Editorial

Welcome to the first edition to our research newsletter for the School of Social Sciences in the academic session for 2015-16. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to a number of new staff across the School who have joined us since the summer and whose research also features in this edition which is dedicated to updates from each of the Divisional areas. You may be aware that we have a newly realigned Division of Social Work and Health, with colleagues joining us from Public Health, and similarly a growing Division of Sociology, joined by colleagues from Youth Studies, Youth Justice and Career Guidance. These realignments mark exciting times for our research and scholarship at the start of this academic session and I look forward to sharing more information about our new colleagues and their research interests in the further editions of the newsletter for 2015-16.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank again everyone who was able to attend my inaugural lecture on the Power of Participation for Mental Wealth on Thursday 22 September. I was deeply touched by the sheer number of you who, whether able to attend or not, sent good wishes before, during and after the event. It seems we are off to a great start for the academic year with an ever growing and vibrant research community in our School. Thanks and well done to everyone.

Professor Di Bailey
Research Coordinator in the School of Social Sciences
Alternative Futures VI Conference 2016

The sixth Alternative Futures Conference will be taking place on **Wednesday 24 February 2016**.

This event is designed to provide staff and postgraduate research students with an opportunity to present a paper before considering it for submission to a peer-reviewed journal, or presentation at an external conference.

There is no specific theme to the conference. In agreement with the School Research Committee, the conference panels will be based around the research groups operating across the School of Social Sciences. This year we would especially welcome papers or a panel focusing on the theme of ‘sustainability’, which encompasses either one or all of its three dimensions (social, economic and environmental).

If you would like to present a paper or offer up a panel at the Alternative Futures VI Conference, please submit a 300 word abstract to either James Hunter: james.hunter@ntu.ac.uk or Oli Harrison: oliver.harrison@ntu.ac.uk. Please ensure that your email contains the subject heading ‘Alternative Futures: Abstract / Panel Submission’. The deadline for submissions is **Friday 20 November 2016**.

If you are submitting a panel for consideration please remember to submit an abstract for each of the presenters who will make up your panel (there are normally three papers per panel).

Whilst we welcome attendance at the conference from individuals across and beyond the University, presentation of a paper at the conference is restricted to staff or postgraduate research students within the School of Social Sciences, or members of the International Centre for Public Sector Management (Nottingham Business School).

If you have any questions about any aspect of the conference, or would like an informal discussion about a potential paper or panel, contact James Hunter or Oli Harrison.
Research activity in Politics and International Relations

News from the Division

**Professor Matt Henn** presented a paper at the Annual Conference of the European Consortium of Politic Research in Montreal at the end of August 2016. The paper was titled, ‘Resolving uneven generational patterns of citizenship and electoral participation – the impact of institutional changes on youth citizenship, political participation and voting in Britain’. Based on quantitative and qualitative data from his ESRC project (with Nick Foard), the paper considered young people’s reactions to a range of electoral initiatives that governments might introduce in order to try and persuade young people to vote, as well as their views on compulsory voting.

Matt Henn will be teaching on the Masters in Public Law and Multilevel Integration Processes, which is run by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in Spain. This builds on research teaching that Matt has carried out for the past four years, following an Erasmus Doctoral Exchange partnership that was developed with UAB in May 2010. Matt will be visiting the University in February 2016 to instruct the Masters students on methodology.

**Dr Michael O’Neil** has had a chapter ‘Never Closer Union: The Cultural Roots of Eurosceptic Parties’ accepted for publication after peer review in Cahiers de Fare, edited by Professors Sylvain Schirmann and Sergio Miscoiu, and published in French by l’Harmattan, a research project financed by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie. Michael has had a chapter published in The Cultural Dynamics of Transatlanticism, Chapter Three, L. Buonanno et al, The New and Changing Transatlanticism. Politics and Policy Perspectives (Routledge, New York, 2015). Michael is also completing a single authored book: Euroscepticism and the Crisis of Liberal Politics.

