



PRATO

Tuscany, Italy
4-6 October 2017

Safer Communities, Safer Relationships: Generating Solutions for Reducing Persistent Violence and Other Serious Offending

Persistent violence and other serious offending behaviour has a devastating effect on victims, family members, society and the perpetrators themselves. Finding effective solutions to reduce the incidence and severity of offending requires a cross-disciplinary focus. Only with a concerted and ongoing effort can we succeed in reducing the effects of these behaviours in our societies.

This international conference, co-hosted by Professor Rosemary Sheehan AM (Department of Social Work, Monash University) and Professor James Ogloff AM, brings together policy contributors, interdisciplinary practitioners, decision makers, advocates, and researchers to examine various aspects of serious offending and violence. The aim of the conference is to share research, practice and policy developments; to stimulate critical examination of the multifaceted causal issues; and to foster ongoing learning and collaborations.

The conference will give particular attention to the following themes:

- Understanding violence and other serious offences
- Desistance from crime and community reintegration
- Effective law and policy developments for managing and reducing offending
- Intimate partner and family violence
- Solutions for severe and persistent young offenders
- 'Crossover kids' – from protection to offending
- Origins of violence and its life course
- Neurobiology of violence
- Mental illness, substance misuse, disability and violence
- Effective interventions with perpetrators
- Family law
- Child protection

Abstracts are now invited on these themes and other relevant topics.

Instructions and a template are on the conference website.

Conference venue

The conference will be held at the Monash University Centre in Prato, in the beautiful 18th century Palazzo Vaj, just 20 minutes from Florence, in Tuscany, Italy.

Information

Conference website: www.swinburne.edu.au/prato2017

Further information about the conference will be posted on the website in the coming weeks. If you wish to be notified of updates, or have any queries please contact us on: info-cfbs@swin.edu.au

Keynote Speakers

Judge Tony FitzGerald

Tony FitzGerald was involved in the establishment of Te Kooti o Timatanga Hou (The Court of New Beginnings) in 2010 and has presided in that Court since then. It is a Solution Focussed Court in the adult jurisdiction for homeless people who have impaired decision making capacity due to mental illness, brain injury, cognitive impairment, alcohol, other drug or substance abuse.

Professor Danya Glaser

Danya Glaser is a Visiting Professor at UCL and honorary consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London. Dr Glaser has taught, researched and written widely on various aspects of child maltreatment including sexual and emotional abuse, fabricated or induced illness; and the effects of child maltreatment on the developing brain.

Professor Paul Mazerolle

Paul Mazerolle is Pro Vice Chancellor of Arts, Education and Law at Griffith University and Director of the Violence Research and Prevention Program at Griffith University. He is also involved with the International Observatory on Justice Responses to Domestic Violence.

Emeritus Professor Mary McMurrin

Mary McMurrin is Emeritus Professor of Personality Disorder Research at the University of Nottingham's Institute of Mental Health. Her research interests include: the treatment of people with personality disorders, and alcohol-related aggression and violence; and enhancing engagement in treatment. A Fellow of the British Psychological Society, she received the Division of Forensic Psychology's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005.

Professor James Ogloff AM

James Ogloff is Director, Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, and Director, Psychological Services and Research, Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare). He has specific expertise in forensic psychology, forensic mental health, mental health law, and the assessment and management of offenders.

Professor Lindsay Thomson

Lindsay Thomson is Professor of Forensic Psychiatry at the University of Edinburgh and Medical Director of the State Hospitals Board for Scotland and the Forensic Mental Health Managed Care Network. Her research interests include outcomes in mentally disordered offenders; risk assessment and management of harm to others; the impact of legislative change; and service design for mentally disordered offenders.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACTS: 30 JUNE 2017



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