

The International Centre for Research in **Forensic Psychology**





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Department of Psychology

University of Portsmouth

As a result of our University's drive to promote centres of research excellence, the Department of Psychology is lucky to have an impressive staff team involved in a broad range of criminological and forensic psychology research and teaching. We formed our research centre in 1997 and since then have built on and promoted our expertise to make the Centre the impressive group of researchers it is today.

Our primary aim is to embrace and foster our research activities at both a national and international level. We do this by: organising seminars and symposia both in the UK and abroad in order to stimulate and disseminate research ideas and projects; holding conferences addressing topics from our wide range of forensic expertise; accommodating visiting researchers from around the world at our Centre for short periods during the year; and continuing to publish our research findings in a broad range of international outlets in order to inform academics, students and practitioners.

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Who we are

The Centre is run by Dr Claire Nee (Director) and Dr Lucy Akehurst (Deputy Director).

Dr Claire Nee has spent much of her career investigating the offender's perspective on crime and criminal justice sanctions, self-reported offending and interventions with young offenders. She is well-known for her research on decision-making in residential burglars. More recently, she has been researching criminality in children and female prisoners with personality disorder. She worked for a number of years as a criminal policy researcher at the Home Office, before joining the University of Portsmouth in 1996.
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Dr Lucy Akehurst is an expert in deception and its detection, particularly in relation to the veracity of verbatim statements. She also has a keen interest in children's involvement in the legal system as witnesses and victims. Her work with children includes issues surrounding deception, interviewing and suggestibility. She has published her research in international journals and presented her work worldwide. Lucy is the Course Leader of our BSc (Hons) degree in Forensic Psychology.
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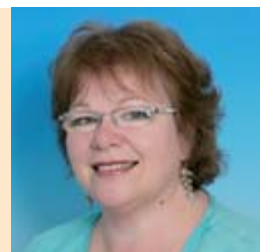
Other academic staff:

Professor Aldert Vrij is an international expert on deception – how do liars behave, what do they say, how good are people at catching liars? He has written around 325 articles and eight books about these, and other, topics. He regularly gives seminars and workshops to police officers and academics about deception in Europe, America and Asia. He is the Editor of *Legal and Criminological Psychology*.
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Dr Hartmut Blank is interested in eyewitness memory and suggestibility and more generally in social influences on remembering, as well as in other forms of memory illusions like hindsight bias. He has published a number of articles on these and other topics and has presented his research internationally.
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Dr Julie Cherryman has a keen interest in police investigative interviewing of both suspects and vulnerable witnesses, and particularly in relation to witnesses with learning disabilities. Other research interests include ear witness and eyewitness identification. She is the Course Leader for our distance learning MSc programme in Child Forensic Studies: Psychology and Law, which is aimed at practitioners working with children caught up in the legal system (e.g. police officers and social workers).
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Mr Simon Easton is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist. He lectures at the University and works as an independent practitioner. He has worked for many years as an expert witness for the courts, specialising in the psychological effects of stress at work, road traffic accidents and other trauma. His research interests cover malingering, stress at work and psychological aspects of whiplash, and he has published widely, both in professional and academic spheres.
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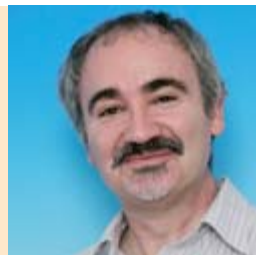


Dr Lorraine Hope has a particular interest in jury systems and biases associated with juror and jury decision-making. Her research has focused on the way in which pre-trial publicity and prejudicial media reporting influences the way in which jurors research their verdicts. Other work has included the strengths and vulnerabilities associated with older eyewitnesses and projects with the Eyewitness Research Group and the police on the use of facial composites.

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Before becoming an academic, **Dr Adrian Needs** worked for many years as a Forensic Psychologist in HM prison service, focusing on lifers and sex offenders and associated staff in clinical and operational contexts. His research interests lie in the role of stress in violent offending, personal meanings in the context of personality disorder and the nature of interpersonal competence in prison officers. Adrian is the Course Leader of our MSc in Forensic Psychology.