**Dr Jon Gorry**’s paper on The Jam, the ‘young idea’ and questions of political authenticity has been accepted for a symposium on Paul Weller at the Birmingham Centre for Media and Cultural Research in March 2016. This symposium is expected to be the basis for an edited volume that will constitute the first academic treatment of this stalwart of popular music culture. Jon is also set to present a paper on faith, performance and identity at the Inaugural Global Congress on Sports and Christianity at York St John University in the summer of 2016.

**Dr Christopher Baker-Beall** has had The European Union’s ‘Fight against Terrorism’: Discourse, Policies, Identity (Manchester University Press, 2016) accepted for publication. This will be published in March 2016.

**Dr Imad El-Anis and Dr Natasha Underhill** have a forthcoming edited book titled: Regional Integration and National Disintegration in the Post-Arab Spring Middle East and North Africa. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars.
Liam McCarthy has established a new Political Studies Association (PSA) Specialist Group: Politics and Policy in East Asia, and is currently serving as Co-convenor. He is therefore organising panels for the inaugural PSA conference next March and is organising a special founding event at NTU in the coming academic year.

Liam has also become an Associate Fellow of the Sir Bernard Crick Centre at the University of Sheffield and has written a piece, ‘How We’ll Learn to Stop Worrying and Love the Drone’, for their blog.

Dr Marianna Poberezhskaya presented a paper at the workshop ‘Suspect Science: Climate Change, Epidemics, and Questions of Conspiracy’ organised by the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) at the University of Cambridge, 17 - 19 September 2015.


Abstract:

The attitude of Russia towards climate change is extremely important for the success of climate change control policies worldwide, as Russia, with its cold climate and vast resources of carbon fuels, is one of the world’s biggest polluters. Moreover, Russia frequently comes across as not being very interested in containing environmental pollution. This book explores how issues to do with climate change are handled by the Russian media. It discusses how the state and economic elites have influenced Russia’s environmental communication, with the state’s control of the media strengthening since Putin came to power, and with control being exercised in some cases by ignoring or silencing the key issues. However, the book also shows how, recently, elites and the state in Russia have begun to realise that it is in the state’s best interest to pursue more climate-oriented policies. The book concludes by examining how the communication of climate change issues in Russia could be improved and by assessing the extent to which a recent change in state climate policy could mean that media coverage of climate change in Russia will keep increasing.


Dr Oliver Daddow has guest edited the special issue of the journal International Relations on ‘Interpreting Foreign Policy: National, Comparative, and Regional Studies’, with Mark Bevir (University of California, Berkeley). See http://ire.sagepub.com/content/current

Oliver’s contribution to the special issue was an analysis of the coalition government’s foreign policy beliefs and the associated policy practices - ‘Constructing a “Great” Role for Britain in an Age of Austerity: Interpreting Coalition Government Foreign Policy, 2010 -2015’.

Dr Oli Harrison has had his article ‘Occupy: ‘struggles for the common’ or an ‘anti-politics of dignity’? Reflections on Hardt and Negri and John Holloway’ accepted for publication in the journal Capital and Class.
**Research activity in Psychology**

**News from the Division**

**Dr Sarah Seymour-Smith** has published a range of journal articles and book chapters, including: ‘Applying discursive approaches to health psychology’ in a special issue of the prestigious APA journal, *Health Psychology*. The issue showcases a range of qualitative research projects conducted by health psychologists with a view to promoting greater uptake and development of qualitative research methods in the field. The special issue is particularly important as qualitative research is not typically favoured in America and the special issue (edited by Brendan Gough, who previously worked at NTU) consists of mainly UK-based academics. Sarah was also invited to write a book chapter for *The Palgrave Handbook of the Psychology of Sexuality and Gender* which was published recently. A conference to launch the book took place in London in October 2015.

Sarah has also had two further papers accepted for publication:


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**The Second Postgraduate Psychological Well-being and Mental Health Conference**

On 13 and 14 May 2015, the Division of Psychology in the School of Social Sciences hosted the second Postgraduate Psychological Well-being and Forensic Mental Health Conference for students on the ‘Theory and Application to Mental Health’ module. The conference saw students from the MSc Psychological Well-being and Mental Health course and MSc Forensic Mental Health course take part in a two-day showcase of their research work in response to consulting scenarios provided by local organisations, businesses, and charities.

