



SCCJR Bulletin: JUNE 2019

People

The University of Stirling welcome **Louise Brangan** (PhD from SCCJR, University of Edinburgh) who has started as a Lecturer in Criminology. Colleagues at Stirling are delighted to have her in the team. Louise can be contacted via her new email: louise.brangan@stir.ac.uk

Congratulations to **Maureen Taylor** (Glasgow Caledonian University) who successfully defended her thesis last month. Her thesis was titled: Group-associated child sexual exploitation: Exploring the networks.

Professors **Lesley McAra** and **Susan McVie** (Edinburgh) are finalists for the ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize 2019. They have been recognised for their work on the Edinburgh Study of Youth Transitions and Crime and its influence on the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill. Lesley and Susan will find out if they have won the prestigious prize at the official award ceremony in London on Tues 9th July.

James Gacek (Edinburgh) has accepted an Assistant Professor position in the Department of Justice Studies at the University of Regina, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. James says he is very excited for this opportunity and looking forward to pursuing his research in Canada. We wish him well.

Events

24 June: **Cara Jardine** (Strathclyde) and **Louise Brangan** (Stirling) have been funded by SCCJR to establish [an early career network on 'Exclusion and Punishment'](#) through a series of half-day workshops in May – July 2019. The next workshop will take place on 24 June at the University of Strathclyde which will be concluded with a plenary from Dr Órla Murray (Edinburgh): Sustaining Scholarship Through Solidarity: Negotiating the Neoliberal University. Contact [Cara](#) or [Louise](#) to join.

28 June: The Race, Ethnicity and Post-Colonial Studies (REPS) PhD Symposium 2019 will take place at Lilybank House, University of Glasgow on Fri 28 June from 10-5pm. All enquires to s.harris.2@research.gla.ac.uk

SCCJR Political Engagement

UK Parliament evidence submission:

Maria Fotopoulou and **Margaret Malloch** (Stirling) were part of a written evidence submission by PRAXXIS Women (a Scottish policy, research and action collective seeking to improve outcomes for women affected by substance use) to the UK Parliament Scottish Affairs Commons Select Committee Inquiry on problem drug use in Scotland. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/scottish-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/problem-drug-use-scotland-17-19/publications/>

Scottish Parliament evidence submissions:

A number of SCCJR colleagues (**Sarah Armstrong**, **Marguerite Schinkel**, **Hannah Graham** and **Fergus McNeill**) have provided written evidence submissions to the Scottish Parliament Justice

Committee regarding Scottish Government plans to extend the presumption to short prison sentences of 12 months and under. You can read them online [here](#).

Sarah Armstrong (Glasgow) will give oral evidence to the Scottish Parliament Justice Committee on the presumption against short sentences on Tues 4 June.

Presentations & Meetings

Upcoming

Alistair Fraser (Glasgow) is going to be giving a talk at the York Festival of Ideas Thurs 6 June which will then be broadcast on Radio 3: <http://yorkfestivalofideas.com/2019/events/new-generation-thinkers/>

The next meeting of the [Scottish Government's Victim's Taskforce](#) on Wed 12 June will feature two SCCJR research teams, **Michele Burman, Oona Brooks-Hay and Lisa Bradley** (Glasgow) speaking about their project [Justice Journeys](#) and **Sarah Armstrong** (Glasgow), **Trish McCulloch** (Dundee), **Beth Weaver** (Strathclyde) speaking about their project [Measuring Justice: Defining Concepts, Developing Practice](#).

SCCJR Associate Director [Margaret Malloch](#) sits on the Taskforce on behalf of the Centre, and any queries or input about it can be sent to her.

Michele Burman, Oona Brooks-Hay and Lisa Bradley (Glasgow) will present a paper on Justice Journeys to the Lord Justice Clerk's review to improve the management of sexual offence cases on Fri 21. <http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/about-the-scottish-court-service/scs-news/2019/03/20/improving-the-management-of-sexual-offence-cases>

On Thurs 13 June **Marguerite Schinkel** (Glasgow) is presenting on her Lives Sentenced research as part of panel on 'Desistance from crime in 'exceptional' contexts', at the COMPEN Conference 'Punishment and imprisonment in the Nordic countries: Comparative perspectives' in Kristiansand, Norway.

