

PacifiCrim

The Newsletter of the Australian & New Zealand Society of Criminology

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Welcome to the Geelong conference edition of PacifiCrim!

This is the second time that an ANZSOC conference has been held in a regional location, and I hope that those attending will be able to enjoy the activities that Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula have to offer – including snorkelling!

This year's conference promises to be thought-provoking and enlightening with keynote addresses from Laureen Snider, Professor of Sociology at Queen's University in Canada who will be speaking on stock market crime; Reece Walters, Professor in the School of Justice at Queensland University of Technology, who will address the topic of pollution and environmental justice; and Adam Tomison, Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology, who will present the Institute's path-breaking research on crimes against international students. I am grateful to the Organising Committee of this conference, Associate Professor Darren Palmer, Professor Louis De Koker and Dr Ian Warren of Deakin University for their imaginative program and hard work in organising the event.

This year, we have been able to offer financial assistance to an ANZSOC member from the Northern Territory to facilitate attendance at the Geelong conference. Expressions of Interest were sought and Sue Roman was chosen as the first recipient of the support. A Larakia woman and member of the NT Stolen Generations, Sue undertook studies in Anthropology and Criminology as a mature-age student and is now a full-time Masters by Research student at Charles Darwin University.

The other Awards of the Society will be presented at the conference dinner, including the inaugural Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award, which will be presented by Adam's widow, Alessandra Daly-Sutton. I'd encourage everyone to attend the conference dinner at which all the Awards will be presented.

From September 2011, the Society will have a new Secretary, Kate Hancott, who is replacing Signe Dalsgaard, who has commenced doctoral studies at James Cook University in Cairns and, unfortunately, is unable to continue as Secretary. Kate is employed by the Australian Institute of Criminology and an Agreement has been entered into, which will enable Kate to undertake work for the Society on one day per week.

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MEMBER'S PROFILE



Peter Homel PSM

Professor Peter Homel is an internationally recognised crime prevention and evaluation expert. He holds joint appointments as Professor – Key Centre for Ethics Law Justice and Governance at Griffith University, as well as Principal Criminologist – Crime Prevention with the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC).

Peter is particularly experienced in the translation of evidence and research into applied practice. His work focuses on the development, implementation and evaluation of crime prevention policies and programs as well as initiatives to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system both in Australia and overseas. He has an extensive background in working with government and non-government agencies as well as with international bodies.

In January 1995 he was appointed as the first Director of the Crime Prevention Division of the New South Wales Attorney General's Department. Before that he was the Deputy Director of the Drug and Alcohol Directorate of NSW Health where he developed the state's first alcohol and other drug prevention policy.

During 2001/02 Peter worked as a Research Consultant for the UK Home Office undertaking a detailed review of the way the UK Government had implemented its Crime Reduction Programme. During 1997 he undertook a Fulbright Professional Award at the RAND Corporation in California. He was awarded the Public Service Medal (PSM) for outstanding public service and innovation in the field of crime prevention in the 2000 Australia Day Honours.

He has worked for more than three decades in the social policy and public health fields, much of it at a senior executive level, and has numerous publications focused on prevention in both the crime prevention and alcohol and other drug areas. He has previously worked for the World Health Organisation in Sri Lanka and is currently involved in initiatives with the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, UN-HABITAT Safer Cities Programme and the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC), a UN affiliated non-government organisation.

Peter holds an MA in Latin American Studies from the University of NSW as well as a BA (Hons) in Behavioural Sciences from Macquarie University. He is currently a member of the NSW Commissioner for Children and Young People's Expert Advisory Committee; the NSW Expert Advisory Group on Drugs and Alcohol; and the ICPC Editorial and Scientific Committee. He has

previously been a member of the Governing Committee and Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Ted Noffs Foundation, a non-government agency working with alcohol and other drug involved young people and a Board Director of the Alcohol and Drugs Council of Australia.

