the ANZSOC for recognising this work through the award. This study was the first research project I designed as part of my PhD.

I was introduced to the potential of AustLII as data source during my honours year when working as a research assistant on a separate research project. I was inspired by the richness of the information and the potential insights to be gained about the decision-making process of legal experts (not to mention freely available with a systematic search function!). Through a cross sectional analysis of 220 sentencing remarks from NSW higher courts this study examined themes in the sentencing of drug-using young adults facing court for serious violent crime.

Findings suggest judges' reasons for sentencing were split into two themes, one emphasising offender agency and choice and another acknowledging the influence of drug dependence on offending behaviour. Despite this divide, addressing substance-use dependence was seen as key in successful rehabilitation in most cases.

I want to thank my supervisors and co-authors, Dr Emma Barrett, Associate Professor Lexine Stapinski, Professor Maree Teesson and Professor David Bright. With respect to the complexity of this idea I consulted widely and presented the work at every opportunity from the early design stage through to after publication. I know that the feedback and support I was provided through this significantly improved the quality of the research. I kindly acknowledge those who generously contributed their time and expertise to me while I was learning and assisted with the development of this paper, specifically Leanne Piper, Dr Danielle Tyson, Dr Kari Lancaster and Associate Professor Philip Chung.



Siobhan Lawler, Senior Research Analyst, Australian Institute of Criminology and PhD Candidate, The University of Sydney

ANZSOC 2021 Conference

33rd Annual Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) Conference

Griffith University, Gold Coast Campus, 7 – 10 December 2021. Hosted by the Griffith Criminology Institute.

It is with great anticipation that we are preparing to come together on the Gold Coast, a location celebrated for its breathtaking scenery, world class facilities, unforgettable experiences, and superb climate.

"Justice in dialogue - Enduring harms and emerging challenges"

This year's theme, "Justice in dialogue - Enduring harms and emerging challenges" brings together a range of academic, policy, practitioner, and community perspectives on enduring problems of crime and justice in Australia and New Zealand.

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Member News: New Books

Organised Crime and Law Enforcement: A Network Perspective

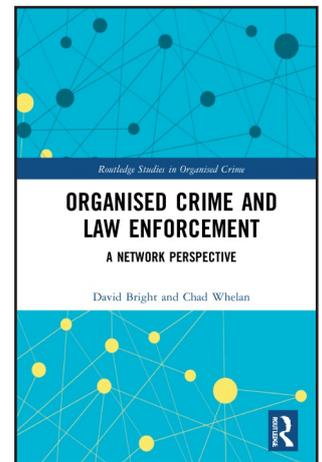
Organised Crime and Law Enforcement: A Network Perspective by David Bright (Flinders University) and Chad Whelan (Deakin University) examines organised crime and law enforcement through the conceptual lens of networks. The book takes stock of the many ways in which network theories and concepts, including social network analysis, can apply to studying both organised crime and law enforcement responses to organised crime. It is the first attempt to bring these diverse network perspectives and distinct fields of research together.

The book is organised into two parts. The first part uses network perspectives to advance our understanding of the interconnected social structure of organised criminal groups, to expose their strengths and vulnerabilities, and to illuminate factors that enable such groups to undertake complex criminal activities. The second part uses a network lens to examine the challenges that organised criminal groups present for a wide range of law enforcement agencies, and the utility of network theories and concepts in understanding and informing their responses to organised crime.

Written in a clear and direct style, the book will appeal to scholars and practitioners of criminology, sociology, law enforcement, and all those interested in learning more about theories of organised crime and its relationship with law enforcement.

The book can be found at: <https://www.routledge.com/Organised-Crime-and-Law-Enforcement-A-Network-Perspective/Bright-Whelan/p/book/9781138697119>

Professor David Bright, Director of the Flinders Illicit Networks Lab and Deputy Director of the Centre for Crime Policy and Research, Flinders University



Towards Human Rights Compliance in Australian Prisons

Dr Anita Mackay (La Trobe University) published her first monograph in November 2020 titled *Towards Human Rights Compliance in Australian Prisons*. Anita's book examines the extensive changes that need to be made to Australian prisons in order for Australia to comply with the new legal obligations imposed by the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT), which Australia ratified in 2017. The foreword is by Sir Malcolm Evans, who until recently chaired the *United Nations Subcommittee for the Prevention Against Torture*, which is the UN body responsible for visiting countries that have ratified the OPCAT and inspecting all of the places of detention that the OPCAT covers (in addition to prisons this includes police cells, juvenile detention, immigration detention etc.)

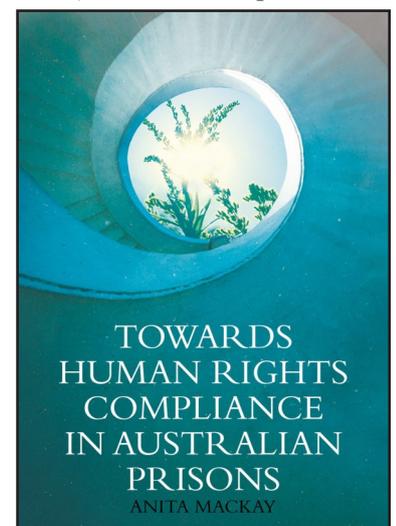
The OPCAT requires prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Consistent with this preventive focus, Anita's book highlights five prerequisites for compliance. They are:

- reduce reliance on imprisonment
- align domestic legislation with Australia's international human rights law obligations
- shift the focus of imprisonment to the goal of rehabilitation and restoration
- support prison staff to treat imprisoned people in a human rights-consistent manner
- ensure decent physical conditions in all prisons.

Sir Evans notes that *'throughout this careful and thoughtful presentation and analysis, practical suggestions are made and strategies advocated, imbued with a sense of hopeful optimism that the ratification and implementation of the OPCAT—and the promise of enhanced openness and transparency it brings—will help forge a new climate in which positive advances can be made'*.

