Welcome

When we entered our first national lockdown in 2020, little knowing the dark days that lay ahead, it now strikes me how far we’ve travelled together, as we breath fresh air at the end of the tunnel.

This year I have continued to be blown away by the passion and vision of SCCJR colleagues. In this bumper Annual Report you will see some fantastic accomplishments; a fresh crop of funding, new projects and partnerships developed, a relaunched website and we’ve provided more opportunities to learn and engage across the Centre. But I’m equally proud of how we’ve pulled each other through, finding ways to maintain community in the midst of the pandemic’s crisis.

It has been my great honour to act as Director of SCCJR. It has been a helluva ride but I feel, somehow, that we are stronger in our collective identity and more expansive in our range of activities than ever before. I am very proud of the work that has been done to grow our staff team and to protect and support our Early Career Research community.

During my time as Director I have learned a lot along the way but most importantly what the ‘Cs’ in SCCJR really stand for: creativity, community, critique, curiosity and care.

The time has come, however, for fresh ideas. I’m delighted to say that, from January 2023, Dr Julie Berg will take over as Director of SCCJR. Julie is a fantastic colleague and research dynamo who has led the international networks of SCCJR for the last two years. She will, I know, grow the Centre in ground-breaking new ways.

I would like to thank the Management Committee for all their support during my Directorship and of course to the staff members who ensure the day-to-day running of the Centre is smooth – our Communications Officer Rachelle Cobain, Karyn Mabon our Knowledge Exchange Officer and Lynda Frazer who provides excellent financial administrative support.

And of course, I want to thank every one of you, for roles both large and small, in helping us steer the good ship SCCJR through such choppy waters.

Dr Alistair Fraser
Director of SCCJR (2020-2023)
Awards & Achievements

As leading contributors to scholarly debate, SCCJR staff have been recognised in a number of ways by peers and professional bodies. These include appointments to positions within scholarly bodies, keynotes and talks to international audiences, and awards and prizes from prestigious societies.

FERGUS MCNEILL (Glasgow) won the European Society of Criminology Book Prize for Pervasive Punishment in September 2021.

EMILINE SMITH (Glasgow) was appointed as an Advisor to the Nepal Heritage Recovery campaign.

BETH WEAVER (Strathclyde) was appointed as Associate Dean [Knowledge Exchange] for HaSS, University of Strathclyde.

CAITLIN GORMLEY & MARGUERITE SCHINKEL (Glasgow) gave a keynote address and inaugural seminar for SASO’s annual seminar series on the impacts of Covid-19 on penal experiences in Scotland.

SUSAN MCVIE (Edinburgh) was appointed as Consultant to the Mass Casualty Commission in Canada.

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CAITLIN GORMLEY (Glasgow) was invited to join the expert advisory group for SOLD (Supporting Offenders with Learning Disabilities).

OONA BROOKS-HAY & MICHELE BURMAN (Glasgow) were invited by the Judicial Studies Institute to deliver a presentation and workshops for Scottish Judges titled, ‘Trauma Informed Practice in the Management of Sexual Offences Cases’.

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BETH WEAVER (Strathclyde) was appointed to the editorial boards of Punishment and Society and the International Journal for Crime, Justice, and Social Democracy.

LOUISE BRANGAN’S (Strathclyde) article ‘Pastoral penalty in 1970s Ireland: Addressing the pains of imprisonment won the Theoretical Criminology 2021 prize for Best Article.

JULIE BERG (Glasgow) & CLIFFORD SHEARING presented a paper ‘Private Security’s Lines of Flight’ as part of a webinar series organised by the Safety and Violence Initiative, University of Cape Town.

LOUISE BRANGAN (Strathclyde) was appointed to the editorial boards of Punishment and Society and the International Journal for Crime, Justice, and Social Democracy.

HANNAH GRAHAM (Stirling) was a Visiting Scholar and gave a seminar on, ‘Probation Work: A Visual Criminological Analysis’ at Leuven Institute of Criminology at KU University.

SUSAN MCVIE (Edinburgh) gave an invited seminar for Leiden University staff and students on ‘Policing the Pandemic in Scotland.’

