



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER COLUMN

Welcome to Perth

Welcome all to the 22nd conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology. Congratulations to the Convenor, Frank Morgan, along with his Local Organising Committee (Ms Jude Rowohlt and Dr David Indermaur) for all their work and considerable energies in putting the conference together. Thanks also to the Postgraduate Sub-Committee (Roberta Julian, Chair) for organising the third Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher event in conjunction with the main conference. Perth was our conference venue in 1999, and it is wonderful to be returning to the graceful University of Western Australia campus.



Stepping Down: Reprising Significant Events

This is my eighth and last President's column for the Newsletter. I was elected in Sydney in November 2005, and I will be stepping down in Perth in November 2009. We have accomplished many things in the past four years, with many firsts.

The Society has held its conference in three places for the first time: Hobart in 2006, Adelaide in 2007, and Canberra in 2008. In 2010, we are venturing in an exciting and new direction with the conference in Alice Springs (27-30 September 2010).

The past four years have seen the revitalisation of ANZSOC's Newsletter (first issue in March 2006), with Bronwyn Naylor as Editor for three years, and Jacqueline Joudo Larsen, the incoming Editor in 2009. In 2006, we made key changes to the Society's Rules to streamline membership, to give the Committee of Management (CoM) greater flexibility in establishing the membership structure and fees, and to increase the representation on the CoM by two members (a representative for Postgraduate students and Early Career Researchers, and the Newsletter Editor). We supported postgraduate conferences and seminars at Griffith University, University of New South Wales, and Queensland University of Technology in 2006 and 2007. In 2007, the first Postgraduate and Early Career Research Conference was convened one day before the main conference; and in that year, we inaugurated a Society speaker for the Conference, and we negotiated a new contract with our journal publisher, Australian Academic Press. Also in that year, Society members participated in a major bibliometrics exercise, ranking journals for the Research Quality Framework (RQF); that work continues today as part of Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA). In October this year, we farewell our journal's outgoing Editor, Paul Mazerolle, who has ably served for four years, enhancing the prestige and stature of the journal. We welcome the new Editor, Sharon Pickering.

The CoM has teleconferences throughout the year and we meet at the Annual Conference. In 2008, we decided to set aside a day to review and discuss the Society's activities, policies, and plans for the future. Our first Planning Day was held in Canberra the day after the conference (Saturday). It was a highly productive

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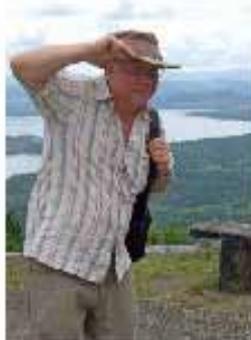
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has a new
website!**

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MEMBERS PROFILE

John Braithwaite

Kelly Richards profiles Professor John Braithwaite at the Australian National University



I can vividly remember meeting Professor John Braithwaite for the first time. It was at ANZSOC's 17th annual conference, held in Sydney in October 2003, and I had been scheduled to speak following John in a concurrent session on restorative justice. As a young, inexperienced postgraduate researcher, I was positively distraught to find that I had to follow John, who is widely regarded as an expert in my field of study, restorative justice. Although I envisaged that I might faint in his presence (like Molly Meldrum when he met John Lennon), I managed to pull through on the day with John's - and my PhD supervisors' - gracious support.

In the twenty years since the publication of one of his most highly-regarded texts, *Crime, Shame and Reintegration* (Cambridge University Press), John has become firmly established both within Australia and internationally as a leader in criminological research, particularly in the area of restorative justice. Given this, it is hard to believe that his career as an eminent criminologist might never have been. He originally planned on a career in politics, but was defeated for preselection when he ran as a Member of Parliament for the Australian Labor Party, and for State Secretary of the Labor Party in Queensland.

As an undergraduate student of sociology and anthropology at the University of Queensland John was greatly inspired by Paul Wilson and John Western, with whom he worked for a number of years. He admits, however, that he failed one subject and that the 2A he scored for his Honours thesis wouldn't have been rewarded with a PhD scholarship in today's competitive academic climate. John jokingly claims that he joined criminology "for the money;" that is, when his mentors Paul Wilson and John Western received a research grant, John leapt at the chance to complete his PhD, and to work as a research assistant. His doctoral research was ultimately published in book form as *Inequality, Crime, and Public Policy* (Routledge and Kegan Paul).

When his wife Val took a position at the Australian National University in 1978, John moved to Canberra, ultimately taking a position at the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC). He describes his move to the AIC as driven by "money and love"; that is, his need to be paid, and to follow Val, whom he met in kindergarten. John describes his five years at the AIC as "good years," during which he was inspired by

his colleagues, and became serious about pursuing a career in criminology. Before joining ANU himself in 1984, John spent some more time in lobbying positions in Canberra. Although he describes this as some of his "most worthwhile work," he realised at this time that he was "cut out to be an intellectual, not a leader".

Nonetheless, John's work has had an impact on the "real world" of criminal justice policy and practice, and he remains committed to working with advocacy and lobbying groups, and contributing towards what he calls "communities of conversation" on criminal justice and other regulatory issues. His approach might be described as "thinking globally, acting locally," and his commitment to engaging in dialogue with local church, community and justice groups is to be greatly admired.

John's current research with colleagues Hilary Charlesworth, Val Braithwaite and Kate Macfarlane - a twenty-year project comparing approaches to peacebuilding in post-conflict societies - will ultimately be global in scope. In the current phase, the project is focused on the Pacific region, where John will conduct fieldwork not only with one of his former PhD students, but also with his former student's students! This exemplifies both his impact on generations of criminologists, and his commitment to "acting locally."

**Kelly Richards,
Australian Institute of Criminology**

Margot Legosz



Dr. Margot Legosz has worked for the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) in Queensland for the last twelve years and is now the Director of Research and Prevention. Jacqueline speaks with her

My research experience has been primarily in the public health and policing/criminal justice fields. Before joining the CMC, I worked in academia at both the University of Queensland (in the Department of Psychiatry) and Queensland University of Technology (the School of Public Health) where I conducted epidemiological research into issues such as the physical and psychological health of Vietnam Veterans and the prevalence and consequences of sexual abuse. When I started working at the CMC, I expanded my research into a range of areas which align with the priorities of the Commission. These include research into police methods of operation, major and organised crime and public policy work, such as conducting legislative reviews and public inquiries.

I am an epidemiologist. I hold a PhD (Epidemiology/Public Health), a Masters of Public Health (Epidemiology/Statistics), an Arts degree (with majors in Psychology, English and Fine Arts) and a Diploma of Business.

