

# ANZSOC Newsletter

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## From the desk of the President: *Let the Conference begin*



Welcome all to the 20<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology!

Our senior members will know that the term 'annual' is used loosely because this year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

founding of the Society. David Biles, foundation honorary secretary, volunteered to bring the Society into being (see Biles's tribute to Allen Bartholomew in the *ANZJCrIm* 2005, Vol. 38, No. 1, pp. 1-3). He wrote letters, made phone calls, drafted a Constitution, and identified people who could serve as officers and executive members. A meeting was held on October 24, 1967, at the University of Melbourne, where nearly 50 people agreed to establish a criminology society. A proposal for a planned journal was introduced by Allen Bartholomew, and the journal's first issue was published in 1968. Several 2007 conference activities in Adelaide will reflect on the Society's history and its future.

Congratulations to all the members of the Organising Committee for their dedication and creativity in putting the 2007 conference together. Co-Convenors Rick Sarre (University of South Australia) and Andrew Goldsmith (Flinders University) and committee members Sue King (Uni of SA), Joy Wundersitz (adjunct Uni of SA), Nichole Hunter (Office of Crime Statistics and Research) and Marinella Marmo (Flinders) have assembled a terrific set of plenaries and speakers on key topics of our day: peacebuilding, terrorism, economic crime in a global context, evidence-based policy, and re-visioning rehabilitation.

### *ANZSOC's history and identity*

A new development for the Society is the ANZSOC Presidential speaker. With the endorsement of the Committee of Management, I chose Mark Finnane as the inaugural speaker. In recent years Mark has turned his historian's eye to how criminology developed in Australia by examining its key people, institutions (such as ANZSOC and the Australian Institute of Criminology), and links to other countries. His conference plenary will canvass these themes, with commentary by longstanding members of the Society. Following his plenary is a panel session, 'What's in a Name?', which considers the Society's identity in a global context.

### *The bottom line*

A major development this year was changing the membership fees. Current fees have not been covering the costs of publishing, printing, and mailing the journal to our members. There was a good deal of soul searching among the Committee of Management about how best to balance the competing interests of fiscal responsibility and maintaining a strong membership base. The phased-in fee increases, along with a lower cost option of electronic access to the journal, have struck the right note with our members. Secretary Damon Muller and Treasurer Matthew Willis report a positive response, with little drop off in member numbers. Please be aware that if you have not renewed in time, you will not receive a paper copy of the August issue of journal.

### *Thanks to outgoing Committee of Management Members*

The Society runs on the energy and commitment of our officers and ordinary members, who serve 2-year terms. At the AGM this year (Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1-2 pm, at the conference), we will be voting in a new set of officers and ordinary members. My thanks to the officers and members who will be stepping down this year. They are John Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Jennifer Wood (ACT), Christine Bond (Queensland), Julia Davis (Tasmania), Brendan Thomas (New South Wales), and Dean Wilson (Victoria). Jen Wood moved to the United States in June to take up a position at Temple University, and Lyn Hinds was appointed acting ACT member. (cont'd p.2)

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Special thanks to Dean, Jennifer, and Lyn for their time and thought in planning the first ANZSOC postgraduate activity, to be held the day before the conference. Details of the Postgraduate Research Conference are provided in the Postgrad Activities column below. Thanks also to Beejay Silcox and Nadine McKillop, acting PG student representatives, for their key planning roles.

*Student presence and energy*

At the AGM in September, a postgraduate student representative will be elected to the Committee of Management for the first time. This signals the Society's commitment to the support and professional development of student and early career researchers. In addition to the pre-conference postgraduate activity, the Society has contributed to two other PG events this year: one at the University of New South Wales in July, and another at the Queensland University of Technology to be held in November. These are also detailed in Postgrad Activities, below. The degree of professionalism and care in the UNSW and QUT students' requests for support (\$500 for each conference) was truly exceptional. It is pleasing to imagine our students shaping themes and identifying speakers in ANZSOC conference programs in the years ahead.

Kathleen Daly, President, ANZSOC

**Secretary's Report**

The months around the middle of the year are always busy ones for the ANZSOC office holders. If you haven't received a membership renewal notice that should mean your renewal is not due this year (or, possibly, that you have moved and haven't told us). If you have, and forgot to return it, you'll probably notice an empty place on your shelf where the August edition of the journal is supposed to be.

This year, the Society's AGM will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference in Adelaide, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of September. A number of positions on ANZSOC's Committee of Management will be available for nominations. The Committee has office holders (such as the president, vice president(s), secretary and treasurer) and 'ordinary members', including state and territory representatives. These representatives play a vital role in connecting the Society to the criminological community throughout Australia and New Zealand, and serve on sub-committees which guide the activities of the Society. Members are encouraged to attend the AGM so they can have a say in the direction of the society, and nominate themselves for a position on the committee of management if they want to help out.