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Inspired by the work of Sir Frederic Bartlett, **Dr James Ost's** forensic research focuses on the social nature of remembering. He has published papers on a variety of forensic issues including the way in which the social dynamics of therapy sometimes mirror those in police interrogations, how false reports (or false memories) of childhood events arise, how multiple witnesses can influence the testimony of a sole witness, how exposure to media reports can lead to false reports of non-witnessed events, and how an interviewer's behaviour can impact the quality of children's testimony in forensic interviews.

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Dr Jim Sauer recently joined us from Flinders University in Australia. Jim has an interest in eyewitness memory and confidence. His research focuses on developing a novel identification procedure in an effort to reduce eyewitness identification error. It uses multiple confidence estimates (rather than a single, binary identification decision) to index the quality of a witness' memory, and the degree of match between a presented line-up member and the witness' memorial image of the culprit.

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Dr Clare Wilson's main research interests are in investigative interviewing of children; children's understanding of secrets, criminal processes and criminal intent; assessing children's 'wishes' for the Family Court; and moral disengagement in juvenile offenders. As well as publishing and presenting her work widely, she has trained police, social workers, lawyers and psychologists in the UK and Australia in investigative interviewing with children.

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Our current research activities

- Investigative interviewing and police training (Julie Cherryman, James Ost, and Gavin Oxburgh).
- Investigative interviewing of child and vulnerable witnesses (Lucy Akehurst, Julie Cherryman, James Ost and Clare Wilson).
- Interventions with child and adolescent offenders (Claire Nee and Tom Ellis (ICJS)).
- Detection of deception in children and adults including statement analysis (Aldert Vrij, Lucy Akehurst, Sharon Leal, Samantha Mann, Jackie Hillman, Gary Lancaster and Sabine Quandte).
- Decision-making in burglars (Claire Nee, Richard Wright (UMSL) and Martin White (University of Sussex)).
- Impact of individual differences on interventions with sex offenders (Claire Nee, Adrian Needs, Aldert Vrij and Tracey Wallace).
- False/recovered memories (Hartmut Blank and James Ost).
- Interventions with personality disordered female offenders (Claire Nee).
- Decision-making in applied and legal contexts: stereotypes, prejudice and misinformation (Lorraine Hope and Jim Sauer).
- Moral disengagement in young offenders (Clare Wilson, Llian Alys and Jill Richmond).
- Development of eyewitness scene of crime recall tools (Lorraine Hope, Fiona Gabbert (University of Abertay) Ron Fisher (Florida International University)).
- Malingering in medico-legal context (Simon Easton).
- The suggestibility of eyewitnesses, social conformity and misinformation (Lucy Akehurst, Hartmut Blank, Neil Brewer (Flinders University, Australia), Fiona Gabbert (University of Abertay), Lorraine Hope, James Ost, Clare Wilson, Jim Sauer).
- The contribution of cognitive deficits and self-identity in the development of criminality in children (Claire Nee, Kevin Howells (University of Nottingham), Aldert Vrij and Lucy Wainwright).
- Interviewing eyewitnesses: enhancing output quantity and diagnosing accuracy (Lorraine Hope, Neil Brewer (Flinders University, Australia) and Fiona Gabbert (University of Abertay).
- Memory contamination and co-witness interactions (Lorraine Hope and Fiona Gabbert (University of Abertay).
- Investigating various potential meta-cognitive bases for eyewitness confidence (Jim Sauer, Neil Brewer and Nathan Weber, Flinders University, Australia).
- Improving mock-juror evaluations of eyewitness evidence (Jim Sauer, Neil Brewer and Matt Palmer, Flinders University, Australia).

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We have held substantial research grants from the ESRC, the Home Office, Prison Service HQ and the Leverhulme Trust and collaborate with researchers from several other universities.

The Centre has an advisory panel to ensure the validity and integrity of its research. It comprises senior officials and practitioners from the Home Office, police, probation and prisons, and a group of nationally and internationally renowned academics. We also have several associate members who work closely with us from other parts of the University and research students who have qualified and continue to collaborate with us.

Associate Members:

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Dr Becky Milne, Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, Portsmouth

Dr Beth Mosley, Salomon's College, Canterbury

Dr Axelle Phillipon, Open University

Dr Rachel Wilcock, London South Bank University



Our services:

We comprise an experienced and competent team of applied social researchers and are happy to discuss your research needs, be them large or small.

We provide an information service on any aspect of the above research and related areas to academics, students, policy makers, psychological and psychiatric services, probation officers, police officers, legal professionals, social workers, prison personnel and anyone involved or interested in the criminological or forensic psychology field.