Peter Homel PSM

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I'd like to thank Signe for her hard work and enthusiasm as Secretary of the Society since 2008 and for helping to improve the management of the Society in many ways, particularly concerning the development of the Website and recruitment of new members. Earlier this year, the first edition of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology* (Volume 44, Issue 1) to be published by Sage Publications was released. Members now have electronic access to the Journal as well as all back issues, and the printed copy was delivered in May 2011. The new Journal is impressive and professional and I'd like to thank the editor, Professor Sharon Pickering, in particular, for navigating the transition to a new publisher so well. Caroline Porter, from Sage in London, has also been extremely helpful in dealing with a number of administrative issues as they arose. I trust that you'll find this new volume on "The Prison: Contexts and Effects" valuable and informative. It is also pleasing to note that the 2010 Thomson ISI rankings show that our Journal has received its highest ever Impact Factor: 0.821 (compared to last year's 0.543). Its position in the table has also improved at 24 out of 43 (compared to 22 out of 35 for last year). I'd encourage everyone to continue to write for our Journal.

Following last year's successful conference in Alice Springs, we have created a YouTube site - www.youtube.com/users/anzsoc and extracts of keynote presentations are being loaded. In addition, we will be loading copies of Powerpoint presentations which presenters have agreed to release. I'd encourage all presenters to allow their slides to be made available as we receive many requests for access to them each year.

Finally, I'd encourage anyone who is attending the Geelong conference who is not a member of the Society to join while they are there. The Secretary has the forms and can arrange membership at the Society's conference desk. We now have over 350 members and membership provides not only access to the Journal and reduced conference fees, but also helps to support and develop the discipline in Australia and New Zealand.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

**Russell G Smith,
ANZSOC President 2009-11**

EDITOR'S REPORT: ANZ JOURNAL OF CRIMINOLOGY



The Journal has now successfully transitioned to SAGE and has much to celebrate. Submissions remain strong and the diversity in approach and topic continues to reflect the richness of Australian and New Zealand Criminology. The 2010 Thomson ISI rankings confirm the Journal continues to improve its performance in the international environment. The

impact factor has risen for the second consecutive year and achieved its highest ever level, 2010: 0.534 to 2011: 0.821. Its position in the table has also improved: there have been eight additions to the Criminology & Penology category, bringing the total number of titles to 43; and the 2010 results place ANZJC at 24/43 (compared to 22/35 last year).

So it is only fitting that we celebrate with a modest reception at the upcoming Geelong ANZSOC Conference. More details will appear in your conference program.

I will also be presenting at the postgraduate day and hope to meet many new and emerging scholars and answer any questions they may have about publishing generally and the Journal more specifically.

The next issue (44.2) includes the following articles:

- *Exploring "Near": Characterizing the Extent of a Facility's Influence*
Elizabeth Groff
- *Policing People with Mental Illness: The State of Victoria, Australia*
Joel Godfredson, Stuart Thomas, James Ogloff and Stefan Luebbers
- *A Comparison of Expert Evidence and Judicial Directions to Counter Misconceptions in Child Sexual Abuse Trials*
Jane Goodman-Delahunty, Anne Cossins, Kate O'Brien
- *Fostering Cooperation with the Police: How do Ethnic Minorities in Australia Respond to Procedural Justice-Based Policing?*
Kristina Murphy and Adrian Cherney
- *Theorising Structural and Individual-Level Processes in Desistance and Persistence: Outlining an Integrated Perspective*
Stephen Farrall, Gilly Sharpe, Ben Hunter and Adam Caverley
- *Financial Sanctions and the Justice System: Fine Debts among New South Wales Prisoners with a History of Problematic Substance Use*
Kristy Martire, S. Sunjic, Linda Topp and D. Indig

- *How Much Time? Indigenous Status and the Sentenced Imprisonment Term Decision in New South Wales*

Christine Bond, Samantha Jeffries and Don Weatherburn

**Sharon Pickering,
ANZJC Editor,
Monash University**

NEWS IN CRIMINOLOGY

Reforms for Sexual Assault Victims in the ACT Justice System

In November 2007, the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) introduced a new approach to responding to victims of sexual assault. The ACT's Sexual Assault Reform Program (SARP) was introduced in response to a report by the Australian Federal Police and the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions, *Responding to Sexual Assault: The Challenge of Change*. A large number of recommendations were made in the report about improving the experiences of victims of sexual assault with the criminal justice system. Under the Sexual Assault Reform Program, many of these have recently been introduced.

The objectives for the SARP program are to:

- improve the processes and support for victims of sexual assault as they progress through the criminal justice system;
- reduce attrition in sexual assault matters in the criminal justice system; and
- improve coordination and collaboration among the range of agencies involved in the criminal justice system (see www.justice.act.gov.au).

