

# Engaging scholarship, policy, practice. Institute of Criminal Justice Research

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## Introduction from the Director

Welcome to the first edition of *ICJR News*. The Newsletter is intended to give an account of the Institute's previous and forthcoming activities and will be issued bi-annually. We hope to include lots of 'newsy' information about our members and the events they are holding in their respective institutions. It is anticipated that we will include profiles of our members, grant and funding opportunities and information about upcoming appointments. The newsletter of course will only be as good as the information provided – so please let us know what you're doing, when, and how and we will endeavour to spread your news. Happy to include a picture/photo (within reason!)

I think you will agree that the ICJR has been very busy this year and much of the work has been done by a few very industrious people – including, Coral Abraham, Dr Alisa Stevens, Caroline Andow and Dr Harry Annison. We have held some exciting events – particularly the Penal Policy event in London in October for which the Institute received some encouraging feedback from our speakers and the audience alike. The seminar series this semester got off to a great start with Dr Ben Crewe and his colleagues coming to talk to a packed room about their current prison research.

Over the next 12 months we plan another strong seminar programme, a public lecture and another policy event. If you would like to take part in any of these events or would like to attend please keep an eye on the website for details. If you are not a member you can join on the website to ensure you receive notification of all the events coming up. You can also follow us on Twitter.

Lastly, I am on sabbatical next semester and Dr Phil Palmer will be taking over for that period. If you would like to contact someone on the team directly please email [ICJR@soton.ac.uk](mailto:ICJR@soton.ac.uk).



# ICJR Seminar series



## Experiencing very long term imprisonment from young adulthood: identity, adaptation and penal legitimacy

16:00 - 18:00, 8 October 2014

Building 85, Room 2209

[Link to website](#)

### Speaker information

[Dr Ben Crewe](#), University of Cambridge, Deputy Director of the Prisons Research Centre and Director, M.St. Penology Programme

[Dr Susie Hulley](#), University of Cambridge, Research Associate (Prisons Research Centre)

[Ms Serena Wright](#), University of Cambridge, Research Assistant (Prisons Research Centre)



## SM is sick but Kink is cool – exploring ambivalent discourses that surround sadomasochism & health

13:00 - 15:00, 21 October 2014

Building 34, Room 2003

[Link to website](#)

### Speaker information

[Dr Ummni Khan](#), Carleton University



## Making and Breaking Barriers: Assessing the value of mounted police units in the UK

16:00 - 17:30, 26 November 2014

Building 85, Room 2209

[Link to website](#)

### Speaker information

[Chris Giacomantonio](#), RAND Europe, Analyst working primarily with the Communities, Safety and Justice Programme.



## Prisoner rehabilitation or prison destabilisation: You get what you pay for.

16:00 - 17:30, 3 December 2014

Building 85, Room 2209

[Link to website](#)

### Speaker information

Ralph Valerio, National Vice Chairman, Prison Officers Association





## 'Guns 'n razors' – using narrative to construct accountability about deaths after police contact.

16:00 - 17:30, 11 February 2015

Building 85, Room 2209

[Link to website](#)

### Speaker information

[David Baker](#), Coventry University, Senior Lecturer in Criminology



## 'New Actors in Corrections'. Governing offender rehabilitation through the voluntary sector and peer mentor in England and Wales.

16:00 - 17:30, 25 February 2015

Building 85, Room 2209

[Link to website](#)

### Speaker information

[Dennis Gough](#), Director of Community Justice at the University of Portsmouth.

## Public Lecture

### Can decency survive in our prisons?

17 March 2014

The Institute of Criminal Justice Research (ICJR) hosted a public lecture on the relevance of the Prison Service's 'decency agenda'. Eoin McLennan-Murray, the President of the Prison Governors' Association argued that the growth in 'managerialism', the performance and audit culture, management restructuring and political initiatives are having an impact.



The decency agenda came from the findings of the 1991 Woolf Inquiry into the Strangeways Riot and other disturbances. In part Lord Woolf's report attributed the worst prison riot in British history to 'wholly unacceptable and inhumane conditions' and 'arbitrary and oppressive staff behaviour'.

Eoin served in ten prison establishments, twice as Governing Governor, as well as spending four years in Prison Service Headquarters where he was Staff Officer to the Director General and then the manager responsible for development and national roll out of the accredited cognitive skills and sex offender programmes. He was elected as President of the Prison Governor's Association in 2010 and continues this role while governor of HMP Coldingley.

