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Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Media Arts, St Mary's University College (.75) (from September 1993)

Education

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| University of Westminster | 2001 - 2004 | (part-time) |
| Middlesex University | 1991 - 1998 | (part-time) |
| Middlesex University | 1989 -1991 | (part-time) |
| The Open University | 1982 -1989 | (part-time distance learning) |
| South London College | 1975 | (part-time) |
| Froebel College, Roehampton | 1971 -1973 | primary teaching course CAT points earned |
| The Grammar School, Dartford | 1963 -1970 | |

Qualifications

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| MA Journalism Studies | University of Westminster | 2004 |
| PhD Car Crime: Critical perspectives | Middlesex University | 1998 |
| MA Criminology with Merit | Middlesex University | 1991 |
| BA (Hons) (2:1) | Open University | 1989 |
| A Levels Law and Politics | South London College | 1975 |
| A levels Chemistry and Biology | Dartford Grammar | 1970 |

Membership of Professional Bodies and Learned Societies

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| Fellow of the Higher Education Academy | 2003 |
| Member British Sociological Association | 1998 |
| Member British Society of Criminology | 1990 |

Career details

1992-3 Visiting Lecturer in Criminology / Criminal Justice Open University, London Guildhall University, Birkbeck College, and Roehampton Institute and part-time work for the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency (now Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, King's College) and Researcher Wandsworth Safer Cities.

1973-92 Higher Executive Officer, Home Office including two spells in the Probation Service Division (grant making and assessment, over 1M budget), secondment for two years to Inner City Task Force, Ladbroke Grove (economic and community development and crime prevention) and nine years as Executive Officer in the Immigration Department. All posts included management responsibilities.

Research and scholarly activity

Media, gender, masculinities, CCTV, Car Crime, Surveillance, criminal justice policy and politics, virtual criminology and video games, green criminology, queer criminology, cultural criminology and sport, crime and media.

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Public output from research and scholarly activity

Book chapters

'normalisation', 'pathology', 'sexuality' and 'queer theory' in *Sage Dictionary of Criminology* (2e) edited by Mcloughlin and Muncie (2005) Sage
'Human Rights in the Age of Big Brother' in Groombridge N (ed) *Human Rights and Penal Issues* (2001) Howard League
'United Kingdom (Developed Nation-State)' G. Barak (ed) *Crime and Crime Control: A Global View*. Greenwood, Connecticut, 1999 219-228

Journal Articles

- 'I'm Making a TV Programme Here!' Can Reality TV's *Banged Up* and Public Criminology? with Prof David Wilson (Feb 2010) *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*
- 'Victims and Offenders in the Great Car Economy' *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* Volume 47 Issue 3, Pages 313 – 315 (July 2008)
- 'Stars of CCTV? How the Home Office wasted millions - a radical 'Treasury / Audit Commission' view. *Surveillance & Society* 5(1): 73-80 [http://www.surveillance-and-society.org/articles5\(1\)/stars.pdf](http://www.surveillance-and-society.org/articles5(1)/stars.pdf) (Jan 2008)
- 'Criminologists Say...' *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* (December 2007)
- 'Crime Control or Crime Culture TV' Launch issue of *Surveillance and Society* September 2002
- 'Perverse Criminologies' *Social & Legal Studies*, Dec 1999 18(4) 531-548
- 'Masculinities and Crimes Against the Environment'. *Theoretical Criminology*, May 1998 2(2), 249-267
- 'As Easy as AB and CCTV' with Karim Murji *Policing* 10(4) Winter 1994 283-290

Conference and other proceedings

- Whatever happened to those unlikeable lads; joyriding criminology and media British Criminology Conference, Cardiff June 2009
- 'Public criminology' Lecture and seminar University College, Dublin Feb 2009
- Panel member discussion of CCTV/surveillance TINAG Arts festival Oct 2008
- Panel member at Art event about CCTV/surveillance for Red House July 2008
- 'Videogames and Criminology' British Criminology Conference Huddersfield July 2008 (Conference proceedings at <http://www.britisoccrim.org/volume8/2Groombridge08.pdf>)
- 'Ambivalent Criminology' British Criminology Conference LSE Sept 2007-11-05
- 'Radio and Crime' BSA Conference York 2005
- 'Human Rights and Big Brother' Howard League Conference New College, Oxford 2001
- 'Crime and Crime Control in UK' American Society of Criminology Washington DC 1998
- 'Masculinities and Criminology' British Criminology Conference Belfast 1997
- 'Masculinity, Crime and Environment' BSA University of Reading 1996
- 'Torque Talk'; Men researching men' British Criminology Conference Loughborough 1995
- 'Car Crime: Critical perspectives' British Criminology Conference Cardiff 1993
- 'The Car and Crime: Is Joyriding a male driving disorder? International Conference on Masculinity and Crime 14/15 September 1993 (published in Conference proceedings)

