



Criminology *in* Focus

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY

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Criminology at Leicester Goes Down Under!



Yvonne Jewkes, also a Visiting Professor at Monash University, Melbourne, and Tammy Ayres, both from the Department of Criminology at Leicester attended the ANZSoc conference in Geelong, Australia.

Tammy and Yvonne attended the 24th Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology's (ANZSoc) annual conference in September, which was held at a seafront hotel in Geelong, Australia. But before you think of sun, sea, sand and BBQs on the beach we must clarify that we managed to take the English weather with us, and while you enjoyed a heat wave in the UK, we experienced Melbourne's unpredictable and rather rainy spring weather. However, this did not dampen what turned out to be a very enjoyable conference.

The ANZSoc conference theme was 'Crime and the Regions: from the Local to Regional, National to International'. Although, the papers presented reflected

issues affecting Australia and New Zealand, the international focus was also apparent with papers examining border policing, human trafficking and eco-crime. The papers we delivered ('The haunting spectacle of crystal meth: a media created mythology' and 'The performative role of punishment: prison hell and public pleasure') were presented as part of the *Crime, Media, Culture* panel, which comprised a number of papers illustrating the cross-disciplinary character of CMC. Chaired by Greg Martin from the University of Sydney, the panel included papers from himself and Rebecca Scott Bray (also from UoS), Derek Dalton (Flinders University) and Carolyn Strange (Australian National University). Despite being on the last day of the conference at 9am, attendance was high and the panel was well received. Compared to other conferences and symposia one of the nice things about ANZSoc was the small number of parallel

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sessions running at any one time; there were never more than four sessions, which meant good attendance, the papers were of a high quality and the discussion at the end of each session interesting.

Not forgetting the social side of the conference, Geelong had an array of bars and restaurants serving excellent seafood that provided the perfect location to catch up with old friends and acquaintances. While it was a fairly sedate affair (some of us had to be up early to deliver our papers) the conference dinner was held at the end of

Geelong pier. The wine flowed and the food was excellent. Despite the jetlag and sleep deprivation, we thoroughly enjoyed our first ANZSoc conference and both hope it will not be our last.

During our trip Tammy also attended ANZSoc's postgraduate conference which, like the British Society of Criminology's postgrad conference, happens before the main event begins. Like the British version the day provided a chance to meet other postgraduate students, engage in critical discussion and partake in various workshops aimed at helping students develop their skills and their careers. After the conference we travelled to Sydney where Yvonne had been invited to give

lectures at the University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney.

Our visit to Australia wasn't all work and no play. Whilst in Melbourne we rode around on the 1930s tram, went to the Queen Victoria Market, visited the old Melbourne Gaol where Ned Kelly was hanged and went for a drive along the Great Ocean Road. In Sydney we visited the Opera House, Harbour Bridge, Bondi Beach and took a ferry over to Manly Island where there happened to be a jazz festival on. All in all a bonzer trip – and special thanks go to Anna Eriksson, Sanja Milivojevic and Sonya Adams for taking us to see some of Australia's iconic sights.

Diamonds are a Thief's Best Friend....

Adrian Beck has been advising the De Beers Family of Companies on how to minimise the loss of diamonds in their value chain.



The Jwaneng Diamond Mine in Botswana – the richest diamond mine in the world producing around 12 million carats a year.

In terms of weight to value there is nothing to compare – diamonds are by far one of the most valuable items on the planet with a global annual market in the region of \$70 billion. For many people diamonds hold a special fascination and continue to be the object of desire in cultures around the world. The diamond industry is very big business and is a vital component of the economies of many countries in Africa, such as Botswana where it accounts for 33% of GDP and over 70% of export earnings.

Extracting diamonds from the ground is not easy and companies such as the De Beers Family of Companies undertake this task on an industrial scale, investing billions of dollars in enormous mining and

processing operations. Inevitably the combination of high value, small size and industrial processes mean that the risk of loss is potentially considerable – diamonds can be stolen, they can be damaged and they can be lost in the process (never recovered).

Using his extensive experience in understanding how to minimise loss in the retail sector, Adrian Beck, the Head of the Department of Criminology, has been advising the De Beers Family of Companies on how to minimise the risk of loss in their long and complex value chains (from extraction through to eventual sale of rough diamonds). Using his 'New Loss Prevention' model, which focuses on the identification of

operational failures within business practices, Adrian has been helping them to undertake detailed risk assessments of their processes as well as training a new generation of loss prevention managers within the business. He has visited numerous mine and processing operations in Botswana and South Africa and is due to go out to Namibia shortly to look at the marine operations for extracting diamonds from the sea. As Adrian notes: 'this is challenging work not least because this type of operation is on such a vast scale and yet the potential rewards for the would-be thief are high. How to create industrial processes that minimise the risk of theft requires a change of mindset in those designing and operating these systems. It is made doubly difficult by the fact that you do not know exactly how many diamonds you start out with at the beginning of the process – how can you know if something has gone missing if you did not know you had it in the first place? My work is about helping the company to recognise that the best way to minimise risk is to develop operational excellence that in turn reduces the opportunities for people to steal. You cannot arrest your way out of the problem – you need to make it as difficult (risky) as possible for people to steal diamonds without being noticed. To do this you need robust, carefully designed business systems that generate transparency and accountability at each stage of the process. Without this, diamonds will continue to be a thief's best friend!'



