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Leicester 2010

The Department of Criminology is hosting the British Society of Criminology Conference in July 2010. Please turn to page 2 for further details about the conference.

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Adrian Beck
Becomes the New Head of Department

On 1 September 2009, Adrian Beck took over as the new Head of the Department of Criminology at the University of Leicester, replacing Professor Carol Hedderman who had performed this role for four years. Speaking about his predecessor, Adrian Beck commented:

“Carol has done a wonderful job over the past four years, creating a Department which is highly successful and a great place to work. Her commitment, enthusiasm, energy and drive have been apparent for all to see and I am fortunate to be taking over at a time when the Department is in great shape, with first rate courses and excellent administrative and academic staff.”

Adrian has worked at the Department since it was originally constituted as the Centre for the Study of Public Order in 1988. Since then he has seen it become the Scarman Centre in 1996 and finally the Department of Criminology in 2004. He becomes the fifth Head of Department and is honoured to take on the role:

“This is an exciting time for the study of criminology and staff within the Department are involved in a number of cutting edge projects that will further raise the profile of Leicester. I am keen to ensure that we remain one of the focal points of criminological excellence both on the national and international stage.”

About Adrian Beck

After graduating from the University of Leicester in 1988, Adrian joined the newly formed Centre for the Study of Public Order as a Research Scholar. He was then promoted to a lectureship in 1991, becoming a Senior Lecturer in 2002, a Reader in 2005 and now Head of Department in 2009. He has lectured widely on crime in the work place and policing post soviet societies and since 1999 he has been an academic advisor to the ECR Europe Shrinkage Group.

He has completed a number of studies on the extent of the problem of shrinkage including: the way in which dishonest members of staff exploit processes and procedures to perpetrate their crimes, and evaluating the impact of loss prevention technologies.

He has published widely on the subject of loss prevention and has just completed a major book on the subject (see page 8 for further details).
In 2010 the British Society of Criminology conference – entitled Human Rights, Human Wrongs: Dilemmas and Diversity in Criminology – will be held at the University of Leicester.

Our guest speaker is the internationally renowned human rights lawyer and founder and Director of Reprieve, Clive Stafford Smith OBE (top left). A powerful advocate of individuals whose human rights have been ignored or eroded by some of the world’s most powerful governments, Clive is also an accomplished and entertaining speaker and we are delighted that he will be joining us at the conference dinner. In addition we have an exciting line-up of academic keynote speakers comprising: Ben Bowling, Reece Walters, Lilie Chouliaraki and Jeff Ferrell.

The Conference Dinner will be held at Athena, located in the heart of Leicester’s vibrant cultural quarter. Originally designed in 1936 as an Odeon Cinema, the venue was one of the largest, most extravagant buildings within the region and housed a single screen seating over 3,000 guests. It has recently been restored to its former glory and with its stunning art deco architecture will provide a beautiful backdrop to the conference dinner and entertainment, which includes an after-dinner talk by acclaimed academic, writer and broadcaster Laurie Taylor (bottom left).

Conference accommodation consists of high quality en-suite rooms in newly-built, superior halls of residence at Oadby. On a 40 acre site, with beautiful landscaped grounds and stunning Botanic Garden, the location at Oadby offers a number of advantages to delegates, including award-winning catering, on-site car-parking, free wi-fi access, all-weather tennis courts and health and fitness gym, and several licensed bars. Free shuttle buses will be provided for delegates to make the short journey from the train station on arrival at Leicester. On the first evening a barbeque will be held on the lawns at Oadby (with marquee if we are experiencing a typical British summer).

The main conference takes place on Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th July 2010, with the Postgraduate Conference on Sunday 11th (big screens will be provided in the evening for those PG delegates who want to watch the World Cup Final!) Leicester 2010 aims to build on the success of previous BSC conferences and at the same time break new ground. For example, the conference will take full advantage of new media, including Twitter, and there will also be innovation in the format of some of the presentations.