Office-holders and the Committee of Management have examined the finances and concluded that a raise in the membership fees was necessary to keep the society in the black. The details of this decision were outlined by Professor Daly in a letter to all members. I'm happy to say that the fee increase doesn't seem to have had any significant impact on

our membership numbers. We are also now offering a reduced rate membership option which provides electronic access to the journal, rather than a more expensive printed copy. At this point the electronic journal option has not noticeably affected the existing memberships, but has created some interest amongst our international members. We are entirely happy for international members to take out the electronic subscription option. Many of our members however, like me, have access to the journal through their institutional library, but still enjoy having a tangible copy on their shelf.

ANZSOC does not currently have a general mailing list, but recommends members join the CrimNet mailing list for emailed information of more general interest to criminologists in Australia. However we do use email to notify people of important things like the ANZSOC newsletter, and their membership renewal, for reasons of immediacy and cost. Unfortunately, such emails are typically followed by a deluge of out-of-office messages or bounces. We probably can't do much about the out-of-office emails, but it would be helpful if people keep us up-to-date with their current email address.

I would also like to remind members that the office holders and Committee of Management members of ANZSOC carry out their roles in a completely voluntary capacity. We all make an effort to respond to enquiries as quickly as possible, but occasionally 'day jobs' get in the way of an immediate response. This is particularly true for processing membership applications and payments, which are usually processed in batches, rather than as they dribble in. If you have sent us something and haven't heard back from us for a while, feel free to send an email or call and we'll be able to tell you whether or not we've received it and what is happening with it. The Committee of Management is currently looking at ways to provide greater administrative support for the Society, and we hope this will enhance our efficiency.

Damon Muller, Secretary, ANZSOC

**ANZSOC Membership**

**Did you know?**

One benefit of being a member of ANZSOC is that the Society has a reciprocal relationship with the American Society of Criminology and the British Society of Criminology. If you register to attend these conferences and you are a member of one of the societies, you pay the registration cost for members.

**Do we know how to contact you?**

Keep us informed - let us know if your address (especially email address) changes. Contact the ANZSOC Secretary, Damon Muller, Damon.Muller@aic.gov.au

## ANZSOC Awards 2007

### Student Paper Prize

Trees Beckett (Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington) for her paper, 'The Use of Electroconvulsive Shock Therapy (ECT) without Consent in New Zealand', under the supervision of Elizabeth Stanley.

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.

Members of the Award Committee were Russell Smith (chair), Julia Davis, and Jennifer Wood.

### The Allen Austin Bartholomew Award

Alan France (Loughborough University) and Ross Homel (Griffith University) for their article, 'Societal Access Routes and Developmental Pathways: Putting Social Structure and Young People's Voice into the Analysis of Pathways into and out of Crime', *The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology* (2006), 39(3): 295-309.

The Bartholomew Award is awarded annually for the best paper to appear in *The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*. The 2007 Award was made in respect of articles published in Volume 39 (2006) of the Journal.

Members of the Award Committee were Frank Morgan (Chair), Christine Bond, and Chris Cunneen.

### New Scholar Prize

Lyn Hinds (Regnet, Australian National University) for her article, 'Challenging Current Conceptions of Law and Order', *Theoretical Criminology* (2006), 10(2): 203-221.

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.

Members of the Award Committee were Russell Smith (chair), Julia Davis, and John Pratt.

## ANZSOC Awards 2008

See the Society's website at [www.anzsoc.org](http://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, 8,000 words maximum (including references), submitted for examination between 1 November 2006 and 31 October 2007 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, refereed journal publication, appeared in print or electronically for online publications between 1 November 2006 and 31 October 2007. Candidates may self-nominate; prize judges not eligible.

**Allen Austin Bartholomew Award:** Article published in Vol. 40 (2007) *ANZJCrIm*.

Deadline for nominations: 3 March 2008, submitted by email to the ANZSOC Secretary.

### Who is Allen Austin Bartholomew?

The Journal Award's namesake, Allen Austin Bartholomew, was the Journal's first Editor, and he served in that capacity for 12 years. He was appointed Foundation Editor in 1967, and the first Journal issue appeared in 1968. He stepped down from the Editor role in 1980. A longer history is available in *The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology* (2005), 38(1): 1-3, by David Biles. David wrote an obituary for Allen Bartholomew, who died in June 2004.

The Award for best journal article was first made in respect of articles published in the two-year period, 1998-99. It was made every two years until 2006, when the Committee of Management decided to give the award on an annual basis.

The ANZSOC Newsletter profiles people currently influencing Australian and New Zealand criminology. The Editor and Communications Sub-Committee welcome suggestions for subjects for future issues.

