Professor Jenny Fleming has been appointed Vice-President of the Institute of Public Administration of Australia (Tasmania Division).

As the University of Tasmania’s Representative on the Tasmania Together Progress Board, A/Prof. Roberta Julian has been appointed to the Board’s Ten Year Review Sub-committee. Tasmania Together has been measuring progress for nearly ten years, collecting data from reliable sources to give a balanced assessment of social, economic and environmental conditions within the State. 2010 marks the beginning of the 10 year review of Tasmania Together (TT), with the final report due in Parliament in August 2011.

Roberta Julian is collaborating with colleagues in the Law School on a UTAS Teaching Development Grant on ‘Learning Styles, study models and perceptions among students of legal and police courses’. The Project Leader is Mr Rick Snell from the Law School and Dr Jeremy Privorad (Law School) is the other member of the project team. The aim of the project is to assess which patterns or modes of study (individual or group work, methods of comprehending material, lecture and tutorial preparation and exam preparation) best suit different learning styles among both civilian students and students who are police officers.

Roberta Julian presented a paper at a workshop on ‘Trade Liberalisation, Economic Reform and Displacement: Comparative Research from the Asia Pacific’ held at the University of Wollongong on 12 and 13 December 2009. The workshop was sponsored by the Australian Research Council’s Asia Pacific Futures Research Network and the University of Wollongong’s Centre for Asian Social Transformation Studies (CAPTRANS).

Jenny Fleming delivered a seminar and workshop on the Politics of Policing to the Strategic Leadership Program at the NSW Police Leadership Centre in Richmond, NSW in February.

Roberta Julian invited an opponent paper on ‘The Effectiveness of Forensic Science in Criminal Investigations’ at a Criminal Investigations Workshop held at the ANU on 10 and 11 December 2009. The workshop was sponsored by the ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security, The Regulatory Institutions Network, the Australian National University and the Australian Federal Police (ACT Policing) in collaboration with the Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice, University of California.

Recent Publications & Reports


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It’s hard to believe its three months into the year already. Since the last newsletter TILES has held another very successful workshop. The Public gets what The Public Wants was funded by the British Academy, the Australian Academy of Social Sciences, City University London and UTAS. The workshop was the complementary workshop to the one held in London in June last year. Senior police practitioners (including Catherine Burn, Deputy Commissioner of New South Wales Police) from Australia and New Zealand and academics from Australia and the UK attended this one day event. TILES welcomed Professor Eugene McLaughlin from City University, London who facilitated the event with me. Also in attendance, Dr Nicole Asquith a TILES Research Associate currently based in the UK at the University of Bradford; Murray Lampard from Edith Cowan University and Chief Inspector Hamish McCrdie form New Zealand. As I write a collection of papers from both the London and Hobart workshops are being prepared for a Special issue of a UK journal, Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice.

We have more new staff to greet! TILES welcomes Dr Isabelle Bartowiak-Theron to the research team. Isabelle has been appointed as a Lecturer in the School of Government and will begin with UTAS in March 2010. In conjunction with the School of Government, TILES will be involved in the in-service teaching initiative between UTAS and Tasmania Police. Isabelle will teach into the new In-service Pathway program initiative and the School of Government’s police studies’ programs. Happily for TILES, Isabelle will work with, and through the Institute on various research projects including community engagement, youth anti social behaviour and multiple victimisation.

We also welcome Dr Judy Putt, formerly with the Australian Institute of Criminology as a Senior Research Associate with TILES. Judy will work from Canberra for three days a week. Dr Putt’s research interests include: indigenous communities; remote and regional policing and the policing of illicit drugs. Dr Putt has a strong commitment and passion to policy and practice oriented research and extensive experience and expertise in applied criminology and with a range of methodologies. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have Judy’s expertise and experience to draw on this year.

2010 has a long list of things in the pipeline for TILES. We have visitors from the United Kingdom and interstate in the first half of the year and TILES researchers are already planning conference papers, seminars and overseas presentations. Please keep updated with all these events through TILES website: http://www.utas.edu.au/tiles

Congratulations to Barbara Stewart for submitting her Ph.D. thesis early in March. Barbara’s thesis, Gendered Careers in Australian Policing was supervised by Roberta Julian. Well done Barbara!

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Have a good Easter break.

Jenny Fleming
The Workshop was held on 11 December 2009 at the University of Tasmania and attracted participants from UK, New Zealand and other Australian States. The Workshop’s major sponsors were TILES, City University London, the Academy of Social Sciences, Australia and the British Academy.

The Workshop was built around presentations and discussions by established researchers and practitioners working on the key issues that define contemporary debates regarding public expectations, public trust and confidence in the police.

The feedback from the Workshop was a very positive and it is envisaged that a similar workshop may be organised in future.

Most papers will be included in a specific issue of Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice 2010.

The Workshop’s presentations included:
- Great Expectations? Police Interviews with Witnesses of Crime
- Public Trust and Confidence in the Police
- Stakeholders’ Expectations and Working with Police
- Procedural Justice in Policing
- New Zealanders’ Expectations of their Police
- Community Engagement, Public Trust and Confidence in the Police
- Increasing Satisfaction and Confidence in the NSW Police
- Community Engagement.

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Welcome Isabelle!

Dr. Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron begins work in the School of Government in March 2010. Isabelle will be teaching into the Police Studies’ Program and will be assisting with the first cohort of Tasmanian Police recruits enrolled in the In-Service Pathway through the University of Tasmania. Isabelle’s research will be channelled through TILES and we very much look forward to working with her. We consider Isabelle’s appointment a significant boost to TILES’ research team.

Isabelle is joining us from the School of Policing Studies, Charles Sturt University in NSW. There, in addition to teaching police recruits, Isabelle headed up the Research Development Committee for Charles Sturt University’s School of Policing Studies and Australian Graduate School of Policing. She obtained her PhD in 2002 in Paris, La Sorbonne, at the Centre d’Etudes Urbanes dans le Monde Anglophone (CEUMA). She studied comparative civilization with Professor Sophie Body-Gendrot and specialized in comparative justice, policing and socio-legal studies.

Isabelle is a founding member of the Australian Forum for Restorative Justice with colleagues from the Australian National University and Murdoch University. Her most recent publications focus on participatory and restorative justice and community policing, addressing various topical socio-legal issues. Welcome!