To meet these objectives, a wide range of reforms have been made, including:

- training of relevant professionals (e.g. police, DPP, victim agencies);
- infrastructure upgrades (e.g. technology upgrades to CCTV in court);
- the introduction of a remote witness facility and witness waiting rooms (e.g. in courts and police stations); and
- increased interagency collaboration (e.g. MoUs) (see www.wraparound.victimsupport.act.gov.au).

NEWS FROM THE ANZSOC SECRETARY



Dear members of ANZSOC,
this will be my last report to the ANZSOC newsletter as I am stepping down as of the 2011 Annual General Meeting in Geelong. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Secretary, but as I am embarking on new challenges in my career it is time to pass on the activity. I would like to welcome

in my position Kate Hancott from the Australian Institute of Criminology, who I know will be a great support to the Society and its members.

When I began as Secretary for the Society my main goals were to help develop the ANZSOC membership drive and make ANZSOC visible to the relevant professional groups. There was a rising need to develop new and efficient means of communication between and with the members and an urgent challenge to create a new image for the Society with a logo and updated website. I am very pleased to say that we have achieved the goals set three years ago and that the Society now has a strong profile recognisable to its members. I am happy to report that in my time as Secretary, membership has increased by more than 40 percent, a positive development which promises well for the future.

The first major task we embarked on was the creation of a logo for the Society. Before contacting potential designers, the Society officers had to articulate the ANZSOC identity, and how we saw ourselves in the future. We wanted a logo that brought together the many professions within criminology and our unique placement in the Asian Pacific region. With great help from designer Natasha Bouhours, a logo was designed which won unanimous support from the Committee of Management, a logo which today is known and recognised by all of our members.

The next step was the re-designing of the ANZSOC website. Again we went through a process of defining our profile, needs and interests and were fortunate to find great support in a Melbourne based website design company – efront – to help us on our way. While the design of the website received a much needed facelift many new functions were introduced to the members, functions we already now take for granted. ANZSOC members have taken to the new system with membership numbers growing through the online application system and we are positive that this will give us the opportunity to develop membership benefits and outcomes. There is no doubt that in the future the

website will provide us with a great forum for member communication. Through the website, we are currently able to provide members with regular news updates, membership details and Society information.

One of the future tasks for the incoming Secretary will be to make the website a platform for member communication, with the special member area as a source of information sharing, discussion forums, and much more. Already now, the ANZSOC website member login provides a 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.

I would like to say thank you to everyone in the Committee of Management, the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers, Editors, Committee Chairs and participants through the past three years. It has been a joy to work with you all and I feel very fortunate to have been given this opportunity. I hope that you will receive Kate in the same warm manner and wish her the very best in her new role as Secretary of ANZSOC.

The contact details for the Secretary are available on the ANZSOC website at www.anzsoc.org/cms-contact-us/index.phps

Website: www.anzsoc.org

With best wishes,

**Signe Dalsgaard,
ANZSOC Secretary**



ANZSOC CoM members at Alice Springs, September 2010 (from left to right - back row) Rick Sarre, Russell Smith, Darren Palmer, Signe Dalsgaard, Fiona Dowsley, Allan van Zyl, Kelly Richards, (front row) Tara McGee, Jan Jordan, Roberta Julian, Sharon Pickering, Frank Morgan

NEW FACES AT ANZSOC

From September 2011, Kate Hancott will be ANZSOC's new Secretary and

Li Eriksson, the new Editor of PacifiCrim.



Kate Hancott is a conference coordinator at the Australian Institute of Criminology. As part of her role, she has organised criminology conferences such as *Young People, Risk and Resilience: The Challenges of Drugs, Alcohol and Violence* and *Meeting the Needs of Victims of Crime*.

Kate has several conferences in planning including *Crime Prevention & Policy: New Tools for Contemporary Challenges* and the *International Serious and Organised Crime Conference*. Her responsibilities also include organising of a range seminars, roundtables and forums.

Prior to her role at the Institute, Kate was an event coordinator at CPA Australia, where she was responsible for the coordination of over 50 events per year and part of the team organising the CPA Congress, the largest event for business professionals in Australia. In her role at CPA Australia, Kate was also responsible for secretariat duties of the ACT Divisional Council and associated committees.