## Member Profile: Elizabeth Stanley

*Jan Jordan profiles her friend and colleague, Elizabeth Stanley. Both women are Senior Lecturers at the Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington. Jan states that in writing this piece she 'decided to replicate Lizzy's methodological preference for presenting the voices of her subjects in her research'.*

A criminologist is, one would hope, someone passionate about justice and committed to seeking its advancement in the world. If this is the definition then Lizzy Stanley is its embodiment. She researches and teaches issues going to the heart of what it means to live in a world where human rights are all too often viewed as privileges and freedom remains an elusive concept. How did the girl from Bolton, UK, grow up with such a principled and fighting edge to her character?

Lizzy describes learning from her childhood in Lancashire what it meant not to be a boy. *With three older brothers, I quickly learnt to fight and run fast. I also came to appreciate gender difference - the worst thing a sibling could say was 'God, you're such a girl'. I only really 'discovered' my female nature when I was in my late teens.* As well as teaching her what gender means, her childhood also provided insights into class and racism. She recalls the way one of her grandmothers impressed upon her the realities of poverty and the drudgery of factory work, ending with the challenge: *'It's young people like you who need to start a resistance.'* Her appreciation of the venomous nature of racism came from a different family source. Her grandfather attributed the social ills of Britain to ethnic minorities: *One of my earliest memories is him driving through a local area with a diverse ethnic minority community and putting his foot down on the accelerator while Pakistani women and children tried to cross the road.*

When she went to university she enrolled initially in a course grandly named European Marketing (essentially French and Business Studies wrapped up for the European Community). Thankfully, after a year and a term, she woke one morning to the realization: *Oh my god, what am I doing????!* As the first family member to attend university, there was considerable pressure not to fail, so an alternative course needed to be found. She rifled through the Hull University prospectus, saw that they offered Social Policy and Criminology, and to her surprise was admitted to the course. *My very first essay received a grade of 35 and the sole comment on the script was 'Do you always write like this?' This feedback plugged into my own sense that I should not be at University - that, as a working class woman amid middle-class accents, I should not have been there in the first place. However, I am also quite bolshy so I consequently set out to prove this unsupportive academic wrong.*

In her third year Lizzy chose for her thesis to examine the role of women in political violence, despite her supervisor observing that 'this was not a criminological topic.' Fortunately her bolshiness meant she ignored him and carried on with it. Her initial intention was to compare the general literature on 'violent women' with the experiences of women in the IRA, Red Army Faction and the Intifada. This intention was refocussed by her horror at what she was told by two women who had been imprisoned on IRA-related charges. They described the systematic strip-searching and forced medical treatment they endured throughout their imprisonment, experiencing full strip-searches up to 30 times per week. *At this point, I realized that I was studying the wrong thing. I knew that I had to begin looking at how the state engages in criminalizing and violent practices.*

Lizzy developed her interest in state crime further while doing her MA in Criminology at Keele University. In the context of undertaking a course on war and crime led by Ruth Jamieson, she began asking the question critical to so much of her subsequent research: *'How can societies emerging from gross human rights violations deal with their violent past?'* For the past ten years she has focused on examining state crime and 'transitional justice' in South Africa, Chile and Timor-Leste.



Lizzy took up her first lecturing position in 1997 at the Centre for Studies in Crime and Social Justice at Edge Hill University, where, having been a very quiet student, her own transition to teacher and academic was the first challenge. She feels privileged to have been inducted into academia in a centre oriented entirely around a critical approach and where staff members were so supportive and enthusiastic about research-informed teaching. This was also a critical time in her own intellectual development, where she reflects: *Starting out as a new lecturer, I had the opportunity to continually observe and teach with academics, including Kathryn Chadwick, Margaret Malloch and Phil Scraton, who were truly inspirational.*

Within this context Lizzy says she learned the value of using personal accounts and cases to engage students

and to encourage them to unpack these interpersonal 'issues' at local, institutional, state and global levels. She observes: *This relatively simple strategy - to use the voices of those we talk about within our discussions - has formed the backbone to my current teaching on human rights, state crimes and justice at Victoria University of Wellington. It allows students to connect with other people, often living in very different circumstances from their own, and it is the first step in getting students to think about the historical continua of inequalities of power and structural relations across the world.*

Since coming to the Institute of Criminology in 2003, Lizzy has continued to demonstrate her commitment to inspiring students towards a critical criminology approach. She is a highly involved and enthusiastic teacher who delights in extracting the best possible work from her students - as evidenced by their recent successes with the ANZSOC student essay awards. Currently she is on leave completing her own doctoral research examining the experiences of torture victims in Timor-Leste. Her approach to her thesis reflects her commitment to ending the silence surrounding state violence and oppression. Hearing firsthand the stories of those whose lives have been affected by torture has been emotionally gruelling at times, but the latter seems a small cost to pay for the privilege. It is also, she believes, part of our responsibility: *I strongly feel that criminologists have to continue to expose and challenge the violence of the powerful wherever it exists.*

The quiet girl from Bolton has not only found her own voice, but has also become the voice for many of those victimised by state violence in the international arena.