To find out when our next public lecture is please contact [ICJR@soton.ac.uk](mailto:ICJR@soton.ac.uk)

[Professor Jenny Fleming](#) from Criminology and [Phil Palmer](#) from Law are co-directors of ICJR. "One of our core aims is to examine the relationship between criminal justice research and practice from an interdisciplinary perspective," says Jenny. "These public lectures are also a great way to bring practitioners, students and academics together". "Eoin gave us much food for thought." Phil adds: "As our speaker has personal knowledge of the prison system, listening to his perspective on the development of the decency agenda was of great interest. His observations could also be extended to other arms of the criminal justice system."



# Other events in the Institute

## Critical Issues in Contemporary Penal Policy

10:00 - 16:30, 22 October 2014

This one-day conference was held at the Royal Society, London and the day was divided into three themes – Imprisonment of Dangerous Offenders, Future of Probation and Youth Justice. Read Harry Annison's summary [here](#).

### Speaker information

Sir David Calvert Smith, Chair, Parole Board of England and Wales

Nick Hardwick CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons

Crispin Blunt MP, Member of Parliament for Reigate

Andrew Bridges CBE, Former HM Chief Inspector of Probation

Professor Paul Senior, Director, Hallam Centre for Community Justice, Sheffield Hallam University,

Paul McDowell, HM Chief Inspector of Probation

Penelope Gibbs, Director, Transform Justice

Frances Crook, The Howard League

Professor Roger Smith, Professor of Social Work, Durham University

Darren Tierney, Director, Youth Justice and Foreign National Offenders



Youth Justice Panel



Audience at the Conference



There will be a subsequent event held in collaboration with [Public Policy@Southampton](mailto:Public.Policy@Southampton) and the Howard League as part of the [Electoral Commissions competition](#), on the theme of 'Sex in Prison'. To read more about the commission please click [here](#) or contact [Alisa.Stevens@soton.ac.uk](mailto:Alisa.Stevens@soton.ac.uk).

## Expert Evidence Under the Microscope

Study day in collaboration with Lifelong Learning

10:00 - 17:00, 29 November 2014

[Link to website](#)

**What next for expert evidence?** [Phil Palmer LLB](#), University of Southampton

**Who pays the Piper?** [Dean Jones](#), The Home Office, Forensic Pathology

**Forensic Feuds: A case study of controversial science within the Criminal Justice System,** [Dr Gethin Rees](#), University of Southampton

**The Juridification of Trauma in Delayed Child Sexual Abuse Prosecutions,** [Sinéad Ring](#), Kent Law School, Lecturer in Law

**The Construction of the 'Expert',** [Matthew Nicholson](#), University of Southampton

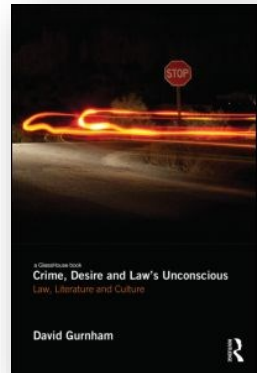


# Publications and Reviews

## Crime, Desire and Law's Unconscious: Law, Literature and Culture

Dr David Gurnham, Reader in Law at the University of Southampton and ICJR member has published a new book last month entitled 'Crime, Desire and Law's Unconscious: Law, Literature and Culture' (Routledge - GlassHouse books, 2014). Dr Gurnham's research interests are criminal law, law and literature, healthcare law and legal theory. Recent publications include the monograph *Memory, Imagination, Justice: Intersections of Law and Literature* (Ashgate 2009), as well as a number of articles and book chapter contributions.

David has also previously presented on the topic of HIV and '[Criminalizing Contagion](#)' as part of the ICJR seminar series for academic year 2013/14. To find out more about his most publication click [here](#).



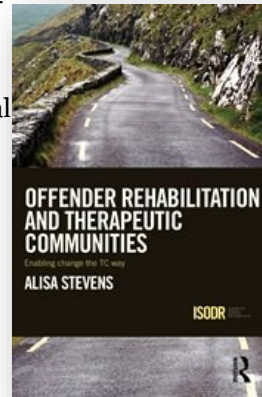
## Offender Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Communities

[Dr Alisa Stevens](#), Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Southampton has recently published a new book titled '*Offender Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Communities*'.