Kate completed a Bachelor of Communications (Advertising and Marketing) at the University of Canberra in 2004.

Li Eriksson is a PhD Candidate and Senior Research Assistant at Griffith University. Her research forms part of the Australian Homicide Project, which is a national ARC Discovery project examining developmental and situational pathways to intimate partner homicide. Through her PhD, she examines experiences of stress, negative emotions and conditioning factors among a sample of male intimate partner homicide perpetrators using a General Strain Theory framework.

As part of the casual teaching team at the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University, Li's teaching areas include research methods, statistics and psychological theories of crime. Li is also one of the organisers of the 5th ANZSOC Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Conference in Geelong 2011, as well as the incoming Editor of PacifiCrim.

Prior to joining Griffith University, Li worked as a Research Assistant at the Department of Criminology at Stockholm University, where she completed her BA (Hons) and MA in Criminology. Her research there examined resource deficiencies and criminal involvement among youths in institutionalised care. Li has also worked as a Research Analyst for the Swedish National Council of Crime Prevention conducting research on regional differences of youth delinquency in Sweden.



NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Editor would like to thank all contributors to this newsletter and former members of the Communications Sub-Committee, Signe Dalsgaard and Brigitte Bouhours.

From the next issue (vol. 9 issue 1) the Newsletter will have a new Editor, **Li Eriksson**. Members are invited to submit stories, news, and notices for inclusion in the Newsletter directly to Li. Every effort will be made to include contributions, but space is limited and items may be edited or not included. The next issue will come out in April 2012.

Deadline for next edition: **1st February 2012**

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RESEARCH CENTRE: SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

The Institute of Criminology is an internationally recognised research centre of criminological expertise at the University of Sydney. Established in 1966, the Institute is committed to public education and engagement, the presentation of public and professional seminars, the provision of media commentary and the creation and maintenance of research networks. It is an interdisciplinary centre that draws on the academic areas of law, sociology, psychology and cultural studies; as well as on the contributions of members of the legal profession and various government bodies. The current Directors of the Institute are Associate Professor Gail Mason and Dr Murray Lee.

CrimNet

CrimNet is an electronic criminal justice information network sponsored by the Institute. It provides regular and instant communication between criminal justice professionals, practitioners, academics and students in Australia and overseas. Messages with information on criminology and criminal law related jobs, events, reports, research and debates are sent every week to approximately 2000 subscribers. To subscribe visit the Institute website.

Education

Institute members teach criminology at the undergraduate level in the Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Socio-Legal Studies and at the postgraduate level in the Master of Criminology (Coursework) and Graduate Diploma in Criminology. They also supervise more than 30 postgraduate research students.

The Institute delivers a professional development program to meet the needs of diverse practitioners. The Institute has delivered training courses and workshops including The Psychology of Crime, Brief Interventions for Young Offenders, Working with Adult Offenders and SafeGrowth and City Crime. These courses and workshops are low-cost and provide practitioners with current skills and knowledge relevant to their work in criminal law and criminal justice related agencies.

In June 2011, the Institute hosted the East Africa Prosecution and Police Training Programme for the Secretariat to the Commonwealth Heads of Government (ComSec). Senior prosecutors and police from five East African nations (Rwanda, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Mauritius and Seychelles) took part in web-based training modules and travelled to intensive workshops held at the Institute, Sydney Law School.

The Institute also runs a free public seminar series sponsored by Corrective Services NSW and NSW Juvenile Justice, as well as single events addressing a range of topics including mental health, crime prevention, drugs, violence and crime statistics. Recordings of and slides from many of these events are available online at the Sydney eScholarship Repository: <http://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/handle/2123/6406>

For information on future events please visit the Institute website.

Publications

The Institute publishes *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* in association with the Sydney Law School Publishing Unit. The Journal covers national and international issues and features "Contemporary Comments" which are at the cutting edge of the crime and justice debate. The most recent issues of *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* 23(1) July 2011 is a special issue titled Risk, Resilience and Beyond, edited by Dr Murray Lee (Sydney Law School) and Dr Tara Renae McGee (Griffith University).

The Institute also publishes a book series of almost 30 monographs. Our authors are established academics in their field or new researchers who represent the exciting future of Australian and international criminology. Recent releases include *Border Crimes: Australia's War on Illicit Migrants* by Michael Grewcock and *Lines in the Sand: The Cronulla Riots, Multiculturalism and National Belonging* edited by Greg Noble.

