



SCCJR Bulletin: DECEMBER 2019



From all of us at the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, students and associates for all their hard work in helping the Centre realise another successful year.

This is my last Christmas wishes to you as Director as I will be stepping down at the end of the month. I have really enjoyed my time in the Directorship getting to know so many people in the Centre and about their work – and still feel there is so much more to learn. It has been hard but rewarding work to lead this Centre, made all the more worthwhile by working alongside all our Associate Directors and ably supported by our HQ team of Rachelle Cobain and Diane McGrattan. From January 2020 SCCJR's new Director, Dr Alistair Fraser

(Glasgow University) takes up his role, and I am wishing and everyone in the Centre a successful 2020!

We look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Warm regards,
Prof Sarah Armstrong, Director

People

We bid a fond farewell to our friend and colleague **Dr Donna Yates** (Glasgow) who is moving on from us to join the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology in the Faculty of Law at the University of Maastricht, which will house her 5-year, European Research Council-funded project "Trafficking Transformations" which starts in January.



Donna said: "My nearly 8 years at the SCCJR have been the most stimulating of my academic career: supportive and creative colleagues and brilliant students created an atmosphere where I could grow and mature as a researcher.

I can't imagine a kinder workplace. While the complicated issues of having EU funding in the current political climate are forcing me to leave, I hope to stay in close contact with the SCCJR and find ways to build bridges between our two institutions in the future."

You can stay in touch with Donna via her new email address d.yates@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Congratulations to **Prof Michele Burman** (Glasgow) who has won a Distinguished Visitor Scheme award to spend 3 months at the Centre for Crime, Law and Justice at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Australia next year.

The University of Stirling welcomes [Dr Annie Crowley](#) who has successfully been awarded a postdoctoral fellowship and will be joining the will join the Criminology team very soon.



And finally, **Dr Hannah Graham** (Stirling) has been appointed as a lay member of the Scottish Sentencing Council, replacing Professor Neil Hutton. We wish Hannah the very best with this new appointment. Congratulations!

Events

On Wednesday 4 December **Dr Emma Forbes** (Glasgow) held an event, 'Shine a Light on Violence Against Women and Girls' at Glasgow City Chambers to launch her GlassWalls project.



This collaborative community art project saw women with lived experience of domestic abuse learn the art of stained glass by making collages of daisies. During the event these collages were on display alongside three stained glass panels that

told the story of progress in Scotland's justice response to domestic abuse.



As well as hearing from Emma and the women themselves, there were also short speeches from artist Brian Waugh who helped produce the panels, and a performance of music created by Dr Jo Collinson-Scott.

Presentations & Meetings

Past

Michele Burman (Glasgow) presented at the ANZSOC (Australia and New Zealand Criminology Conference in Perth, Australia (10th – 13th Dec 2019) on the Justice Journeys research completed with Oona Brooks-Hay and Lisa Bradley.

Daniel Horn (Strathclyde) presented a paper at "[Framing the Penal Colony](#)", 22-23 Nov 2019, Nottingham University entitled "Spiti Ton Exoriston (The House of Exiles): Penal Colonies and Memory Narratives in Southern Greece". The paper is part of a developing collaboration to explore the history of political punishment and the long-term impact on local narratives and politicization of social and kinship networks.

Publications

Soliman, F. (2019). States of exception, human rights, and social harm: Towards a border zemiology. *Theoretical Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1362480619890069>

Scottish Government Updates

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