The students’ consultation work sought to solve problems put forward by organisations including Framework Housing Association and Charity, MUTED (Men Understanding, Treating, and Experiencing Depression), Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Services, the British Psychological Society, the Division of Occupational Psychology, Framework Business Consultancy Ltd., The Care Quality Commission and the Fire Officers’ Association. The presentations covered issues relating to depression, redundancy, homelessness, drug and alcohol misuse, relationship breakdown, management, occupational health and many more.

Representatives from each organisation attended the talks and it is hoped that some lasting relationships between students and organisations may result from the conference. Students described the experience as both valuable and unique. For more information contact Dr. Mhairi Bowe: mhairi.bowe@ntu.ac.uk
Dr Duncan Guest and Dr Christina Howard have recently had their paper, ‘Ageing and the rate of visual information processing’, accepted for publication in the Journal of Vision, an internationally excellent, open access, peer-reviewed journal read by researchers in the fields of psychology, vision science and ophthalmology. This was work done in collaboration with Dr Louise Brown at University of Strathclyde (previously of NTU) and an undergraduate SPUR student, Harriet Gleeson.

The paper presents three experiments with healthy younger and older adults, examining the speed with which information is accrued by the visual system. The results show that older adults experience a slowing in this processing, but only where there are multiple objects to be perceived and maintained in visual working memory. This has implications for the generalised slowing theories of cognitive ageing and for real world tasks where older adults must act upon multiple sources of visual information. This work complements a track record of existing published work in the team on speed of processing, feature perception and healthy ageing. The team initially set up the NTU older adult participant panel and ran three experiments during the summer of 2012. They then presented the work four times, both nationally and internationally, to gather feedback from experts in the field and to disseminate early statistical modelling and analysis results. The team are currently working on further projects around healthy ageing and memory, searching behaviours and rapidly changing visual information.

Harriet Gleeson, the SPUR researcher, has gone on to an extremely successful early career in clinical psychology after benefitting from the project experience. She presented the work at the British Psychological Society Cognitive and Developmental Psychology Sections meeting in 2013 and after graduating from NTU, has secured several very competitive posts. Upon graduating, she worked in the community providing support to individuals with learning disabilities, dementia and chronic and enduring mental illness, working to promote their independence, thus enabling them to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives. She has since worked in a low secure unit for men with forensic backgrounds and personality disorders and as a Healthcare Assistant at an acute psychiatric unit providing inpatient care to adults with addictions and acute mental health needs. Harriet is studying at Kings College London for a Masters degree in Mental Health Studies, whilst continuing to obtain further clinical experience on an adolescent (CAMHS) ward. She said, “I believe that the SPUR project provided an invaluable experience for me which will assist my postgraduate studies and beyond, as I aspire to become a Clinical Psychologist in the future.”


Data collection is underway to evaluate the prison-based Circles of Support and Accountability established by the Safer Living Foundation (SLF) charity at the end of last year.

This charity was set up through collaboration between members of the Sexual Offences, Crime and Misconduct Research Unit (SOCAMRU) within the Division of Psychology at NTU (Professor Belinda Winder [Head], Rebecca Lievesley, Helen Elliott and Dr Nicholas Blagden) and HMP Whatton. Rosie Kitson-Boyce (PhD student) and Helen Elliott are currently carrying out interviews, repertory grids and psychometrics with the core members at HMP Whatton. The core members are male, high-risk sex offenders who are elderly and/or have intellectual disabilities. Alongside this, Rosie is carrying out interviews with the volunteers who work with these core members, both in the prison and in the community, to explore their experiences of this new initiative.

The research to date was presented at the British Psychology Society Forensic Division conference in Manchester in July and was presented at the prestigious annual conference held by the Assessment of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) in Canada in October 2015.