Growing Global Security Challenges for the International Community

Department of Criminology Launches New Degree: MSc in Security, Conflict and International Development by Distance Learning

Recent developments in the Middle East have once again focused attention on the fragility of many States around the world, with increasing numbers of people demanding greater freedoms, including democratic elections and improved access to justice, equality and free speech. For the International Community this presents challenges both in terms of providing support to those demanding change and deciding how countries emerging from former draconian regimes can be best guided as they try to develop more open and free societies.

Organisations such as the United Nations, together with governmental and non-governmental organisations around the world, have long been involved in providing support to countries emerging from conflict, helping to shape the humanitarian, political and economic landscape, including specialist advice on security sector reform and the protection of human rights.

All of this requires a cadre of highly specialist advisors who can help to deliver this type of support and advice. The Department of Criminology has decided to launch a new postgraduate degree in 2012: the **MSc in Security, Conflict and International Development**.

This exciting new distance learning degree will focus on how to meet the strategic security and justice challenges of countries emerging from conflict. Designed specifically for those working or planning to work in international development, the programme seeks to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of conflict prevention and recovery. Key topics to be covered include: security sector reform; responding to the post conflict environment; understanding the role of security; how to develop the rule of law; the importance of human rights in delivering justice and security; and broader issues relating to international security and the risks posed by countries emerging from and vulnerable to conflict.

We have particularly taken account of the specialist learning needs of those undertaking this work by providing all students who enrol with an **Apple iPad** as part of the course fees, which, through a **bespoke App**, will enable them to access course materials while on the move. This is one of the first courses of its kind to provide this type of flexible learning environment, enabling busy people to study when and where it suits them best.

This programme adds to our suite of existing courses:

Campus Based: BA in Criminology, MSc in Criminology, MSc Clinical Criminology, MSc Applied Criminology, MSc Terrorism, Security and Policing

Distance Learning: BA/Foundation Degree in Security and Risk Management, MSc in Security and Risk Management, MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice, MSc in Police Leadership and Management



For more information about all our programmes, please visit our website at:

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The Department of Criminology have joined the GERN network

The Department of Criminology have joined the GERN (Groupement Européen de Recherche sur les Normativités – European Research Group on norms) network. This is a scientific network that brings together about 40 organisations and researchers from 10 European countries, from a variety of fields. This multidisciplinary group mainly consists of researchers in the areas of sociology, history, political sciences and law and criminology.

Research by the group covers all forms of deviance and social control, particularly delinquency, penal institutions, public policy, security and the place of criminal issues in society. These criminal issues include among others:

- Justice
- Policing
- Violence
- Security and prevention public policies
- Criminal law
- Youth justice
- Private security
- Economic and financial delinquency

GERN has developed a range of research seminars, conferences and working groups to enable the members of the group to work together and foster a culture of cooperation and so share knowledge.

The website is mainly in French, but there are some interesting downloadable articles in English-
<http://www.gern-cnrs.com/index.php?lang=en>

Honorary Visiting Fellows

The University confers honorary titles to individuals who make a significant regular contribution to the work of the University in relation to teaching, study and/or research.

Recently six friends of the Department have been invited to become Honorary Visiting Fellows.

Our latest Honorary Visiting Fellow is Simon Cole;

Simon Cole took up his position as Chief Constable of Leicestershire in June 2010. He is responsible for leading the Force, heading up the Chief Officer Team, and managing relationships with key external partners.

Having grown up in Leicestershire and Essex, Simon began his policing career in the West Midlands as a Constable where he worked in the City of Birmingham in various roles, including Staff Officer to the Chief Constable and Operations Superintendent in Handsworth, before becoming Commander of Dudley South Operational Command Unit.

Simon joined Hampshire Constabulary in 2003 as Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) and became Deputy Chief Constable in 2008. As ACC, Simon led Hampshire in delivering Safer Neighbourhoods, with teams of local Safer Neighbourhoods officers and Targeted Patrol Teams being at the heart of delivering local based crime-fighting in communities. In 2007, Simon was invited to be on the directing staff of the Strategic Command Course, lending his experience to this international course that trains senior officers and staff who will work at Chief Officer level in the future. As Deputy Chief Constable, Simon

was responsible for corporate planning, consultation, information and research, as well as diversity and performance. He led work to merge IT departments with a neighbouring force, and led on both professional standards and collaboration.

Simon previously led nationally for the Association of Chief Police Officers on both crime statistics and vetting. Locally, Simon chairs the Community Safety Programme Board, working with partners from all over the Force area to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. He also chairs the multi-agency Local Resilience Forum and the Force Executive Group, as well as representing the Force in working with the Police Authority. Simon also leads the East Midlands five-Force collaborative workstream on Operational Support, including IT and Criminal Justice and has been ACPO national portfolio holder for mental health and disability since September 2011.