To find out more and to keep track of developments in the programme as they are confirmed sign up for our mailing list on the conference website. All details of the BSC conference at the University of Leicester can be found at:

[www.le.ac.uk/bscconference](http://www.le.ac.uk/bscconference)

Alternatively, if you wish to contact the conference organising team, please email:

bscconf2010@le.ac.uk

Professor Yvonne Jewkes
The Chief Constable of Derbyshire, Mick Creedon, delivered a keynote lecture to all new undergraduate and postgraduate Criminology students during their induction week in late September 2009. Mr Creedon, who in the 1990s attained his Masters degree from the Department of Criminology, gave a lecture entitled ‘Policing – a Widening Mission’. The lecture gave students a real insight into policing in the 21st century.

Mr Creedon concentrated on his perception of the current key issues facing the police service in the UK, including the challenge of increasing public trust and confidence in the police; some myths surrounding the rise of the surveillance society; the positive role that forensic science and technology can play in detecting crime, and the potential dangers of restricting the use of the police DNA database.

Using case studies and examples from cases that he himself had been involved in, the Chief Constable also outlined some forms of contemporary criminal activity, such as terrorism, cross border and organised crime, e-crime and people trafficking, which he considers to be amongst the most challenging issues faced by the police service today. The fascinating talk was very well received by students, who engaged in a lively question-and-answer session with Mr Creedon at the end of his lecture. The Department recently made the Chief Constable an Honorary Visiting Fellow in recognition of his services to policing and his ongoing commitment to developing a more detailed understanding of the challenges of policing modern societies.

Jon Garland, Senior Lecturer in Criminology
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COURSE PROFILE

MSc Criminology

Our MSc Criminology programme is part of our suite of campus-based MSc courses, along with our MSc in Clinical Criminology and our MSc in Applied Criminology. It can be studied full-time over one year or part-time over two years and provides students with the opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of all aspects of crime, criminology and the criminal justice system through examining key theories and policies within social, political and historical contexts.

Taking a multi-disciplinary approach, the MSc Criminology course places particular emphasis on the development of knowledge and skills sought by the broad spectrum of agencies associated with the criminal justice process.

In addition to the three core modules, Understanding Crime, Penology and Criminological Research Methods, students are able to choose three optional modules from a list that covers a range of criminological topics.

The MSc Criminology programme is of interest to undergraduates studying law, psychology, criminology and the social sciences who wish to enhance their subject knowledge and embark on a related career. It is also relevant to practitioners currently working in the criminal justice system or a related field who wish to support their professional skills with a postgraduate qualification.

Dr Sarah Hodgkinson, Senior Tutor on the MSc Criminology programme commented that,

"Here at the Department of Criminology we pride ourselves on providing a rich and interactive student learning experience. Our MSc Criminology degree offers a diverse range of innovative research-led modules, giving our students the opportunity to both broaden their knowledge and enhance their enthusiasm for criminology, whilst preparing themselves for their future careers."

We are currently recruiting for the October 2010 intake of our MSc Criminology course. To find out more about this course and our other MSc courses, including entry requirements and how to apply please visit our website: www.le.ac.uk/criminology

Book by Leicester Academics Faces Expert Panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference

In early November 2009, following an invitation from the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Dr Neil Chakraborti and Jon Garland from the Department of Criminology participated as authors in a prestigious ‘Authors Meet Critics’ session at the annual meeting of the ASC in Philadelphia, USA.

The session heard critical responses to Neil and Jon’s recently published book, Hate Crime: Impact, Causes and Responses, from a panel of distinguished US hate crime academics that featured Professor Jack McDevitt (from the College of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University) and Associate Professor Carolyn Petrosino (Department of Criminal Justice at Bridgewater State College). The session was chaired by Dr Randy Blazak from the Department of Sociology at Portland State University.

The two experts were very positive about the book, praising the way that it critically addressed theoretical notions of hate crime and offered new thoughts on future directions for study. Both scholars felt that it was an outstanding contribution to the international development of the understanding of hate crime. Jon Garland commented that:

“It was a very interesting, constructive and enjoyable session, and it was very gratifying to have our work so highly regarded by such eminent people in the field.”