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BETH WEAVER (Strathclyde) gave a keynote address ‘Coproducing Justice’ at the Global Partnerships: Local Outcomes event.

EMILINE SMITH (Glasgow) gave an invited lecture Lost Idols, Empty Pedestals: Trafficking Nepal’s Cultural Heritage at Heidelberg University.

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BABAK JAHANSHAHI, KATH MURRAY & SUSAN MCVIE’S (Edinburgh) article, ‘Aces, Places and Inequality: Understanding the effects of adverse childhood experiences and poverty on offending in childhood,’ was joint winner of the 2021 European Society for Prevention Research President’s Award for outstanding research science paper.

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Between October 2021 and September 2022, we have continued our online SCCJR Seminars and Social Analysis of Penality Across Boundaries workshop series which is jointly organised between SCCJR and Universidad Nacional Litoral in Argentina.

**SCCJR SEMINARS**

**OCTOBER 2021:** Winter is coming? Exploring the north/south divide in terms of penal climate with José Brandariz, University of A Coruña Spain.

**NOVEMBER 2021:** Between penal minimalism and punitive authoritarianism: Brazilian imprisonment policies and the dynamics of subnational variation*, David Santos Fonseca, Federal University of South Bahia, Brazil.

**DECEMBER 2021:** The ‘Curious Eclipse’ of Carceral Ethnography in International Comparison: Trends Across the US, Canada, and the UK, Ashley T. Rubin, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa.

**JANUARY 2022:** The politics of prison air: breath, smell, and wind in Myanmar prisons, Tomas Max Martin, DIGNITY – Danish Institute Against Torture.

**FEBRUARY 2022:** Negotiating Lock-Up: The Workings and Limits of Prison Co-Governance, Julienne Weegels, University of Amsterdam.

**MARCH 2022:** Unlikely Downsizers: The Prison Service’s Role in Decarceration in Kazakhstan*, Gavin Slade, Associate Professor, at Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan.

**APRIL 2022:** Comparative Punishment and Political Culture, Louise Brangan, University of Strathclyde.

**MAY 2022:** Tales from La Catedral: the Narco and the Reconfiguration of Prison Social Order in Colombia, Manuel Iturralde, Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia).

**SCCJR FESTIVAL 2021**

In November 2021 SCCJR organised an online ‘festival’ showcasing our work and research across a number of days, including:

- A platform launch event for the first cohort of Scottish Justice Fellows, promoting their work to a diverse audience of policymakers, practitioners and researchers
- Martin Cathcart Frödén, Malmo University, Book Launch: ‘A Circular Argument’.
- A cross-SCCJR session on ‘Teaching criminology: Opportunities and challenges of a developing field’ involving participation from representatives of all SCCJR institutions
- An ‘in conversation’ event with Biko Agozino, Virginia Tech University, on Decolonising Criminology.

Most of these seminars and workshops, along with other events we have hosted throughout 2021/2022, have been recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel for you to watch again.
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Communication, Collaboration & Connection

**Just Humans Podcast**

In November 2021 SCCJR launched a second series of the popular ‘Just Humans’ podcast which explores the work of the Centre and the people who make it. We produced four episodes with Ben Collier (Edinburgh), Cara Jardine (Strathclyde), Hannah Graham (Glasgow) and Lisa Bradley & Nughmana Mirza (Glasgow). Feedback from these episodes has been exceptional with the entire podcast series of 8 episodes being downloaded more than 2,700 times.

The series was hosted by our Director Alistair Fraser and produced by our Communications Officer, Rachelle Cobain.

**Just Talk**

We also explored a new format with recording in person conversations which we have called ‘Just Talk’. Our first saw a recorded conversation between Fergus McNeill and Marguerite Schinkel (Glasgow) alongside Reuben McNeill and Shadd Maruna (Queens University Belfast). This episode was available in both video form which is on our website and YouTube channel as well as being edited into a podcast episode. Together this episode of Just Talk has been downloaded around 500 times.