The book is available for free download on the ANU Press website. Hard copies are also available for purchase: <https://press.anu.edu.au/publications/towards-human-rights-compliance-australian-prisons>

Dr Anita Mackay, Senior Lecturer, La Trobe University



ANZSOC Thematic Group Events

Frontiers in Developmental and Life-Course Criminology

ANZSOC's **Developmental and Life-Course Criminology Thematic Group** hosted a half day online research symposium on the 11th of December 2020. The event was sponsored by ANZSOC and the Griffith Criminology Institute and convened by Dr Catia Malvaso (The University of Adelaide) and Associate Professor Tara McGee (Griffith University).

Members presented their research across four sessions: (1) Research using administrative data; (2) Using visual criminology to display DLC data; (3) Translational research; and 4) New directions for the discipline.

The Developmental and Life-Course Criminology thematic group was formed late in 2019 and this webinar was our very first public event. We would like to thank all of our members who presented and who made the event such an interesting one. We had a diverse audience who tuned in from across Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. We welcomed academics and students, and both government and non-government representatives. This event was meant to take place on the Gold Coast following the annual ANZSOC conference but due to uncertainties with border closures, this did not go to plan (as with many things in 2020!) so we proceeded with a webinar over Zoom. We must say a big thank you to Carrie Zhang for helping us organise this event and helping it to run so smoothly. Our sincere thanks to ANZSOC and the Griffith Criminology Institute for giving us the platform from which to share and showcase our research.

You can also watch a recording of the event by following this link: https://youtu.be/SY_fqAHDUUs

The Thematic Group welcomes new members so please get in touch with us if you would like to get involved: *Catia Malvaso* catia.malvaso@adelaide.edu.au and *Tara Renae McGee* t.mcgee@griffith.edu.au

Virtual Research Student Workshop

The ANZSOC Virtual Research Student workshop was held on December 10, 2020, jointly hosted by the **Cybercrime and Digital Criminology Thematic Group** and the **Policing Thematic Group**. Convened by Dr Russell Brewer (The University of Adelaide) and Associate Professor Anastasia Powell (RMIT), the event brought together over 35 HDR and honours students, established academics, and practitioners from around Australia. The event was held both in person (at event hubs at the University of Adelaide and Queensland University of Technology) and online. This hybrid online event provided participants an opportunity to informally share their research in a supportive academic environment, as well as network with other like-minded students, either face to face or via Zoom 'speed' networking rounds.

The workshop involved seven stimulating thematic panels, with presentations made by 27 research students, exploring such areas as digital extremism, cyberbullying and discrimination; gendered digital violence; online fraud and deception; policing and carceral justice; regulation and justice, innovative theories and methods. Students also benefitted from a robust research leaders' panel discussion, with panellists Sarah Napier (Australian Institute of Criminology), Shane McKenzie (Victoria Police), Tully O'Neil (RMIT), Russell Brewer (University of Adelaide) and Anastasia Powell (RMIT) sharing their insights on academic career development, publishing, digital research ethics, responding to the COVID pandemic in adapting research methods, as well as research careers outside of traditional academic pathways.



Adelaide Criminology honours student Jacqueline Ford presents her work on the geospatial distribution of cybercrime

Policing Pandemics and Protest

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology together with the Griffith Criminology Institute presented the inaugural event for ANZSOC's new **Policing Thematic Group**, on *Policing Pandemics and Protest* on December 9, 2020. Co-chaired by Professor Lorraine Mazerolle (The University of Queensland) and Professor Janet Ransley (Griffith University), this blended event brought together 40 online participants from around Australia and overseas and 15 Brisbane-based researchers for presentations in three sessions: Police and policing during the pandemic, Crime and victimisation during the pandemic, and Public responses to COVID-19 policing and restrictions. The recording from the day can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qHRuXFz7rg>

The ANZSOC Policing Thematic Group, convened by Professor Lorraine Mazerolle, aims to bring together policing scholars, practitioners and postgraduate students from Australia and New Zealand to advance the science of policing and enhance public safety for all people. The group aims to strengthen partnerships across academia, policing and law enforcement policymakers.

ANZSOC Member News & Events

Bringing the “Alternative” Back into Restorative Justice Symposium

Dr William Wood and Dr Hennessey Hayes (Griffith University) co-organised the *Bringing the “Alternative” Back into Restorative Justice: How Restorative Justice Practices can Inform Innovation and Alternatives to Institutional Restorative Justice Symposium* held online on November 25th, 2020.

Recent social movements such as Black Lives Matter have brought issues of social justice to the forefront of social responses to crime and offending. These social movements seek to develop and engage alternative practices at levels of policing and other front-line responses to social harms, the courts, corrections, and community-based responses to crime. Restorative justice has been widely touted as one such alternative. However, contrary to its development as an alternative to institutional criminal justice practices, today restorative justice is largely practiced as an alternative form of diversion or post-sentence option within criminal justice.

Held online with over 170 attendees, this event brought together practitioners, policymakers, and scholars to inquire into ways in which it may be possible to bring back the “alternative” in the use of restorative justice, and how both restorative justice and restorative practices can better address critical issues in the intersection of criminal and social justice.

A link to the speakers and recordings of the sessions can be found here: https://www.griffith.edu.au/criminology-institute/news-events/bringing-the-alternative-back-into-restorative-justice-how-restorative-practices-can-inform-innovation-and-alternatives-to-institutional-restorative-justice/_nocache

Dr William Wood, Senior Lecturer, Griffith University



Dr Hennessey Hayes and Dr William Wood's opening address to the online symposium

International Recognition for Australian Criminologist

Rob White, Distinguished Professor of Criminology at the University of Tasmania (UTAS), has recently received significant public accolades for his research and scholarship in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Since arriving at UTAS in 1999, Rob has worked tirelessly to establish the Criminology program, which has brought together academics, practitioners, policymakers, and students from across Tasmania. Rob's leadership of the Criminology program has been consistently oriented toward enhancing the prospects of social and criminal justice in this State.



Professor Rob White

In 2020, he was awarded the Thorsten Sellin & Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck Award from the American Society of Criminology for contributions to international criminology.

Rob was made a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, United Kingdom in 2020, one of only three criminologists to be recognised and the only Australian criminologist.

Rob was recently appointed inaugural Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Forensic Sciences International – Animals and Environments*.