*Jan Jordan is Senior Lecturer at VUW, NZ.*

### Postgraduate students and supervisors take note

The ANZSOC sponsors a scheme of two research seminars per year, at \$500 each, to support post-graduate activities in Australia and New Zealand. Applications are granted on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the condition that every application needs to be costed and two subsidies cannot be granted to the same institution in the same year. Applications should be directed to the ANZSOC Secretary, Damon Muller  
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## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual ANZSOC Conference Criminology: Building Bridges

**ALL IS IN READINESS!**

**23-26 September 2007**

**Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia**

Drugs and crime, race ethnicity and crime, peace building and security, and juvenile justice are just some of the themes that will be canvassed at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) in Adelaide.

*Criminology: Building Bridges* is the theme of this year's ANZSOC conference, being hosted by the University of South Australia, Flinders University and South Australia's Department of Justice from September 23-26. The conference is also sponsored by the Australian Institute of Criminology, the SA State Government's Social Inclusion Initiative, the SA Institute of Justice Studies, The Australian Crime Commission, and HREOC. The American Society of Criminology will, as usual, sponsor the final ice-cream social.

Conference co-convenors, Professor Rick Sarre from University of South Australia's School of Commerce, and Professor Andrew Goldsmith from Flinders University Law School, report that some 400 delegates are expected at the 3-day event to be held at the Convention Centre in North Terrace. They have led a committee of 10 people for the past 18 months in preparation for the event. It is the first time the ANZSOC annual conference has been held in Adelaide in the association's 40-year history.

The keynote speaker is Professor John Braithwaite, co-winner of the prestigious Stockholm Prize in Criminology.

The conference will be officially opened by the Attorney-General Michael Atkinson MR, and Chief Justice John Doyle AC will address the conference dinner. Other speakers include the AFP Commissioner Mick Keely who will deliver the Ray Whitrod Oration, Dr Cindy Smith, Chief of the International Center, National Institute of Justice (USA), Professor Shadd Maruna (Belfast), Professor Alice Hills (Leeds), Professor Riaz Hassan (Flinders), Ms Louise Sylvan, Deputy Chair of the ACCC, and Professor Mark Finnane of Griffith University who will present the ANZSOC Presidential Address on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

For the full conference program and details of speakers, visit [www.alloccasionsgroup.com/anzsoc](http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/anzsoc)

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## Postgrad Activities

### The new ANZSOC Student and Early Career Researcher Sub-Committee

ANZSOC is keen to encourage and support postgraduate criminology students. The Management Committee has now formed a subcommittee to focus these efforts. The subcommittee is composed of Dean Wilson (Monash University - Chair), Lyn Hinds (ANU), Mark Israel (Flinders University), Nadine McKillop (Griffith University), Beejay Silcox (University of Melbourne) and Jennifer Wood (ANU). The first major project is the criminology postgraduate workshop for Sunday 23 September, immediately preceding this year's ANZSOC conference in Adelaide. For further information about the ANZSOC Postgraduate Workshop and the activities of the ANZSOC Postgraduate Subcommittee please contact Dr Dean Wilson at Dean.Wilson@arts.monash.edu.au

### The first annual ANZSOC Postgraduate Research Conference: 23 September 2007

The new ANZSOC postgraduate sub-committee was formed in early 2007. The team - as reported by Dean Wilson above - consists of both experienced academics and postgraduate students across Australia. The involvement of postgraduate criminology students and early career researchers in the sub-committee enables the provision of input at a grass roots level to reflect current needs and interests of student researchers in criminology.

The first project for 2007 has been the development and implementation of the first annual ANZSOC Postgraduate Research Conference, to be held on Sunday 23rd September, from 9.00am to 3.00pm at Flinders University, Adelaide. It is then followed by the 20th annual ANZSOC Conference, from 24th to 26th September 2007.

Planning for the Postgraduate Conference has been managed by electronic correspondence and teleconference. Members encouraged the contribution of the student sub-committee members, who consulted with postgraduate criminology students to gain an understanding of student interests, concerns and needs. The word of the postgraduate members, together with the expertise and conference experience of the academic members, resulted in a conference program which specifically reflects the current interests of postgraduate research students.

The program parallels established conference programs nationally and internationally, and provides postgraduate students with the opportunity to present their research in a supportive, collegial environment. The ANZSOC Postgraduate Research Conference also provides an opportunity to network with other researchers with similar expertise, enhance presentation experience, and obtain valuable

feedback from other postgraduate researchers in the criminology field.

Financial assistance from the ANZSOC Management Committee meant the sub-committee could organise a complimentary conference dinner on the Saturday evening prior to the ANZSOC Postgraduate Research Conference, allowing presenters to network and expand their research profile.

We want to facilitate the growth of a national postgraduate community through events such as the Postgraduate Research Conference, which we hope will become an annual event. The sub-committee already has several other projects, including the development and dissemination of internet resources for postgraduate students, and provision of an electronic database of postgraduate researchers, to encourage networking. We are all excited about the potential to strengthen the postgraduate criminology student community in this way.