When not at work Simon is a committed family man with a young son and daughter. He is a keen sportsman, playing tennis regularly, coaching junior rugby and enjoying watching the Tigers when work allows. As evidence of his sporting prowess, he chairs the Police Sport UK National Lawn Tennis section. Simon has a BA Hons in English Literature from the University of Durham, an MA in History from University College, Worcester, and a Diploma in Criminology and Policing from Cambridge University. He studied the Strategic Command Course at the Police Staff College, Bramshill, in 2001 and in 2004/5 he completed the modular European Top Senior Police Officers' Course.



Our other honorary Visiting Fellows are:

Jamie Bennett: – Governor at HMP Morton Hall

Mick Creedon – Chief Constable of Derbyshire Constabulary

Joel Harvey – Clinical Psychologist

Rex Bloomstein – Documentary Film-Maker

Heather Munro – Director of the Probation Chiefs' Association

Vicky Kemp – Principal Researcher, Legal Services Research Centre

You can read more about each Visiting Fellow on the Department of Criminology website:

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/criminology/people/hvfellows>

Already contributing to the Department in various ways, we hope that Jamie, Joel, Rex, Mick, Heather, Vicky and Simon will enjoy a productive and mutually rewarding relationship with us over the coming years.

Leicester Exchanges live event 23 March 2011

Carol Hedderman attended the first Leicester Exchanges live event which was hosted at the Tower of London in March this year. The topic under discussion was: "Should we punish or reform offenders?"

The event was chaired by the Professor Sir Robert Burgess, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Leicester, who noted that the Tower of London had been used as a prison from 1100 until the end of World

War 2. Famous former prisoners include Walter Raleigh, Guy Fawkes and Rudolf Hess (Hitler's Deputy).

Aside from Carol Hedderman, the other speakers were the Chief Probation Officer of London (Heather Munro) who explained how probation was moving forward to become more effective; Mark Johnson of *The Guardian* and *UserVoice*, who talked about his direct experiences

as an ex-offender convicted of some serious offences and why prison doesn't work; and Blair Gibb from the Policy Exchange Think Tank.

You can see an edited video of the debate by going to the Leicester Exchanges website –

<http://leicesterexchanges.com/category/should-we-punish-or-reform-offenders/>



Reece Walters

Re-Launch of the Scarman Lecture Series 2012

2012 will see the revival of the Scarman Lecture Series run by the Department of Criminology.

The Scarman Lecture series is a public lecture series dedicated to current issues in criminology, criminal justice, prisons, policing and community safety. The lectures are delivered by prominent academics and practitioners who are experts in their field. Previous speakers include Bruce George MP, Martin Narey and Rex Bloomstein, which reflects the multifarious topics of criminological enquiry.

We are lucky enough to have Professor Reece Walters from Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia delivering the first lecture of the new Scarman Series entitled 'Invisible Violence: Air Pollution and the Politics of Regulation in the UK'.

Reece has published widely on the politics and governance of

criminological knowledge, including the second edition of *Introduction To Criminological Thought* (with Trevor Bradley), *Eco Crime And Genetically Modified Food and Deviant Knowledge: Criminology, Politics and Policy and Critical Thinking About The Uses Of Research* (with Tim Hope). He is an advocate of knowledges of resistance; critical scholarship that embraces the lived realities of those who experience social injustice. His research focuses on crimes of the powerful, notably the ways in which corporate and government officials abuse their authority for personal and political gain. Also his research examining the political economy of water, air and food is pushing traditional criminological enquiry to include notions of environmental harm and justice.

The first Scarman Lecture 'Invisible Violence: Air Pollution and the Politics of Regulation in the UK' by Professor **Walters will be held on Wednesday**

11th January 2012 at 5pm in the Frank and Katherine May Lecture Theatre in the Henry Wellcome Building, followed by a wine reception, which will provide an opportunity to speak to Reece Walters and other people attending this event, who may have similar research interests to yourself.

Other speakers for the Scarman Lecture series in 2012 include **Professor Tony Jefferson** from the University of Keele and **Associate Professor Julian Buchanan** from Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

The Scarman Lectures are free to attend but please send an email to Russell Knifton (rk191@le.ac.uk) confirming your attendance as places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. For more information and updates, please visit the dedicated website: **www2.le.ac.uk/departments/criminology/news/scarmanlecture**

Leicester Graduate wins prestigious Wilf Knight Award!



Leonie Darbon has recently been nominated and won the Wilf Knight Award 2011!

Leonie is a graduate of the MSc in Security and Risk Management programme and she won the award for her dissertation entitled 'Is process compliance an effective method of reducing internal theft in the retail sector?'

The Wilf Knight award is a competition conducted each year by

the **Security Institute** and it is a high profile and very prestigious award. The award not only showcases the individual student's ability, it also reflects the high academic standards of the University of Leicester and the Department of Criminology who sponsored the winning entry.

In order to be nominated for the award, the entry must meet strict requirements including showing evidence of particular distinction and/or innovation in relation to the subject area and it must also make a valuable contribution to the development of security management.