Over his career, Rob has published over 40 authored and edited books in the fields of green criminology, juvenile justice, and to the study of criminology more generally. Recent and forthcoming books include *The Extinction Curve*, *Critical Forensic Studies*, *Crossroads of Rural Crime*, *Handbook of Crime, Justice and Sustainable Development*, and *Theorising Green Criminology*.

We are pleased to highlight his recent achievements and awards in the international arena.

*Written by Dr Vicky Nagy
University of Tasmania*

Celebrating Teaching: Events and Successes

Teaching criminology in Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand: Challenges, innovations and future directions symposium

The number of students studying criminology continues to grow across Australia and Aotearoa (New Zealand). Further to this, the global pandemic has exacerbated several long-term changes to the higher education sector necessitating swift changes to teaching and learning criminology. It is therefore timely to reflect on what has been learnt and how some of these challenges can be addressed.

This one-day symposium will bring together key scholars invested in the teaching of criminology across higher education settings in Australia and Aotearoa. The symposium will set an agenda for criminology education in the context of a tertiary education sector facing significant upheaval. It will also function as a foundation for establishing a new research project investigating the teaching and learning of criminology in universities in Australia and Aotearoa.

The aim of the symposium is to address and generate solutions to current challenges faced by educators in criminology and criminal justice. Attendees will also consider future directions for scholarship on teaching and learning criminology. This symposium will bring together teaching staff at all stages of their careers across a range of higher education settings in order to:

- (1) Develop a strong network and platform for engagement in relation to best-practice teaching and resourcing.
- (2) Develop strategies to adapt to post COVID-19 tertiary education environment;
- (3) Critically reflect on curriculum design (including how we teach sensitive and challenging topics);
- (4) Critically discuss the future of teaching criminology in Australia/Aotearoa
- (5) Develop a Special Issue focusing on criminology teaching in Australia & Aotearoa

This symposium will be held online due to the risk of COVID-19 travel restrictions. However, there will be state-based local hubs where participants (where possible) can meet in person and live-stream in. Attendees can choose to zoom in from home / work or join colleagues in-person at a local hub. Hubs will be situated at university campuses in: Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra in Australia and Canterbury in Aotearoa.

Event Details:

Date: Friday 18th of June 2021

Time: 10am-4pm (AEST)

Cost: Free

Registration is essential. Please register through this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/teaching-and-learning-in-criminology-tickets-150996156569>

For more information about this event, please contact Rachel Loney-Howes rlhowes@uow.edu.au or Kate Burns kate.burns@monash.edu

This event is organised by: Dr Rachel Loney-Howes (University of Wollongong), Dr Mark Wood (Deakin University), Dr Mary Iliadis (Deakin University), and Dr Kate Burns Monash University.

National Teaching Award for ANZSOC Member

After receiving a Teaching Excellence Award from her College, as well as the University of Tasmania Vice Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Medal at the end of 2020, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron was bestowed a National Citation by Universities Australia, under the Australian Award for University Teaching (AAUT) program. Isabelle was recognised for her innovative techniques in policing of vulnerable people teaching and assessment, which led to state, national and international leadership in police education scholarship. This is the first time a policing training program is recognised at national level.

Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Tasmania and a Senior Researcher at the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies.



Celebrating Teaching: Events and Successes

CCJ Online Student Plaza

Due to COVID-19 and the increasing importance for students to feel connected online, I created a 'CCJ Online Student Plaza' in Term 2 2020 with the assistance of academic colleagues and administrative staff at Griffith University. The Plaza is for Criminology and Criminal Justice students and ultimately a virtual space to recreate the on-campus vibe and events of universities. The Plaza is held every second week during the semester. Moreover, events that traditionally took place on-campus now take place online - a remarkable benefit for online students who traditionally did not have access to on-campus events.

Examples of events held in the Plaza include:

- (1) PhD and honours presentations
- (2) Criminology Student Society and research internship presentations
- (3) Industry and alumni presentation on criminology and justice related careers
- (4) Speaker event on terrorism and cybercrime with Griffith academic and international scholars



*Associate Professor
Benoit Leclerc*

The Plaza allows students to engage and develop relationships with other students and academics, learn about the discipline of criminology and criminal justice and careers in the field, develop interests in the discipline and perhaps collaborations. By extension, this initiative also increases students' sense of connection and belonging to CCJ.

Associate Professor Benoit Leclerc, Griffith University

International Society for the Study of Rural Crime Awards 2021

- Are you an early career researcher publishing in the area of rural crime and rural criminology?
- Are you a research student working on a project associated with rural crime and rural criminology?
- Are you a practitioner or working in a team doing innovative work aimed at addressing crime in rural communities?

If so, then consider applying to the International Society for the Study of Rural Crime (ISSRC) 2021 Awards Program!

ISSRC launched its Rural Crime Awards Program in 2020. The first award, the Joseph F. Donnermeyer New Scholar Award, was presented jointly in December 2020 to Kate Farhall and Willem Lombard.

We are pleased to announce the opening of the 2021 Awards Program for the following three categories:

- Research Student Award (closes August 13th, 2021)
- The Joseph F. Donnermeyer New Scholar Award (closes September 31st, 2021)
- Policy, Practice and Engagement Award (closes September 31st, 2021)

To apply, visit the ISSRC website: <https://issrc.net/awards/>



ANZSOC Thematic Group: Teaching and Learning in Criminology

The **Teaching & Learning in Criminology Thematic Group** welcomes all ANZSOC members with an interest in teaching criminology. The group will advance and highlight knowledge, practice and innovation in teaching. This group is for all members with a passion for teaching, not just those that undertake education research.

The group will nurture education innovation and champion educators. The group is an opportunity to build a network of scholars and practitioners to enhance our teaching practices.

For more information, you can visit <https://anzsoc.org/about/thematic-groups/teaching-learning-thematic/> or contact the Thematic Group Convenor, Dr Kate Burns (Monash University).

