



## Director's Report

As you will see from this latest edition of our Newsletter the pace of activity at TILES has not slowed down since our previous edition in March.

I would particularly like to mention the successes that our postgraduate students have been having in relation to their research. The energy with which they commit themselves to engaging in socially-relevant research constantly inspires all of us at the Institute.

Importantly, however, the research in which our students are engaged is also of high quality – an important consideration as we move into a new era of Research Quality Framework (RQF) funding in which measures of quality become increasingly crucial to the work that we do.

Accordingly, I would like to acknowledge two significant achievements among our postgraduates. First, the editors and *International Advisory Board of the International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations* have recently announced that Danielle Campbell was a runner-up for the *International Award for Excellence*. Her article, 'Community Policing and Refugee Settlement in Regional Australia: A Police Perspective', was one of the ten highest-ranked papers emerging from the referee process and according to the selection criteria outlined in the referee guidelines. Congratulations Danielle!

Second, Romy Winter has just been notified that she has had an abstract accepted for the *Security Journal's* special issue entitled 'Women's Security: Critical Perspectives on Assessment Techniques and Preventive Responses' to be published in 2009. Romy's paper is entitled 'Systematic and Personal Barriers to Achieving Safety and Security for Victims of Intimate Partner Violence' and is based on the research she is currently conducting for her PhD. Well done Romy!

Since March we have also run two TILES seminars – one by an academic researcher, Dr Caroline Taylor from the University of Ballarat, and one by a practitioner, Steve Biggs from Tasmania Police. You can find further details on both seminars in this Newsletter.

Our new Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Dr Vanessa Goodwin, is also profiled and I recommend that you read the latest TILES Briefing Paper in which Vanessa reports on her doctoral research on burglary – a very interesting read indeed! Planning for the TILES Police Professionalisation Workshop that is being organised by Professor Jenny Fleming is progressing extremely well. This event, to be held in September, will certainly prove to be a significant event on the TILES calendar for 2007.

We have a number of other exciting events in progress. You will hear more about these in future Newsletters that



are now being published on a more regular basis than in the past.

We thank you for your continued interest in the activities of the Institute and appreciate your ongoing support.

**Roberta Julian** (PhD)

*Associate Professor and Director*

*Tasmanian Institute of Law  
Enforcement Studies*

## Victim Safety Response Team - Unique training opportunity for TILES researcher

TILES research student Romy Winter attended the Victim Safety Response Team (VSRT) training course at the Police Academy at Rokeby earlier this month.

The training of specialist teams of police skilled in the management of the safety of child and adult victims of family violence is a feature of Tasmania's *Safe at Home* policy.

The week-long course covered protocols and techniques required for investigating incidents, gathering evidence, assessing victim safety and preparation of safety audits and plans.

*'I'd really like to commend Sergeants Debbie Williams and Danny Russell on putting together such a comprehensive training package' said Romy. 'I now have an understanding of the issues and challenges that police officers face when attending a family violence incident which I would never have got from merely reading the literature. I was impressed at the way the VSRT training is firmly based on contemporary research in both policing and domestic violence. The teams get a really good grounding in the main issues.'*

Observation of police training forms part of Romy's research on how risks associated with family violence are measured and managed.

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# TILES SEMINAR SERIES May 2007

## Seminar 1 topic: A work in progress tale of two ARC projects on policy about sexual assault

**Dr Caroline Taylor - Senior Research Fellow University of Ballarat**

Held at the University of Tasmania on 9 May 2007, this seminar was attended by TILES research students, staff, senior officers from Tasmania Police, and from the Tasmanian community sector.

Dr Taylor presented a summary and overview of two distinctive ARC projects currently being undertaken in Victoria that focus on the police response to adult sexual assault. Both studies have the support of Victoria Police with Victoria police, as well as being a full industry partner on the large ARC grant which examines the police response and management of adult sexual assault cases.



Dr Caroline Taylor

Dr. Taylor is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Ballarat. She currently leads two Australian Research Council Grants – examining aspects of police response and investigation of adult sexual offences.

Dr. Taylor is the author of two books, *Court Licensed Abuse* (New York: Peter Lang), 2004 and *Surviving the Legal System: a handbook for Adult and Child Sexual Assault Survivors and Their Supporters* (Melbourne: Coulomb, 2004) and many other journal articles, book chapters and reports. Police in Victoria and South Australia have endorsed both books and use them as a reference guide when working with victims/survivors of sexual assault.

She is a frequently invited keynote and plenary speaker at conferences and conducts workshops and seminars around the country for judges, lawyers, police, nurses, psychiatrists/psychologists, teachers, health and welfare practitioners and survivors.