The award was originally instigated by **The Security Institute** to celebrate and recognise the very best students of security management – the budding professionals of tomorrow. The award is in honour of Wilf Knight who was a former Institute director and a holder of an MA and MPhil from Cambridge University. Wilf always regarded himself as very lucky to have been given the opportunity to attain the qualifications, and often commented that he really believed that the qualifications helped him achieve the success he enjoyed as a security consultant following his career



in the police service. Sadly, Wilf passed away in 2008.

In essence, this award reflects The Security Institute's ongoing desire to encourage, recognise and nurture the stunning achievements of new members entering the security profession as well as the desire for Continuing Professional Development among recognised practitioners. The Wilf Knight Award ceremony was held on 19th October 2011 as part of the National Security Excellence Awards at the Hilton Park Hotel, Park Lane, London.

Visit the Security Institute website at www.security-institute.org/

Read Leonie's Alumni profile on page 16.

Leicester criminologist speaks at pan-European symposium

Dr Neil Chakraborti was recently invited to speak at a symposium on the Philosophy of Hate Crime held in Gothenburg, Germany.

Neil presented a paper entitled 'Targeting Vulnerability: A Fresh Set of Challenges for Hate Crime Scholarship and Policy', highlighting the problems evident within existing hate crime frameworks which can result in scholars, law enforcers and practitioners overlooking particular strands of vulnerability and experiences of targeted harassment.

He also explored the relevance of hate crime scholarship and policy in the context of the recessionary climate and cuts to

public spending, calling for a re-evaluation of the way in which hate crime has come to be stringently associated with specific forms of victimisation based upon one-dimensional interpretations of identity.

The event on the 26-28 September was held as part of a broader project – entitled 'When Law and Hate Collide' – which is designed to provide the European Parliament with a working definition of hate crime and accompanying policy guidance to ensure legislative consistency across all member states of the European Union.

It brought together a collective of international hate crime experts from the disciplines of criminology, law, psychology

and philosophy, and was part of a series funded by the Daphne III Programme of the European Union and led by the University of Gothenburg, the Goethe Institute Frankfurt, and the University of Central Lancashire.



STAFF PROFILE

Lisa Smith



Growing up in Ontario, Canada, I've wanted to work in the field of criminal justice for as long as I can remember.

When it came time to apply for University, I was accepted by my first choice – the University of Toronto. It was 1995, and that was the very first year that the University of Toronto was running an undergraduate degree in Forensic Science (the only one in Canada). This was five years before CSI debuted on television, so this

choice of study was not very popular. In my first year, I fell in love with Psychology, and finished up with a BSc in Psychology (Forensic) with a minor of study in Philosophy of Law. I would like to say that I went straight from my BSc into my career of choice, but my CV suggests otherwise. I was a DJ/Party Hostess/Manager at a roller skating rink, a movie extra, and a junior accountant before I got back on my career track!

In 2002, I joined a Victim Services Unit at the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). It was a very unique experience, which required our team to work closely with police officers during any incidents involving fatalities or serious personal injuries in our region. Our main function was to accompany officers to crime scenes, notify next of kin, and then to facilitate the identification of the deceased where necessary. Despite spending many late nights at crime scenes and morgues it was definitely the most interesting and meaningful work I had ever done. It reminded me of my passion for criminal justice, and I soon became the full time Program Coordinator for the unit (even now, I sit on the Board of Directors). It was also during this time that I decided to pursue an MSc degree. After

researching many MSc programmes, I decided to apply to the distance learning MSc at Leicester in the Forensic Psychology Department. By the end of my MSc, I had decided that I wanted to do research, and I applied for two jobs. One was for a research analyst at the OPP, and the other was a teaching assistant post in Psychology at the University of Leicester with a funded PhD. I was offered the post here in Leicester and I relocated from Canada in 2006.

So far, 2011 has been a busy year for me – I joined the Criminology Department as a lecturer in January and defended my PhD thesis in August. Although my journey to Leicester and my career hasn't always followed the quickest or easiest route, I wouldn't change anything if I had to do it again. My current research and teaching keeps me involved in many of the topics that I enjoy most, including forensic science, police crime scene attendance, and victim services issues and I am very fortunate to work with some amazing research colleagues. I feel very lucky to be working in an area that I enjoy so much, and I look forward to whatever challenges are ahead!

Project news



Probation workers and their occupational cultures

Rob Mawby and Anne Worrall (Keele University) hosted a half-day conference at the University of Leicester on 20th September to present the key findings from their ESRC-funded project on the occupational cultures of probation officers to an invited audience of probation workers, magistrates and academics. Professor Carol Hedderman welcomed the guests and Steve Collett, formerly Chief Executive, Cheshire Probation and Vice Chair of the Probation Chiefs Association introduced the event. Rob and Anne presented the key findings from the research and also made presentations on 'Relations with other agencies: Courts, Prisons and Police' and 'Responding to turbulent conditions: "EVLN" and edgework'. The conference was an opportunity not only to disseminate the project's findings, but also to seek feedback on them from conference delegates. The feedback is being taken into account during the preparation of the final report, which will be available in December 2011.

In addition to the conference, Rob and Anne have presented papers on their research at seminars in Leicester and Keele and have further presentations scheduled at Manchester and Cambridge Universities.