Postgraduate Open Afternoons

The Department of Criminology is holding two Postgraduate Open Afternoons during early 2010 for those interested in our campus-based Masters programmes or PhD study to come and visit the Department. The two dates available are:

- Wednesday 20 January 2010 at 2pm
- Wednesday 17 March 2010 at 2.30pm

There will be a welcome and introduction by the Head of Department as well as the chance to meet academic members of staff and current students. The open afternoons are an excellent opportunity for you to find out more about the course you are interested in and ask any questions that you may have. There will also be the opportunity to take a tour of the University of Leicester campus.

To book your place please email: criminology@le.ac.uk with the date you would like to attend and the course that you are interested in.

Full details of the courses available can be found on our website: www.le.ac.uk/criminology.
I stumbled fortuitously into the academic world of criminal justice in 1993. After graduating I’d become frustrated with a career in insurance and following a brief diversion into the software industry I was working as a contract researcher at Staffordshire University. There I bumped into two management lecturers, Geoff Berry and Jim Izat, who had established a Centre for Police Management and Research and secured a Home Office contract. They wanted some help and offered me a two-month post. I stayed at the Centre for the next nine years! During this period I was involved in numerous projects, many with my regular collaborator Alan Wright. We spent many weeks in Hungary working on projects to prevent police corruption and to encourage systems of civilian oversight of policing. It was during this time that I first met my namesake, Professor Rob I Mawby, in Budapest. The presence of two unrelated Mawbys caused some confusion among our Hungarian colleagues and I’ve subsequently fended off many students who find it difficult to believe that I know nothing about victimology and little about comparative policing.

While working at Staffs University I completed a part-time PhD at Keele University, supervised by Ian Loader. This was the basis of my book Policing Images (published in 2002 by Willan) which is essentially concerned with police legitimacy, a theme that I tend to keep returning to; it has become the thread that runs through my research despite working on diverse projects.

Having developed a number of collaborative projects with academics in Keele University’s Criminology Department, I moved there in 2002, staying for two years. During that time I undertook research with Anne Worrall on the joint agency management of targeted offenders and worked on a number of projects for the Home Office’s Police Standards Unit. These were rarely dull. One involved following drug sniffing dogs around the night time economy and another involved interviewing burglars, victims and police officers for a repeat victimisation burglary investigation initiative.

Despite my affection for Keele I was tempted away from its rolling countryside to the concrete of Birmingham City University where I stayed for three eventful years in a lively department that included my current colleagues at Leicester, James Treadwell and William Gisby. While there I was lucky enough to be awarded an ESRC grant to research police corporate communications and police-media relations and I’m currently writing this up for publication. I’m particularly interested in using my data to revisit Steve Chibnall’s classic work on crime reporting from the 1970s.

Since arriving in Leicester in May 2009, I’ve been involved in convening three of the distance learning Masters degree courses and it has been a pleasure to engage with students from several continents with diverse backgrounds and careers. It has also been an eye opener to see how distance learning has developed since I studied painfully for my professional insurance qualifications by what were then called ‘correspondence courses’ in the 1980s. Having had a taste of distance learning, I’ve now moved over to the campus-based undergraduate programme and I’m teaching modules on criminal justice, policing, and crime and the media.
Staff Publications and Achievements