Her PhD thesis which examined the psycho-social and socio-legal construction of victim/survivors in child sexual abuse trials received a national research award for excellence and innovation in research (2001). In 2006 Dr. Taylor received a Human Rights award from the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission for her research and advocacy work.



## Seminar 2 topic: National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund - priority drivers in national drug policy from a law enforcement perspective.

**Stephen Biggs – Manager, Drug Strategies and Support Projects, Department of Police and Emergency Management**

Held at the University of Tasmania Staff club on 31 May 2007, this seminar was attended by TILES research students, staff, senior officers from Tasmania Police and other research staff from the University.

The purpose of this seminar was to provide attendees with a background to the National Drug Law Enforcement Fund (NDLERF), outline its objectives and explain its priorities, by providing some insight into current drivers in National drug policy from a law enforcement perspective.

Stephen described how NDLERF promotes quality evidence-based practice in drug law enforcement to prevent and reduce the harmful effects of licit and illicit drug use in Australian society. A key aim of NDLERF is to promote collaboration between the Law Enforcement Sector and researchers. The Australian Government Department of Health and Aging funds the NDLERF as part of its commitment to the National Drug Strategy.



Stephen Biggs

Stephen Biggs is the Manager, Drug Strategies and Support Projects within the Executive Support Command, Tasmania Police, and has responsibility for drug and alcohol policy coordination within the Department of Police and Emergency Management. This area also coordinates the Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative, supports the Minister and Corporate Management Group in national forums such as the Ministerial Council on Drugs and Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs and auspices the National Drug Law Enforcement Fund through contract with the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

Stephen holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Tasmania, a Diploma of Business Studies (Marketing) from the University of the South Bank and is currently completing a Graduate Certificate in Health Promotion from Curtin University.



## TILES First Postdoctoral Candidate - Dr Vanessa Goodwin

TILES welcomes its first Postdoctoral candidate, Dr Vanessa Goodwin to the Institute.

Vanessa has worked for the Department of Police and Emergency Management, in the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Council Secretariat, since 1997. She has responsibility for designing, implementing, managing and evaluating crime prevention projects, conducting research and developing policy advice. Vanessa was a key player in the development and implementation of the U-Turn program in Tasmania. U-Turn is a diversionary program, primarily for young motor vehicle theft offenders, delivered by Mission Australia under contract to Tasmania Police.



Dr Vanessa Goodwin

Vanessa has a PhD in Law from the University of Tasmania, a Master of Philosophy (Criminology) from the University of Cambridge, and a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Tasmania.

Vanessa has previously been employed as the Associate to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, the Public Affairs Officer for the Australian Hotels Association (Tasmanian branch), and the Governor's Research Assistant.

### Postdoctoral Research Title

The Concentration of Offending and Related Social Problems in Tasmanian Families

#### Abstract

The aim of the study is to explore the extent to which crime and related social problems (e.g. chronic dependence on social security, poor health, transience, truancy, neglect, poverty) are concentrated in Tasmanian families, with a view to identifying ways to break the cycle of inter-generational crime and better respond to the needs of families with multiple problems. The study is intended to be a pilot project to test the research methodology and explore the feasibility of conducting a more comprehensive study on the topic at a later date.

The study will build on research conducted in the 1970s which examined the concentration of offending in 16 multi-problem families in Tasmania (Davies and Dax, 1974). In that study, the criminality of the second generation was examined and revealed that 50% of the individuals (73% of the males, 17% of the females) had a police record, 34% had been to prison (51% of the males, 9% of the females) and that the average age of the first appearance in the Children's Court was 12.3 years. It was also estimated that the members of the sixteen families had spent 201 years in jail in the previous 15 years, which amounted to 250 times as much time in jail as for Tasmanian families in general.

Vanessa will be supervised by Associate Professor Roberta Julian and can be contacted at [vanessa.goodwin@police.tas.gov.au](mailto:vanessa.goodwin@police.tas.gov.au).

## Award for TILES PhD Candidate Danielle Campbell

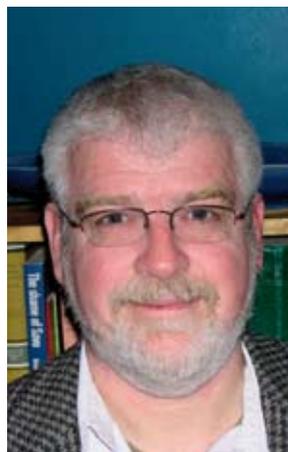
Congratulations to Danielle Campbell for winning an International Award for Excellence in the areas of diversity in organisations communities and nations.

Danielle received this award from *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations and Nations* for her paper, 'Community Policing and Refugee Settlement In Regional Australia: A Police Perspective.' Danielle was runner up for the award as one of the ten highest-ranked papers emerging from the referee process.