Lunchtime Seminar Series

Following on from its successful re-launch last year the Lunchtime Seminar Series continues to showcase the innovative work currently being undertaken by staff and PhD students here at the Department of Criminology.

The 2012 programme includes a diverse selection of seminar topics ranging from the criminalisation of the Muslim veil to the effect of television series such as CSI on Juror's perceptions of forensic evidence in court.

The next seminar will take place on Wednesday 8th February 2012 and will be delivered by Claire Vanneck who will be discussing 'Private Security Policy and the Occupational Licensing of Door Supervisors in the Night-Time Economy'. Claire's research focuses on the regulation of the private security industry through provisions of the Private Security Industry Act 2001. It specifically addresses how the Act, which introduced occupational licensing as a mandatory requirement for many sectors of the private security industry, has impacted on the door supervisor industry or 'bouncers' as they are more colloquially known, and related key stakeholders in the Night-Time Economy.

For more information on this and upcoming seminars please visit our website: <http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/criminology/news/seminars>



STAFF PROFILE

Irene Zempi



I joined the Department of Criminology in October 2010 as a University Tutor, delivering marking and teaching support to the Department's campus-based and distance learning programmes.

I owe much to the Department of Criminology for helping me achieve my goals. Prior to this teaching post, I studied for the Master's in Criminology here at University of Leicester. The way the Master's course was designed was fantastic. As much as attaining a degree qualification was important, so was

making clear steps towards developing my academic skills. This is where the Department of Criminology surpassed itself; there was a plethora of career events and consistent emphasis throughout the course on how to build my intellectual, critical and group work skills. Without a shadow of a doubt, the University of Leicester was a fantastic choice for my academic study. Our thriving campus with its beautiful grounds, friendly community and excellent facilities, quickly made me feel at home. I was bit nervous about moving from Athens to the UK as I didn't know what to expect. I was worried there would be nothing interesting to do and that I'd have a hard time making friends or fitting in. Needless to say, I am more than happy that my initial fears were unfounded. I am simply in love with my lifestyle in Leicester!

Having completed my Master's in Criminology, I decided to work with people affected by crime as a volunteer and later as a staff member at Victim Support in Leicester. I admire what Victim Support achieves as an organisation. Victim Support is a national charity giving free and confidential help to victims of crime,

witnesses, their family, friends and anyone else affected across England and Wales. Victim Support also speaks out as a national voice for victims and witnesses and campaign for change. Being a member of Victim Support has given me so much – I have met lots of new people, I learned new skills and gained confidence. Victim Support is definitely a big part of my life.

I am currently undertaking a PhD entitled 'Unveiling Islamophobia in Leicester: The victimisation of Muslim women in veil', supervised by Dr Neil Chakraborti and Mr Jon Garland. The term "Islamophobia" includes various types of fear, prejudice, discrimination or hostility directed against Islam and Muslims. Through this research I intend to shed light on the experiences of Muslim women in veil as victims of anti-Muslim racist attacks in public places in Leicester. The aim is to promote community cohesion and dispel some of the myths and propaganda that serves to achieve the opposite and promote Islamophobia, disunity and mistrust amongst our communities. This piece of research will provide an academic tool which should prompt serious debate at the highest level.

Staff Publications and Achievements

In each issue of *Criminology in Focus* we include details of staff research, publications, awards and invitations from the previous six months.

Research grants awarded

Tammy Ayres has been awarded a College of Social Science Research Development Grant of £2,000 (June 2011) and a College of Social Science Travel Grant of £1,500 (February 2011) to attend the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSoc) Annual Conference in September 2011.

Carol Hedderman has been awarded a grant of £48,500 from the Ministry of Justice (via QinetiQ) to evaluate the Social Impact Bond at HMP Peterborough (with **Darrick Jolliffe**).

Yvonne Jewkes was awarded £3,377.50 for a project titled 'Holloway Prison for Women, 1902 - 1945' (with Helen Johnston, University of Hull) from the British Academy and also a £900 British Academy Overseas Conference Grant to attend the ANZSoc conference, Geelong, Australia, Sept 2011.

Research grants applied for

Tammy Ayres Wellcome Trust (July 2011) New Investigator Award in Medical History and Humanities – 'Charting the history of pharmacology: From laudanum to legal highs' (with John Bond and Lisa Smith).

Yvonne Jewkes 'The English Prison During Two World Wars' (with Helen Johnston, University of Hull) AHRC £286,787.57; 'Visual Criminology: Crime, Criminal Justice and the Image', ESRC Seminar series (with Ronnie Lippens, Chris Greer, Eamonn Carrabine and Tony Kearon) £18,000; Partner Investigator on 'Crime and Fear of Crime on Public Transport', Australian Research Council.

Neil Chakraborti and Jon Garland ESRC Standard Grants Scheme entitled 'Understanding Experiences of Hate Crime Victimisation and Expectations of Criminal Justice Responses' (total value of grant application – £374,200).

Jon Garland ESRC – 'The Economic, Social and Political Marginalisation of the English White Working Class: An Investigation of the English Defence League' – £372,434.84 (with **James**

Treadwell and Gina Fox); AHRC – Museums, landscape and identity: New readings of the impact of the arts and humanities on the national imagination' – £726,011.55 (Department of Criminology share £73,000) (with Neil Chakraborti and Sheila Watson, Museum Studies).