Member News: New Podcasts

I am not my crime: Dr Suzanne Reich

I am not my crime is a podcast series that aims to challenge stigmatising attitudes towards people who have a criminal record. This podcast series was inspired by some of the findings from my own PhD research which examined the willingness of employers to hire a job applicant with a criminal record. My research whether employers believe that someone who has engaged in offending behaviour is able to change and desist from crime – measured by the ‘belief in redeemability’ scale, what clues they look for to assess whether or not someone has desisted from crime and how these beliefs and clues influence their hiring decisions. One of the main findings is that those who believe that people are redeemable regardless of how serious their offending past is, are far more willing to hire than those who have low beliefs about redeemability. The implication of this finding is that pessimistic attitudes held by employers could present as an added barrier to ex-offenders who want to find a job and therefore need to be challenged.



One way to challenge stigmatising attitudes is via the use of anti-stigma campaigns. These types of campaigns are often used to challenge the stigma associated with mental illness and are designed to provide counter-stigmatising information to the target audience in order to challenge broadly held and inaccurate/unhelpful stereotypes, like ‘once an offender, always an offender’. In this case, my target audience is both employers and the broader public – both very unlikely to read a published journal article. For this reason, it was necessary to use a more innovative strategy to engage this target audience.

The podcast features a number of individuals who tell the story of the crime they committed, what led to the crime, how they spent their time in prison and where they are now. Each episode concludes with some empirically-informed comments to provide further insight to listeners about any themes raised in the episode, or further challenge misperceptions held about crime and those who commit crime.

I am not my crime aims to tell the good news stories and to challenge people to think differently. A second goal is to promote the idea that reintegration is everyone’s business. It cannot be achieved by the individual themselves because opportunities for things like work depend on the decisions of others like employers being willing to give someone a second chance. To find the *I am not my crime* podcast, search for “USQ Podcasts” on Apple or Spotify podcasts and go to Season 8 for the first five episodes.

Dr Suzanne Reich, Senior Lecturer, University of Southern Queensland

The Open Circuit: Dr R.V. Gundur



I swear it was Covid. The pandemic made me one of the thousands of people in the world with a podcast. Faced with the possibility of another semester of teaching online, which fortunately didn’t come to pass in South Australia, I was thinking of ways I could provide good content to my cybercrime students. Since I have always enjoyed listening to people talk about things that they know a lot about, I considered finding some guests to talk about their topics of interest. So, I wrote to ten people and, amazingly, ten generous people wrote back, agreeing to contribute. You don’t have to be a cybercriminologist to know that the internet has its limitations here in Australia. So, video was out. But telephone technology is usually pretty stable. And that’s how my podcast *The Open Circuit* was born.

The Open Circuit’s episodes cover 10 themes relevant to technology, security, and cybercrime, with accounts based on research and industry experience. The strength of cybercrime research among Australians means that four Australians are featured: Oxford’s Jonathan Lusthaus, QUT’s Cassandra Cross and Bridget Harris, and Darren Ruger, an industry technologist who works on surveillance technologies. While cybercrime evolves, the fundamentals are largely steady; few truly new crimes appear, though the innovations are fascinating. The initial ten-episode run provides insight to basic ideas regarding cybercrime and can be used as a primer for a cybercrime class. I am hoping to add five new episodes annually, to expand the issues canvassed. It’s a space to talk about future crime, cybercrime, security, and relevant technological issues. If your work fits, please do get in touch.

If you are interested in listening, you can stream *The Open Circuit* via my website at <http://rajevgundur.com/index.php/opencircuit/> or listen to it via Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, or Stitcher.

Dr R.V. Gundur, Lecturer, Flinders University

DECRA Success!

Dr Erin O'Brien

I am honoured to be a recipient of an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) to commence a project on *Australian civil society combating modern slavery with ethical consumerism*.

The impetus for this project comes from Australia's adoption of a *Modern Slavery Act* in 2018. The Act requires large corporations to submit a yearly report detailing their efforts to prevent modern slavery, yet there are no penalties for inaction. Instead, consumers and investors are expected to serve as the accountability mechanism by punishing or rewarding corporations through boycotts, buycotts, and divestment. Consumers and investors need to be informed, and mobilised, to serve this function, with this task falling to Australian civil society.

Through this project, I will investigate the role of civil society in engaging consumers and corporations to combat modern slavery. In examining the accountability function that consumers and investors may serve, I am not only concerned with the efficacy of this approach, but also the political norms that are embedded in the process.

The global trend towards using disclosure regulations to address modern slavery, and other complex, multi-jurisdictional issues, shifts responsibility away from the state and towards the market to regulate corporate behaviour. Through discursive network mapping, and interviews with anti-slavery advocacy organisations, I aim to measure the extent to which the Australian anti-slavery network adopts a norm of ethical consumerism as a solution to modern slavery.

As part of this research, I am excited to be working with two PhD students on projects investigating corporate and government discourse and action, as we examine the interconnected and shifting roles of civil society, corporations, and the state for combating modern slavery. I am most excited to have the opportunity to learn more about the amazing work of Australian anti-slavery activists, and contribute to improved policy and practice to prevent labour exploitation.

*Dr Erin O'Brien
Senior Lecturer
Queensland University of
Technology*



Dr Stacy Tzoumakis

Dr Stacy Tzoumakis was awarded a 2021 Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award for her project *Gender differences in the prevention of youth victimisation and offending*.

Considering the enormous increases in the number of women in Australian prisons in recent decades, there is an urgent need to develop gender-specific programming for vulnerable youth involved with the criminal justice system. Since females consist of a small proportion of those involved in the criminal justice system, their experiences are often neglected in research and in the development of evidence-based prevention initiatives and interventions.

While both male and female youth involved in offending experience a multitude of individual and family adversities, females tend to have more severe experiences of abuse and victimisation. Dr Tzoumakis' DECRA project aims to generate gender-specific interdisciplinary knowledge on early risk and protective factors that contribute to reducing young peoples' criminal justice system involvement.

The data for the current project is drawn from a large Australian multi-agency, intergenerational record linkage study of a population cohort of 91,635 children and their parents: the New South Wales Child Development Study (<http://nsw-cds.com.au/>). This study is unique as it includes successive waves of record linkage of administrative records from multiple government departments as well as the use of different cross-sectional surveys. Using this representative population-based cohort of young people her project will characterise gender-specific pathways of the co-occurrence of victimisation and offending from childhood to adolescence and associated risk and protective factors. Determining which early risk and protective factors for offending and victimisation trajectories to target by gender will help to inform preventative interventions for vulnerable youth.