Research

Staff at the Sydney Institute of Criminology are active researchers and consultants with international reputations and many years of experience. Current areas of research include: risk, fear and security; comparative criminal law; hate crime; victims' experience of the criminal justice system; CPTED and crime prevention. The Institute undertakes consultancy projects for local councils such as a recent community safety strategy for Redland City Council.

Australian Hate Crime Network

The Australian Hate Crime Network is hosted by the Institute and co-ordinated by Director, Associate Professor Gail Mason. The Network is dedicated to the provision of information and resources on hate crime in Australia and the development of national and local networks to address hate crime. For more information visit the website at <http://sydney.edu.au/law/criminology/ahcn/>

The ANZ Critical Criminology Conference

The Institute published the *2011 Australian and New Zealand Critical Criminology Conference Proceedings* and hosts The Australian and New Zealand Critical Criminology Conference Repository. The online repository provides a virtual home of the proceedings of the annual Critical Criminology Conference. To view abstracts, biographies, programs and proceedings from previous conferences visit the website at <http://sydney.edu.au/law/criminology/ANZCCR/>

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ANZSOC AWARDS 2012

New Scholar Prize

The New Scholar Prize is awarded each year for the best publication in criminology or related areas written by a member of the Society, at the time the application is made. Judges of the Prize are not eligible. Candidates for the New Scholar Prize must be within five years of their appointment to their first full-time or fractional academic or other research-related position. Articles submitted for the New Scholar Prize may be written by the candidate as sole or first-named author. Candidates for the New Scholar Prize may nominate themselves, but may only submit one application in any given year. Previous winners of this Prize are eligible to apply. Publications must have been published (appeared in print or electronically for online publications) between 1 November 2010 and 1 January 2012. Both print and electronic journals must be refereed. The winner of the New Scholar Prize will be presented with a Certificate at the Society's 2012 Auckland Conference and will be granted \$500 to go towards travel and registration to attend this Conference.

Student Paper Prize

The Student Paper Prize is awarded each year for the best paper in criminology or related areas written by a member of the Society who is a student (undergraduate, honours, or masters by coursework candidate, with eligibility limited to those upon whom the degree has yet to be conferred) at the time of writing. Papers submitted for the Student Paper Prize are to be written by the applicant as sole author and must be under 8,000 words (including references), and applicants may only submit one application in any given year. Candidates for the Student Paper Prize must be supported by an academic. Papers must have been submitted for examination between 1 November 2010 and 1 January 2012 as part of an undergraduate, honours or masters coursework program. Honours and Masters research theses are ineligible. The winner of the Student Paper Prize will be presented with a Certificate at the Society's 2012 Auckland Conference and will be granted \$500 to go towards travel and registration to attend this Conference.

Allen Austin Bartholomew Award

supported by Sage Publications

An Award for the best article published in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology* is awarded every year. The next Award will be made in respect of articles published in volume 44 (2011) of the Journal. The winner of the Best Article will be presented with a Certificate at the Society's 2012 Auckland Conference and will be granted \$500 to go towards travel and registration to attend this Conference. In addition, the winner will receive £100 worth of Sage books.

Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award

The Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award is awarded each year to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has written the best publication or report in the

area of crime prevention. Submissions will be judged according to the extent to which they demonstrate pragmatic and workable solutions to Australasian crime problems that reflect the values of a tolerant and inclusive society, and are founded in theory and research on crime prevention.

Publications or reports submitted for the Award must be written by the candidate as sole or first-named author, and may be academic publications, or reports submitted to government agencies, non-governmental bodies or community groups. Previous winners of the Award are eligible to apply. Candidates for the Award may nominate themselves, but may only submit one application in any given year. Publications or reports must have been published / finalised between 1 November 2010 and 1 January 2012. Judges of the Award are not eligible to apply.

Candidates should accompany their submission with a statement of no more than 250 words, which indicates how their publication or report:

- demonstrates pragmatic and workable solutions to Australasian crime problems;
- reflects the values of a tolerant and inclusive society; and
- is founded in theory and research on crime prevention.