The Safer Living Foundation (SLF) are now progressing with their second project, a UK Prevention Project. This is an initiative which aims to provide a support service for individuals in the UK who are concerned that they may sexually offend through providing free consultations via a helpline, signposting and a triage system leading to group (and possibly one-to-one) therapy for the most at risk.

This project is fast developing with the SLF collaborating with the Police and a national charity to set up this project. The Hive and in particular, Sean Macaskill at NTU, have shown great support for this project, awarding the SLF £15,000 start-up costs and offering ongoing support and advice as the project develops. The SLF will use evidence-based best practice and service user involvement to underpin all aspects of the prevention project and will research and evaluate the project on an ongoing basis to improve effectiveness and monitor outcomes.

Finally, new to the SOCAMRU team is Jessica Faulkner who has joined the team full time to work on the anti-libidinal evaluation, which is now evolving to include a small control group study, and the psychometric data collection, with participants taking anti-libidinal medication, also continues to show positive results.
Since January 2015, Professor Mark Griffiths has published 43 papers and has another 23 in press. These have included many high quality journal papers including:

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Research activity in Social Work and Health

News from the Division

Professor Di Bailey gave an invited keynote lecture on ‘Innovative practice in Forensic Social Work’ at this year’s annual Forensic Social Work Conference, 24 - 25 September 2015 at Broadmoor Hospital.

Dr Adam Barnard and Catherine Goodall have started data collection on the Knowledge Transfer Project with Nottinghamshire County Council. Engaging children and young people in shaping the project according to participatory action research strategies is providing a rich harvest of data. Catherine and Adam presented at BASPCAN (British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) 9th Congress which took place at the University of Edinburgh, 12 - 15 April 2015. They have had a paper accepted at the Social Research Association’s ‘What makes for evidence we can Trust?’, which will take place in London on 14 December 2015. They have also published the paper, ‘Approaches to working with children and families’, Practice: Social Work in Action (2015) pp. 1-17.

Dr Graham Bowpitt has been progressing his contract with Framework Housing Association to evaluate Opportunity Nottingham, one of 12 local projects delivering the Big Lottery’s programme, ‘Fulfilling Lives: Working with Adults with Multiple Needs’. He presented a paper at the Annual Conference of the Social Policy Association in Belfast in July, ‘Managing troubled adults: the Fulfilling Lives Programme and the challenge of multiple and complex needs’, which reviewed progress to date and explored prospects for a national Government-funded programme for this group, along similar lines to the Government’s Troubled Families programme. Graham also secured School funding for a SPUR scheme that employed two Nottingham Trent University undergraduate students during the summer to help with a key aspect of the evaluation. Much of the direct work of Opportunity Nottingham is delivered through Personal Development Coordinators (PDCs), who work with adults recruited to the scheme to help to transform their lives. The students gathered data from the PDCs to explore their methods of working, to discover the key to their effectiveness and to understand how they sustain their own resilience while working with an exceptionally challenging client group.

Jane Challinor attended the Association of Learning Technologists Conference in Manchester in September and gave a presentation on work she has been doing with her students to introduce Open Educational Resources and develop digital skills. Details can be found here: http://thevirtuallead- er.blogspot.co.uk/2015/09/altc- open-learning-its-peach.html. Jane also gave a workshop on Digital Storytelling to the Summer School at the University of the Balearic Isles (UIB) in Ibiza (via Skype) http://thevirtuallead- er.blogspot.co.uk/2015/09/ueef- contam-un-conte-digital-per- favor.html and has been collaborating with colleagues at UIB on her second paper on digital storytelling, reflection and Open Educational Resources, which she hopes to have published next year.

Dr Chak-Kwan Chan was an organising committee member of an international conference jointly organised by Bath University, UK, and Sun Yat-Sen University, China. He presented a paper entitled ‘Show us you are poor and a good citizen: Public Assistance eligibility in Chinese main cities’ at the conference ‘Integrating International Research, Policy and Practice in Developing Welfare Services’ at Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou on 16 - 17 September 2015. He also chaired a panel session of the conference called ‘Relations between NGOs and Governments’. He has also been collaborating with Professor Kinglun Ngok on an edited a book entitled China’s Social Policy: Transformation and Challenge. The book will be published by Routledge and is currently in press.