*Dr Stacy Tzoumakis
Senior Lecturer
Griffith Criminology
Institute
Griffith University*



Member News: ARC Grant Success

ARC Discovery: Wrongful Convictions in Australia – A New Study on Trajectories and Pathways

Wrongful convictions demonstrate that the criminal justice system does not always arrive at the correct conclusions despite its safeguards to prevent them. They can erode public trust in the justice system and have catastrophic effects for those wrongfully convicted, their families and communities. Australian research has primarily focused on legal reforms and has relied on cases studies and anecdotal data, in part due to the lack of a national registry of exonerations.

The 2021 ARC Discovery Project entitled “*Trajectories of Wrongful Conviction and Pathways to Exoneration*” is a 3-year study that will collect and create such a database for Australia. The project takes a novel mixed-method, interdisciplinary approach to investigating and understanding how and why wrongful convictions occur and how and why cases are later exonerated. Departing from the existing literature that tends to attribute wrongful convictions to one part of the system (typically an aspect of the investigation or the trial) or on a blameworthy individual, we conceptualise wrongful convictions as anticipated consequences of errors that arise in a complex system, similar to Charles Perrow’s (1984) “normal accidents”. Taking from systems theory, accident analysis, and criminology, we analyse wrongful convictions across the criminal justice system from investigation to exoneration. The project’s aims are to identify the risk factors that put a case on a trajectory toward a wrongful conviction, identify the different pathways to exoneration, and develop an early warning detection tool for Australia to help criminal justice agencies identify high-risk cases at each stage of the system.

Project Team: Dr Rachel Dioso-Villa, Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University; and Associate Professor Mai Sato, Director of Eleos Justice, Monash University

ARC Discovery: Improving the Policing of Gender Violence in the Global South

Gendered violence is ‘one of the most significant issues to be addressed in our time’ (United Nations 2015). Yet, there are huge gaps in the knowledge base as around 75% of research on gendered violence focuses largely on the Global North (Arango, et al., 2014). Framed by southern theory, this project addresses this knowledge gap by aiming to discover innovative approaches to policing gendered violence inspired by concepts, knowledge and practices based on new evidence collected from the Global South.

The unique challenges of policing gender violence in complex cultural settings of the Global South are poorly understood. Despite decades of policing reform, Pacific Island women have continued to report lifetime prevalence rates of violence between 60 per cent and 80 per cent (UNICEF, 2017). A new approach is needed to investigate solutions to this endemic and persistent problem.

This ARC Discovery Project will be the first to investigate the potential for innovations including women’s police stations, women’s justice centres, multi-disciplinary centres, specialised police units, mobile units and transport patrols to reduce and prevent gender violence in culturally complex contexts in Pacific Island communities of the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. It will test the hypothesis that female police officers, situated as strangers within, are uniquely placed to respond more effectively to gender violence than male police officers in culturally complex contexts, where customary, state based, ethnic, faith-based and patriarchal powers intersect.

The discovery of new models of intervention to better police gender violence will have applicability to complex contexts elsewhere, such as Indigenous and Pacific Islander communities in Australia that also experience high rates of gender violence and low rates of satisfaction with current policing approaches (Nancarrow, 2019). Expected outcomes include new evidence of better ways to police gender violence, reform laws and transform social norms that sustain gender violence. Important benefits include enhanced outcomes for victims and improvements in policing practices. This project will foster increased engagement, knowledge transfer and partnership in line with The Pacific Step-Up, one of Australia’s highest foreign policy priorities (Foreign Policy White Paper, 2017).

Project Team: Professor Kerry Carrington, Professor Melissa Bull, and Dr Danielle Watson, QUT Centre for Justice, Queensland University of Technology; Associate Professor Nicole George, The University of Queensland; and Dr Sara Amin, University of the South Pacific

Member News: ARC Grant Success

ARC Discovery: Domestic Violence Disclosure Schemes: A National Review

In 2014 family violence was declared a national emergency in Australia. In the years since there has been extensive law reform activity. Domestic violence disclosure schemes (DVDS) have emerged within this context as a policy option that may improve safety outcomes for victims. Clare's Law, (the first DVDS internationally), was rolled out across England and Wales in March 2014. The scheme aims to prevent the perpetrator and escalation of violence between intimate partners through the provision of information about prior histories of violence. Such schemes have also been adopted in Scotland, Ireland, Saskatchewan (Canada), New Zealand and some Australian states.

While DVDS have been implemented internationally and trialled in some Australian states and territories, as yet there is limited evidence as to the impact of these schemes and there has been no consultation with victim-survivors as to their value. This ARC Discovery Project will be the first national project to examine the merits, risks and impact of domestic violence disclosure schemes. It aims to:

- Provide new insights into the views of victim/survivors, including their views on the value of a DVDS, the perceived benefits and risks of a DVDS, as well as the (potential) impact of a DVDS.
- Document specialist family violence sector views on the need for, and merits of a DVDS across Australian state and territory jurisdictions.
- Examine how victim/survivors from diverse communities' access, use and experience DVDS its implementation and impacts.
- In the light of international developments, make policy and practice recommendations to inform improved operation and/or introduction more broadly of DVDS across Australia.

The project has been designed to provide a mechanism through which the key voices of victim/survivors and relevant sector practitioners can be drawn upon to gather new knowledge. In order to do so, the project combines qualitative and quantitative approaches to examining DVDS across Australia. Project findings will identify the extent to which domestic violence disclosure schemes can provide an effective intervention for intimate partner violence and will be relevant to current policy discussions and evaluations of DVDS in all Australian state and territory jurisdictions and internationally.