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

**Publications**

**BOOKS**

**BOOK CHAPTERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

**BOOK REVIEWS**

**WORK REPRODUCED IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

**Conference papers presented**
- **Tammy Ayres** presented a paper entitled ‘The Normalisation of Cocaine Use Among Contemporary Youth: Fiction or Fact?’ at the British Society of Criminology Conference, Cardiff (June 2009).
- **Adrian Beck** presented a paper on ‘Collaborative Approaches to Successful Shrinkage Management’ at the Retail Industry Leaders Association Annual Loss Prevention Conference, Orlando (May 2009).
- **Adrian Beck** presented a paper on ‘Shrinkage in a Changing Business Environment’ at the ECR Conference, Barcelona (June 2009).
- **Adrian Beck** chaired a Shrinkage Roundtable at the Said Business School, University of Oxford (October 2009).
- **Neil Chakraborti** presented a paper on ‘Fresh Challenges for Hate Crime Thinking’ at the British Society of Criminology Conference, Cardiff (June 2009).
- **Jon Garland** presented a paper entitled ‘Reconsidering the Victim-Perpetrator Relationship in Hate Crime Cases’ at the British Society of Criminology Conference, Cardiff (June 2009).
- **Laure Guille** presented a paper entitled ‘Cross-border Police Cooperation in Practice. How Does it Work?’ at the British Society of Criminology Conference, Cardiff (June 2009).
- **Keith Spence** presented a paper on Human Security at the NATO sessions on ‘Homeland Security and Defence Against Terrorism’, Ankara (November 2009).
- **James Treadwell** presented a paper on ‘Boys Doing Business Online: Counterfeiting Crime on eBay’ at the British Society of Criminology Conference, Cardiff (June 2009).

**Conferences attended**
- **Tammy Ayres** attended the ‘What is Criminology?’ Conference at the University of Oxford (October 2009).
- **Yvonne Jewkes** attended the Scandinavian Studies of Confinement research seminar on the theme of ‘The Nordic Model – Exception or Not?: Exploring Institutions of Confinement in the Nordic Context(s)’ at the University of Oslo (October 2009).
- **Yvonne Jewkes** attended the ‘What is Criminology?’ Conference at the University of Oxford (October 2009).
- **Hillary Jones** attended the Offender Health Research Network (OHRN) Annual Conference. The conference centred around the service and research implications of the recently published Lord Bradley Report on People with Mental Health Problems or Learning Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System and the forthcoming DH strategy for offender health (September 2009).
- **Nikki Shelton** attended the ‘What is Criminology?’ Conference at the University of Oxford (October 2009).
Invitations, awards, accolades


Laure Guille signed an agreement for an Erasmus Teaching Mobility Programme from 23rd to 31st July 2009, teaching collaboration for summer courses at the Universidad Complutense of Madrid, Spain (Department of Politics and Sociology).

Carol Hedderman accepted an invitation to join the newly formed Independent Advisory Group on Statistics on Women in the Criminal Justice System which has been set up by the Office for Criminal Justice Reform.

Carol Hedderman joined the Steering Group for the ‘The Spire Project’ which is an EU funded project (under the DAPHNE Programme). Harborough District Council is the lead authority and will be delivering in partnership with Municipality of Puerto Lumbreras (Spain); Municipality Hjo (Sweden); Municipality of Hersonissos (Greece). The aim of the project is, in brief: to raise the awareness of the issues surrounding domestic abuse (violence) in rural communities. The focus of the project is building the capacity of rural networks and overcoming the dilemma where the spread of victims in rural areas can mean that resources and support are not available to either identify them or to provide support.

Yvonne Jewkes has been appointed External Examiner for Criminology in the Department of Sociology, University of Essex.

Yvonne Jewkes has been appointed External Advisor, Centre for the Study of Crime, Violence and Disorder, University of Gloucestershire.

Yvonne Jewkes has been appointed Academic Advisor, Salford University Centre for Prison Studies.

Yvonne Jewkes examined an MSc dissertation in Comparative Media Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA (September 2009).

Yvonne Jewkes gave a lecture to staff and postgraduate students in the Faculty of Law at University College Dublin (UCD) on the subject of ‘The Press, Prisoners and Penal Populism’ (October 2009).

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**Handbook of Internet Crime**

New book by Yvonne Jewkes and Majid Yar

Hot off the press is the *Handbook of Internet Crime* (Willan) edited by Yvonne Jewkes and Majid Yar. The volume brings together leading international experts in the field to explore some of the most challenging debates facing criminologists and other scholars interested in cybercrime, deviance, policing, law and regulation in the 21st century.