Readers may wonder why an epidemiologist is working for a law enforcement oversight/integrity agency. Essentially, epidemiology is based on two assumptions: that human disease does not occur at random, and that human disease has causal and preventive factors that can be identified through systematic investigation of different populations or subgroups of individuals within a population in different places or at different times. Epidemiology is thus defined as the study of the distribution and determinants of disease frequency; it provides wonderful training in research methodology and an appropriate process for studying "social diseases," such as crime and misconduct.

The work of my unit contributes to the Commission by undertaking research into the prevalence of major crime (e.g., organised crime, criminal paedophilia, serious crime, terrorism), and official and police misconduct. We also undertake research to identify the predictors, motivators, barriers and facilitators of crime and misconduct which, in turn, provides a basis for prevention advice and relevant capacity building activities.

Our research is very different to that of a typical government agency; it is relatively better resourced and completely non-political. It is also very different to academia, in that it provides unique access to law enforcement/oversight agency information (including confidential and protected material). Importantly, while the work must be of the highest academic standard, it must be completely practical and outcome focussed. The government has endorsed and implemented many of the Commission's recommendations - our work makes a difference, but it means that there is enormous pressure on us to get it right!

In undertaking the work, we face many challenges. For example, accessing good quality/empirical data can be difficult and we often have to conduct our own primary research. Given the content of much of our work we often need to collect that information from hidden or difficult groups of people - finding these people (e.g., sex workers, homeless people, drug users, criminals) can be challenging. Once we find the right people, we often need to overcome the reticence that some may feel in meeting with us given (a) the CMC's oversight/investigative role (of police, public sector employees, politicians, union members etc.) and (b) the CMC's law enforcement role which makes contact with sex workers, criminals, drug users etc. difficult. It is hard work - we need to gain trust, we need to ensure confidentiality and we need to stress what we hope to achieve.

So why do I work there? I believe in the work we do; it is enormously rewarding; my colleagues are incredible and we DO make a difference.

Please visit our website for some of our publications:
www.cmc.qld.gov.au.

RECENT EVENTS

AIJA Indigenous Courts Conference 5-7 August 2009, Rockhampton

The 2nd Indigenous Courts Conference conducted by the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration took place in Rockhampton from 5-7 August 2009. The conference followed an earlier conference which took place in Mildura on 4-7 September 2007.

Indigenous courts have become an important feature of judicial administration in Australia and in other countries, particularly in Canada and New Zealand. These courts are concerned with sentencing of Indigenous offenders after a plea of guilty. As the Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, said in her opening speech, the principles which govern Indigenous courts "borrow from restorative justice, from therapeutic jurisprudence, problem-solving courts and transitional justice."

Whilst research in relation to the evaluation of Indigenous courts, so far as recidivism is concerned, has been problematic, several speakers at the conference, addressing the question of evaluation, were adamant in their view that the acceptance of Indigenous courts by Indigenous communities was a matter that cannot be gainsaid. Significantly, in Victoria, the principles governing Indigenous courts at the Magistrates or Local Courts level have been "rolled-out" into the County Court, the intermediate court in Victoria. There has been discussion regarding "roll-out" in Queensland and in New South Wales.

The Conference provided an opportunity for Indigenous people to actively participate in the Conference programme. Indeed, three conference sessions were devoted exclusively to Indigenous participants. Sessions were devoted to the role of Elders and other Indigenous representatives in Indigenous Courts and to Indigenous children in the courts. Family violence and Indigenous courts opens a whole new range of possibilities for the use of Indigenous courts.

The AIJA was delighted that the Governor-General was able to address the Conference and that Ms Kirsty Sword Gusmao, Goodwill Ambassador for Education and Chairwoman of the Alola Foundation, Timor-Leste, was able to be the dinner speaker.

The AIJA has an active Indigenous Justice Committee chaired by Senior Judge Mary Ann Yeats of the District Court of Western Australia, which has an ongoing brief to consider Indigenous issues as they relate to the administration of justice. That Committee will look at future education and research initiatives so far as the Indigenous community and the courts are concerned.

Papers and overheads from the conference are available on the AIJA website:

www.aija.org.au

**Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director,
Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration**

NEWS FROM THE ANZSOC SECRETARY



Since the last newsletter the ANZSOC Secretariat has been busy, with many things happening! We have introduced new people to the Society, launched the website with new membership features and introduced an online membership renewal system. At present we are working towards the 2009 conference in Perth where

this year's Annual General Meeting will be held.

2009 in Perth

While writing this article the focus of the Secretariat is to get us all ready for a great conference in Perth and the AGM, which will be held in the lunch break on day two, Tuesday 24 November. This year's AGM will see two Society Greats stepping down, President Kathleen Daly and Treasurer Matthew Willis. Professor Daly has been a major force in the recent year's development and professionalisation of the Society and she is leaving an invigorated and strong Society for the future. In addition ANZSOC has benefited greatly from the proficiency of Treasurer Matthew Willis, leaving the Society ready for the many challenges ahead.

We are all looking forward to a great conference and week in Perth, to meeting members and engaging in the Conference. As usual we will be present at the Conference and we invite you to come and meet us at the stand where we are happy to answer any questions you have regarding membership or just have a chat.

New People

ANZSOC has had the great pleasure of welcoming a new Newsletter Editor (Jacqueline Joudo Larsen), a Newsletter Production Editor (Brigitte Bouhours) and a new Journal Editor (Sharon Pickering). This issue of the Newsletter is the first without Bronwyn Naylor who took charge of the Newsletter five years ago, revitalised it and made it a special feature of the ANZSOC membership. Bronwyn has passed on to Jacqui a skilled Editorial Board and, as a last signature, introduced the role of Production Editor to the Newsletter. The Newsletter will continue to professionalise and develop the already high standard with Jacqui now in the seat and we are pleased to be able to welcome her on board.

The Website

The new ANZSOC website is completed and though it had a baptism of fire we have been very pleased with the new features we can now present. The first real test was the membership renewal process in July/August this year, which overall went smoothly. Just as our members needed to learn how to use the system, also we needed to learn how to operate it. As often is the case when introducing a new system, we have

learned on the go, but the general experience has been a very positive one. ANZSOC members have taken to the new system with membership numbers growing and we are hopeful that this support will give us the opportunity to develop membership benefits and outcomes.