Other articles

- Introduction (with James Treadwell) to *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* launch issue e-reader for students on criminal justice
- 'Taken in by CCTV Technology' *Criminal Justice Matters* No 69 Autumn 2007
- Review of Unlocked (prison tourist attraction) *Prison Service Journal* January 2007
- Hitchcock's 'Rear Window' and CCTV *Prison Service Journal* November 2006
- 'Video Killed the Radio' *Criminal Justice Matters* May 2005
- 'Evaluating CCTV' *Criminal Justice Matters* No 20 Summer 1995 p9
- 'Obscured by Cameras?' with Karim Murji *Criminal Justice Matters* No 17 Autumn 1994 p9

Book reviews (selection)

- Regularly for *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* (HJ) British Society of Criminology Newsletter (BSC), *British Journal of Criminology* (BJC), *Theoretical Criminology* (TC) and *Network* (NW). Titles include:
- Criminal Identities* Hall, Winlow and Ancrum Willan (2008) (HJ and NW)
- Dictionary of Youth Justice* Barry Goldson (ed). Willan (2008) (HJ)
- Dictionary of Probation and Offender Management* Rob Canton and David Hancock (eds) Willan (2007) (HJ)

ASBO Nation: the criminalisation of nuisance Peter Squires (ed) Bristol: The Policy Press (2008) (HJ)
Virtually Criminal: Crime, Deviance & Regulation Online Williams, M. (2006) (BSC)
Cybercrime and Society Majid Yar (2006) (BSC)
Understanding social statistics Jane Fielding and Nigel Gilbert (2005) (NW)
Harm and Offence in Media Content A review of the evidence Andrea Millwood Hargrave and Sonia Livingstone (2005) (Art, Design Media Higher Education Academy website)
Youth and Crime (2nd edition) John Muncie Sage (2004) (NW)
Car Crime Claire Corbett (2003) (Police Practice and Research; an International Journal)
Crime and Law in Media Culture Sheila Brown. (2003) (HJ)
Justice in the Risk Society, Challenging and Reaffirming Justice in Late Modernity Barbara Hudson (2003) (NW)
Crime in Literature: Sociology of Deviance and Fiction Vincenzo Ruggiero (2003) (HJ)
Criminal Visions: Media representations of crime and justice Paul Mason (ed) (2003) (HJ)
The new politics of youth crime: discipline or solidarity John Pitts (2003)
Reform and Punishment: The future of sentencing Sue Rex and Michael Tonry (Eds.) (2002)
Policing and the Media: Facts, fictions and factions Frank Leishman and Paul Mason. (2003)
Punishing Juveniles: Principle and Critique by Ido Weijers and Antony Duff (Eds.) (2002)
Gangs in America III by C. Ronald Huff (Ed.) (2002)
Changing Attitudes to Punishment: Public opinion, crime and justice Julian V. Roberts and Mike Hough (Eds.) (2002)
Crime, Risk and Justice: The Politics of Crime Control in Liberal Democracies K. Stenson and R. R. Sullivan (Eds.) (2002) (HJ)
Captive Audience: Media, masculinity and power in prisons Yvonne Jewkes (2002)
Policing Images: Policing, communication and legitimacy Rob C. Mawby (2002)
The Violences of Men Jeff Hearn Sage (1998) (BJC)
Entertaining crime: television reality programs Mark Fishman and Gray Cavender (Eds) Aldine De Gruyter, (1998) (BJC)
Masculinities, Crime and Criminology: Men, Heterosexuality and the Criminal(ised) Other Richard Collier Sage (1998) (TC)
Crime as Structured Action: Gender, Race, Class and Crime in the Making James W Messerschmidt Sage (1997) (TC)
Crime in Ireland 1945-95: Here be Dragons Brewer et al Clarendon (1997) (Irish Studies Review)
Just Boys Doing Business? Men, Masculinities and Crime (Eds) Tim Newburn and Elizabeth Stanko Routledge (1994) (BJC)
Families Without Fatherhood Norman Dennis And George Erdos IEA Health and Welfare Unit (1992) (BJC)
Stopping Rape: A Challenge For Men Rus Ervin Funk New Society Press (1993) (BJC)

Other publications

Criminal justice resources: staffing and workloads. An initial assessment (with Richard Garside 2008
http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/opus978/Criminal_justice_resources_staffing_and_workloads.pdf)

No More Maps with Jane Whittle. A report on lifelong learning in Richmond, July 2001 St Mary's College

Prison and After: What Works? (ed) (1994) ISTD

Evaluation of TRAX Motor Project, Oxford 1994

IResearch supervision

Half a dozen undergraduates a year

ITeaching

Modules in Crime, Deviance and Social Theory, Crime, Deviance and Social Structure, Crime and Media, Punishment and Policing, Sport, Media and Culture and Magazines, Culture and Society and have co-taught Radio and Press and Broadcasting in the recent past.