Providing an essential reference for students, researchers and others whose work brings them into contact with managing, policing and regulating online behaviour, the *Handbook contains 28 chapters covering a wide range of offences from online sex work to digital piracy and civil protest to cyber-terrorism. The volume also has several contributions which explore regulation and policing of the internet, the fascinating world of forensics and the presentation of computer evidence in criminal cases, and representations of cybercrime in film and literature.

Editor and author of a chapter on ‘Public policing and internet crime’, Yvonne Jewkes said: “The *Handbook of Internet Crime* has been an exciting project to work on. It is the most ambitious and comprehensive book on cybercrime to date, and includes chapters by some of the most well-known international scholars from a range of disciplines. Majid and I have worked together previously and find that our writing and editing skills complement each other very well, so all in all, this was a real pleasure to be involved in”.

Contributing authors include Janet Chan (Professor in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies at the University of New South Wales, Australia), James Curran (Professor of Communications at Goldsmiths, University of London), Dorothy Denning (Professor of Defense Analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, USA), Ian Walden (Professor of Information and Communications Law at Queen Mary, University of London) and David Wall (Professor of Criminal Justice and Information Society at the University of Leeds).


**Professor Yvonne Jewkes**

- For more information about the *Handbook of Internet Crime* please see [http://www.willanpublishing.co.uk/](http://www.willanpublishing.co.uk/)
New Loss Prevention: Redefining Shrinkage Management.

New Book by Adrian Beck with Colin Peacock

It is estimated that shrinkage – the euphemistic term used by the industry to cover financial losses that retailers face through spoilage, damage, error and theft – costs the global retail industry approximately $232 billion a year, equivalent to more than 50 per cent of bottom line profits for many retail organisations. Yet understanding why this persists in being such a resilient and costly problem has proved an elusive challenge, with the industry continuing to spend in excess of $46 billion every year trying to address it.

In this challenging new book, drawn from extensive research, the authors provide new insights highlighting how organisations have and can reduce shrinkage. Through adopting a systemic and systematic approach, premised upon a detailed understanding of the role failures in organisational processes can play in generating the opportunities for shrinkage to occur, the authors present a radically different perspective on managing the problem of retail loss. They question many commonly held preconceptions, in particular, that the problem is primarily due to external theft, and suggest that organisations need recognise more fully their role in creating operational frameworks that generate a myriad of opportunities for losses to occur.

More specifically this new book offers the reader:

- a comprehensive review of what is known to date about the scale and extent of shrinkage in the retail sector;
- a critical analysis of the traditional ways in which shrinkage has been managed;
- reflections on the broader retail context and how this impacts upon the management of shrinkage;
- a detailed review of how ‘shrinkage’ is defined and measured;
- new insights into the key role operational failures and opportunity play in creating shrinkage;
- effective ways to break the ‘shrinkage life cycle’ and maintain low levels of loss;
- a comprehensive model for tackling shrinkage – the ‘Loss Prevention Pyramid’;
- a detailed explanation of how to use the ‘Shrinkage Road Map’ – a management tool designed to identify organisational weaknesses and develop appropriate solutions.

This text offers one of the most comprehensive accounts of retail loss prevention to date and critically assesses current thinking on how the problem should be both conceived and addressed. Designed for students, academics and practitioners alike, it provides new insights into a problem that has plagued the retail industry since its inception.

Adrian Beck, Head of Department


Research into the Policing of Danish Biker Gangs

Darrick Jolliffe, Neil Chakrabarti and Jon Garland received £11,890 from the Danish Police Knowledge and Research Centre (DPKRC) to conduct a systematic review of material relating to the policing of biker gangs, with especial reference to the current situation in Denmark.

The project involved an analysis of journal articles, reports, websites, online databases, books and other sources and provided recommendations to the DPKRC regarding the best ways for the police to deal with the growing problem of criminal activity and conflict involving biker gangs and other organised groups in Denmark.