If you haven't already been onto the new website, we encourage everyone to have a go, explore the new features and get to know the special options you have as a member. We are especially keen to develop the membership database where it is now possible to find other ANZSOC members. In the future we hope to make the ANZSOC website a reliable search tool for colleagues in the field, so please keep your membership details up to date and make your preferred contact details available to other members.

ANZSOC website



www.anzsoc.org

Planning Day

ANZSOC has a great team of dedicated Committee of Management members with extraordinary energy and commitment to developing the ANZSOC membership. Once a year, in conjunction with the annual conference, the ANZSOC Committee of Management meets to review and develop strategies for the year ahead. This year's Planning Day agenda shows the array of activity currently taking place within ANZSOC and we look forward to present the aims for improving the future of ANZSOC membership.

Coming Up – 2010 in Alice Springs

Already now the activities of the Secretariat are turning towards 2010 and our next conference in Alice Springs. We are all very excited to be able to present our members with this opportunity that will take us to the centre of the country; an experience we are all looking forward to.

In the meantime we are always happy to hear from you and help you with any enquiry you may have. Application for membership is completed online at www.anzsoc.org and if you have any questions regarding your membership or any ANZSOC activity the Secretary can be contacted on:

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With best wishes,

**Signe Dalsgaard,
ANZSOC Secretary**

NEWS IN CRIMINOLOGY

South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology

The South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology (SASCV) is an international association founded to nurture criminology and victimology in countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Nepal. Academics, researchers and practitioners worldwide have come together to establish SASCV and share best practices in the context of South Asia.

Literature, religion and cultural practices of this region demonstrate a traditionally rich understanding of criminology and victimology. South Asian literature is replete with stories of victim justice and restorative practices. Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and various Tribal religions played a great role with regard to the concept of justice and non-violence, both at individual and community level. The colonial period introduced a new and formal centralised criminal justice system dismantling the existing idea of justice. The 20th century saw the establishment of new states where ethnic, religious, linguistic, caste, communal, tribal and other identities played a role in institution of constitutions and in the legal sphere of criminal and victim justice.

Today, South Asian countries face acute problems of corruption, criminal violence, terrorism, extremism, poverty, environmental degradation, white collar/cyber crimes, violations of human rights, state sponsored terrorism, crime against humanity, individual and collective victimization. In this context, the South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology (SASCV) has emerged as a novel initiative to assist countries in criminal justice policy making and support victims of crime and abuse of power. We welcome anyone who shares our goals as members.

Please visit us at www.sascv.edu.tf

K. Jaishankar
President, South Asian Society of Criminology

New Director at the Australian Institute of Criminology

Dr Adam M. Tomison was appointed Director of AIC in July 2009. Dr Tomison comes to the AIC as an internationally recognised expert in the field of child abuse, the prevention of child abuse and other family violence, and the development and operation of child protection and family support systems.

Prior to his appointment with the AIC he was Head of the Child Protection Program at the Child Protection Clearinghouse. Under his leadership, the Clearinghouse became a centre for excellence with a national and international reputation in the field of child abuse prevention and child protection. He subsequently developed a number of other national research and information units for the Institute, notably the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault.

Dr Tomison has made significant academic contributions to scholarly and applied research in the areas of child protection and violence prevention, including serving as a member of the editorial board of *Child Abuse and Neglect: An International Journal* since 2004. He is a frequent presenter at conferences and has regularly run educational and training seminars for professionals and the wider community.



Dr Adam Tomison, new director of the AIC

2010 ANZSOC CONFERENCE

As mentioned in the President's column, the 2010 ANZSOC conference will take place in Alice Springs from 28th to 30th September (with the Post-graduate conference to be held on 27th September). Though it is early days, planning has begun and "early early" bird electronic registrations should be available from mid December and the call for abstracts in January/February.

For members who wish to start planning their papers, themes are likely to encompass domestic cross border issues, transnational borders crimes and Indigenous issues related to criminology.



ANZSOC 2010

We know it is early notice but it is never too early to plan to join your colleagues and friends in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia

28 – 30 September 2010
(Post-Graduates day 27 September)

It is not just a convention – experience the 'outback' destination as well. Tell your friends and colleagues back home, pin this up on your office notice board, check back to the ANZSOC web site, registrations will open late 2009. Pre & post conference tours, experience the Ghan train journey & the mighty Uluru (Ayers Rock)



EDITOR'S REPORT: ANZ JOURNAL OF CRIMINOLOGY



Sharon Pickering,
ANZJC new Editor

This is my first report as Editor of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*. I look forward to an exciting term advancing the prestige of the Journal, further internationalising its reach and working with the Society for the development of Criminology on both sides of the Tasman. I would like to pass on my most sincere thanks to Professor Paul Mazerolle

for his support during the editorial transition. Paul has handed over a Journal which is in very good shape, and he and his editorial team have been tireless in ensuring the core functions of submission and review have been expertly handled. My best wishes to Paul in his future pursuits and thanks for his outstanding service to the Journal. I would also like to pay tribute to the Associate Editors and Editorial Board of the past four years. I am grateful that many have agreed to stay on for the next term. To those departing, my sincere thanks for their service to the Journal.

I am delighted to be working with two Associate Editors for the next term—Professor Andrew Goldsmith from the University of Wollongong and Associate Professor Gail Mason from the University of Sydney. Andrew and Gail will be working to support our focus on increasing the number of submissions and attracting the very best criminological work from home and abroad. Dr Mike Grewcock from the University of New South Wales was the successful applicant for the important role of Book Review Editor. Mike will be seeking to re-energise the book review section of the Journal and to highlight its important intellectual role in considering and communicating new developments in our field. I encourage you to contact Mike with your new releases to ensure their timely inclusion in the Journal. I am also pleased to introduce Ms Alison Gerard as the Managing Editor of the Journal.

A new development for the Journal is the expanded Editorial Board which will include an Australian and New Zealand Editorial Board and an International Advisory Board. This expansion will enable a more engaged and diverse representation of the discipline focused on attracting the highest quality of submissions and ensuring their timely review. As Editor, I will be committed to upholding Editorial independence and the scholarly integrity of the Journal by maintaining the central importance of the peer review process.