Project Team: Associate Professor Kate Fitz-Gibbon and Professor Sandra Walklate, Monash University

ARC Discovery: Social Infrastructure in a Society of Captives: Promoting positive human connections in Australian prisons

The concept of social infrastructure was put forward by Eric Klinenberg in his book *Palaces for the People: How social infrastructure can help fight inequality, polarization, and the decline of civil life* (2018). Here he argues that:

“when social infrastructure is robust, it fosters contact, mutual support, and collaboration among friends and neighbours; when degraded, it inhibits social activity, leaving families and individuals to fend for themselves. Social infrastructure is crucially important, because local, face-to-face interactions ... are the building blocks of public life. People forge bonds in places that have healthy social infrastructure – not because they set out to build community, but because when people engage in sustained, recurrent interaction, particularly while doing things they enjoy, relationships inevitably grow” (2018: 5).

This project introduces this concept of social infrastructure into prisons for the first time and will explore how this concept, normally applied to the city, can be applied in innovative ways to the society of captives.

The project builds on research undertaken by Anna Eriksson over the last ten years focusing on what makes prisons more or less humane institutions, and how social distance is constructed, challenged or maintained. One of the key findings was that people, and their interactions, were what made the prison a better or worse place to live and work in, in both Australia and Norway where the fieldwork took place. These interactions, between staff and prisoners, and within these respective groups, can be viewed as web of social connections across the prison; as an infrastructure that is social in nature.

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Member News: ARC Grant Success

ARC Discovery: Social Infrastructure in a Society of Captives: Promoting positive human connections in Australian prisons

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This project will focus on places, programs, meetings, and activities that seem to foster positive human connection and wellbeing within Australia's prisons. From this, the Chief Investigators will develop new empirical data and a theoretical framework that can help us understand how such places and activities could be used as a foundation for an increase in interactions characterised by positive human connections.

Bringing a carceral geography perspective to this project, via the input of Dominique Moran, enables this exploration of the complex interrelationships between incarcerated persons and the spatial circumstances of their confinement. Geographers understand space to affect the ways people act within it, and are increasingly applying this perspective to prisons, but studies remain relatively scarce - despite a longstanding view that the design of carceral spaces has a direct effect on prisoner behaviour and control. Taking this approach, Moran's previous work on the lived environment of prisons showed the potential of elements of the environment (such as green views) to enhance wellbeing (e.g. Moran & Turner 2018), and these aspects will be further explored in this study, which signifies the first time the lens of carceral geography has been applied to study Australian prisons.

Project Team: Associate Professor Anna Eriksson, Monash University, and Professor Dominique Moran, Birmingham University.

ARC Discovery: Analysing Interactions Between Migration Control and Criminal Justice Systems

Deportation of unwanted migrants has been a feature of Australian border policy and practice for the past century, however in more recent times there has been an escalation of the organisation and interaction between the criminal justice system and the migration system, which has mostly been empirically unexplored by criminologists. A key example in Australia is the use of migration law to deport people considered to be a threat to the community, which we term 'criminal deportation'.

For some time, protections for long term residents against deportation on the grounds of criminal offending have been steadily eroded while the grounds for visa cancellation on the basis of character have expanded. Just recently we saw the first publicised criminal deportation of a minor – an unaccompanied 15 year old from New Zealand – sparking condemnation both here and in New Zealand. Even the deportation of adults who have lived in Australia since they were children – whether for serious offences or more minor matters – can have a devastating effect on families left behind and raises questions about Australia's responsibility for dealing constructively with 'home grown' offending.

Our team plans to investigate these developments, expanding on criminological theories of 'cimmigration' which address the merger of these two legal spheres. By conceptualising the criminal deportation system as a 'cimmigration assemblage', we aim to map the institutional pathways through which criminal deportation takes place and identify flows of information and other resources between institutional nodes. Through interviews with institutional actors we hope to identify the main drivers for this exclusionary process, and analyse the impacts on the norms and practices of criminal justice and migration control agencies.

For those of you interested in border criminologies, some of us also run the ANZSOC thematic group on Cimmigration and Border Control and we welcome new ANZSOC members to join us. We are on Twitter at [@ANZSOC_Borders](https://twitter.com/ANZSOC_Borders)

Project Team: Professor Leanne Weber, University of Canberra; Associate Professor Marinella Marmo, Flinders University; Professor Alison Gerard, University of Canberra; Dr Faith Gordon, Australian National University; and Professor Mary Bosworth, Oxford University

Member News: ARC Linkage Grant Success

Post-Separation Co-Parenting Smartphone Apps: A Critical Evaluation

Smartphones have revolutionised almost all aspects of modern life, including post-separation parenting communication. Parenting disputes often arise or are fuelled by the failure of one or both parents to provide timely, accurate and full information to the other parent. Even when court orders restrict contact between parents, parents still need to exchange information about children consistent with those orders.

There is now a solid body of evidence to suggest that the interests of children post-separation are generally best served when parents can cooperate and communicate with low levels of conflict. Respectful, child-focused communication between parents after separation is the bedrock of the parental alliance, and strongly linked to child outcomes.

For parents seeking to divorce in the digital age, smartphone apps promise greater efficiency, access, timeliness, transparency and accountability, which together can improve post-separation communication and reduce parental conflict. Conversely, however, these new technologies also have the capacity to undermining parental communication and coordination, harms which may have long lasting effects on families and, in particular, children. Evaluating the effectiveness and potential pitfalls of these technologies is vital to ensuring that their benefits can be realised and the risks mitigated.

This ARC Linkage study will be conducted across Australia and New Zealand. Both countries have seen increasing commitment to the use of smartphones and the large array of digital apps that can be accessed using these phones. Australia and New Zealand remain at the forefront of smartphone ownership, with 91% of Australians (Deloitte 2019) and 81% of New Zealanders owning a smartphone in 2019 compared with the global average of 71% (NZDMI 2019).

Our study seeks to evaluate the large number of post-separation co-parenting smartphone apps commercially available in Australia and New Zealand, and identify the potential benefits and detriments of these for separated parents, their children, and family law professionals. The project will (a) produce for the first time a short list of highly recommended smartphone apps; (b) improve understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of different apps and their functions for separated families in diverse circumstances; and (c) produce a set of guidelines for selecting an existing or new co-parenting app. Because digital technologies are evolving at such a rapid pace, guidelines would 'future proof' the ability to evaluate new apps as they emerge.