Visiting Lecturer Criminal Justice Masters Brunel University Oct 2006 – May 2007 Policing Module. Visiting Lecturer King's College, London LLB Criminology and Criminal Justice module semester 2 2009/10.

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IPedagogic interests

I use the College virtual learning environment, my own website and blog as well as social networking sites Facebook and Twitter to engage students (and a wider audience) in blended learning and to communicate beyond the college. I also offer advice on-line when not in college; this in addition to more traditional lectures, seminars, workshops and tutorials. My lecture notes contain many links and I am experimenting with providing e-readers and using blogs for modules.

IMembership of University committee(s) and task group(s)

Member College Careers Committee

Member School Research Committee

Member School Teaching and Learning Committee

IAdministrative roles

Leader of Crime courses

Careers Liaison for Sociology and Media Arts

Examination Officer Sociology

Chair History Exam Board 2008-

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IRrelevant external activities

Peer Reviewer Conference Proceedings British Criminology Conference 2009

Member judging panel CCJS Photographic Competition on the subject, 'What is Crime' April 2009

Grant Application Reviewer for Canadian Board of Social Sciences and Humanities in area of crime and media November 2008

Member British Society of Criminology Book Prize Committee 2007, 2008 and 2009

Member BSC Publications Committee 2008

Peer Reviewer *Surveillance and Society* (March 2009)

Peer Reviewer *Criminal Justice Review* (March 2009)

Peer Reviewer *Police Practice and Research: an International Journal* (Sept 2008)

Peer Reviewer *Crime, Media and Culture* (2007)

Grant Application Reviewer for ESRC First Grant Scheme March 2007 in area of crime and media

Validation event University of Wales Institute Cardiff sociology and criminology June 2006

Mock QAA engagement for Middlesex University sociology/criminology 2003

IMedia experience

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| Interviewed live on BBC Radio Five Live Drivetime about cjs stress | 8 December 2008 |
| Pre-recorded interview Sky News and Sky Radio about cjs stress | 7 December 2008 |
| Interviewed about CCTV for SGR, Essex local radio | Summer 2008 |
| Interviewed about CCTV for Politics Show BBC1 | 10 February 2008 |
| Interviewed for magazine <i>Criminal Justice Now</i> on broadcasting courts | 2005 |
| <i>Kilroy</i> on Restorative Justice | 1998 |
| Interview with World at One (BBC radio 4) on CCTV | 1997 |

Consultancy

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| 2008 | With Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, King's College London on report for Criminal Justice Trade Unions 'Criminal Justice under Stress' launched Palace Westminster 8 Dec 2008 |
| 1997 - 1999 | Consultant to the National Council for Social Concern |

Industrial links

Good links with Howard League for Penal Reform and Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, King's College

IExternal examining experience

External Examiner Applied Criminology Degree Programme Christ Church University, Canterbury, Kent 2008/9 - date
Examined PhD thesis September 2008 at Birmingham City University on Wildlife Crime
External examiner for the criminal justice process element of Birkbeck College Certificate in Criminology 2001-2007
Examined PhD thesis September 2006 at Oxford University in Crime and TV news
Examined Masters thesis and DPhil transfer at Oxford University in Crime and TV news
Examined PhD at Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College in CCTV in early 2004

IResearch grants and awards

None sought as sole criminologist in very small sociology team at very small college

IOverseas links

Former member American Society of Criminology

IAny other relevant information

2004 to date Member Editorial Advisory Group *Howard Journal for Criminal Justice* (regular book reviewer and peer reviewer on media and masculinity issues).
2006 to date Member editorial group *Network* (newsletter British Sociological Association) responsible for book reviews, sub-editing and design issues. Writing columns and conducting interviews.
Member editorial group of sadly defunct on-line *journal for crime, conflict and media culture*
Editor, contributor, sub-editor, photographer, designer and publisher of *Park Life* the monthly newsletter of Trent Park Running Club for first 26 issues.
Competent PC and Mac user with Microsoft, Open Office and Adobe software (InDesign and Photoshop) and audio editing software (Cool Edit)

I have my own website and blogs. The website contains links, articles and module guides. One blog aims to be a form of public criminology on crime, media and culture and the other is intended to assist my students.

<http://www.criminologyinpublic.com/index.html>

<http://criminologyinpublic.blogspot.com/>

<http://genicus.wordpress.com/>