The next issue of the *ANZJC* (42.3) includes the following papers:

- *Modifiable determinants of youth violence in Australia and the United States: A longitudinal study*
Sheryl A. Hemphill, Rachel Smith, John W. Toumbourou, Todd I. Herrenkohl, Richard Catalano, Barbara J. McMorris and Helena Romaniuk
- *Similarities and differences in risk factors for violent offending and gang membership*
Finn-Aage Esbensen, Dana Peterson, Terrance J. Taylor and Adrienne Freng
- *I wasn't alone: Collective behaviour and violent delinquency*
Jean Marie McGloin and Alex R. Piquero
- *Ethnic identity and criminal offending in a New Zealand birth cohort*
Dannette Marie, David M. Fergusson and Joseph M. Boden
- *The impact of puberty on aggression/delinquency: Adolescence to young adulthood*
Jake M. Najman, Mohammad R. Hayatbakhsh, Tara R. McGee, William Bor, Michael J. O'Callaghan and Gail M. Williams
- *If at first you don't succeed ... keep trying: Strategies to enhance coalition/school partnerships to implement school-based prevention programming*
Abigail A. Fagan, Blair Brooke-Weiss, Rick Cady
- *Creating a Youth Violence Data System for Boston, Massachusetts*
Deborah Azrael, Renee M. Johnson, Beth E. Molnar, Mary Vriniotis, Erin C. Dunn, Dustin T. Duncan and David Hemenway

I intend to ensure that Australian and New Zealand criminologists are convinced of the importance of publishing in their premier Journal and of its role in internationalising the impact of their work. I will be working with the publisher to ensure that the readership and citation of the Journal increases. Publishing in the *ANZJC* is a compelling proposition that I aim to continually promote to our membership (and beyond) over the coming three years. A key aim of my Editorship will be to work proactively to improve the Journal's standing in academic rankings of publication quality.

I will work collaboratively with the Society towards the international advancement of Australian and New Zealand Criminology. The Editorial team will build on the rich history of the Journal in publishing the best criminological research on Australia, New Zealand and the region, while also striving to be a vehicle for international and comparative criminological research globally. Attracting the highest quality articles from around the world will be the focus of my stewardship.



This task recognises the international currency of Australian and New Zealand criminological research, both theoretically and empirically, and the importance of publishing this work alongside the highest quality research from other parts of the world.

On a more practical note, I will be working with the publisher to ensure the smooth introduction of an online submission system and an online alerts system, which will have significant reach amongst our membership and beyond. At the Perth ANZSOC Conference I will be participating alongside other Journal editors in a session designed to increase communication between authors and Journals – I look forward to seeing you there.

**Sharon Pickering,
Monash University**

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meeting as we considered the development of a new website, among other major items on the agenda. This year we are again holding a Planning Day (again on a Saturday), but it will take place before the conference so we have the requisite energy. Those who are standing for election and those stepping down are attending to ensure continuity of the Society's work.

The past 12 months have been especially important in professionalising the Society. We hired Signe Dalsgaard in August 2008 to carry out the many tasks of Secretary. Signe led the development of the Society's new logo, and with Russell Smith and Damon Muller, the creation of the Society's new website. It was a major accomplishment to get the website up and running for the membership renewal in July 2009. Renewing and joining the Society are now more professional and efficient. There is a lot more to be done to the website with information, links, discussion boards, and members' access only areas, but I am pleased that it is established.

In February 2006 in Hobart, I was asked, where is the Society? It had no presence at that conference nor other previous conference I had attended. That changed, beginning in 2007. We now have a Society booth, membership forms, copies of the journal, and other information. We even have an official Society banner. We can have an even greater presence in partnering with our local convenors in making the conference a significant event.

When I first took on the role of President, I announced that my goals were to increase the visibility, stature, and professionalism of the Society. We have progressed on all of these goals, and particularly professionalism and visibility. All of that comes at a financial cost, and a major goal for the future is to find ways to increase revenues without raising membership fees substantially.

Who is "the Society"?

Over the past four years on several occasions, people have said to me that "the Society" should do this or

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Editor would like to thank all contributors to this newsletter and the members of the Communications Sub-Committee.

Members are invited to submit stories or notices for inclusion in the ANZSOC Newsletter. Every effort will be made to include contributions, but space is limited. Please understand that items may be edited or not included.

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that. Sure, that's fine, but who is "the Society"? Who will be implementing these ideas? Who has the time and inclination to follow through? As President, I could spend five days a week on "the Society," but this is not feasible. The work of the Society is carried out by those who choose to volunteer their time and see a project through. "The Society" is not a faceless entity waiting to be tasked with more work. It is all the goodwill, voluntary efforts, and good ideas of people who are members of the Society or those who want to be part of it. Please propose and get involved in a project or task.

AGM and Out-Going Members

At the 2009 AGM, we will be voting in a new set of officers and ordinary members. My thanks and appreciation to those who are stepping down this year. They are Matthew Willis (Treasurer), Mike Rowe (2nd Vice President), Mark Brown (Victoria), and Rebecca Wickes (Queensland). Rebecca will continue to be actively involved in the Society's work, as would be the case for any of our former officers or CoM members who wish to do so. There will be a re-configuration of Officers as Matthew and I step down. Make sure to attend the AGM to elect the next members of the CoM.

To Close ...

I thank the Society for the opportunity to serve as ANZSOC President. I am proud to have played a role in accomplishing several significant goals, and I could not have done so without the dedication and support of the CoM.

**Kathleen Daly,
ANZSOC President**



PROFILING TWO POSTGRADUATE MEMBERS

Susan Bird

Academic life has always appealed to me. Almost from birth, I was wheeled into my mother's office in the Monash University Law School, and exposed to the chaotic, creative life of academia. Listening to conversations between staff was often mystifying as a child, but as I grew older the significance of law, and how it impacts on all our lives, became clearer – and I ended up a student of law myself. Criminology is particularly interesting to me as it is a discipline that questions aspects of the legal system, never taking for granted that the way things are are necessarily the way they ought to be.

Many feel overwhelmed with the sheer magnitude of the task that is a PhD. I am not immune to this sensation. Currently on a six-week leave of absence while taking an internship in Native Title (as part of the Aurora Project), I have had the chance to reflect on what remains of my steady climb towards the peak of completion. Since beginning my PhD in late 2006, I have seen my topic develop and grow. The topic is interdisciplinary, drawing on theories of law, criminology and sociology. My research interests are tied together by the consideration of spatiality, a specific geographic location, and an understanding supervisor! At last year's ANZSOC Postgraduate Conference in Canberra, I presented on part of a chapter of my thesis. This chapter examines legal responses to graffiti or street art, particularly in the city of Melbourne. The paper was well received, and has since been published in *Public Space: The Journal of Law and Social Justice*.

Research is for me a continually inspiring and rewarding process. While working on a PhD, I have the luxury of directing my research to wherever my interests lie. I think the main challenge for me will be where to cut the piece of string!