Chief Investigators: Professor Bruce Smyth, Australian National University and Professor Jason Payne University of Wollongong

Project Partner: Relationships Australia

Accessing the Family Violence Provision: Enhancing Migrant Women's Safety

Existing evidence indicates that migration status, and particularly temporary migration status, may exacerbate the risk of domestic and family violence (DFV). Yet, there is a research gap pertaining to women who experience DFV from migrant and refugee backgrounds: this gap is pronounced for women on temporary visas. The Migration Regulations (Clth) 1994 and the Family Violence Provision (FVP) offer some protection to temporary migrants who experience DFV: this is a legal 'safety net' that enables women on a temporary partner visa to pursue a permanent residency application if their relationship breaks down due to DFV.

This ARC Linkage Project is the first to investigate the operation and reach of the FVP; it will build the evidence base about issues impacting migrant women without permanent residency or citizenship. It will focus on how best to support FVP applications and to enhance their success.

This project will document the experiences of women eligible to apply for the FVP, and map current service practices and outcomes, as well as barriers to accessing the FVP. The project asks whether the women eligible to access this 'safety net' are accessing it and whether the FVP is achieving its stated legislative intent which is to protect women holding a temporary partner visa who experience DFV. The outcomes will offer data to support and enhance the efficacy of the FVP and offer important insights into the accessibility of the FVP as part of the broader range of migration policies and practices. We recognise that women who cannot access this safety net also face specific challenges; they are a , critical group outside the scope of this project. But by focusing on those women who are eligible to access FVP, this project will provide a new and highly valuable dataset on FDV for a significant grouping in migrant communities. In so doing, it will assist in addressing the broader knowledge gap about family violence prevalence in these communities. The analysis will bring into view how migration law and regulations operate to enhance or obstruct women's access to safety in the context of FDV.

You can visit the project's website here: <https://www.monash.edu/arts/gender-and-family-violence/research-and-projects/accessing-the-family-violence-provision-enhancing-migrant-womens-safety>

Chief Investigators: Associate Professor Marie Segrave and Professor JaneMaree Maher, Monash University

Project Partners: InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence; Australian Women Against Violence Alliance; Harmony Alliance: Migrant and Refugee Women for Change

Obituary: Dr Hennessey Hayes

Hennessey Hayes, 57, passed away in early February 2021 at his home in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He is survived by his daughter Olivia, his brother Shaughnessy and mother Robbie. Hennessey was born 29 August, 1963 in Louisiana, United States. He received his PhD at Tulane University before joining Griffith University in 1994, where he served almost 27 years in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Hennessey's research interests centred on restorative justice and youth justice. His research on youth justice conferencing in Australia explored and explained variations in youth re-offending and the reasons why young people fare better or worse following their participation in youth justice conferences. This series of studies, some in conjunction with his colleague Kathy Daly, were important in bringing more methodological rigour and analytical clarity to our understanding of the impact of RJ on youth reoffending, and they remain widely cited to this day.

His paper on "Apologies and Accounts in Youth Justice Conferencing" (Hayes, 2006) remains perhaps his most notable and original work. Hennessey provides therein a compelling argument that even under the best of conditions, acts of apology and forgiveness are bound up in the messiness of interactions between parties faced with competing and very human emotions of guilt, shame, and the need to save face. This work is a timeless reminder of the difficulty of achieving restorative outcomes with young people who often struggle with balancing the complex emotional, psychological, and communicative aspects of RJ conferencing. In this vein, Hennessey's more recent research had turned towards investigating some of these challenges in more depth – particularly his research with Pamela Snow that investigated the impact of oral language competency in young people on RJ processes and outcomes.

Hennessey was deeply committed to changing the systems in which many young people struggle, and worked with practitioners and policy-makers to achieve real reform. For five successive years he instigated and ran a successful *Youth Justice Symposium* series in Brisbane, melding his numerous professional and academic networks to focus on the challenge of achieving lasting system change.

Hennessey's significant contributions to the field were matched by his deep commitment to the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. He was tireless in developing and enhancing relationships with students and his academic colleagues. He was always happy to meet with anyone, often at short notice, to consult and advise on any issue or problem they faced. No one was ever turned away; all were greeted with kindness, empathy, and encouragement. All academic departments would wish to have a member of staff as dedicated to students and peers as Hennessey Hayes.

Hennessey's endless patience and ability to find time for everyone were legendary in the School. But to infer that these characteristics were innate, that his approach was something that came natural to him, would be a mistake. The truth is that what shaped Hennessey's disposition can be traced to his own scholastic journey.

Growing up in a small town, Hennessey struggled to harness his talents in high school and early university, receiving little encouragement from teachers and next to no direction. However, the moment he came into the orbit of instructors who were overtly supportive and provided the guidance he needed, Hennessey was able to demonstrate his academic potential. His grades showed a parabolic improvement, sufficient to enter post graduate study, complete his PhD, and embark on an academic career.

The encouragement of a receptive student by university academics at a critical moment can be life changing. The kindness that Hennessey experienced at that time was perhaps the main reason for his relentless drive to nurture the talents of the students under his stewardship. This care is something that 27 years of School of Criminology and Criminal Justice students have been lucky enough to benefit from. Hennessey never sought rewards or acknowledgement for his practical ethic of care and mentorship, but since his untimely passing his colleagues have been overwhelmed with expressions of sympathy and sorrow from countless former students, practitioners, and colleagues. Hennessey would have been humbled but delighted by this outpouring of appreciation for his many contributions.

Beyond his significant contributions to Griffith University, to his students, and the community, Hennessey enjoyed spending time with friends and colleagues. Over the years he hosted many wonderful events and dinners at his favourite spot – his balcony overlooking downtown Brisbane. He was also a keen traveller and assiduous collector of Qantas points, which always enabled him to take his next trip in style.



Provided by Associate Professor Michael Townsley, on behalf of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University

Obituary: Professor Anna Stewart

Professor Emeritus Anna Louise Stewart died on 23 April 2021, only six months after retiring from Griffith University. She is survived by her husband of 24 years Gerard, brothers Duncan and Hamish, and their extended families.