Jon Garland, Senior Lecturer in Criminology
Having had an extremely successful year in 2008/2009, the Criminology Society is now at the largest it has ever been with over 130 members.

Our membership includes undergraduate students across all three years, international students and postgraduates. The new committee has now settled in and we have already organised two very successful bar crawls – ‘returning 2nd and 3rd years’ and ‘decorate your own t shirt’. We have also organised a bar crawl for the Criminology football team, the Leicester Criminals, who have won every match so far this year.

At Freshers’ Fair we launched our new slogan ‘it’d be criminal not to’ and handed out freshers’ packs to members. We had many positive comments about our stall. There continues to be considerable interest in our hooded sweatshirts. These are embroidered on the front with the Criminology Society logo thumb print and embroidered on the back with your name or nickname. The sweatshirts are available in 30 different colours for a very reasonable price. Due to this success, we will soon be offering polo shirts with the Criminology Society logo on them.

This year we have been successful in organising three prison trips for 22 of our members. We hope that if the tours go well, we will be able to establish a more permanent relationship with the prisons and be able to organise further trips for more of our members.

With the society going from strength to strength, we have been able to raise enough funds to provide a football kit for the Criminology football team. With additional funding from the Students’ Union and an ever-increasing relationship building with the Howard League, this year is proving to be a great success for the Criminology Society.

Upcoming events include a curry night, joint winter ball with Sociology, cake stall in partnership with RAG and, due to popular demand, even the possibility of a trip abroad. On top of this, we have just had an informal get-together for the entire society which was very well attended.

For more information about the Criminology Society please contact us via email: Leicester-criminologists@hotmail.co.uk or contact me directly: cb256@le.ac.uk.

Charlotte Bonner, Criminology Society President

Death of Lawrence Mefful, MSc Security and Risk Management Student

It is with much sadness that the Department has learned of the death of Mr Lawrence Mefful whilst working for the UN in Afghanistan. Lawrence was a distance learning student on the MSc Security and Risk Management course. On behalf of everyone at the Department of Criminology we would like to express our condolences to Lawrence’s family and friends.

Head of Department, Adrian Beck, said:

“The tragic news of the death of Lawrence Mefful, one of our students on the MSc in Security and Risk Management, has deeply shocked all the staff in the Department of Criminology. While Lawrence had only recently begun his studies with the Department, he had already shown a keen interest in, and understanding of, the subject – his first module assignment had received a distinction mark. His sudden death brings home the stark realities of having to manage security and risk in dangerous environments and we are very fortunate that we have people like Lawrence who are willing to put themselves in such situations in order to protect the lives of others. Our condolences go out to his family and friends at this difficult time.”
Daniel McCulloch, who graduated from our BA Criminology programme with a first class honours degree in July 2009, has been selected as the first recipient of the Howard League postgraduate bursary. The bursary will pay Daniel’s tuition fees for the MA Criminology programme at Birmingham City University.

Daniel, who began the MA Criminology course in October 2009, commented:

“I’m really enjoying the challenge at Birmingham City University. We are getting strong student support for the Howard League and academically I am able to take the strong foundations that I have from my undergraduate study at Leicester and apply it at Masters level.”

Daniel will also be developing the Howard League’s Student Group at Birmingham City University.

Former Student Receives Award from Thames Valley Police

Nic Martin, a community safety officer employed by South Bucks District Council, and a graduate of the Department of Criminology, has been awarded a BCU commander’s commendation for his enthusiasm, commitment and sterling efforts in helping to reduce serious acquisitive crime in the South Bucks Local Police Area.

Nic graduated from our MSc Applied Criminology programme with distinction in January 2009. He was awarded the Best Dissertation prize for his dissertation: “Down Your Alley”: an evaluation of the Leicester City Council Community Safety Team Alley-gating scheme 2006/2008. As part of the course, Nic undertook a supervised placement at Leicester City Council Community Safety Team. Nic began working for South Bucks District Council in November 2008 after completing his Masters.