Matthew Gough has been contracted by Nottingham City Public Health to evaluate a two year roll-out of their mental well-being campaign. The training and awareness raising seeks to improve mental well-being in Nottingham by supporting services, volunteers and the general public who come into contact with people who may be suicidal or experiencing mental distress. Matthew will be working with local charity Harmless to evaluate their provision of mental health first aid and suicide awareness training which seeks to challenge
stigma and break down barriers to supporting people experiencing mental health problems.

**Jo Ward** and Joe Smeeton (previously of NTU) undertook contracted research into the links between infertility and adoption for Nottingham-based adoption agency Family Care, between January and July 2015. This research investigated what affects people’s choices when contemplating fertility treatment. A report was prepared for Family Care suggesting that adoption agencies could inform couples contemplating fertility treatment about adoption at an earlier stage than is currently the case, and suggested key points of intervention. This work is being prepared for publication. They also submitted a paper ‘The end of adoption? Adoption as a means of promoting the wellness of children in the care of the state’, which formed an exploration of current child care policy in the UK. This was accepted for publication and presented by Jo Ward and **Jill Berrisford** at the International Conference on Health, Wellness and Society in Madrid at the beginning of September 2015.

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**Future Proofing and the Next Generation of Social Workers**

**Tim Harrison** presented at a conference entitled, Future Proofing the Next Generation of Social Workers, which took place 8 - 9 June at New Bucks University. The conference explored the challenges of inter-professional working and communication in safeguarding practice.

Tim presented a workshop structured around the need for practitioners to be aware of themselves within a service user / provider relationship. The teaching material focused on raising awareness of the link between physiological harm (and the potential of) and impact of psychological well-being. The aim of the workshop was to ensure that future practitioners are aware of the relevancy of the delivered education to their practice through the recognition of both institutional and individual responsibility and the realisation that risk assessment in this content is a dynamic activity and the key to this is communication. Consequently, the objectives were identified as:

**Knowledge**
- To embed personal risk management responsibility into mainstream social work education so it is not seen as an ‘additional aspect’.
- To provide detail and evidence in such a manner as to encourage responsibility and not scare-monger or create a risk averse culture amongst practitioners.
- Improve cultural acceptance of the need to embed personal risk management.
- To deliver the material in a time frame and manner which achieves the purpose of activity in a sustained manner.

**Skills**
- Explore the student’s perceived and reflective value of delivered health and safety education, including skills awareness and development which has been embedded in social worker education at Nottingham Trent University.

The results proved to be enlightening and indeed, had greater relevancy as some of the current NTU Social Work undergraduates took part in focus group activities to help identify the need, priority and relevancy of the teaching material delivered around this provision. Furthermore, three undergraduates co–presented their findings alongside their tutor at the workshop, identifying from their practical experience of placement, the value, timing and approach to material delivery that worked best for them.
A national award which aims to highlight and celebrate best practice in criminology teaching has been won by Nottingham Trent University.

Professor Azrini Wahidin and Phil Wane received the National Teaching Award for Excellence in Criminology at the British Society of Criminology's annual conference at Plymouth University on 1 July. They received the award on behalf of the submission team - Andrea Lyons-Lewis, Dr Paul Hamilton, Natasha Chubbock, Dr Matt Long, Phil Wane and Professor Azrini Wahidin. The award was presented by Dr Marty Chamberlain, from the executive committee of the BSC and Chair of the BSC learning and teaching network.

The award, supported by SAGE and the Higher Education Academy, is given to the individual or team which judges feel have contributed most to the positive learning experience of criminology students during the current academic year.

Nottingham Trent University's BA (Hons) Criminology degree – one of the first undergraduate degrees of its kind to be taught in the UK – is run from within the University's Sociology Division.

Students undertake a 'service learning placement module' which sees them complete a focused piece of research or a period of voluntary work for an external organisation – such as the police, charities or housing authorities.