Lisa Smith AHRC Research Networking Grant submitted (with **Tammy Ayres**) – entitled 'The Forensic Science Futures Network: The socio-cultural context of contemporary forensic science' (£44,000).

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Conferences attended

Tammy Ayres April 2011 Community or Custody: Which Works Best?, Leicester, Make Justice Work.

Tammy Ayres April 2011 How the World's View of the Drugs War is Changing, Kings College, London.

Tammy Ayres May 2011 EuroJustis Conference, Natural History Museum.

Lisa Smith April 2011 Counter Terror Conference and Expo, London.

Lisa Smith July 2011 PhD Symposium for Students Researching Substance Misues, Oxford Brookes University.

Media Work

Neil Chakraborti and **Jon Garland's** research on rural racism has featured on a number of media, including BBC Three Counties Radio, Sunrise Radio, BBC News Online, Pink News, the Daily Mail and BBC Radio 4.

Neil Chakraborti has appeared on the BBC One television programme 'Inside Out' to discuss issues of immigration, racism and community cohesion in the city of Leicester.

Jon Garland appeared on the BBC Radio 4 programme 'Thinking Allowed', broadcast on 8 September 2010.

Invitations, awards, accolades

Neil Chakraborti was invited to be a keynote speaker at a symposium on the philosophy of hate crime entitled 'When Law and Hate Collide', held at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden on 25-27 September 2011, and funded by the European Commissions' Directorate for Justice, Freedom and Security under the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Daphne Program.

Neil Chakraborti and Dr Coretta Phillips (London School of Economics) have been commissioned by the Howard League for Penal Reform to write a horizon scanning report on minority groups and prison as part of the Howard League's 'Stemming the Flow' research programme. The report is designed to offer expert review and analysis of the current penal landscape, focusing on themes which have the potential to limit the use of prison and the wider penal system.

Yvonne Jewkes was appointed Visiting Professor, Monash University, Melbourne, 2010.

Yvonne Jewkes was awarded a Parsons Visiting Scholarship, University of Sydney, 2011.

Yvonne Jewkes was invited to give a lecture at UNSW, Sydney on 'The social production of immorality in prisons: the

role of architecture, technology and media discourse in the "othering" of prisoners', 4 Oct 2011.

Yvonne Jewkes was invited to give a lecture at University of Sydney on "'Architecture cures cancer"; but can it cure crime', and a 'Media and Crime Masterclass', 5 Oct 2011.

Yvonne Jewkes was invited to give a lecture at the BSC Wales branch, University of Glamorgan, 'The social production of immorality in prisons: the role of architecture, technology and media discourse in the "othering" of prisoners', 26 Oct 2011.

Yvonne Jewkes has been appointed External Examiner at the Open University 2011.

Lisa Smith was awarded a Volunteer Service Award by the Ontario Government (Canada). This award is in recognition of her continuing contribution to the Victim Assistance Program (Ontario Provincial Police), as an Executive Board Member. The award was presented at an awards ceremony by the Honourable Eric Hoskins Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in April 2011.

Lisa Smith was awarded Professional Membership to The Forensic Science Society.



University of Leicester experts invited to Santiago to advise authorities on criminal reoffending.

Professor Carol Hedderman and **Dr Darrick Jolliffe** were invited to share their knowledge and expertise in the area of what criminal justice measures are most successful in reducing reoffending and how can such reductions be measured accurately at a seminar organised by Centro de Estudios en Seguridad Ciudadana (CESC) Instituto de Asuntos Públicos Universidad de Chile in Santiago, Chile on July 5th. The seminar also included presentations by the Vice Minister of Justice, the British Ambassador in Chile, and other renowned members of the judiciary, academia and criminal justice policy makers.

Chile, like the UK, has a high and rising prison population but is currently reviewing the scope to introduce a range of non-custodial options, so the visit was timed to ensure that senior policy makers were well informed about what works well and what does not in other countries.

Professor Hedderman presented a paper entitled 'Sentencing and Reducing Reoffending: Some Reflections on the British Experience'. This paper reflected on the politicisation of crime and the prison population in the UK and also reviewed UK evidence on the impact of different sentences on reconviction and 'effectiveness' when working with offenders. Dr Jolliffe presented a paper entitled 'The Impact of Prison on Reoffending' which presented the findings of UK-based research on the levels of reoffending of two similar groups. The only difference between these groups was that one was sentenced to prison (greater than 1 year) and the other was given a community order (Probation). The results suggested that those who went to prison were more likely to reoffend, reoffended more often and reoffended more quickly after release.

On her return Carol Hedderman commented that she really felt she had learnt as much as she had taught on her trip. 'It was refreshing and heartening to see policy makers who were so keen to learn from experiences elsewhere.' Darrick Jolliffe also noted that a visit to a prison in the coastal town of Valparaiso was a



Carol and Darrick with colleagues from CESC and representatives of the Chilean Prison Service

particularly powerful experience 'On the one hand the poor physical conditions came as a shock, but the resilience and philosophical response of both inmates and guards was inspiring'.