For her DPhil, Dr Stevens observed and interviewed residents (prisoners) and staff at the therapeutic communities (TCs) at HMPs Grendon, Gartree, and Send. These remarkable establishments offer serious (often life-sentenced, violent or sexually violent) offenders the opportunity to engage in group psychotherapy to help them understand themselves and their lives better, while living within a small, supportive penal community. Her research was published as the book *Offender Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Communities*, and her core argument is contained in the Criminology and Criminal Justice journal article '*I am the person now I was always meant to be*'.

This recent publication has been reviewed in the British Journal of Criminology as a 'scholarly, insightful and often-compelling study of therapeutic communities' which 'makes a significant contribution to the ongoing resurgence in ethnographic studies of the modern prison ... [and] deserves to be widely read'.

To view the review please click [here](#).



## Other publications from members

- Dr Harry Annison's article '[Interpreting the Politics of the Judiciary: The British Senior Judicial Tradition and the Pre-emptive Turn in Criminal Justice](#)', was published recently in the Journal of Law and Society.
- Dr Harry Annison has agreed a contract with Oxford University Press for the publication of his forthcoming monograph, entitled *Dangerous Politics*. It will be published as part of the [Clarendon Studies in Criminology](#) series in summer 2015
- Fleming, J (2014) 'Mental Health and Policing in the UK – a watershed moment', *Australasian Policing: a Journal of Professional Practice and Research*, Vol 6 (2) pp9-13



### In the news

Jenny Fleming was invited to speak on 'all things Policing' and talk to listeners on ABC Radio, Australia on 28 October.

## American Society of Criminology Conference

- **Dr Katy Sindall (pictured)** attended the ASC conference and presented a paper entitled 'Young people's confidence in policing: an empirical test using the Crime Survey for England and Wales' that she is writing with Dr Daniel McCarthy and Dr Ian Brunton-Smith from the University of Surrey. <https://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>
- **Craig Webber** and **Toby-Miles Johnson** also attended the ASC and presented the following papers:  
'Cybercrime and the Evolution of Underground Forums' – Craig Webber, (University of Southampton); Michael Yip, (University of Southampton) AND Sir Nigel Shadbolt, (University of Southampton)  
'(Mis)perceptions of Ethnic Group Size and Consequences for Community Expectations and Cooperation with Law Enforcement', Suzanna Fay-Ramirez, University of Queensland and Toby Miles-Johnson (University of Southampton)

- **Prof Jenny Fleming** invited presentations:

Fleming, J (2014) 'The Value of Research - Focus Groups in four distinct police constabularies', Presentation to the College of Policing, London, 6 November

Fleming, J (2014) 'We can read and write you know' – selling research to the police', Plenary Speech to the Scottish Institute of Policing Research – George Mason University Research Symposium, 20 October

Fleming, J (2014) Policing Mental Health, Plenary Speech at the *Law Enforcement and Public Health* conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 7 October

- **Dr Alisa Stevens (pictured)** was an invited discussant at the WomEx 'Why gender?' conference, Frankfurt am Main.
- **Sean Creaney** will be delivering a presentation on Participation and Youth Justice with Dr Stephen Chase on 15th December at Oxford Place, Leeds.



### Introducing our members...

**David Gurnham**



David was previously a Lecturer in Law at the University of Reading (2003 – 2005), and more recently a Lecturer in Healthcare Law and Ethics at the University of Manchester (2005 - 2012).

His research and teaching interests lie in interdisciplinary and critical approaches to Criminal Law, which embrace a 'law and' approach to both teaching and research.

He focuses on issues relating to criminal law's intersections with health, sexuality and language, and use literature, film and popular culture as sources alongside more 'traditional' legal texts such as statutes and case judgments.

## DARE international symposium

David Carson, Visitor, School of Law, University of Southampton, gave a plenary presentation at the third [DARE international symposium](#), organised by the University of Ulster, July 1-2, 2014. David is a well-known international speaker on the interface between law and risk in human services including defensible decision making and the management of risk and decisions in organisations. His topic was 'Organisational Responsibility for Professional Risk-taking.'