We have a far-reaching range of contacts in the criminological field, so if we can't answer your question, we know someone who can.

We offer consultancy, expert evidence and short courses to professionals and others.

We publish and disseminate all our research findings to as wide an audience as possible by running our own conferences, presenting at national and international conferences, and by publishing in academic, policy-oriented and practitioner outlets.

If you would like to talk to us about any of the above, please contact us using email addresses given.

Centre Members external to the University

We collaborate with a wide range of international experts in our field.

Prof Neil Brewer

Professor of Psychology at Flinders University (Adelaide, South Australia), he has published widely in areas such as eyewitness identification and recall, and juror processing and decision making. He co-edited *Psychology and Law: An empirical perspective* (New York: Guilford, 2005) and *Psychology and Policing* (Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum, 1995), and authored *Conflict management in police-citizen interactions* (Sydney: McGraw-Hill, 1998). He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

Prof Ray Bull

Professor Bull is Chair in Forensic Psychology, University of Leicester, UK and was the founder member of the Centre in 1997. A Fellow of the British Psychological Society, his main research interests are in the areas of psychology, law and policing. He has published widely in books and academic journals on the interviewing of child witnesses and on police investigative interviewing of adult suspects. He has written over 100 expert court reports and testified at numerous trials.

Prof Ron Fisher

Long established in the field of legal psychology at Florida State University, USA, Ron is recognised worldwide for his work on the cognitive interview, developed with Geiselman in the 1990s. Primarily used by the police, the method is employed internationally to enable witnesses to remember more correct information when recalling crimes. As well as interrogative methods, his interests include eyewitness memory in general and he has published widely on the subject.

Prof Jane Ireland

Professor of Forensic Psychology at the University of Central Lancashire, UK, Jane is well recognised for her pioneering work on bullying in forensic settings. She has published internationally on this and other subjects including two recent books which are the first to appear on the subject. She is a fellow of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health and the International Society for Research into Aggression.

Prof Saul Kassin

Distinguished Professor of Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, Saul is well known for his best-selling textbook *Essentials of Psychology*. His expertise lies in police interviewing, interrogation, the elicitation of confessions and on the psychology of eyewitness identifications and testimony, as well as the impact of these and other types of evidence on jurors and jury decision-making. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society.

Prof Guenter Koehnken

Professor at the Department of Psychology, University of Kiel, Germany, Guenter leads the Psychology and Law, and Personality and Psychological Assessment research. He frequently serves as an expert witness (credibility assessment and eyewitness identification) for German courts. Research interests include credibility assessment, eyewitness identification, suggestibility and interviewing.

Prof Steve Lindsay

Professor of Psychology at the University of Victoria, Canada, Steve's research interests focus on understanding human memory, particularly the subjective experience of remembering, source monitoring (the inferential processes by which people identify the origins of memories), age-related changes in memory, and the application of theories concerning these processes to everyday memory phenomena (e.g. eyewitness memory). Steve is Editor of the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.

Prof Kathy Pezdek

Kathy is Professor of Psychology at Claremont Graduate University, USA. A cognitive psychologist, her research focuses on the study of eyewitness memory, autobiographical memory and memory for real world scenes. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Society, has served as the Editor of *Applied Cognitive Psychology* and serves on the Editorial Board of numerous journals spanning cognitive psychology, developmental psychology and psychology and law. She frequently testifies as an expert witness in the area of eyewitness identification.

Prof Sean Spence

Sean is Professor of General Adult Psychiatry at the University of Sheffield, UK. His research interests focus on the role of prefrontal cortex in the control of voluntary behaviour in health and disease. Recent studies have included those elucidating the neural correlates of deception, using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI).

Prof Graham Towl

Graham is the Principal of St Cuthbert's Society at the University of Durham where he is also a Professor in the Psychology Department. Previously he was Chief Psychologist with the Ministry of Justice and prior to that he worked as Head of Psychological Services for prisons and probation services in England and Wales. His research interests include evidence-based interventions in forensic mental health and risk assessments.

Prof Tony Ward

Currently Director of Clinical Training at Victoria University of Wellington, NZ, Tony is an internationally renowned expert on the treatment of sex offenders and rehabilitation of offenders in general (the Good Lives Model). Research interests include: correctional rehabilitation models, cognition and sex offenders, the problem behaviour process in offenders, and assessment and case formulation in clinical psychology.