Pota Hatz



I am a PhD student at the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney under the supervision of Associate Professor Gail Mason and Dr Murray Lee. I graduated from The University of New South Wales in 2007 with a Bachelor of Social Science (Criminology) honours and a second major in policy. My honours research project examined the licit and illicit drug use of UNSW undergraduate students.

This project provided me the opportunity to uncover the reasoning behind and level of student drug use. A key finding suggested there is some degree of public misinformation regarding young people and drug use. I was determined to explore this finding further and decided to undertake a PhD, a rather daunting yet fulfilling journey.

My PhD examines media representations of the crystal methamphetamine "ice" issue and whether the representations have influenced subsequent Australian illicit drug policies and legislation. A plethora of social and political debate involving the media, politicians, police and other community organisations took place in 2005 to 2007. The apparent "easy access to the drug", the growing number of "users" and headlines such as "Australia gripped by a new drug scourge" filtered through to the general public and supposedly provided an accurate portrayal of the crystal methamphetamine situation in Sydney, Australia. My thesis aims to explore these representations and determine their accuracy.

I decided to use moral panic and the sociologically influenced risk theory as my conceptual and theoretical framework for this thesis. Methodologically, I am using a critical discourse analysis of media articles and all major Australian illicit drug policies and legislations, to analyse the media's overall influence.

As the media in its different forms has become a fixture in our daily quest for information, I intend for my research to have some influence on media reporting of future sensitive and provocative issues.

PROFILE OF A RESEARCH CENTRE

Crime and Justice Research Centre Victoria University of Wellington

The Crime and Justice Research Centre (CJRC) is an applied research centre at Victoria University of Wellington. It was established in 2002 as a separate unit dedicated to researching crime and social responses to crime and provides research and consultancy services predominantly to government agencies. The CJRC grew out of a contract research group within the Institute of Criminology, to which it remains closely aligned.

The Centre currently employs two experienced Senior Research Fellows, Dr Venezia Kingi who has particular expertise in qualitative research and managing and conducting evaluations and Dr Elaine Mossman who specialises in the design and implementation of mixed-methodology evaluation research.

Over the last decade, CJRC has played a significant role in researching a range of criminal justice issues of critical importance to New Zealand society. Much of this research involves working with hard-to-reach populations and with Māori and Pasifika research participants. The centre works collaboratively with Māori and Pasifika researchers and forms multi-skilled research teams from our networks in the community and within the University.

Examples of some of our most recent work include:

- **Measuring crime in New Zealand**
CJRC has led three national counts of crime victimisation that are the best estimates of the level of crime in New Zealand and form the basis of New Zealand crime prevention policy.
- **Sexual violence**
One of the largest pieces of sexual violence research undertaken in New Zealand or internationally. This included an attrition study, interviews with victim/survivors and an environmental scan of community agencies and professionals who deal with sexual violence victim/survivors. The findings from this are already being used to inform policy by the Ministries of Justice and Women's Affairs and New Zealand Police.
- **The use of restorative justice with family violence cases**
This review considered the use of restorative justice in family violence cases and included interviewing victims and offenders about their experience of such processes.
- **Supported bail**
An evaluation of a new remand option for serious young offenders. Intensive supervision allows youth to stay in the community thus reducing pressure on youth justice residences

and improving outcomes for young offenders and their families.

- **The treatment of young sex offenders**
A five year evaluation of a therapeutic residence for adolescent sex offenders that included interviews with youth, their families and key stakeholders.
- **Decriminalisation of prostitution**
New Zealand was the first country to decriminalise prostitution with the passing of the Prostitution Reform Act 2003. This was a controversial piece of legislation attracting considerable interest within New Zealand and internationally. CJRC conducted research that contributed to the review of this Act.
- **Public defence service**
An evaluation of a pilot programme to introduce use of a bulk funded legal aid service in New Zealand.

Other topical issues CJRC has recently researched include: amendments to the Mothers and Babies in Prison Act, the piloting of Taser guns by New Zealand police, car crime and tourism, viewing habits of users of sexually explicit material, family violence in the Pacific, and ethical issues associated with the collection of DNA evidence.

The CJRC is currently working on projects related to young women's violent offending and issues of prisoners' employment. For further information on the work of the Crime and Justice Research Centre please visit:

www.victoria.ac.nz/cjrc/

**Venezia M Kingi,
Senior Research Fellow,
Crime and Justice Research Centre**



*Dr Venezia Kingi, at the
Crime and Justice Research
Centre, Wellington, NZ*

ANZSOC PRIZE WINNERS 2009

Student Paper Prize 2009

Gitana Proietti-Scifoni (Griffith University) for her paper, "State Perpetrated Crime: The Experience of Women in Timor-Leste," under the supervision of Kathleen Daly.

The Student Paper Prize is awarded each year for the best paper in criminology or a related area written by an Australian or New Zealand citizen or resident (or also by any student member of the Society regardless of their citizenship or place of residence), who is a student (undergraduate, honours, or masters by coursework candidate), with eligibility limited to those for whom the degree has not yet been conferred at the time of writing the paper. The papers submitted for the Student Paper Prize are to be written by the applicant as a sole author and must be under 8,000 words (including references). Honours and Masters research theses are ineligible.



Gitana completed her undergraduate degree in Criminology (majoring in Criminal Justice and Indigenous Studies), followed by Honours (First Class) in Criminology in 2008, at Griffith University. She also undertook an Australian Institute of Criminology internship in 2007. During this time, she received a number of academic awards, including a Dean's Commendation

(2004), three Griffith Awards for Academic Excellence (2006-2008) and the Honours Dean of Arts Scholarship (2008).

In between schooling and pursuing university study, Gitana travelled to many places, including Southeast Asia. She also went to Timor-Leste in 2003, where she was able to visually grasp the devastation that many, particularly women and children, experience on a daily basis. As part of her Honours coursework, Gitana wrote an essay titled "State Perpetrated Crime: The Experience of Women in Timor-Leste." This paper was borne from both personal and professional interests. Gitana relished the opportunity to write an essay that encompassed such a personally relevant review of women's experiences of state perpetrated crime. On a professional level, she was eager to research a field that affects women and cultural minority peoples, especially in an international context. Further, she was able to include a political critique of human rights discourse and how it relates to state perpetrated crime.

Since completing her studies, Gitana has been working as a Research Assistant for Professor Kathleen Daly and with the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance at Griffith University.