The winner of the Award will be presented with a Certificate and book at the Society's 2012 Auckland Conference. The Society will provide up to \$200 to go towards the purchase of a book on crime prevention selected by the winner, that will be presented at the conference. In addition, winners who are not currently members of the Society will be entitled to one year's free full, student or international membership of the Society, as appropriate.

Application Procedure

Applications or Nominations for the 2012 New Scholar Prize, Student Paper Prize and Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award should be sent to arrive no later than close of business, 1 April 2012. They should be made in writing, accompanied by documentation supporting all aspects of eligibility for the award in question.

It is not necessary for candidates for the Allen Austin Bartholomew Award 2012 to make an application.

Applications should be submitted only by E-mail attachment to:

Kate Hancott, Secretary, ANZSOC

Email: anzsoc@gmail.com

When submitting applications applicants should request an email delivery receipt, which should be used as proof of submission.

Closing date: **1 April 2012**

Decided: **1 June 2012**

ANZSOC CONFERENCE 2012

25th Annual ANZSOC Conference
Auckland, New Zealand,
27 - 29 November 2012

The twenty-fifth (25th) annual ANZSOC conference will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, and will be jointly hosted by **The University of Auckland** and the **Auckland University of Technology**.

Auckland is a vibrant, metropolitan city with easy access to vistas of breathtaking beauty. It is New Zealand's largest city and is considered by many to be the gateway to the Pacific.

The ANZSOC conference will be held from 27 November to 29 November 2012 at The University of Auckland. A one-day conference for postgraduates and newly emerging researchers will be held on 26 November 2012 at Auckland University of Technology. Delegates from Australia, New Zealand, and beyond are expected to attend.

The theme for the 2012 conference in 2010 is **Public Criminologies: Crime, Power, and Marginalisation**. The first confirmed keynote speaker for the 2012 conference is **William Chambliss** (George Washington University, USA), author of "The Saints and the Roughnecks" and the new five-volume series, *Key Issues in Crime and Punishment*. Additional keynote speakers will be announced shortly, and this information will be made available on the conference website: www.anzsoc2012.org.

This site will be linked to the main ANZSOC site: www.anzsoc.org.

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ANZSOC AWARD WINNERS 2011

The Allen Austin Bartholomew Award

The Bartholomew Award is awarded annually for the best paper published in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*. The 2011 Award was made in respect of articles published in Volume 43 (2010) of the journal.

The Selection Committee was composed of Professor Rick Sarre, School of Commerce, University of South Australia, Dr Elizabeth Stanley, School of Social and Cultural Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, in New Zealand, and Dr Andrew McGrath, School of Social Sciences and Liberal Studies, Charles Sturt University (the winner of last year's award).

ANZSOC's *Allen Austin Bartholomew Award* for 2011 was awarded to **Ms Alison Vivian** and **Ms Ruth McCausland** for their article entitled "Why Do Some Aboriginal Communities Have Lower Crime Rates than Others? A Pilot Study", published in volume 43(2), pp. 301-32 of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*.



Alison Vivian is a lawyer and Senior Researcher at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning (Research Unit) at the University of Technology, Sydney. Alison's professional career has been enormously varied, including secondary and tertiary teaching in Australia, England and Zimbabwe; managing an employment agency assisting workers with disabilities into

supported employment and conducting a mentor program for Indigenous workers in Kalgoorlie. She has practised law in the areas of native title, refugee and humanitarian law, and was formerly the Acting Assistant Director of SCALES Community Legal Centre, a clinical legal education unit offered through the Murdoch University School of Law. She has also taught human rights law in the Masters of Human Rights Practice program at Curtin University. Prior to joining Jumbunna, Alison was Associate to the Hon Justice North of the Federal Court of Australia, with a particular interest in native title.

Alison was awarded a Fulbright scholarship in 2003/2004 to undertake a Master of Laws through the Indigenous Peoples' Law and Policy (IPLP) program at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona, headed by some of the world's foremost Indigenous legal scholars. Whilst in Arizona, Alison studied the principles of Indigenous nation building through the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy at the Udall Centre for Studies in Public Policy and the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, which have greatly informed her research interests.