The seminar appears to have had the desired effect of increasing awareness

of the benefits and limitations of reconviction, and the potential detrimental impact of prison.

The seminar was covered in the National print press (El Mercurio), the radio (Cooperativa) and continues to have an impact on debates in the Chilean Ministry of Justice.

UK – based project appoints Leicester Criminologists

Along with the private company QinetiQ, **Professor Carol Hedderman** and **Dr Darrick Jolliffe** have been appointed as Independent Assessor for the first UK-based 'Social Impact Bond' project designed to reduce reoffending. The evaluation will assess the impact of the 'One Service' being delivered at HMP Peterborough by the St Giles Trust. This supports short sentenced male prisoners by offering support on leaving prison. Currently such prisoners receive no statutory support, unlike those on community orders or on longer prison sentences.

Darrick and Carol's role in the project is to assess whether the intervention has reduced reoffending and, if so, by how much. This will be done by comparing those released from HMP Peterborough and short term prisoners released from other prisons. The project also examines the feasibility of the Social Impact Bond itself which is a form of 'payment by results' where financial returns to investors will be based on improved social outcomes, with investors receiving a Government share of long-term savings. In the case of the 'One Service', if this intensive support results in a reduction in reoffending of at least 7.5% Social Finance will not only be reimbursed by the government but make a profit. However, if the reduction in reoffending is less than 7.5% the government will not pay.

BA Criminology Graduate Wins Prestigious College Award

The Department was delighted by the news that recent BA Criminology graduate Anna Healy had won the College of Social Sciences prize for best third year undergraduate for 2010/11, the first time that one of the Department's students has been given this prestigious award. The accolade reflects Anna's enthusiasm, hard work and dedication over the three years of her degree, as well as her exceptional academic ability. She was an excellent student, with all of her second and third year modules being awarded marks at 70 or over, a truly outstanding effort and certainly the best marks profile the Department has ever had for a graduating student. Her dissertation, on the impact of women's imprisonment, also won the Department's Scarman Prize for the best dissertation in her cohort. Anna was a pleasure to teach throughout her degree, and the Department wishes her all the best with whatever she decides to do next. One thing's for certain: if she is as dedicated in her chosen vocation as she was when she was an undergraduate, then she will have a very successful career.



BA Criminology Graduate Wins Professional Accolade

Gemma Norman, a graduate from the BA Criminology programme in 2008, is part of a team at Thames Valley Probation Trust that recently received the Howard League for Penal Reform's 2011 award for education, training and employment (ETE) in recognition of the work her team undertakes with offenders in the community. Gemma, who is employed by Milton Keynes College and works in partnership with Thames Valley Probation, is a Case Manager for the Job Deal project, a 'through-the-gate service' to help offenders get back into education, training or employment and support them with the transition back into the community. On winning the award, she commented: 'Our main focus has been to provide individuals with the vocational and employability skills required to move forward with their lives as they return to the community. The numerous organisations we have involved in this enable us to provide a personalised service to meet the needs of the individual. We believe that ETE is an important element of their rehabilitation, and ultimately plays a part in reducing the chances of these individuals reoffending'.

Gemma, who graduated with a 2.1, is pictured on the right holding the award with her colleague Anne Glover.

Criminology graduate, Atifete Jahjaga, elected President of the Republic of Kosovo

The newly elected President of the Republic of Kosovo is Atifete Jahjaga who has a Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice and Police Management from the University of Leicester. She studied by distance learning and received her qualification in 2007, shortly before Kosovan independence.

Born in 1975, Jahjaga is a police officer who has risen through the ranks to become Deputy Director of the Kosovo Police Force but had no previous political ambitions. Her election by the Kosovo Assembly last week met with the approval of the country's main political parties and the US Ambassador and is a precursor to the public election of a President next year.

Jahjaga's inaugural speech outlined the country's commitment towards becoming a member of both the EU and the UN.

The election has been widely covered in the press including features in *The Economist* and on the CNN website. The Republic of Kosovo was declared in February 2008 and is currently recognised by 75 countries including the UK.



Update from the Criminology Society

It's now the beginning of a new academic year and that means a brand new committee are running this year's Criminology Society!! The team this year all appear ready and raring to go and are up for helping push the Society forwards into being one of the most successful academic societies within the University.

At Freshers Fair we managed to gain over 130 new members, the largest in the history of the society! We have the first 'social' rapidly approaching with over 150 tickets already sold for the event. This year's social will see the introduction of our buddy system. This means that freshers will be handcuffed to second and

third years for a good part of the evening to encourage socialising within the academic years. Our social secretaries for this year are working around the clock at the moment to produce new and exciting socials including a "Cluedo social", Christmas meal and day out at Alton Towers. All I can say is 'Watch this space!'

This year the society has introduced a "Criminology Card". This card allows for students to get many money off deals and offers around the city and was the brainchild of our new Vice President, Matthew Corbin. Not only does it afford our students excellent deals but it also allows for us to be identified throughout the Union. Further introductions this year include our

"Crim Soc book swap", which allows our students to sell off their old text books to other students who may require them. So far this year, this has appeared to be a successful introduction which we hope will be used in the future by other committees.