Her research centres on global innovative justice practices and she has recently co-authored a major qualitative study on Nowra Indigenous Circle Sentencing

New Scholar Prize 2009

Anna Eriksson (Monash University) for her paper "Challenging Cultures of Violence through Community Restorative Justice in Northern Ireland," pp. 231-60 in Holly Ventura Miller (ed.) *Sociology of Crime, Law and Deviance*, Vol. 11 (2008), on the theme, Restorative Justice: From Theory to Practice. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Ltd.

The New Scholar Prize is awarded each year for the best publication in criminology or a related area written by an Australian or New Zealand citizen or resident, or by any member of the Society regardless of their citizenship or place of residence. Candidates for the New Scholar Prize must be within five years of their appointment to their first full-time academic or other research-related position. Articles submitted for the New Scholar Prize are to be written by the candidate as a sole author.

Anna is a lecturer in criminology at Monash University in Melbourne, a job which she started in July 2007, straight after completing her PhD at Queen's University Belfast on the topic of community restorative justice. Anna is originally from Sweden, but her world view (and accent!) has been coloured by many years of living abroad.



She started her academic career as an undergraduate at Griffith University in Brisbane, where she completed a BA in Behaviour Science and a BA in Criminology and Criminal Justice. She then packed her bags for Europe, undertaking an MPhil in Criminology at Cambridge University in England before her interest in restorative justice took her to Belfast for a PhD.

The article for which the ANZSOC Prize was awarded dealt with one aspect of this research, how to challenge ingrained cultures of violence through restorative justice, and a book published in 2009 provides an overview of the events in Northern Ireland (see Eriksson, A. 2009, *Justice in Transition: Community Restorative Justice in Northern Ireland*, Willan Publishing).

Restorative justice, particularly as an approach to conflict resolution in marginalised and high-crime communities, remains a passion for Dr Eriksson, but she has recently begun working together with Professor John Pratt on a major comparative project titled *Penal Excess and Penal Exceptionalism: Contrasts in imprisonment between Anglophone and Scandinavian societies*.

Finally a use for those Swedish language skills! Between September and November 2009, Anna is a Visiting Fellow at King's College London where she will, amongst other things, work on the above mentioned project.

The Allen Austin Bartholomew Award 2009

Nicole Rafter (Northeastern University, USA) for her paper, "Criminology's Darkest Hour: Biocriminology in Nazi Germany," *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology* (2008), 41(2): 287-306.

The Bartholomew Award is awarded annually for the best paper in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*. The 2009 Award was made in respect of articles published in Volume 41 (2008) of the journal.



Nicole Rafter began her professional life as an English teacher, turning to criminology and criminal justice only when she was in her early thirties, at which point she earned her PhD from SUNY-Albany.

She has produced 14 books, including 4 monographs: *Partial Justice:*

Women in State Prisons, 1800-1935, the first history of the women's prison system; *Creating Born Criminals*, a study of the institutional generation of criminological theory and a history of eugenic criminology; *Shots in the Mirror: Crime Films and Society*; and *The Criminal Brain: Understanding Biological Theories of Crime*, a history from the late 18th-century into the present. She takes the greatest pleasure from her two translations (with Mary Gibson) of Cesare Lombroso's seminal criminological works: *Criminal Woman and Criminal Man*.

Nicole is currently working with Michelle Brown (Ohio University) on a book called *Criminology Goes to the Movies*, and she is deciding whether to attempt a history of criminology. She has published over fifty articles and chapters. Her honors include three scholarships from Oxford University; a residency at the Study Center of Liguria; the Senior Scholar Award from the ASC's Division on Women and Crime; and the Wilbur Founder's Award from the American Association on Mental Retardation. She has lectured in Australia, Austria, England, France, Italy, and New Zealand as well as at many universities within the USA. In spring 2010 she will be a Fulbright Scholar at Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria.

Members of the Student Paper Prize and New Scholar Prize Awards Committee were Colleen Lewis (chair; Monash University), David Brown (University of New South Wales), and Samantha Jeffries (Queensland University of Technology).

Members of the Bartholomew Award Committee were Michael Rowe (chair; Victoria University of Wellington), Gail Mason (University of Sydney), and Michael Townsley (Griffith University).

ANZSOC NEWS

ANZSOC AWARDS 2010

See the Society's website at www.anzsoc.org for details of eligibility and entry. The following is a brief summary.

Student Paper Prize

Sole author, member of the Society or resident of Australia or New Zealand, 8000 words maximum (including references), submitted for examination between 1 November 2007 and 31 October 2008 as part of an undergraduate, honours, or masters coursework program. Candidates nominated by their faculty advisor.

New Scholar Prize

Sole author, member of the Society or resident of Australia or New Zealand, best publication, appeared in print or electronically for online publication between 1 November 2008 and 31 October 2009. Candidates may self-nominate; prize judges not eligible.

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SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH PROJECT IN NEW ZEALAND

Restoring Soul

The feeling that his “soul had been stolen” is how a male survivor of sexual violence described his experience to New Zealand researchers who have just completed a two-year project.

A summary report *Restoring Soul: Effective Interventions for Adult Victim/Survivors of Sexual Violence* integrates the findings and identifies major themes that emerged from four inter-related research streams. The report focuses on “what works” for adult survivors of sexual violence.

The objective of the project, which commenced in July 2007, was to generate data that:

- Identified ways of improving the safety and well-being of adult survivors of sexual violence, and
- Provided a strong evidence base for policy and operational responses.

The research focused on groups with the highest prevalence of sexual victimisation: New Zealand European, Māori, and young women. The four complementary work streams comprise:

The pathways study which provides in-depth information on the types of supports and interventions that helped survivors move from crisis towards recovery. It involved face-to-face interviews with 58 survivors and 17 self-completed questionnaires. The study focuses on experiences with informal support systems (e.g. family, friends and whānau/extended family), formal support systems (e.g. counselling, medical services, victim services), and the criminal justice system.

The environmental scan provides information on organisational and contextual factors that influenced system and agency responses to survivors. Tailored surveys were completed by 458 criminal justice personnel and community agencies that respond to survivors across New Zealand.

The attrition study is the first New Zealand study of its kind. It presents a statistical analysis of attrition and conviction rates, and factors associated with case outcomes, for 1,955 police files coded as sexual violation of an adult. It includes all such offences recorded by New Zealand Police between July 2005 and December 2007.

The literature review looks at New Zealand and international literature dealing with the types of services and principles of service delivery that are recognised as good practice for medical, mental health, criminal justice, and community support systems that deal with adult survivors of sexual violence. It provides a basis for assessing the applicability of different practices for the New Zealand context.