Anna was born in New Zealand, attended school in Nelson and earned undergraduate and Masters degrees in psychology at Canterbury University. She came to Australia in the early 1980s and was awarded her PhD from the University of Queensland in 1994. Before academia she worked in a variety of jobs, including on prawn trawlers and as a barmaid, and then for departments of social welfare in New Zealand, and Children's Services in Queensland. These latter experiences shaped her life-long interest in improving the lives of children, young people and their families, and corralling data and science to help achieve this. She became a passionate advocate for the need for an evidence base to guide better social policy design and implementation systems.

Anna began her academic career at Griffith University in 1992 as a part-time statistics adviser, and in 1994 was appointed an Associate Lecturer in the then School of Justice Administration. She went on to serve two terms as Head of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and was for a time Deputy Faculty Dean, and later the Director of the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance. She also served on Queensland's Child Death Review Committee, the Crime Research Reference Committee of the Queensland Government Statistician's Office, and the ABS National Crime Statistics Advisory Group. From 2012 until 2015 Anna was co-editor of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*. She published some 108 books, chapters, articles and reports, and earned nearly \$8 million in research funding during her career.

Anna's research passion was using government administrative data to understand complex social disadvantage and how it could be better addressed. She was committed to improving service delivery systems to better target preventive social interventions, especially in the areas of child safety, family and domestic violence, and mental health. Anna led the development of a valuable longitudinal data resource, *The Queensland Cross-Sector Research Collaboration*. Primarily supported by three ARC Linkage and two Criminology Research Council grants, this resource includes de-identified data linked at the individual level for anyone born in 1983, 1984, and 1990 who has ever had contact with the Queensland government for matters relating to child protection, youth justice, adult offending and corrections, mental health, and domestic violence. Successive waves of linkage mean that the data is now inter-generational, including the records of the children of the original cohorts. Researchers are using this data to understand people's pathways through systems, and the complex interactions occurring between child abuse, mental health, domestic violence, and criminal offending, and their intergenerational effects.

Anna was also instrumental in establishing the *Griffith Social Analytics Laboratory* (SAL). This secure facility improves researcher access to sensitive government administrative data. Analysis of this data makes theoretical and policy-relevant research contributions to major social problems. Over 60 accredited researchers from around Australia and overseas are now using it to understand problems including the impact of COVID-19 and other major events on crime and victimisation, patterns of crime harm concentration, and the overlap between social disadvantage and youth offending.



Throughout her career Anna mentored and developed a team of junior colleagues and collaborators. In 2014 her team received the *Griffith Vice Chancellor's Research Excellence Award* for a research group or team - The Queensland Linkage Project: Advancing Life-Course Criminology. She supervised and graduated 17 PhD students with three still current, and 28 Honours and Masters students. She was an active collaborator with national and international colleagues, including researchers in other States, Scotland and Britain, Canada and the United States. Anna was a keen entertainer and a terrific cook, and dozens of criminologists from around Australia and the world have been generously hosted on the back deck overlooking her beloved gully in Dutton Park.

Anna was integral to the development of criminology and social science at Griffith over the past three decades, and leaves as a legacy the scholars she mentored and collaborated with, the colleagues she led and supported, and the generations of students she taught over that time. She was loud, opinionated and forceful, but also deeply compassionate and committed to the success of all those she cared about. This included her colleagues, students, friends, and those who she felt had not received the life advantages she enjoyed. She will be sadly missed.

Provided by Professor Janet Ransley, on behalf of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University

Contributions to *PacifiCrim*

PacifiCrim is a vehicle for communicating with members, and for keeping people informed of developments in the Society and in criminology, both in Australia, New Zealand, and internationally. Among other items, the Editor looks for content in these areas:

- News of activities and achievements among the members and departments
- Coverage of ANZSOC meetings
- Announcements of forthcoming conferences and other activities
- Feature stories or profiles of members
- Awards received and given
- Listing of new members of the Society
- President's report
- Research snapshots of members' current projects and findings
- HDR graduations (ANZSOC student members and students of ANZSOC members)

There are two issues of PacifiCrim annually. For it to be informative and interesting, the Editor needs to receive stories and news, including pictures, from the members.

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ANZSOC's Thematic Groups

As part of ANZSOC's commitment to supporting its members, we are inviting the submission of proposals for the establishment of ANZSOC Thematic Groups. These groups will allow members to come together around particular themes which can be either topic based, focused on a current issue, or sub-disciplinary based. Thematic groups will also assist with the cohesiveness of themes and panels for the annual conferences and groups are encouraged to organise and submit panels of papers to the annual conference.

Establishing a group:

Formal proposals can be submitted to the Committee of Management via secretary@anzsoc.org. Proposals for thematic groups should include the following information: thematic group title; brief description of aims and objectives (suitable for the website and other publicity); names of a Convener and any Co-Conveners; and names of a minimum of 15 current ANZSOC members (including Conveners), who endorse the proposed thematic group and propose to belong to it.

Rules for membership:

- Membership of Thematic Groups is confined to current financial ANZSOC members.
- Membership of Thematic Groups must be maintained at a minimum of 15 current ANZSOC members per year. The Committee of Management may consider fewer members for new and emerging areas.
- New and existing ANZSOC members who wish to join thematic groups should contact the Convener/s of the Group.
- Note: the meeting time at the annual ANZSOC conference will be the same for all thematic groups so it will make it difficult for members to actively participate in multiple groups.

Governance:

- No person can remain Convener for longer than three consecutive years.
- If a Convener needs to step down from the role during their 3 year term, all Thematic Group members need to be consulted and a volunteer/s replacement needs to be sought.
- The position of Convener will automatically fall vacant at the time of review.
- Conveners are to be determined by the membership of Thematic Groups, either through meetings at the ANZSOC Annual Conference or through email communication with all Thematic Group members.

Funding:

Groups can apply for up to \$2,000 for activities that support their thematic area. The money could be used to fund costs such as (but not limited to): speaker travel and accommodation; fees for venue hire; and costs for digital activities. Funding approval is dependent upon the merit of the application, the number of applications received, and ANZSOC's financial position at the time the application is submitted. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next Committee of Management meeting. All applications require consideration by and approval of the Committee of Management. For more information on ANZSOC's new Thematic Groups, visit the ANZSOC website: <https://anzsoc.org/>.

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