

Institute of Criminology Newsletter

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In a few days time I shall be joining hundreds of criminological colleagues in Adelaide to participate in the annual ANZSOC gathering. It is quite some time since I last went to one of these meetings, and even longer since I travelled down to the University of Melbourne's Department of Criminology with the team from the Sydney Institute of Criminology to the founding session of ANZSOC on October 24 1967. Forty seven persons were said to have been in attendance.

To celebrate ANZSOC's 40th birthday the Society is having a reflective panel to discuss past and future activities. As an aging member I have been tapped on the shoulder to look backwards on this occasion, an exercise which I have attempted once before in acknowledging the pioneering contributions made to the discipline, and to the Society, of three older and now deceased friends – Gordon Hawkins, Ray Whitrod and Alan Bartholomew (see Chappell and Wilson, 6th Edition, 2005: xv-xxix).

But it is the future which is of greatest interest and concern. ANZSOC seems to be in pretty robust health but the same cannot be said for its main progenitors, the Melbourne Department of Criminology and our own Institute. The former appears to have been swallowed up in an academic

maelstrom of organisational reform while we face a bleak financial situation with declining membership, revenue and internal University support.

Big challenges lie ahead to remedy this situation. A new Dean is about to take office at the Law School and it is anticipated that a new Director of the Institute will soon be appointed from among the full time members of faculty. I wish that person well, and also express the thanks of everyone to Mark Findlay who for a number of years has done such a tremendous and dedicated job in the Director's role. - Duncan Chappell, Acting Director



Institute of Criminology Press - New Release



Imprisoning Resistance: Life and Death in an Australian Supermax

by Bree Carlton

Imprisoning Resistance provides an experiential account of life and death in the controversial Pentridge Prison Jika Jika High-Security Unit in Victoria during the 1980s. One of Australia's first hi-tech supermax prisons, Jika Jika was designed to house and manage the system's 'worst of the worst' prisoners. Several years of deaths in custody, multiple escapes, assaults, murders, prisoner campaigns and protests, hunger strikes and allegations of prison staff brutality escalated in 1987 to a dramatic protest fire that resulted in the deaths of five prisoners. The prison was closed and a series of inquiries were commissioned. Bree Carlton revisits this uncomfortable past and reconstructs events leading up to and surrounding the fire and deaths, while critically analysing official responses to the discreditable episodes, crises and deaths that plagued Jika Jika.

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Our People

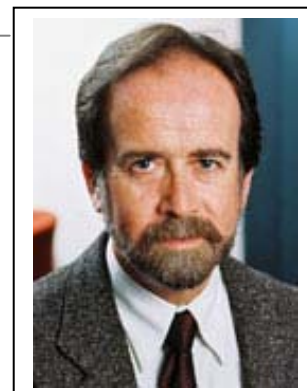
In the Media -

Professor Mark Findlay - Professor Findlay spoke to the *Sydney Morning Herald* about the case of Brendan Keilar, who was shot dead in Melbourne after helping a stranger; 'Altruism A test of your spirit' - 25 August 2007

Professor Findlay also spoke to Virginia Trioli on ABC Radio National about the Haneef saga, specifically about the ramifications for our justice system in the years to come. This analysis aired on 26 July 2007.

Dr Murray Lee - Dr Murray Lee appeared on ABC Radio National's 'Perspective' program on 31 July 2007. Dr Lee discussed the culture of 'fear of crime' and some of the ramifications of this fear.

Dr Murray also presented a paper at the City East Precinct Committee Inc., Public Forum - 'Crime and Fear of Crime'.



Publications -

Professor Terry Carney - In the past couple of months Professor Carney has had three articles published. These include; 'Mental Health Legislation in the Commonwealth' *Current Opinion in Psychiatry* vol. 20, (co-authors Tait, D, Touyz, S) 'Coercion is Coercion?: Reflections on clinical trends in use of compulsion in treatment of anorexia nervosa patients' *Australasian Psychiatry* October edition, 'Mental Health Tribunals: 'TJ' implications of weighing fairness, freedom, protection and treatment' (co-authors Tait, D, Chappell, D, Beaupert, F) *Journal of Judicial Administration* vol. 7. Professor Carney has also had two chapters published; 'Ageing and the Law' in Bowowski, A, Ozanne, E, Encel, S (eds) *Longevity and Social Change in Australia*; 'Culture, community or Rights' in Weisstub, D, Diaz-Pintos, G (eds) *Autonomy and Human Rights in Health Care I*.

Professor Duncan Chappell - Professor Chappell has had three co authored articles with Claire Mayhew dealing with various aspects of occupational violence published or accepted for publication in recent months – one in the *ANZ Journal of Occupational Health and Safety* (Vol 23 : April 2007); one in the *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* (August 2007); and one in *Industrial Health* (in press). He has also recently had portions of his book with Vittorio Di Martino *Violence at Work* (2006) 3rd Edition translated into Spanish.

Professor Mark Findlay - *Governing Through Globalised Crime* is due out at the end of 2007 and will be available through Willan Publishing. This book proposes a way forward for the governance capacity of international criminal justice. It moves on from the discussion of the relationship between crime, control and modernization in transitional cultures as sketched out in Professor Findlay's previous book, *The Globalisation of Crime: Understanding transitional relationships in context*. The new globalisation is an age of risk and security. This book analyses globalised crime from this risk/security nexus.