Some key facts on sexual violence in NZ

- ⌘ Although it is significantly under-reported, it is estimated to affect approximately one in five New Zealand women and one in 20 New Zealand men. Rates are highest for Māori women (23 percent) and young women (26% of 17-24 year-olds).
- ⌘ Some of the health consequences of sexual violence include reproductive problems such as gynaecological complications and sexually transmitted infections; and mental health problems including depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicidal behaviour.
- ⌘ Some of the social problems associated with sexual victimisation include ostracism (victims made to feel they are to blame), poor self-esteem and feelings of isolation and helplessness .
- ⌘ Sexual violence is most often committed by someone the victim knows rather than by a “dangerous stranger.” This includes partners and ex-partners, close friends, workmates, and family members.
- ⌘ In 2003-04, sexual offences are estimated to have cost \$1.2 billion. This equates to approximately \$72,130 for each sexual offence. It is New Zealand’s most costly category of crime, primarily reflecting the impact on the victims.

There has been little research on sexual violence in New Zealand since the 1980s, particularly for policy purposes. This project sought to respond to gaps in knowledge around such issues as why sexual violence is under-reported; what could help survivors continue through the criminal justice process; and factors that influence help-seeking. In particular, it was designed to provide an evidence base for policy development in justice and social sector agencies that respond to adult victims of sexual violence.

The key questions that guided the research were:

- What are the key points and reasons why cases involving sexual violations against adults enter the criminal justice system?
- For cases that are recorded by the police but do not proceed through the criminal justice system, what are the key points and reasons why they do not proceed?
- What is the basis for victims/survivors’ decisions to access non-criminal justice services, such as counselling or other support? What are their pathways to healing and recovery?

- What are the key points at which different types of intervention and support are most effective? What works to promote recovery and well being?

The research project was led by the Ministry of Women's Affairs, in partnership with the Ministry of Justice and the New Zealand Police. The Project manager was Dr Denise Lievore and Project Co-ordinator was Nicole Benkert. Researchers from the Crime and Justice Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington were contracted to conduct the research. The results are due to be published shortly.

The Ministry of Women's Affairs is a stand-alone policy agency, the smallest in the core public service with a staff of 38. A key priority for the Ministry is ensuring that women are healthy, resilient, and safe. Reducing the incidence and impact of sexual violence is critical in achieving this goal.

For more information visit <http://www.mwa.govt.nz/our-work/svrproject>

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ACJS EDITOR POSITION: JUSTICE QUARTERLY

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is seeking applications for the position of Editor of *Justice Quarterly: An official publication of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*. The Editor will be responsible for administering a high quality academic journal for the ACJS membership. The Editor will set editorial policy, select deputy and associate editors, create a peer review system, and manage the journal.

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- Demonstrated record of scholarly activity as measured by such indicators as publications in refereed journals, book publication, and research. Strong preference will be given to applicants who have published their research and scholarly activities in *Justice Quarterly*.
- Prior editorial experience as measured by such indicators as editorial responsibilities for other scholarly publications and past experience as a referee or associate/deputy editor of an academic journal, or other editorial experience demonstrating the applicant's ability to implement and maintain the integrity of blind review, to improve or maintain the quality of the publication, to communicate effectively, and to behave in a professional manner that is supportive of the mission and goals of the ACJS and consistent with the ACJS statement of ethics.
- Commitment to the ACJS Code of Ethics, particularly to Section III.C regarding research and publication.
- Earned Ph.D. or terminal degree in area of specialisation.
- Senior (associate professor or above) academic rank at host institution.
- Formal declaration of support from host institution, including release time, space, and other support services the institution will commit to editorship.

- ACJS membership in good standing for three continuous years at the time of application.

Those interested in being considered should provide a formal proposal to the Editor Selection Committee no later than January 5, 2010. The proposal should include:

- Statement of editorial philosophy for *Justice Quarterly*;
- Statement of applicant's qualifications, including vita;
- Formal declaration of institutional support;
- A budget including a breakdown of the expenses that will be provided by the host institution and those expected for the Academy.

Beginning in 2010, *Justice Quarterly* will be published six times a year, with issues in February, April, June, August, October and December. The Executive Board of the Academy will appoint the Editor for a three-year term. The Editor's first issue will be February 2011. There is a \$5,000 summer stipend for the Editor. Proposals for co-editorship will not be considered.

Applications and requests for further information should be directed to:

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ACJS policies regarding journal editorships and operation are available for review as part of the *Justice Quarterly* Editor Announcement located in the Hot Topics section of the ACJS homepage at www.acjs.org

CEPS FORGING AHEAD

Since commencing operations nearly two years ago, the Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS) has made significant progress on its ambitious research agenda. The Centre's research remains timely and relevant, reflecting many of the significant problems challenging the security and wellbeing of Australia. The program also accords with major policy shifts, such as the first Australian Government National Security Statement, which broadened the scope of the national security agenda to an all-hazards approach that acknowledges non-traditional threats to national security posed by transnational and organised crime; cyber attacks; pandemic; climate change; and energy security.

The Centre's research is addressing a number of questions fundamental to our understanding of the nature of non-traditional threats (e.g., policing vulnerable communities, developing theories of illicit organisations, mapping out the structures of police co-operation over time) and effective government, policing and intelligence responses to these threats (e.g., strengthening governance in fragile states, assessing integrity processes, building regional security architectures, enhancing intelligence decision-making, improving government coordination and evaluate legal responses to terrorism and political violence).

Some Examples of CEPS Research

In the **Vulnerable Communities Research Program**, Professor Lorraine Mazerolle leads a team of experimental criminologists, spatial statisticians and urban criminologists studying the neighbourhood context of violence and intergroup tensions. Despite nearly 80 years of scholarship in the area, never before has a group of researchers sought to test an integrated, ecological theory of inter-group conflict and then use these data to develop innovative approaches for responding to inter-group conflict in vulnerable communities. The research is using survey methodologies to gather detailed, ecological measures of community vulnerability, resilience, social inclusion/exclusion and social capacity; explore ways that police can foster peace and harmony between groups in conflict; and test, under randomised field trial conditions, best-practice approaches to intervene in communities that may become breeding grounds for radicalisation, hate and conflict. The trials, to be conducted in Australia, the UK, the US and most likely Hong Kong and Singapore, are being developed in collaboration with CEPS Partner Investigators Sherman and Weisburd (winner of the 2009 Stockholm Prize in Criminology). These simultaneous trials, under the auspices of CEPS and through the Randomized Controlled Trial Network (REXNet), will be a world first for generating meta-analytic data in

the social sciences and enhance our evidence base of police best practice.