The University has also introduced a new 'policing pathway', which enabled students to be recruited as special constables during the course. The innovative collaboration means undergraduates can tailor their learning by choosing to apply for the pathway early in their first year, if successfully accepted as a special constable by Nottinghamshire Police.

Special constables are volunteer officers who have the same powers as regular officers and undertake a variety of tasks such as serving warrants, vehicle checks, town centre patrols and neighbourhood policing.

The criminology degree gives students the chance to examine crime and law and order from a number of perspectives.

"We pride ourselves on innovating and thinking differently and are absolutely delighted that our work has been recognised in this way," said Dr Jason Pandya-Wood, Head of Sociology at NTU.

He said: "This is a major award for the team and their continued efforts to ensure criminology can make a real difference – not just for the students themselves, but to the wider world."
Dr Matt Long and Roger Hopkins Burke have published a book in the Critical Criminology series entitled 'Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour'. The book builds on the lack of theorisation and conceptualisation of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in criminology in the decades following Cohen's seminal typology of vandalism in the 1970s. This important book forwards a new typology of vandalism, one that addresses the various challenges of the late-modern world, rather than the older industrial world Cohen addressed.

Matt and Roger analyse the various types of vandalism and anti-social behaviour conducted by individuals. However, they highlight that individuals are not always the locus of blame; the state also has the capacity to act in a profoundly anti-social way. Crucially, Long and Hopkins Burke argue that in order to fully understand vandalism and anti-social behaviour, a culturally criminological perspective should be fostered. This is a perspective which accounts for both the emotional and experiential aspects of crime as well as its broader social and political contexts.

Professor Andromachi Tseloni presented preliminary findings of the Violence Trends project, an ESRC project which she leads, at the British Society of Criminology. The Violence Trends project focuses on the role of population group - and context - specific changes in personal security and routine activities in explaining the decline in stranger and acquaintance violence. The research team of the Violence Trends project includes Professor Andromachi Tseloni (Principle Investigator), Dr Soenita Ganpat (Research Associate), Professor Graham Farrell and Professor Nick Tilley.

Dr Soenita Ganpat has published an article in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence entitled ‘The relationship between a person’s criminal history, immediate situational factors and lethal versus non-lethal events’. This study seeks to explain why certain violent events end lethally while others do not. Is it on account of certain personal characteristics of those involved in these incidents—in particular, do offenders and / or victims have a criminal propensity, possibly reflected in their criminal history records? Or does it relate to certain immediate situational factors occurring during these incidents, such as weapon use, alcohol use, the presence of third parties, or actors’ behaviour? Or does a combination of both types of factors—that is, criminal history and immediate situational factors—play a key role in differentiating lethal from non-lethal violent events?

Although these questions are important for the understanding of serious violence in general, so far criminologists have not often addressed these questions simultaneously. This study has been designed to start filling this gap by focusing on the relationship between offenders’ and victims’ criminal history, immediate situational factors (covering event characteristics and actors’ behaviour), and lethal versus non-lethal outcomes of violent events.

Soenita was also invited to write a book chapter for The Handbook of Homicide (Edited by Fiona Brookman, Edward R Maguire, and Mike Maguire). She has just finished her chapter entitled ‘Comparing characteristics of homicides in Finland, the Netherlands and Sweden’.

Irene Zempi has had the following journal article accepted for publication: Awan, I. and Zempi, I. (forthcoming) ‘The Affinity between Online and Offline anti-Muslim Hate Crime’, Aggression and Violent Behaviour Journal. Irene, along with Dr Imran Awan (Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Birmingham City University), were commissioned by Tell MAMA to examine the online and offline Islamophobia experienced by Muslims on a national level. This is the first ever report to examine both online and offline experiences of Muslim men and women nationally, and therefore is an important piece of work in the field of hate crime studies. The report was published by Tell MAMA on 12 October 2015. Irene was also invited to present a paper on ‘Gender, Fundamentalism and the Prevent Agenda’ on Saturday 17 October 2015 at the University of East London’s CMRB (Centre for Research on Migration, Refugees and Belonging) and SOAS’ Centre for Gender Studies).