Nadine McKillop, PhD candidate, Griffith University



Dean Wilson    Mark Israel.    Jennifer Wood    Beejay Silcox    Nadine McKillop    Lyn Hinds

### Reporting on the National Interdisciplinary Student Conference on Crime and Justice: The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia 9-10 July 2007

Our inaugural postgraduate conference, 'Disciplines and Punishments', surpassed expectations. Over the two-day conference, 30 postgraduate students from around Australia and several international students presented papers. The 10 sessions covered a range of criminal justice topics and fully reflected the interdisciplinary nature of the conferences title.

The opening session of the conference 'State Crime and Refugees' set a high standard. The day continued well (despite poor weather) with sessions on juries, juvenile justice and substance misuse and abuse. The second day of the conference began with more promising weather and covered topics on research in prisons, terrorism, child abuse, theoretical developments, policing and gender and violence. Some of the presenters employed interactive styles of presenting their paper. Alison Granger-Brown, for example, passed burning sage around the audience to deepen its understanding of her use of aromatherapy in her work with female prisoners.

Practical thesis workshops were combined with student papers on topics such as supervision, thesis writing, PhD processes and the all-important question of examiners. Dr Dominick Fitzsimmons presented a detailed workshop on the development of a postgraduate thesis, drawing on Greek mythology and the so-called 'impostor syndrome'. He compared the process of a postgraduate thesis to Sisyphus' experience of eternally rolling a boulder uphill, only to watch it roll back down when it neared the top of the hill. Many postgraduate students identified with this, and were happy to hear that most theses make it over the hill eventually.

Professor Janet Chan outlined the supervision process for postgraduate studies and, using a practical exercise, guided students to think clearly about how much interaction they want from supervisors. Most students concluded they did want guidance from supervisors, while maintaining a high degree of autonomy in their projects. In the thesis process workshop, Dr Rhonda Wheate passed on invaluable tips from her experience of finishing a PhD, and gave the daunting advice that in the academic world, scholars had to 'publish or perish'. Dr Sue Starfield wound up the conference with a session on what examiners look for in a thesis, and tips on how to impress them.

We hope that the Criminal Justice Research Network Postgraduate Conference will become a regular event at UNSW. I would like to thank everyone who attended, ANZSOC for providing financial support, and everyone who organised the conference, especially Professor Chris Cunneen as the Chair of Criminology, who made it happen, and Glenn Took who had the original idea.

Jenny Wilson, Criminology PhD Candidate UNSW.

## Editor's Report: ANZ Journal of Criminology

This is a brief update on the work of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology (ANZJC)*. Special thanks are due to all the authors and reviewers who continue to support the Journal. The strength of the journal is clearly a product of its authors, and the reviewers who dedicate their time and efforts to the task of reviewing.

Last Newsletter I reported that the next edition of the Journal (40.3) would represent a special volume entitled *Current Approaches to Understanding Female Offending*. This special edition is still on track, but will be published in 2008 in the first volume (41.1). The next edition of the journal (40.3) released in December, will include the following papers:

Gail Mason *Hate Crime as a Moral Category: Lessons from the Snowtown Case*

Lucy Snowball and Don Weatherburn *Does Racial Bias in Sentencing Contribute to Indigenous Over-representation in Prison?*

Lieve Bradt, Nicole Vettenburg and Rudi Roose *Relevant Others in Restorative Practices for Minors: For what Purposes?*

Stephen P. Savage *Give and Take: The Bifurcation of Police Reform in Britain*

Ellen Cohn and David Farrington *Changes in Scholarly Influence in Major International Criminology Journals*

The meetings of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology in Adelaide will provide an opportunity to discuss the work of the ANZJC. Professor Kathleen Daly has organised a panel to discuss the identity of the Society and the Journal and this will allow us to explore varying viewpoints on this issue. I will use this as an opportunity to discuss some trends in publishing in Criminology. My own view is that a regional based journal such as the ANZJC needs to provide a forum for Australian and New Zealand based research on issues concerning crime, law and justice, but should also publish research that has wider criminological relevance and should be attractive as an avenue for international research.

Many University-based criminologists in Australia are grappling with the implications of the Research Quality Framework, and this will inevitably affect journal selection choices. I welcome as many submissions from Australian and New Zealand based scholars as possible. However it is understandable if scholars send their manuscripts overseas to try for an international journal with a higher impact factor. Impact factors for journals are tied directly to citation rates. Therefore, the extent to which a journal publishes high quality and highly visible papers determines the extent to which future authors reap the benefits in terms of journal prestige. I look forward to discussing various strategies the ANZJC can embrace to influence these statistics.

Other matters for discussion at the Adelaide meeting include the current and future publishing arrangements for the Journal (we have been approached by several publishers), and opportunities for expanding the editorial board. I look forward to discussing with members these and other issues of relevance to the Journal at the upcoming ANZSOC meetings. In the meantime, thanks for supporting the Journal!