Professor William Tow's **Changing Regional and International Structures and Threats Research Program** incorporates an array of regionally and internationally renowned experts to investigate those factors most decisive in transforming existing bilateral security arrangements and institutions in the Asia-Pacific and beyond into successful multilateral security architectures. Ongoing research coincides with the current Australian Prime Minister's interest in exploring an Asia-Pacific Community and is operationalised by applying contending theories on alliance, coalition and institutional politics to understand the forces of structural change at a time of increasing threat diversity.

Associate Professor Mark Kebbell's **Intelligence Methods Program** is examining the relationship between the criminal environment, the analysis of the environment (which describes the role of the crime and intelligence analysis staff) and the decision-makers who are the police or security management and senior executive who have control of resources and decision-making power to activate recommendations provided by the analysts and other advisors.

Contact Associate Director Rebecca Denning on r.denning@griffith.edu.au or **07 3735 1034** for more information on the Centre's:

- Post-graduate study program
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The Australian Research Council (ARC) **Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS)** was established by the ARC in 2007 to boost policing and security research capacity in Australia amid the growing complexity and internationalisation of transnational crime in the post 9/11 environment.

The Centre's establishment filled a significant gap that existed in the ARC's Centres and Special Initiatives programs, which remain heavily geared towards the natural sciences. CEPS is a collaborative, multidisciplinary social science research enterprise that is achieving its vision to conduct research that shapes policy and practice reform to strengthen the security and wellbeing of Australia.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS PROFILES

Michael Grewcock Book Review Editor



Dr Michael Grewcock teaches criminal law, criminology and penology at the University of New South Wales. Prior to commencing his PhD at UNSW in 2004, he worked as a solicitor and researcher in London for 13 years

specialising in criminal, prison and immigration law. He also spent three years working as a legal and policy officer for the Howard League for Penal Reform, focusing mainly on teenagers in the criminal justice system. Between 1994 and 1996, he convened a major inquiry into violence against young people in custody. The report of that Inquiry, *Banged Up, Beaten Up, Cutting Up*, was subsequently debated in the House of Lords and provided some of the evidence used by the Howard League in two successful applications for judicial review of Home Office detention policies.

More recently, his research interests have shifted towards transnational policing and state crime. In preparation for his move back to Sydney, he completed an MA in Refugee Studies at the University of East London in 2002. His subsequent PhD thesis on Australian border policing forms the basis of his book, *Border Crimes: Australia's War on Illicit Migrants*, shortly to be published by the Institute of Criminology Press. He is also one of the authors of the forthcoming 5th edition of David Brown et al, *Criminal Laws*.

He is currently researching the detention and removal of former prisoners under s501 of the Migration Act. His particular focus is the additional punishments imposed on offenders by the use of administrative migration controls, especially when many of those affected have lived in Australia for years and have their family and social networks here. This is a significant but little publicised cohort of immigration detainees that fails to attract much public sympathy but whose detention and removal raises important questions of principle regarding sentencing and punishment.

Michael has just started his role as Book Review Editor for ANZJC. Mike plans on re-energising the book review section of the Journal and highlighting its important intellectual role in considering and communicating new developments in our field. Michael can be contacted at:

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Lorana Bartels Postgraduate and Early Career Research Representative



Dr Lorana Bartels completed her PhD last year in the Faculty of Law at the University of Tasmania, under the supervision of Professor Kate Warner, Terese Henning and George Zdenkowski. Lorana also holds Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws degrees from the University of New South Wales and is admitted as a legal practitioner in NSW.

Lorana's PhD thesis, "Sword or feather? The use and utility of suspended sentences in Tasmania," involved a critical evaluation of the arguments for and against suspended sentences and an examination of the legislation and case law on such sentences in Australia and overseas. She conducted qualitative interviews with the Tasmanian judiciary and undertook quantitative and qualitative analyses of Tasmanian sentencing decisions. She also conducted conviction and breach analyses of sentencing outcomes for offenders in the Supreme Court. Lorana has published and presented widely on these research findings. Her first book, *Qualitative Criminology: Stories from the Field*, will be co-edited with Dr Kelly Richards and published by Federation Press in early 2011.

Lorana is currently the Criminology Research Council Research Fellow, based at the Australian Institute of Criminology, where she has worked on projects including mainstreaming specialty courts, managing high-risk sex offenders, outlaw motorcycle gangs and the impact of assets confiscation schemes. Lorana has previously worked in research and policy positions at the Family Court, NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, NSW Attorney-General's Department and NSW Public Defenders Office, as well as tutoring criminal law at the University of Tasmania.

Lorana's involvement with ANZSOC has provided an opportunity to connect with criminologists around Australia and has especially enabled the development of her networks with other postgraduate students and early career researchers. She strongly encourages all members to get involved in ANZSOC, to attend the conferences and be an active part of the vibrant criminology community. For further information regarding ANZSOC's Postgraduate and Early Career Research activities feel free to contact Lorana at

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Jacqueline Joudo Larsen Newsletter Editor



Jacqueline Joudo Larsen is currently a Research Analyst at the Australian Institute of Criminology where she has been employed since 2004. During her time at the Institute, Jacqueline has worked on a range of projects examining issues such as, deaths in custody, the impact of mode of testimony in sexual assault trials, sexual assault in Indigenous and CALD communities and diversion of

Indigenous offenders. Since late 2007 she has been the Project Coordinator of the Institute's Trafficking in Persons Research Program.

Jacqueline holds a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology and Justice Studies) and a Bachelor of Psychology from Edith Cowan University. Several criminology electives lured her away from life as a Forensic Psychologist and she went on to receive a Master of Criminal Justice from the University of Western Australia.

Jacqueline is currently a PhD scholar at the Australian National University under the supervision of Professor Peter Grabosky. Her thesis examines the attitudes of first and second generation migrants towards the rule of law and the criminal justice system in Australia. It will examine the factors which influence these attitudes, including but not limited to, attitudes of the Australian public towards migrants, international and national incidents, feelings of belonging and experiences with government processes, systems and institutions, particularly the criminal justice system, in the migrant's country of origin. The research will examine how these factors impact on the willingness of migrants to engage in the criminal justice system, and the broader implications for security and social cohesion. Her main challenge at this point is to narrow the focus!

Jacqueline began her three year post as ANZSOC Newsletter Editor in mid-2008 and is enjoying being more active within the Society. Anyone interested in contributing a piece for the ANZSOC newsletter is encouraged to contact Jacqueline at jacqueline.joudolarsen@aic.gov.au

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