**New Website**

SCCJR launched a fresh new look at our website in June 2022 thanks to our web developer Infinite Eye and designer Susan Cruickshank of Sumni Design. With a new hub for learning and teaching resources, a video bank of recorded seminars and workshops along with our usual content of research publications and blogs, the website has quickly become a destination for criminology staff and students alike.

**PRINT MEDIA**

- Alistair Fraser (Glasgow) was the subject of a 2,500 word feature for Neil Mackay’s ‘Big Read’ in the *Sunday Herald* which explored a range of justice issues affecting Scotland.
- Ben Collier (Edinburgh) wrote a popular article in the Wall Street Journal about research on cybercriminals, called ‘The Secret Vulnerability of Cybercriminals: Burnout’.
- Emeline Smith (Glasgow) has contributed to a number of articles and interview on cultural heritage for Hyperakleismic, BBC, Independent, Washington post, and Nepal Times
- Research published by Susan McVie and Ben Matthews (Edinburgh) on enforcements made by Police Scotland during the pandemic was reported by a number of media outlets including the Scotsman and Scottish Legal News.
- Hannah Graham (Stirling) contributed to an article by Karin Goodwin in *The Ferret*, Distressed prisoners made 13,000 calls to Samaritans, in April 2022, which is available online here.
- Cara Jardine (Strathclyde) contributed to a piece in the *Daily Record* by Annie Brown on satellite technology and tagging which was published in Jan 2022.
- Oona Brooks-Hay (Glasgow) contributed to Anna Moore’s article in the Guardian (March 2022) drawing upon Justice Journeys project: ‘My childhood was stolen. Why is my adulthood being taken, too?’

**BROADCAST MEDIA**

- Phil Crockett Thomas (Stirling) The Poet and Echo: The Town Marshal BBC Radio 4.
- Alistair Fraser (Glasgow) wrote and presented a broadcast for BBC Radio 3’s ‘Sunday Feature’ titled Gorbals – Past and Present and appeared on BBC Radio 4’s ‘The Food Programme’ Buckfast: the transformation of Scotland’s Most Controversial Drink.
- Marguerite Schinkel (Glasgow) took part in the Locked up podcast going at HMP Barlinnie

**POLICY ENGAGEMENT**

- Hannah Graham (Stirling), Steve Kirkwood (Edinburgh), Margaret Malloch (Stirling), Fergus McNeill (Glasgow) provided written evidence to the Scottish Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee Roundtable on Prisons and Prison Policy.
- Maria Fotopoulou (Stirling) and Sarah Armstrong (Glasgow) held a roundtable on drugs and prison with key stakeholders including people with experience of drugs and prison, MSPs, Government members, academics, recovery groups and others to launch and discuss report mapping drugs and prison in Scotland.
- Alistair Fraser (Glasgow), Susan McVie, Lesley McAn (Edinburgh) and Hannah Graham (Stirling) and colleagues submitted to a roundtable evidence session in the Scottish Parliament on reducing youth offending, offering community justice solutions and alternatives to custody.
- Hannah Graham (Stirling) made a consultation submission on bail and release from prison, informing the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill, which is set to be introduced by the Scottish Government to Scottish Parliament in May 2022.
- Diana Miranda, Niall Hamilton-Smith (both Stirling) and others were commissioned by the Scottish Government’s Independent Advisory Group on the Use of Emerging Technologies in Policing to do a “Review of Emerging Technologies in Policing: Findings and Recommendations”.

Staff and students from SCCJR are regular commentators on issues affecting crime and justice and make frequent contributions to media and political debate.
International Engagement

The SCCJR has consolidated its existing partnerships and sought out new partnerships resulting in two new partnerships in Eastern Europe and Latin America and the creation of an international online partners’ network, with a further Latin American and African partner in development.

This work was led by a small team of colleagues led by Julie Berg (Glasgow) and associated committee members of the international engagement group – Emilene Smith (Glasgow), Richard Sparks and Milena Tripkovic (Edinburgh) along with Louise Brangan (Strathclyde).