Paul Mazerolle, Griffith University

### Come to a Society-sponsored conference

Crime, Law and Society: Postgraduate Research Conference: 23 November 2007  
QUT Gardens Point Campus

Present your research-in-progress in a collegial atmosphere. For information contact Denise Foster: [d2.foster@qut.edu.au](mailto:d2.foster@qut.edu.au) or Matthew Ball: [mj.ball@qut.edu.au](mailto:mj.ball@qut.edu.au) or see <http://www.ljrc.law.qut.edu.au/about/events/clshdr2007/>

The Newsletter keeps you up to date with information and news about Criminology across Australia and New Zealand. Please send us a contribution on your Department or School, agency, or events in your State or Territory for the next issue.

## What is happening in Criminology in Australia and New Zealand?

### What's new at the Australian Institute of Criminology?

Throughout the history of the Society, close links have been maintained with the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC). Many previous and current ANZSOC Committee members and officers have worked at the AIC and currently the First Vice President Dr Russell Smith, Secretary Dr Damon Muller, and Treasurer Mr Matthew Willis are all AIC staff members.

Long-standing, productive relationships exist between the AIC and the academic community, with criminologists and those involved in crime and justice policy and practice participating in AIC conferences, roundtables and in the peer reviewing of publications. The AIC also hosts the ANZSOC website.

In addition to its regular crime and justice monitoring and project work, the AIC has received substantial additional funding in 2007 for a number of new projects. Key areas funded by the Australian Government include research into money laundering, people trafficking and the expansion of the Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA) programme.

Funded by the Australian Government at more than \$3.5 million over the next four years, intensive research will be conducted to monitor trends in money laundering and the financing of terrorism with a view to evaluating how governments and private sector organisations are working to control risks in this area. The four year monitoring program will examine regulatory activities around the world to determine best practice initiatives for use in Australia. The research will be carried out in close consultation with Australia's financial regulator, AUSTRAC. In addition, specific research sub-projects will be conducted each year. These will include an examination of the designated entities which are required to report financial transactions to AUSTRAC, the use of alternative remittance systems in Australia and overseas, and the use of bulk cash smuggling to avoid regulatory controls.

The DUMA program will be expanded to sites in Melbourne and Darwin, enhancing the national collection of data on drug use amongst alleged offenders. Other new projects include work on people trafficking in the Asia-Pacific region, funded at over \$2.4 million over four years. This will involve

research into known cases within Australia and investigating trends and responses across the region. The AIC has also recently been funded from the Proceeds of Crime fund to carry out a national survey of businesses throughout Australia to determine their experience of computer security incidents and how they respond to them.

Further information about the Institute is available from its website [www.aic.gov.au](http://www.aic.gov.au).

Russell Smith, AIC



Members of the Global, Economic and Electronic Crime Program at the AIC discussing the new anti-money laundering research. L-R Rob McCusker, Rachele Irving, Julie Walters, Russell Smith, Raymond Choo, David Rees

### News from Queensland: A new ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security

In May, 2007, the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, announced the establishment of a *Centre of Excellence for Policing and Security* to be based at Griffith University (Qld), in partnership with The Australian National University, The University of Queensland and Charles Sturt University. With over \$25 million in funding, the Centre will draw together Australian and International scholars with industry partners to conduct high quality research to better understand and respond to a range of complex problems threatening the wellbeing and security of Australia.

Collaborating organisations include the Australian Federal Police, Victoria Police, Queensland Police Service, Tasmania Police, the Queensland State Government, the Australian Institute of Criminology, and the National Institute of Forensic Science. Key international research partners include the United States Homeland Security-funded research centre for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University, the Jill Dando Institute in the UK, and the Institute of Criminology at the Hebrew University in Israel.

The Centre has identified four research themes as part of its responsive approach to policing and security scholarship:

- Theme One: Understanding Australia's new security threats and vulnerabilities
- Theme Two: Designing effective, evidence-based and acceptable responses
- Theme Three: Integrating policing and security research, policies and programs, and
- Theme Four: Tracking the national benefits of new initiatives

The Centre of Excellence will bring together scholars, students and practitioners from disparate disciplines and sectors, establishing a dynamic intellectual and research environment to enhance Australia's policing and security capacity.

The official launch and inaugural International Advisory Board meeting of the Centre will be on Thursday February 21, 2008 in Brisbane. If you would like to be kept informed about the Centre, please contact Professor Lorraine Mazerolle, [l.mazerolle@Griffith.edu.au](mailto:l.mazerolle@Griffith.edu.au).

Research and publications will be posted on the Centre website as they arise - see the preliminary website <http://www.griffith.edu.au/arts-languages-criminology/centre-excellence-policing-security>

**Lorraine Mazerolle**  
 Director, ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS)  
 Griffith University, Brisbane.