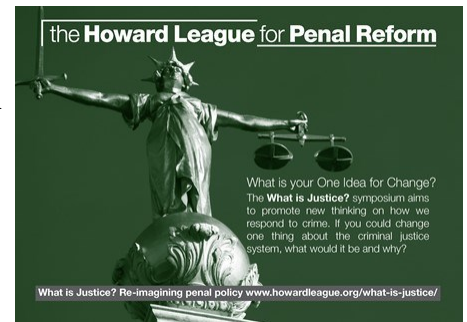




# Projects and Collaborations

## ‘One Idea for Change’

Dr Harry Annison continues to act as lead researcher on the Howard League for Penal Reform ‘[One Idea for Change](#)’ project. The One Idea for Change project asks, “If you could change one thing about the criminal justice system, what would it be and why?” People can send their ideas for change to [research@howardleague.org](mailto:research@howardleague.org). Dr Annison will subsequently be developing publications that will draw out themes and ideas from contributions to the ‘One Idea for Change’ project. The first event was held in late October, with further events to take place in 2015.



## Commission on Sex In Prison

The Howard League for Penal Reform has launched an independent Commission on Sex in Prison which comprises eminent academics, former prison governors and health experts and will focus on three broad themes:

- consensual sex in prisons
- coercive sex in prisons
- healthy sexual development among young people in prison.

The Commission will undertake the first ever review of sex inside prison where it is unlawful to have sex because prison cells are deemed to be public places. There is currently little reliable evidence available on both consensual and coercive sexual activity in prisons. It is not known to what extent men and women who identify as heterosexual may have sex with other prisoners while in prison. The Commission will also consider coercive sex which could involve rape, harassment, intimidation, assault or bribery.

## IOM Scoping Project

The Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scoping project conducted for Thames Valley Police and Thames Valley Probation by Dr Harry Annison and his Oxford University colleagues Dr Ben Bradford and Eli Grant has now been completed. A full evaluation of IOM in Thames Valley is currently under development. For further information, or to express interest in this future project, please contact Dr Annison at [h.annison@soton.ac.uk](mailto:h.annison@soton.ac.uk).

## ‘Long-term trajectories of Crime in the UK’

**Dr Will Jennings**, is a member of an ESRC funded project with Stephen Farrall, Colin Hay and Emily Gray at Sheffield on 'Long-term Trajectories of Crime in the UK'. The project is looking at the impact on offending of both socio-economic and criminal justice policies, as well as examining changes in public attitudes towards crime and criminal justice. Please see the link below to their project webpage with further details of the research, upcoming events and talks.

The project also has it's own Twitter account @Thatcher\_legacy which sends out regular updates.



### Forthcoming Seminar

Exploring the long-term effects of ‘Thatcherite’ social and economic policies for crime

April 29th 2015

**Speakers:** Stephen Farrall, Emily Gray, Will Jennings and Colin Hay



## Send your stories

If you are a member of the ICJR and have a story which you would like to tell, we would love to hear it. Whether this is a publication, an event you spoke at, or a collaboration with other universities or research groups, please contact us at [icjr@soton.ac.uk](mailto:icjr@soton.ac.uk)

## In the News

**Mark Telford's twitter comment featured in a Daily Mail article, linked to the Ann Maguire murder case.**

Penelope Gibbs, director of Transform Justice and chairman of the Standing Committee for Youth Justice (SCYJ), an umbrella group of charities and campaign groups, was a speaker at our Critical Issues in Contemporary Penal Policy conference and was at the centre of the news release for saying the sentence was too long. She told the BBC Radio 4 Today programme: 'We are out of line with the whole of western Europe.'

'There are no other countries within Western Europe which give children - and this boy is seen as a child under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and is in the youth justice system - who would give children a life sentence.'

University of Southampton academic Mark Telford told Mrs Gibbs on Twitter: 'Good to hear you make those important points about capacity for change on BBC Radio 4 Today this morning.'

To view the article please click [here](#).

## Mark Telford wins 'Best Innovative Teaching' award

- Congratulations to Dr Mark Telford who won an ETA (Excellence in Teaching Award) from the University of Southampton's Student Union for 'Best Innovative Teaching'.



## Co-director Promotion

- Dr Phil Palmer was promoted to Associate Professor in the recent promotion round at the University of Southampton—well done Phil!

## Director new appointments

Prof Jenny Fleming, director of the ICJR, received the following:

- Appointed to the Fast Track & Direct Entry Quality Assurance and Evaluation Steering Group, College of Policing – September 2014
- Appointed to the Hampshire Evidence-Based Policing Board – September 2014
- Appointed to the Ethics External Research Steering Group, Her Majesty's Inspectorate Constabulary (HMIC), August 2014.

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