SCCJR currently has centre-level agreements with eight leading criminological research centres around the world:

1. Crime and Justice Research Centre, Queensland University of Technology;
2. Leuven Institute for Criminology, University of Leuven;
3. Department of Sociology and Centre for Criminology, University of Hong Kong;
4. Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, University of Oslo;
5. Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto;
6. Tashkent State University of Law, Uzbekistan;
7. Facultad de Ciencias Juridicas y Sociales, Universidad Nacional del Litoral (National University of Litoral), Argentina;
8. Institute of Criminology, Ljubljana Law Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

In addition to strategic investment in new and existing partners, SCCJR is actively engaged in international network development in research, teaching, and scholarship through engaging in a decolonisation focus.

The SCCJR’s website now features a new decolonising criminology multimedia resource section which aims to help colleagues understand what decolonisation is and how to include it in the academic curriculum.

PhD Snapshots

We have around 70 PhD students working on a wide variety of research topics across our partner institutions. Here is a snapshot of four of them.

EMMA CHRISTENSEN

Working Title of PhD:
A Comparative Analysis of Education in American and Scottish Prisons

Year commenced PhD study: 2020

Institution/Organisation:
University of Strathclyde

Funding Source:
University Student Excellence Award Studentship

Full or part-time: Full-time

PhD Supervisors:
Professor Beth Weaver and Dr Cara Jardine

Synopsis of PhD:
My project is a qualitative study that will examine prison education in the United States and Scotland. In particular, the study will attempt to discover the objectives, methods, and motivators of various correctional education programs and how education impacts individuals’ lives during and after release.

Using semi-structured interviews with participants in prison education and prison administrators, this research will attempt to fill a gap in the existing research by comparatively analysing institutional and personal motivations for developing and participating in prison education programs.

The study will also look at factors that may influence an individuals’ motivation to participate and education and how this may impact their ability to learn and change. Additionally, this research will take a more critical approach to the idea of “transformation” as a result of prison education and ask whether individual transformation is truly enough to impact a persons’ life during and after incarceration.

AMY CULLEN

Working Title of PhD:
Women who offend and financial punishment in Scotland

Year commenced PhD study: 2019

Institution/Organisation:
University of Glasgow

Funding Source:
ESRC

Full or part-time: Full-time

PhD Supervisors:
Dr Susan Batchelor (Glasgow) Professor Margaret Malloch (Stirling)

Synopsis of PhD:
Engaging with the limited theoretical literature concerning financial punishment, my project delivers qualitative evidence from practitioners working with women who have been fined to begin to develop a critical analysis of women’s justice at ‘the “soft end” of the criminal justice system’ (ibid., 483).

Though financial punishment scholarship in the UK remains limited, innovative international research has made greater use of qualitative evidence. Responding to these innovations and to the “importance of using women’s experiences as resources for social analysis”
DANIELA MARDONES-BRAVO
Working Title of PhD:
The Elderly Population within the Prison System in Chile: Characteristics and Challenges
Year commenced PhD study: 2019
Institution/Organisation: University of Edinburgh
Funding Source: ANID (National Agency for Research and Development, Chile)
Full or part-time: Full-time
PhD Supervisors:
Dr Niall Hamilton-Smith and Dr William Munro
Synopsis of PhD: This project is aimed to understand the serious complications police face when communicating with Chinese people and which strategies they adopt to overcome these difficulties. Therefore, this project has the dual purpose of highlighting (1) the problems police encounter and (2) the best practices used by professionals in the field. Obviously, we are talking about a context in which the Chinese community is a minority group, like in Great Britain.

To achieve this purpose it is useful to answer two main questions:
1. What are the difficulties police encounter in obtaining the cooperation of Chinese?
2. What strategies do professionals adopt to overcome those difficulties?

Data will be collected through semi-structured interviews with professionals that have direct experience in working with Chinese communities.

DAVIDE MATTARELLO
Working Title of PhD: Communicate with the Chinese community. Understand the challenges and strategies used by the police in their institutional activities
Year commenced PhD study: 2019
Institution/Organisation: University of Stirling
Full or part-time: Full-time
PhD Supervisors:
Dr Niall Hamilton-Smith and Dr William Munro
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