Chief Superintendent Paul Tinnion, Buckinghamshire’s police commander, commended him at an awards ceremony at The Kings Hotel in Stokenchurch on Thursday 25th September 2009.

In a speech he made at the event, Chief Inspector Paul Cook, South Buckinghamshire’s police commander, praised Nic for the many initiatives in which he has played a key part in to reduce serious acquisitive crime in South Buckinghamshire, in particular the KeyP Safe campaign, which aims to reduce the number of vehicles stolen in burglaries.
MSc Security and Risk Management Alumnus’ Dissertation nominated for Association of Security Consultants’ Prize

On June 25th 2009, Alison Patient, who completed her MSc in Security and Risk Management in 2008, represented the Department of Criminology at the Annual Lunch of the Association of Security Consultants. Alison’s dissertation on the effectiveness of risk management strategies in preventing terrorism, was nominated for the Imbert Prize, awarded annually for the development of ideas for the advancement of risk and security management in the UK. Alison is pictured receiving a plaque marking the event by Lord Imbert at the RAC club in London.

Dr Keith Spence, Lecturer in Criminology

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Study with us at the Department of Criminology

CAMPUS BASED UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES:
- BA Criminology

CAMPUS BASED POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (available part-time and full-time):
- MSc Criminology
- 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 Community Safety
- MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice
- MSc Police Leadership and Management

“The BA was a thoroughly rewarding and immensely enjoyable course. Studying with the University of Leicester undoubtedly enhanced my thought process, allowed me to apply academic theories within my chosen profession and helped me to achieve a highly regarded and highly relevant qualification.”

Michael Eldridge, BA Security and Risk Management graduate 2009

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Alumni Profile
Simon Roberts, Vice President Security, DHL Express, Dubai.

As I was in full time employment and was married with two small children I realised early on that time management was going to be essential. I developed a routine. I kept a folder, and any time I saw a reference which could be useful I put it in the folder. I joined the Hong Kong University library. This proved an astute move as it not only gave me some additional reference material but also provided a quiet area to study and plan my assignments. This is a useful tip for overseas students – check out the local tertiary establishments. They will often allow you to use their libraries and resource centres for a small fee. I studied for one hour each evening after work and for 8 hours each Saturday. Sunday was a family day. This gave me 13 hours study time per week which I found was usually sufficient. Obtaining a reasonable pass mark on the first assignment certainly encouraged me. When I saw the happy faces of the new graduates in Hong Kong University it spurred me on even more. Then half way through the course one of my assignments was entered by the University in a national competition for papers on security. Remarkably I won the prize and was awarded a cheque by ASIS and appeared in the University newsletter. I was on a high by now and this was capped by my ‘distinction’ for my dissertation. Two years after my graduation I decided to further my career in the private sector. I was fortunate to be offered a position as Head of Operations Support at the new Hong Kong International Airport. This enabled me to qualify as an aviation security manager in both Hong Kong and the UK having passed the requisite qualifications. Subsequently I was offered a position in London as Head of Training and Covert Testing for G4S. I then attended the ICAO aviation security manager’s course at Concordia University in Montreal and am now an active member of their alumni. My role with G4S took me all over the UK and on international assignments to Egypt, Cyprus and Jordan. By this time I was also speaking at various international security conferences in London, Amsterdam and Madrid.

Although I was happy and settled back in London I received an unexpected offer to take up my current position as Vice President Security for DHL based in Dubai. I am now responsible for security across three continents including some of the highest risk countries in the World. Already I have travelled to Iran, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and Iraq amongst others. The things that people try to send by DHL have been a real eye opener!

I am convinced that my degree with Leicester has had a positive impact on my career. It is something that corporations are often looking for on a CV. Certainly the mention of an MSc from Leicester is held in respect by our peers in the industry. I enjoyed studying and gained huge satisfaction from the feedback gained. I look back on my day of graduation as one of the proudest in my life.

Simon Roberts