With Professor Larissa Behrendt, Alison is currently leading an ARC Linkage Project looking at factors that impact on rates of crime in Aboriginal communities in NSW. Jumbunna has conducted research in three "pairs" of communities in NSW (Wilcannia/Menindee; Bourke/Lightning Ridge, and Kempsey/Gunnedah) identifying factors that may impact on rates of crime in Aboriginal communities in NSW. In particular, the research seeks to identify strategies or programs that may or may not be effective in reducing crime and increasing social cohesion. Preliminary analysis of the six communities illustrates common "big picture" themes emerging, while emphasising the marked difference between the communities with implications for evidence-based government policy.

Ruth McCausland was a Senior Researcher at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning (Research Unit), University of Technology, Sydney at the time this article was written. Whilst at Jumbunna she published in the areas of crime rates and Indigenous communities, welfare policy, human rights and development.



Ruth previously worked at the Australian Human Rights Commission and NSW Anti-Discrimination Board as a policy officer, and was the author of the ADB report on racism in the media, Race for the Headlines. She has a Masters in International Social Development and has taught in the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences and Law at UNSW.

Ruth is a PhD candidate in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies at UNSW under the supervision of Professor Eileen Baldry. Her topic is the investigation of alternative policy responses to the disadvantage and discrimination experienced by Aboriginal women leaving prison. She is also working on the Indigenous Australians with Mental Health Disorders and Cognitive Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System (IAMHDCD) project at UNSW, with a current research focus on the lifecourse institutional cost of homelessness for vulnerable groups.

New Scholar Prize

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Western Australia, and Associate Professor Jan Jordan, Director of the School of Social and Cultural Studies, Victoria University of Wellington.



ANZSOC's *New Scholar Prize* for 2011 was awarded to **Dr Rebecca Wickes** for her article "Generating Action and Responding to Local Issues: Collective Efficacy in Context", published in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*, volume 43(3), pp. 423-43. Dr Rebecca Wickes is an early career academic currently employed in a teaching and

research position at the University of Queensland. In 2009 Dr Wickes was seconded to the UQ node of CEPS as a Research Fellow. In this role she is responsible for managing the Vulnerable Communities Project, including the development of a five year program of research and the planning and delivery of a large multi-city survey (comprising a sample of 300 suburbs and approximately 9,000 participants in Brisbane and Melbourne) which was conducted late 2010.

She has published several journal articles relating to the spatial concentration of crime and disorder in addition to a number of government reports. In the last three years she has procured four competitive research grants to progress a body of research in the field of urban criminology and urban sociology. As a result of her developing expertise in urban criminology Rebecca was invited to participate in an expert advisory group for the Queensland Department of Communities and a multi-lateral community resilience working group convened by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award

The Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award is awarded each year to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has written the best publication or report in the area of crime prevention. Submissions are judged according to the extent to which they demonstrate pragmatic and workable solutions to Australasian crime problems, that reflect the values of a tolerant and inclusive society, and which are founded in theory and research on crime prevention. The Selection Committee was composed of Associate Professor Fiona Haines, of the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne, Professor Peter Homel, of Griffith University and Dr Adrian Cherney, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Queensland.

ANZSOC's *Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award* for 2011 was awarded to **Dr Thomas Crofts** for his article entitled "The Law and (Anti-Social Behaviour) Order Campaign in Western Australia", published in *Current Issues in Criminal Justice*, volume 22(3), pp. 399-414.

Dr Thomas Crofts is an Associate Professor in the School of Law at Sydney University. He is a graduate of the University College London (LL.B.), the Bayerische Julius-Maximilians-University Würzburg, Germany (LL.M.) and the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt/O., Germany (Dr. iur.). Prior to joining Sydney University, Associate Professor Crofts taught Law at Murdoch University (2000-2010), the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) (1995-1999) and the Bayerische Julius-Maximilians-University Würzburg (1993-1995). He has held visiting appointments at the Universities of Sheffield, Nottingham, Birmingham and the University of Western Australia. At Sydney University he teaches Criminology and Criminal Law. He has also taught in the LLM programme in Criminal Law & Criminal Justice at the University of Birmingham (Homicide) and in the Master of Criminal Justice Programme at the Crime Research Centre of the University of Western Australia (Criminology, Criminal Law and Public Policy and Theories of Punishment and Principles of Sentencing).



Associate Professor Crofts has been awarded two Vice Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards. His research interests are comparative criminal law, criminalisation, criminal law reform and criminal responsibility. He has published in English and German in these fields in national and international journals. He is also the author of *The Criminal Responsibility of Children and Young Persons in Germany and England* and co-author of the 6th edition of *The Criminal Codes*.