Prof Frans Willem Winkel

Founder member of the Institute of Victimology at Tilburg, the Netherlands and former Professor of Victimology by special appointment in Amsterdam, Frans Willem is an expert in the field of psychological effects of victimisation. He specifically focuses on victim-offender mediation programmes (victims' feelings of revenge and anger); validating police and victim support instruments to identify chronic coping problems (e.g. PTSD, and Panic Disorder); and victims' satisfaction with the performance of the criminal justice system.

Prof Dan Wright

Professor of Psychology at the Florida International University, Dan researches human memory and has particular interests in eyewitness testimony. This includes misinformation effects, memory conformity, own-group biases, and false memories. He has published widely on these and other topics in the field of cognitive psychology.

Prof Richard Wright

Curators' Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Richard's work focuses on street-based fieldwork with active criminals, including armed robbers, residential burglars, drug dealers, and carjackers. He has co-authored five books and numerous articles as well as appearing on TV, radio and writing widely for the popular media. His current research examines the role of retaliation in regulating conflicts among active criminals and criminal groups.

Dr Itiel Dror

Currently at Southampton University, UK, Itiel is well known for his media appearances and newspaper coverage on his controversial work. His interests centre around human error and expert performance. The research he conducts examines how forensic experts may make erroneous identification, for example, how context and bias can influence their attention, interpretation and decision making.

Dr Fiona Gabbert

At the University of Abertay, Scotland, Fiona's research focuses on applying social cognition and

memory theories to the accuracy of eyewitness testimony. Current projects include identifying factors in collaborative retrieval and their effects on subsequent recall and recognition accuracy. She is also developing new recall procedures to support individuals when recording their memories to give evidence in court.

Dr Par-Anders Granhag

Associate Professor and Leader of the Research Unit for Criminal, Legal and Investigative Psychology at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Par-Anders has published widely in the field of human judgement, decision-making, social cognition and memory. His particular interests lie in children's and adult's eyewitness testimony, interrogation techniques and detecting deception.

Dr Maria Hartwig

Maria is a researcher at the Department of Psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. Her research interests include deception detection especially in developing effective techniques to improve accuracy in police investigations. She also conducts research on police interrogation practice and eyewitness testimony.

Dr Shadd Maruna

Reader in Criminology at Queen's University Belfast, Shadd's research has explored a variety of topics including desistance from crime, punitive public attitudes, the role of cognitive distortions in the rehabilitation process, and the social dynamics of restorative justice interventions. He has published widely and won international prizes for his work on desistance.

Dr Leif Stromwall

Also at Gothenburg University, Sweden, Leif's interests lie in verbal and nonverbal correlates of truths and lies, as well as the detection of deception. He analyses police interrogations and interviews, social influence on memory, and children's testimony. He has published his research in international journals and books, and disseminated research findings to academics, police officers, prosecutors and judges.

Dr Volkan Topalli

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Georgia State University, Volkan specialises in the decision-making of violent street offenders and hardcore criminals. His research combines ethnographic and experimental methodologies, as well as theoretical perspectives of social psychology and traditional criminology. He conducts the majority of his work with active, non-institutionalised offenders operating in urban drug markets in the US.

Recent publications

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Undergraduate and Postgraduate degree opportunities

BSc in Forensic Psychology

Three years full time, six years part time. This course offers a unique opportunity to develop an interest in forensic psychology without compromising on a strong, broad-based undergraduate degree in psychology. Units cover the core areas of psychology – biological, developmental, social, cognitive, as well as forensic psychology units which include topics such as investigative interviewing, detecting deception, eyewitness testimony, jury decision-making, offending behaviour, personality disorder and false memories.

MSc in Forensic Psychology

One year full time, two years part time. Topics include: the Psychology of Criminal Behaviour, Professional Skills, Psychology and the Legal Process, Research Methods and Statistics, Assessment and Formulation, Interventions with Offenders, Psychology and Investigations, Applications to Organisations.

MSc in Child Forensic Studies: Psychology and Law

For professionals working with children in the legal system. Part time by distance learning. Topics include: Child Development (social, cognitive and sexual), Law, Procedure and Practice, Perception, Language and Interviewing Children, Enabling the Child Witness in the Courtroom, Deception, Abuse, Treatment, Children as Suspects.

For more information on our staff's research interests/activities visit our website
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