Emiline Smith (Glasgow) will be speaking at the Asian Criminological Society Annual Meeting in Cebu from 23-26 June, which is themed 'Contextualizing Challenges in Criminology and Criminal Justice in Asia' (see <http://www.11thacsannualconference.com/>). Emiline will be part of the OBORization obstacles: corruption and organized crime panel, and will speak about the dangers of China's Belt and Road Initiative for transnational crime, specifically cultural property trafficking in her talk titled Examining Transnational Crime Along China's Belt and Road Initiative: Cultural Property as Negative Externality.

Michele Burman and **Oona Brooks-Hay** (Glasgow) will be giving a keynote speech at the forthcoming 'Criminalising Coercive Control' event at Lancaster University Wed 26 June at Bowland Hall Conference Centre.

Past

Kirsty Deacon (Glasgow) organised an event, "Keeping in Touch with a Family Member in Prison" on Thur 2 May as part of her Scottish Justice Fellowship. It brought together 25 attendees across a variety of organisations with an interest in families experiencing a member's imprisonment.

Jessica Cleary (Stirling) and **Beth Cairns** (Stirling) were both speakers at the 'Facing Down Resistance: Gender, Power and Change' conference at the University of Stirling on 20th May. Jessica spoke on her PhD research with a focus on the gendered pains of desistance and women's experiences of it, and Beth spoke on her PhD research with a focus on gender diversity and law.

James Gacek (Edinburgh) presented his paper "In the Era of E-Carceration: Criminal Justice Trends and Concerns with Electronic Monitoring" at *Digitizing Justice at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies*, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg in May. James also presented a paper he co-authored, "Housing prisoners based on gender-identification: Carceral boundaries and transgender positioning in the Canadian federal prison system" at the same event.

Professors **Lesley McAra** and **Susan McVie** (Edinburgh) gave the opening address at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch of the Scottish Association for the Study of Offending conference on 9th of May 2019. Their address, titled 'Care to crime cycle': Challenges for theory, method', presented findings from the Edinburgh Study of Youth Transitions and Crime on the impact of being looked after in care on later offending behaviour and criminal conviction.

In the Media

Niall Hamilton-Smith (Stirling) contributed to the [Sunday Post's](#) article on football related violence, published 5 May.

Susan McVie (Edinburgh) gave an interview to [BBC's The Nine show](#) which aired on 7 May where she discussed Scotland's age of criminal responsibility and the incoming changes to extend this to the age of 12.

Niall Hamilton-Smith (Stirling) was interviewed on BBC Radio Scotland and TV for news coverage of serious organised crime, informed by research with colleagues from the Universities of Glasgow, West of Scotland and Abertay. He had a BBC One Scotland television appearance on 14th May 2019 on the National Crime Agencies 2019 National Strategic Assessment, <https://www.sccjr.ac.uk/news-events/news/sccjrs-niall-hamilton-smith-contributes-to-bbc-story-on-serious-organised-crime/>

Hannah Graham (Stirling) was interviewed in a Scotsman newspaper article about new Council of Europe SPACE II statistics on probation and community justice showing Scotland's probation rate as one of the highest in Europe, 22nd May 2019 <https://www.scotsman.com/news/crime/proportion-of-prisoners-in-scotland-among-highest-in-europe-1-4931911>

Sarah Armstrong (Glasgow) and John McGhee published their evidence review into [mental health and wellbeing of young people in custody](#). The review received widespread media attention and Sarah was interviewed for the Sunday National on 26 May. <https://www.thenational.scot/news/17665121.call-for-end-to-inhumane-suicide-cells-in-young-offenders-institutes/>

Publications

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Scottish Government Updates

The monthly Safer Communities and Justice Brief June 2019 is [available now](#).



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