Back row (L-R): Mark Finnane, Mark Kebbell, Bill Tow, Paul Boreham, Pat Weller, Gabriele Bammer, Tim Prenzler ; Front Row (L-R): Mark Western, Lorraine Mazerolle (Director), Peter Grabosky (Deputy Director), Professor Michael Wesley

## News from Victoria: The Monash University Criminal Justice Research Consortium

In 2006 Monash University launched the Criminal Justice Research Consortium (CJRC), a cross-disciplinary initiative focussing on a wide range of aspects of criminal justice and rehabilitation. The CJRC functions as a semi-virtual network of participants from the faculties of Monash University. The CJRC also has close ties with external agencies such as the Victorian Government Departments of Justice and Human Services, support agencies such as the Victorian Association for the Care and

Resettlement of Offenders, Melbourne Citymission, Victorian Legal aid, and advocacy groups such as Sentencing Advisory Council and the Mental Health Review Board.

Since its inception, the CJRC has conducted several successful events including a workshop for Monash University researchers, a seminar on the success of multi-disciplinary research in the UK, and a forum on the intersection between the mental health and legal system.

If you would like to know more about the CJRC or are interested in making a presentation to members please visit the website ([www.cjrc.monash.org](http://www.cjrc.monash.org)) or email us at [CJRC@med.monash.edu.au](mailto:CJRC@med.monash.edu.au).

### CJRC member awarded Federation Fellowship

Monash University Professor and CJRC member Professor Bernadette McSherry has recently been awarded a Federation Fellowship. Her project, titled *Rethinking mental health laws: An integrated approach*, will undertake research into national model legal frameworks that will help shape the way in which individuals with mental illnesses can access the highest standard of mental health care.

### Forum on the intersection of the mental health and legal systems

On July 9 this year, the CJRC held a successful forum on the intersection between the mental health and legal systems. The keynote speaker, Justice Richard Schneider (Justice of the Mental Health Court in Ontario, Canada) addressed the effectiveness of the mental health court in reducing the impact of the criminal justice system on mentally ill people, and ensuring the rights of mentally ill offenders. However he noted that the presence of an effective mental health system may obviate the need for a Mental Health Court. Justice Schneider's preferred approach, then, was the improvement of the mental health system over the creation of a Mental Health Court. The powerpoint presentations and a full video of the event are available from the CJRC website ([www.cjrc.monash.org](http://www.cjrc.monash.org)) for download.

The forum was supported by financial assistance from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

The production of a video of the forum is being supported with the assistance of a Small Grant from the Victoria Law Foundation. If you would like a copy of the forum, please visit the CJRC website and complete the registration form.

**Richard Huysman, Research Fellow, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University**

## Know your ANZSOC Committee of Management and Sub-Committee members

The ANZSOC Newsletter profiles three members of the 'management team'

### Allan Van Zyl Northern Territory Representative



Allan is the Northern Territory representative on the Management Committee. He works as a Senior Policy Advisor for the Community and Justice Division of the

Department of Justice in Darwin. Allan is a graduate of the Australian School of Public Administration and holds a MBA from the former Northern Territory University (now Charles Darwin). Allan was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2001 to research Indigenous youth issues in Canada, the USA and New Zealand. He is currently completing his Doctoral studies at the University on community engagement, with an emphasis on restorative justice and issues of trust and respect in relationships.

Allan currently works primarily in areas important to Indigenous communities, including alternative courts, child safety and diversionary strategies. He is one of the driving forces in the development of a Cross Border Justice Scheme between the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia that will see policing, courts and correctional services working collaboratively across the jurisdictional borders. Allan's principal interests are restorative justice, safer communities, child protection and Indigenous affairs. He has lived in the Northern Territory for 34 years. His partner Teresa is also completing a doctorate (and is also an ANZSOC member!) and they have a teenage son James.

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### Julia Davis Tasmanian Representative (retiring)

Dr Julia Davis has been teaching in the Faculty of Law at the University of Tasmania since 1998 and took over from Professor

Kate Warner as the Tasmanian Representative on the Committee of Management in 2005. Julia's research

interests include sentencing, jurisprudence, punishment theory and the concept of justice. She teaches Jurisprudence, Torts and Conflict of Laws at the undergraduate level in the law degree program as well as a postgraduate unit on 'Sentencing and Punishment' in the Tasmanian School of Sociology and Social Work Masters course work program on Criminology and Corrections.

Julia is currently working in a team led by Professor Kate Warner on a Criminology Research Council-funded project that will conduct a 'Jury Sentencing Survey' over the next two and a half years. The study aims to improve the measurement of public attitudes to sentencing by designing and implementing a jury survey to be administered after guilty verdicts, by giving jurors sentencing information and by using the survey results to allow policy makers to respond to informed public opinion with the ultimate aim of improving confidence in the criminal justice system and confronting public punitiveness.