Student Paper Prize

The Student Paper Prize is awarded each year for the best paper in criminology or a related area written by a member of the Society who is an undergraduate, honours or masters coursework program student. The Selection Committee was composed of Professor Andrew Goldsmith, Director of the Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention, University of Wollongong, Associate Professor Roberta Julian, Director of the Tasmanian Institute for Law Enforcement Studies, University of Tasmania, and Dr Lorana Bartels, Criminology Research Council Fellow and Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Canberra.

The winner of ANZSOC's *Student Paper Prize* this year was **Ms Courtney Young**, a student at the University of New South Wales, for her paper "Not Guilty and yet not Innocent: Police Attitudes towards Bail Compliance and the Consequences for Children and Young People".

Courtney graduated from the University of New South Wales earlier this year with first class honours and the University Medal in Law. She was chosen as valedictorian of her graduating year and twice won the Truman Hoyle prize for best performing student in her year of graduate law.



Courtney's interest in bail was first sparked during practical legal training placements with small criminal firms in rural NSW. When the opportunity arose to undertake a research elective focusing on process related criminal law under the supervision of Associate Professor Sandra Egger, the decision to focus on bail was an obvious one. Courtney's curiosity about bail generally

soon developed into a more focused interest concerning the impact of current bail law, and particularly bail conditions, on rural youth.

Her winning essay seeks to explore the relationship between police attitudes towards bail compliance and the practical consequences children and young people often experience as a result of having their liberty constrained by non-financial bail conditions. There can be no doubt that bail plays an indispensable role in our criminal justice system, and having merely scratched the surface of the phenomenon of bail with practitioner interviews from one country town, this is an area of research Courtney hopes to pursue in greater depth in the future.

Since graduating, Courtney has been lecturing in Criminal Law in the Faculty of Law, at the University of New South Wales, and is continuing her research for the Australian Prisons Project. Currently, Courtney is working as an Associate to Her Honour Judge Flannery.

Student Paper Prize Runner-Up

Although the prize was awarded to Courtney Young, the judges felt that **Ms Rhiannon Bandiera's** paper, "The Search for Counterfeiters in a Virtual Space: Policing Illicit Online Pharmacies", dealt with a very novel theme and was of commendable quality.



Rhiannon completed a Bachelor of Behavioural Science at Flinders University in 2010, majoring in Psychology and Criminal Justice. While completing her undergraduate degree, Rhiannon commenced an Honours degree in Criminal Justice as a part time student. Her thesis, submitted successfully in 2010, examined the growth of pharmaceutical counterfeiting within

transnational pharmaceutical markets, discussed the contributions of consumers and counterfeiters in its ongoing persistence within global trade.

As part of the 2010 Honours topic Crime and Public Policy, Rhiannon submitted a paper titled "The search for drug counterfeiters in a virtual space: The

policing of online pharmacies". The paper proposed a proactive model to policing counterfeit pharmaceutical crime online. With prior enforcement implications and practical constraints in consideration, the paper recommended the development of a taskforce independent from a national government or legal authority. Following a "mystery-shopper" approach, pharmaceutical products would be purchased from online pharmacies and subjected to an initial, cost-effective testing process; mainly using Thin Layer Chromatography, Colorimetry (colour imagery techniques), bulk property measurements and physical identification and observational techniques. Ideally, the taskforce model would be best suited for international pharmaceutical companies who are likely to be most experienced in testing and identifying pharmaceuticals, have the greatest product knowledge, as well as access to the resources and testing facilities required to identify counterfeits. The success of this approach however, will be dependent on the universal adoption and definition of counterfeit pharmaceuticals within national legislation to ensure consistent transnational regulation and enforcement.

In March 2011, Rhiannon tutored in the first year topic Crime and Criminology at Flinders University and will contribute to the teaching of the Criminal Justice System in second semester. Between April and June 2011, Rhiannon had also carried out a student placement with the South Australian Attorney-General's Department, working as a project team member on the Community Court Project. Under the supervision of Dr. Marinella Marmo, Rhiannon achieved an Honours First Class for her studies, completed in July 2011. Rhiannon hopes to begin a PhD in criminology during 2011 or 2012 and continue her research into pharmaceutical counterfeiting.

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