Ricky Gee delivered a paper in collaboration with Graham Ferris (Reader at Nottingham Law School) at the International Academic Forum European Conference on Education. The paper entitled ‘Facilitating Better Career Judgment in a Context of Uncertainty’ explored how sociological dimensions of ‘career’ may be utilised within the Law curriculum so as to aid the teaching of ethics. The paper considered how legal education discourse neglects the role played by the student identity project in
legal education, or only recognise its importance solely in terms of professional identity. The paper argues that a broad conception of ‘career’ and support for the student identity project is more important in our unstable neo-liberal world than ever before.

Dr Mark Weinstein and Dr Deborah Lee have recently had their paper, ‘Interviewer: ‘Are women and girls ever responsible for the domestic violence they encounter?’ Student: ‘No, well, unless they did something really, really bad…’ published in the Journal of Gender Studies. This research was carried out in collaboration with Dr Rachel Allwood who taught on the BA (Hons) Sociology degree at NTU and Kerry Sullivan the Co-Manager of Equation, which is a domestic abuse charity working across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County.

This paper reports on a project – funded by Comic Relief and completed by Equation (known as Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum at the time of the research) – which evaluated the piloting of a ‘Whole School Approach’ (WSA) to preventing domestic violence at three secondary schools within Nottingham. Children at the three selected schools attended between one and five blocks of work and special events designed to address their understanding of the nature of healthy relationships and the roots of domestic violence.

Analysis of both qualitative and quantitative data reveals evidence that the WSA leads to a variety of positive developments, enabling young people to gain an understanding of the nature of domestic violence and reflect on what may be considered healthy and unhealthy in relationships. However, the research also shows that after having participated in these events, there are still those who cannot say that women and girls are ‘never’ to blame for the violence they encounter.

While there is evidence to show that a WSA has led to positive changes in knowledge and awareness amongst young people, some attitudes are deeply resistant to social change. In recognition of this, this paper argues for a WSA to domestic violence prevention to be a compulsory part of the UK national curriculum.


Professor Robert Dingwall from the Division of Sociology and Mary Byrne McDonnell, Executive Director of the Social Science Research Council, published a co-edited book in September, The SAGE Handbook of Research Management.

The book is a resource to guide researchers making the transition from individual scholars to managers and leaders. As larger-scale projects become more common, housed in centres, institutes and programmes, talented researchers find themselves faced with new challenges to act as managers and leaders rather than as individual scholars. They are responsible for the careers and professional development of others, and for managing interactions with university administrations and external stakeholders. Although many scientific and technological disciplines have long been organized in this way, few resources have been created to help new leaders understand their roles and responsibilities and to reflect on their practice. With a global team of contributors writing about the challenges they have encountered in the course of their careers, the book aims to provoke readers to think about how they might respond to challenges within their own contexts.

This book will be a standard work of reference for new research leaders in any discipline or country, looking for help and inspiration. The editorial commentaries extend its potential use in support of training events or workshops where groups of new leaders can come together.
Professor Azrini Wahidin was invited by the Scottish Prison Service with Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe to brief Michael Matheson (member of the Scottish Parliament), Nicola Sturgeon (leader of the Scottish Nationalist Party) and members of the Scottish Prison Service on the needs of women and older offenders.

Azrini was invited to open and close a conference entitled ‘Talking about Prison Work: Exploring recent developments in research on prison staff’ at the Irish Prison Service HQ - Seirbhis Phriosuin na hEireann: Portlaoise. Azrini along with Linda Moore (University of Ulster) and Una Convery (University of Ulster) presented findings of their report on behalf of the Quakers at HMP Maghaberry to the Justice Minister David Ford (Northern Ireland).

Azrini Wahidin and Laura Garius presented on preliminary findings at the British Society of Criminology Conference from an ESRC project led by Dr James Hunter. The research team includes Professor Andromachi Tseloni and Dr Paul Hamilton.