Julia is moving to the new Law School at the University of South Australia in January 2008 to take up a position as Associate Professor in Law - and so will be relinquishing her position as Tasmanian representative on the Management Committee.

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### Dr Jan Jordan New Zealand Representative

Jan is currently Senior Lecturer in the Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington. She has over 20 years experience teaching and researching in the area of women and crime, and has undertaken projects for various government departments over this time, including a literature review on prostitution in New Zealand for the Ministry of Justice in 2005. Her book, *The Word of a Woman? Police, Rape and Belief* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004) examines the credibility conundrum surrounding women's experiences of reporting rape, asking: why is the word of a woman doubted when she alleges rape yet believed if she retracts the allegation? Currently she is completing a book based on interviews with 14 women attacked by the same serial rapist, focussing in particular on the ways they survived the attack and managed the resultant police and court processes (*Serial Survivors*, to be published by Federation Press). Jan is a regular presenter to police training courses on adult sexual assault investigation. She is a member of the Advisory Committee for an Australian research project on police responses to sexual assault, and also a member of the Prostitution Law Review Committee, established to evaluate the impacts of decriminalising the sex industry in New Zealand.



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## Conferences and seminars

### September 2007

**Protecting Human Rights Conference 2007**  
Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies  
Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne,  
25 September  
<http://cccs.law.unimelb.edu.au/>

**Alternative Approaches to Justice: Are Victims Better off?**  
Australasian Society of Victimology  
TAFE SA, Adelaide, SA  
27 September  
[www.voc.sa.gov.au/ASV\\_conference\\_final/ASV\\_Home.asp](http://www.voc.sa.gov.au/ASV_conference_final/ASV_Home.asp)

**2007 Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology: Crime, Crime Prevention and Communities in Europe**  
Bologna, Italy  
26-29 September  
<http://www.eurocrim2007.org/>

### October 2007

**National Victims of Crime Conference 2007**  
**Victims Rights: Taking a Closer Look**  
Sydney, NSW  
2-3 October  
[www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au)

**World Summit on Exploitative Child Labour**  
Cairns, Queensland  
14-17 October  
[www.childjustice.org/wsecl](http://www.childjustice.org/wsecl)

**Counter-Terrorism Policing and Culturally Diverse Communities: International Conference on Counter Terrorism**  
Sofitel Hotel, Melbourne, Victoria  
15-16 October 2007  
[www.ctic2007.com/](http://www.ctic2007.com/)

**Improving Community Safety: Lessons from the Country and the City**  
Australian Institute of Criminology  
Jupiters Hotel, Townsville, Queensland  
18-19 October 2007  
[www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2007-RegionalComSafety](http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2007-RegionalComSafety)

**4th Australasian Drug Strategy Conference**  
Jupiters Casino, Gold Coast, Queensland  
22-25 October 2007  
[www.police.qld.gov.au/news+and+alerts/campaigns/drugconf/default.htm](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/news+and+alerts/campaigns/drugconf/default.htm)

**National Anti-Corruption Conference October 2007**  
Joint initiative of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (NSW), Crime and Misconduct Commission (QLD) and the Corruption and Crime Commission (WA).  
Hilton Hotel, Sydney  
23-26 October 2007  
<http://www.icac.nsw.gov.au>

**Holding Corporations to Account: Consumers International World Congress**  
Sydney, NSW  
29 October-1 November  
[www.consumersinternational.org/congress](http://www.consumersinternational.org/congress)

**Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice: 'Building and Sustaining Safe, Healthy Communities'**  
Toronto, Ontario  
31 October-3 November  
[www.ccja-acjp.ca](http://www.ccja-acjp.ca)

### November 2007

**Improving Citizenship and Restoring Community: The 10th International Institute for Restorative Practices World Conference.**  
Danubius Hotel Flamenco, Budapest, Hungary  
7-9 November  
<http://iirp.org/hu07/>

**Communication in the Court Room Conference**  
National Judicial College of Australia  
Museum of Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
10 November  
<http://njca.anu.edu.au/>

**American Society of Criminology Conference**  
Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia, USA  
14-17 November  
[www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm](http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm)

**XIth European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect**  
Lisbon, Portugal  
18-21 November  
[www.ispcan.org/euroconf2007](http://www.ispcan.org/euroconf2007)

**Victorian Offender Treatment Association (VOTA) National Conference**  
Melbourne, Victoria  
28-30 November  
[www.vota.org.au/conference/conference/html](http://www.vota.org.au/conference/conference/html)

### 2008

**Sentencing Conference 2008**  
National Judicial College of Australia  
ANU, Canberra, ACT  
8-10 February 2008

For these and other conferences see  
**Australian Policy Online** <http://www.apo.org.au>  
**Australian Institute of Criminology**  
<http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/>  
**Australian Institute of Family Studies**  
<http://www.aifs.gov.au/institute/conf/confmenu.html>  
**Crimnet**  
<http://mailman.ucc.usyd.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/law-crimnet>

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