Professor Pat O'Malley - Professor O'Malley has co-authored an article with S Hutchinson, for *Police Practice and Research-An International Journal*. The article is titled 'Converging Corporatisation?- The Transformation of Public Police'. The article appeared in volume 8 of this journal.

CrimNet - Institute's Electronic Bulletin Board



Over 1400 people from Australia and overseas are subscribed to the Institute of Criminology's 'electronic bulletin board', CrimNet. CrimNet is a free service provided by the Institute which allows academics and professionals worldwide to keep in touch and up to date with the latest criminological developments.

Subject to a moderator, this electronic bulletin board allows anyone to post a criminology-related message. The AIC often releases their 'Trends & Issues' series on CrimNet. The Sentencing Advisory Council, the Parliamentary Library of NSW and universities throughout Australia post messages regularly.

Details about forthcoming seminars, conferences and meetings can also be found on CrimNet.

If you would like to subscribe to this free email service, please check the CrimNet website; <http://mailman.ucc.usyd.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/law-crimnet>

Conference - Teaching Critical Criminology



Professor Chris Cunneen delivering his paper
'Teaching Restorative Justice from a
Critical Perspective'

Crime and criminal justice processes are continually being constructed and reconstructed. However, criminology courses can be prone to inertia – tending to rely on mainstream approaches to criminal explanations, responses and methodologies. The University of Sydney Institute of Criminology hosted the first *Australasian Teaching Critical Criminology Conference* on 13 July 2007 to unpack traditional crime assumptions and provide new directions for teaching criminology in a critical and challenging framework.

Leading criminologists in Australia and New Zealand presented papers on teaching alternatives to conventional crime methods, theory, issues and practices. A captivated audience of students, teachers and practitioners from Australasia and Canada responded to these papers by sharing their teaching-learning experiences and pushing the boundaries of critical criminologies.

The *Critical Criminology Reader* (edited by Dr Thalia Anthony and Professor Chris Cunneen) will be released in early 2008. Federation Press will publish the papers as well as other contributions from leading critical criminologists. This comprehensive resource for students, teachers and researchers is the first of its kind in Australasia.

Another offshoot of the conference is a critical criminology network. It will meet at the Australia and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference in September 2007.

To be part of the network, please email the conference convenor Thalia Anthony: T.Anthony@usyd.edu.au. The conference received seed funding from the Sydney Law School and support from UNSW Crime and Justice Network.

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Beyond Punishment Seminar Series



Recent Seminar:

'Recent Developments in Aboriginal-Focused Correctional Centres in New South Wales'

This seminar looked at how Aboriginal Correctional Centres operate. The seminar addressed a wide range of issues from those specific to Yetta Dhinnakkal (an Aboriginal-Focused Correctional Centre in NSW) to a cross cultural and international comparison of what works in corrections.



Speakers at this seminar were; **Clarrie Dries**, General Manager, Yetta Dhinnakkal Correctional Centre, **Christopher Edwards-Haines**, Artist, Songwriter, Postgraduate Scholar, Southern Cross University, **Professor Judy Atkinson**, Head of Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, Southern Cross University, **Peter Bugden**, Aboriginal Legal Service and **James Jeffery**, Aboriginal Legal Service. **Professor Duncan Chappell**, The Institute of Criminology Director chaired the seminar while **Professor Chris Cunneen**, UNSW and **Terry Chenery**, Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council provided commentary. **Luke Grant**, Assistant Commissioner, NSW Department of Corrective Services provided the closing comment.

This seminar was attended by over seventy people. Audience members were from a diverse background including lawyers, barristers, legal aid workers, people from the Attorney General's Department and other government departments, Victim's Rights Groups and academics and students.

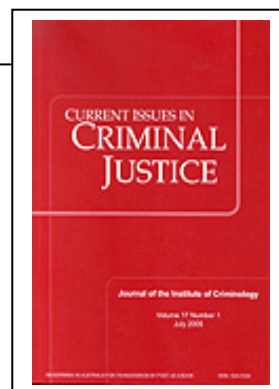
Forthcoming Seminar: 'Faith Based Intervention - The Role of Religion in Gaol'. Anticipated speakers at this seminar are from among religious groups who are involved on a regular basis in prison work.

Further information about seminars in the 'Beyond Punishment' series can be found on the Institute website; <http://www.criminology.law.usyd.edu.au/seminars.htm> Please contact Rachel at the Institute, R.Miller@usyd.edu.au, if you wish to be placed on a seminar notification email list.

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- 'Mates, Mr Big and the Unwary': Ongoing supply and its relationship to entrapment - Brendon Murphy and John Andreson
- Catching Bradley Murdoch - Jeremy Gans
- Wilful Murder, Murder - What's in a name? - Thomas Crofts
- Particularisation of Child Abuse Offences - Martine Powell, Kim Roberts, Belinda Guadagno
- Respecting Legal Rights in the New Zealand Youth Justice Family Group Conference - Nessa Lynch
- Home Detention - Marietta Martinovic
- The Moral Dynamics of Riots in Contemporary Australia - John Owen
- Contemporary Comment: Carl Williams and Plea Bargaining - Asher Flynn



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