Over the next few weeks, we have already organised for a couple of guest speakers to come and talk to the society, including a special constable and Chief Inspector Sally Chivers from Leicester Constabulary. Furthermore, we have arranged for lectures in Leicester Prison which will take place during reading week. All year we aim to have activities going on every few weeks to keep the Society active and social for all members.



The Leicester Criminals Football team (pictured below) has had so much interest this year that they've had to create another team so we wish both the teams' good luck throughout this season and hope they get as far in this season as they did last year! Furthermore, we are currently in the process of introducing a **Leicester Criminals Netball team**, as a lot of interest has been shown in this, so good luck to them too!

By the time the next issue is published, we shall be able to tell you the date of our AGM. If you wish to know anything else about the society please contact us at SU-LUCS@le.ac.uk and feel free to follow our progress at www.facebook.com/LUCSociety

Keira Miller
LUCS President 2011/2012.



Department of Criminology Alumni Association

If you are a graduate of the Department of Criminology, and you would like to join the Alumni Association and receive Criminology *in Focus* via email then we would like you to get in touch with us so that we have your up-to-date contact details.

We would be grateful if you could take the time to visit the central University alumni website: <http://www.le.ac.uk/alumni>

If you have not done so recently, you can fill out the short alumni questionnaire form so that you will be added to our contact list. In addition, if you know anybody who is an alumnus of the Department of Criminology please forward this newsletter on to them and ask them to update their contact details as well.

If you are one of our alumni and you would like us to feature an article about what you're doing now then we would love to hear from you. Thank you to Leonie Darbon for providing the alumni profile in this issue.



STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Study with us at the Department of Criminology

CAMPUS BASED UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES:

- BA Criminology

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- MSc Applied Criminology
- MSc Clinical Criminology
- MSc Terrorism, Security and Policing
- MPhil and PhD opportunities

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMMES:

- Foundation Degree in Security and Risk Management
- BA Security and Risk Management
- MSc Security and Risk Management
- MSc Security, Conflict and International Development
- MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice
- MSc Police Leadership and Management

“The Security and Risk Management course in Leicester was one of the best options to further my career. I see myself fulfilled, not only as a security officer, but I can confidently say that I have the knowledge required to deal with my day to day assignments effectively and efficiently because of the degrees in Security and Risk Management from Leicester and I'm very proud to be a graduate of the Bachelor of Arts in Security and Risk Management from this institution.”

Charles Onwuzulume FdA and BA SRM graduate

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Alumni Profile



Leonie Darbon graduated from our MSc Security and Risk Management programme in 2011.

I left school not knowing what I wanted to do and went to college and did a BTEC. I then spent the next decade in various jobs. I spent four years part-time at University College Northampton studying for a BA in Information Systems and Criminology (Joint honours) as I had finally found something that I loved and was actually surprisingly good at.

I've worked for the same organisation now for six years in the Telecommunications Industry as an Intelligence Manager and love the different challenges. I always felt I had thrown away my studies with UCN and wanted to finish off my degree. Carrying on studying was not an option with UCN as the lectures and seminars took place in the daytime and I was 100 miles away.

After looking around I found the Masters Degree course in Security and Risk Management at Leicester. I approached my business and they offered to pay for the degree with Leicester University. I saw this as adding job security to my role rather than being a hindrance. I was worried that I would struggle with distance learning but I actually found I could have a great work/life/study balance that still made me feel I was living and getting reasonable grades for my essays.

When it came to the dissertation I was really scared. I took time to chat with my supervisor and make sure I had the right scope. She was awesome, never telling me what to do but letting me vent all my fears and frustrations and really making sure I had the planning phase right. I took a good month to research and read my subject. When I started writing I hit a few walls but it really flowed. The first thing I wrote was my dedication to my dad at the start and I think this inspired me every time I started writing (my dad died half way through my course). I really, really enjoyed researching and completing my dissertation, so much more than I thought.

I was blown away to receive a distinction and my graduation day was really emotional with my boss and my husband, my two biggest supporters at my side. I didn't realise until that day how proud

they were of me and how much it meant to them. My husband and I, both of us come from families where no one goes to University. I think he'd really like to study himself now.

I am also keen to continue and I'm getting my thoughts and research done to see if this would be a viable PhD project. I have also inspired one of my team members to take up studies with the University and I am coaching her through a Foundation degree in Security and Risk Management. She loves it and has flown through her first three essays. She left school with barely any qualifications.

When I knew about the Wilf Knight Award nomination I was blown away. I couldn't stop laughing as I couldn't quite believe it. Now I'm down to the final two it seems a bit surreal. I am happy to have got this far but to win it would be amazing especially for my University as they have supported and put me forward for the award. I also am quite excited at thought of my husband having to get into a tux for the do and am amazed he's agreed to it if they have a place for him – he really is proud of my achievements!!'

Leonie Darbon

[Note – Leonie did go on to win the Wilf Knight award; see page 6. Congratulations Leonie from everyone in the Department of Criminology!]

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