

Nicholas Brian Austen Groombridge

Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Media Arts, St Mary's University College (.75) (from September 1993) Contracts with Kings College London for provision of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching/supervision and other services in Law School (Jan 2010 to date).

Education

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

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

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

Previous 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) 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, Notting Hill (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.

Book chapter 'litter' for Routledge International Handbook of Green Criminology (South and Brisman, eds) was also given as a paper at BSC Conference 2011. A related journal article is in preparation.

Paper on the ongoing significance of tattoos for criminology submitted to Journal of Social Criminology. Book, conference or journal special issue on tattoos and crime, criminal justice and criminology in discussion with colleagues from Birmingham City and Northumbria Universities

Also investigating the interface between criminology, sport, sports law and the sociology of sport with collaborators in this country and abroad from sports sociology and sports law.

Involved (through KCL) as consultant/contributor to Greater London Authority's Project Oracle to provide consultancy and social media support to groups for youth.

Public output from research and scholarly activity

Book chapters

'litter and criminology' in Routledge International Handbook of Green Criminology (South and Brisman, eds) (2012)

'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

Litter and Criminology British Criminology Conference Northumbria (July 2011)

Sport Criminology British Criminology Conference Leicester June 2010

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.britsoccrim.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 to *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* e-reader on crime, justice and media May 2010
Introduction (with James Treadwell) to *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* launch issue e-reader for students on criminal justice 2009
'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
(1997). 'Restorative justice. The three R's of justice: retribution, rehabilitation and/or restoration.'
Criminal Justice: the magazine of the Howard League, 15 (4) 9
'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 (small 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:

Crime and Public Policy (2011) James Q Wilson and Joan Petersilia (NW)
Offending Women: Power, Punishment and the Regulation of Desire (2010) Lynne A Haney (NW)
Shooting to Kill? Policing, Firearms and Armed Response Peter Squires and Peter Kennison Wiley-Blackwell (2010) (HJ)
Flashback: drugs and dealing in the Golden Age of the London rave scene Jennifer R Ward Cullompton: Willan (2010) (HJ)
Law and Order Charlotte Brundson Palgrave Macmillan for BFI (2010) (HJ)
Public Criminology? Ian Loader and Richard Sparks (2010) (Punishment and Society)
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

Article for *Guardian* on tattoos available at
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/jul/14/tattoo-peoples-panel>
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

Research supervision

Half a dozen undergraduates a year at St Mary's. 2/3 MA students at Kings College London each year 2010 and 2011.

Teaching

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 and 2010/11 whilst Elaine Player on sabbatical.
Regular guest Lecturer King's College, London MA Criminology and Criminal Justice
Intern Module leader King's College, London MA Criminology and Criminal Justice from Sept 2010

Pedagogic interests

I use the College virtual learning environment (Blackboard and now Moodle), 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.

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

Member College Careers Committee (2007-10)
Member School Research Committee
Member School Teaching and Learning Committee
Alternate member College Teaching and Learning committee (2010- date)

Administrative roles

Leader of Crime courses
Careers Liaison for Sociology and Media Arts (2007-2010)
Examination Officer Sociology (2007-2010)
Chair History Exam Board 2008-date
Chair MA Creative Writing Board 2009-11

Relevant external activities

Member International Peer Review Panel for CRIMSOC: The Journal of Social Criminology August 2011-
Member Executive Ctte British Society of Criminology July 2011-
Peer Reviewer *Urban Studies* July 2011
Panel Member revalidation of MA Criminology Birmingham City University May 2011
Member British Society of Criminology Book Prize Committee 2007 - date
Member BSC Publications Committee 2008 to date
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
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

Media experience

Live discussion of riot sentencing with QC and ex-offender Sky News 13 August 2011
Twenty minutes live interview with George Galloway for his programme 'The Real Deal' for press TV on riots 12 August 2011
Live one to one interview on riots Sky News 11 August 2011
Have had many contacts with journalists about CCTV over the last ten years giving background (most recently BBC Hull April 2011)
Interviewed live on BBC Radio 5 Live about burglaries of footballers 4 March 2010
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 *Criminal Justice Now* on broadcasting courts 2005
Kilroy on Restorative Justice 1998
Interview with World at One (BBC radio 4) on CCTV 1997

Consultancy

2011	Presenting/facilitating at launch of GLA's Project Oracle at City Hall to over 100 cjs voluntary sector representatives 28 April 2011
2008	With Centre for Crime and Justice Studies (then King's College London) on report for Criminal Justice Trade Unions and Professional Associations 'Criminal Justice under Stress' presented to MPs and Lords 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 and London-wide voluntary organisations involved in criminal justice. These commenced with my Home Office work, have continued through voluntary and consultancy work and are now developing in my Kings College work in placing interns for KCL and LSE.

External examining experience

External Examiner MA Criminal Justice Programme Christ Church University, Canterbury, Kent 2011 - date

External Examiner Applied Criminology Degree Programme Christ Church University, Canterbury, Kent 2008/9 - date

External Examiner Police and Society 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

Research grants and awards

None sought as sole criminologist in very small sociology team at very small college at which research only very recently encouraged.

Overseas links

Former member American Society of Criminology (gave paper at Washington DC, November 1998. Twitter followers globally.

Any 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.

Very competent PC and Mac user with Microsoft, Open Office and Adobe software

I have my own website, two blogs and Twitter feed. 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/](http://genicus.wordpress.com/)

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