Professor Azrini Wahidin organised a panel at the European Criminology Conference where she presented with her colleagues James Hunter and Laura Garius on recent work with James Hunter and the Shop Theft team (Dr James Hunter, Professor Andromachi Tseloni, Dr Paul Hamilton and Laura Garius).

In August 2015, Azrini and Dr Linda Gibson hosted and organised a series of events for our visiting fellow, Professor Anne-Marie Singh from Ryerson University.

Azrini also organised for a number of staff from the Division of Sociology to be filmed for Sage Tutorials, which are interactive video tutorials for the subject disciplines of Criminology and Sociology.

Professor Azrini Wahidin has recently had the following work published:


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Time Served: Discipline and Punish 40 years

Dr Sophie Fuggle from French Studies in the School of Arts and Humanities along with Professor Azrini Wahidin and Paul Bermingham from the School of Social Sciences, organised a two-day international conference entitled, ‘Time Served: Discipline and Punish 40 years’. Scholars using Foucault from a multi-disciplinary and international background spent two days in the Civil Court Room at the Galleries of Justice exploring ways of using Foucault 40 years on from the publication of his seminal text *Discipline and Punish*. The welcome address was provided by Kathie Moore, Dean of the School of Social Sciences.

The conference centred around three salient themes. Dr Stuart Elden (Professor of Politics at the University of Warwick), provided the open plenary which re-situated *Discipline and Punish* in the light of recently published Collège de France Lectures and newly available archival material. Dr Azrini Wahidin (Professor in Criminology and Criminal Justice) provided a sobering account of time as discipline for ageing women in prison. Dr Phillipe Artières (Research Director at the CNRS in Paris) closed the conference with some thought-provoking reflections on the legacy of Attica.
“We have had an amazing day. We loved the speakers and I am looking forward to coming to NTU to enrol on the MA Criminology programme.”

School of Social Sciences welcomes University of Toronto study abroad students to NTU

On 25 August 2015, Professor Azrini Wahidin from the School of Social Sciences, organised a one-day conference for 50 undergraduate students from the University of Toronto and the University of Oxford. This formed part of their Summer Study Abroad Programme entitled: 'Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities in Criminal Law: Historical Origins and New Directions in England and Canada'.

The Summer Study Abroad UK programme is run from Worcester College, Oxford and takes place over the course of four weeks. During this time, study abroad students follow an intense schedule, with lectures, field trips and guest speakers.

The one-day conference held at NTU examined the Criminal Justice System in England and Wales. The students heard a range of talks from guest speakers, including Marcus Lewis, Senior Legal Adviser for Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service, who explained the role of the Crown Prosecution Service. Jane Moor, from HMP and YOI Foston Hall, shared her experiences working as Head of Residential Services and Shelia Wright, Assistant Chief Executive for the Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company Limited, provided an overview of the probation system in England and Wales. Professor Wahidin also gave a talk that examined the birth of the prisons and the rising rates of imprisonment in England and Wales.

The day enabled students from the University of Toronto to hear from academics working in the field of criminology and gave them the opportunity to compare the work going on at NTU with the research themes explored at their own university.

Feedback about the conference was extremely positive, as one student commented: 'We have had an amazing day. We loved the speakers and I am looking forward to coming to NTU to enrol on the MA Criminology programme.'
Dates for your diary

Graduation - 28 November 2015
End of term 1 - 11 December 2015
Term 2 starts - 11 January 2015 for 11 weeks
Postgraduate (January start) - 25 January 2015
End of first half of the year - 12 February 2015
Start of second half of the year - 15 February 2015
Term 2 ends - 24 March 2016
Good Friday - 25 March 2016
Easter Monday - 28 March 2016
NTU Holiday - 29 March 2016
Term 3 starts - 11 April 2016
May Day - 2 May 2016
Spring Bank Holiday - 30 May 2016
Examinations (4 week block) - 16 May - 10 June 2016
End of academic year - 10 June 2016
Graduation - 18 - 22 July 2016
August Bank Holiday - 29 August 2016
Examinations - 30 August - 9 September 2016

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