## Secondment to TILES from Tasmania Police

### Dr Martin Sharp – TILES Research Fellow

Undertaking research on corporate performance benchmarking.



Dr Martin Sharp

Dr Martin Sharp is an experienced diplomat, researcher and business analyst with a particular interest in research on policing, emergency management responses and regional security issues.

As a diplomat, Martin represented Australia in Canada, Thailand, at the United Nations in New York, and as Australian High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands. His experience includes a review of UN peacekeeping operations as the Australian representative in the UN General Assembly's budget and management committee, support for police assistance and peace monitoring efforts in the Solomon Islands, and

liaison with Canadian officials on emergency preparedness and critical infrastructure protection.

He also has an interest in international human rights issues, having represented Australia at the UN General Assembly committee handling human rights, and as a delegate to the UN Human Rights Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women. In 1993 he helped create the post of UN Commissioner for Human Rights.

Previously Martin worked for eight years as a researcher at the Australian National University and in the Historical Documents Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs, where he researched and published on Australian diplomatic, constitutional and sports history.

Since 2005, Dr Sharp has been a business analyst with the Tasmanian Department of Police and Emergency Management, where he has contributed to a number of nationwide police projects under the auspices of the CrimTrac Agency.

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### Australian Youth: Social and Cultural Issues, 2007, Pearson Longman

Roberta Julian, Director of TILES is the co-author of this new text about young Australians in the 21st Century, released by Pearson Education Australia ([www.pearsoned.com.au](http://www.pearsoned.com.au)). This book is intended for courses in Youth Studies found in Sociology, Social Work, Social Welfare, Adolescent Social Psychology and Secondary Education Departments.

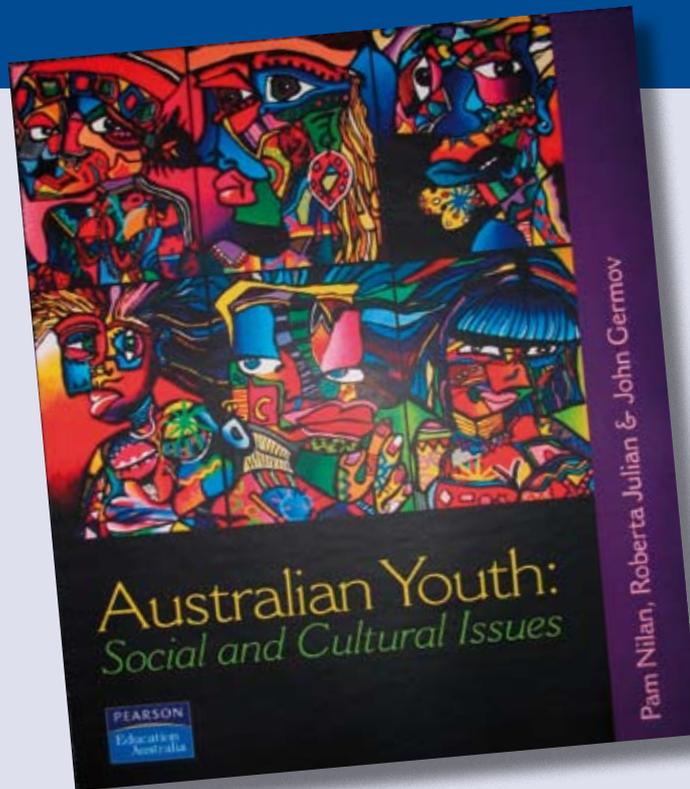
#### Authors:

Pam Nilan, University of Newcastle, Roberta Julian, University of Tasmania and John Germov, University of Newcastle

*Australian Youth* takes a sociological lens to the youth phenomena across a broad range of themes and topics, focusing on youth as they interact in their communities. Young people are viewed living and interacting with their families, age peers, friends and lovers in their local and virtual communities.

The text emphasises the different experiences of specific cohorts of youth interacting with education, the labour force and a range of social institutions. Cultural practices of youth, including the consumption and creative use of popular culture, are considered.

*Australian Youth* takes the view that young Australians in the 21st century face different challenges to previous generations, and are actively devising new ways of managing risk and social complexity.



## Staff Welcome

### Caroline Burridge – TILES Business Development Officer

TILES is pleased to welcome a new staff member to a new position within the Institute.

Caroline joined TILES in April 2007 as a Business Development Officer. She will be involved in grant and tender applications and will also provide support to the Director of TILES.

Caroline's background is in hospitality and she has previously managed a medical recruitment company from its infancy.

Caroline recently climbed Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, in a trip sponsored by two medical companies.

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