



## From the Director

We have had another busy and productive year at TILES. I'd like to begin by thanking the Institute's postgraduate students and affiliated researchers for all their hard work on various projects and for their enthusiasm for the Institute's research agenda. We have had a very productive year engaging in a wide range of interdisciplinary research – while also maintaining our commitment to teaching in our various disciplines. The events, activities and publications acknowledged in this Newsletter also demonstrate our passion for community engagement. We pride ourselves in conducting research in partnership with numerous agencies across the criminal justice system both nationally and internationally – including police organisations, justice, corrections, emergency services, forensic science, health, as well as NGOs in the fields of domestic violence, LGBTIQ people, refugee settlement, youth offending, and restorative justice. These agencies reflect the broad remit of policing in contemporary society and the necessity of inter-agency collaboration in addressing the complex problems addressed by police officers in their everyday work. This Newsletter highlights some of our activities in these areas but I would recommend that you take a look at the TILES website for a more complete picture of the Institute's work and our exciting plans for 2017.

This year we have embarked on some exciting new developments in our main areas of research concentration; namely, Forensic Studies; Law Enforcement and Public Health; and the Vulnerability, Resilience and Policing Research Consortium. With the appointment of Dr Angela Dwyer as Associate Professor in Police Studies and Emergency Management, we have added a new research focus in Emergency Management. A/Prof. Dwyer has been working closely with various agencies in the emergency services and management space throughout the year to develop new units for volunteers and professionals. I would particularly like to thank Cheryl Ames from State Emergency Services as well as Dr Steve Curnin (TILES, UTAS) and Dr Christine Owen (UTAS) for their generosity in sharing their expertise and providing support during the preparation of these units.



Forensic Studies continues to be a significant and distinctive field of research at TILES. A/Prof. Julian continues to lead an innovative program of research in this emerging area that sits at the nexus between forensic science, policing and criminology. We invited Prof. Claude Roux, the Director of the Centre of Forensic Science at the University of Technology Sydney, to give a sub-plenary keynote on the benefits of greater collaboration between forensic science and criminology at the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) Conference held in Hobart in November. Thanks to Prof. Roux for a stimulating presentation. TILES has a number of postgraduate students conducting research in forensic studies with some PhD completions to look forward to in 2017. I'd like to congratulate Cheryl Brown from South Australia Police on the publication of her third refereed article on the effectiveness of forensic science in volume crime investigations. Congratulations also to Dr Mithun Rajshekar who received the Henry C. Lee Award for best paper at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas in February.

TILES' research in the Law Enforcement and Public Health area will be further strengthened through the establishment of an International Association of Law Enforcement and Public Health in the new year - a decision made at the 3rd International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health held in the Netherlands in October. Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron will be representing TILES on the working group established to launch this new association. Dr Bartkowiak-Theron has a number of exciting initiatives in place in the LEPH space for 2017. We look forward to her return from maternity leave in February 2017 when you will see these come to fruition.

I would like to finish by once again thanking The Institute for the Study of Social Change and Tasmania Police for their support throughout 2016. Our partnership with Tasmania Police is unique and enables us to conduct research that is firmly grounded on collaboration with police organisations both nationally and internationally. Thanks also to the TILES Executive Officer, Mrs Paula Broucek, who continues to provide such a high level of professional support to me and all the Institute's researchers.

My best wishes to you all for the coming holidays and I look forward to our continued collaborations in 2017.

*Roberta Julian*

## Ending the Year on a Positive Note

The end of the year is near, and what better way to exit 2016 than to reflect on the past twelve months, celebrate accomplishments and engage in planning for the new year here at the Institute. TILES comes to the end of another stellar year, highlighted by innovative, collaborative and interdisciplinary research and teaching. TILES would like to say thank you to all of its great supporters!

### A warm welcome and congratulations

This year we welcomed two new postgraduate students; Ms Eliza Jones (MRes Candidate) and Ms Laura Michaelson (PhD Candidate) who will be conducting research under the supervision of TILES Researcher, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron. The new postgraduate students are joining a gradually expanding list of current postgraduates being supervised by TILES academics.

In August, we congratulated to Dr Heidi Gordon who graduated upon successful completion of her PhD research. More on Postgraduate Students' page.

### TILES sponsors the 29th Annual ANZSOC Conference in Hobart

The 29th Annual Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) conference was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, from 29 November to 2 December. The theme of the 2016 conference was 'Horizon Criminology' and Her Excellency, Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AM, Governor of Tasmania was invited to do the official opening. The opening address was delivered by Dr Vanessa Goodwin, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Corrections, Minister for the Arts, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council.

More than 300 delegates from across Australia and New Zealand joined international guests at the conference venue to gain or share their knowledge and experience in criminological research, study and practice.

TILES proudly sponsored this important event, and formed a majority of the committee members for the conference. The Institute's postgraduate students and researchers chaired, presented and participated at the conference's 50 sessions. The Institute also invited Prof Claude Roux (UTS), Prof. Jenny Fleming (Southampton, UK) and Assoc Prof Adrian Cherney (UQ) to present in the sub-plenary sessions.

Assoc Prof Roberta Julian, Assoc Prof Angela Dwyer and Dr Jeremy Prichard chaired some of the ANZSOC sessions.

Presenters (PhD Candidates) were: Peter Woodman, Brianna O'Shea and Mithun Rajshekar. Cheryl Brown also participated.

Presenters (Affiliated Researchers) were: Dr Loene Howes, Dr Jeremy Prichard, Dr Katrina Clifford, Dr Nicole Asquith and Dr Romy Winter.



Peter Woodman, PhD Candidate



Assoc Prof Roberta Julian

ANZSOC 2016  
Hotel Grand Chancellor  
Hobart



Further details about the conference are available at: <http://www.anzsoc2016.com/>

Dr Loene Howes

### Developing teaching & learning pathways across Emergency Management

It has been twelve months since we welcomed Assoc Prof Angela Dwyer to TILES. It has been a quite busy year for Assoc Prof Dwyer, where her energy has been dedicated mainly to her leading research on the intersection between sexuality, gender diversity, and criminal justice, and developing teaching and learning pathways across emergency management.

In 2016, Assoc Prof Dwyer, with a team of TILES members, received a University of Tasmania Group Career Development Scholarship. In collaboration with TILES the team's objective is to develop online units and courses around emergency management, law enforcement and public health, and policing vulnerability. The scholarship is supported by the School of Social Sciences which recognises the strategic opportunity to consolidate and expand its capacity in police studies, new jurisdictions and across emergency management.

We are very proud to have Assoc Prof Dwyer on board with TILES. These are just some of the highlights from her busy 2016:

#### Presentation on Why do LGBTI people seek support from LGBTI police liaison officers?:

Assoc Prof Dwyer delivered this presentation to the audience at the Aurora Lecture Theatre, IMAS Building, in June. It was her first presentation in Hobart, and was part of the InFocus Seminar Series hosted by the Institute for the Study of Social Change, University of Tasmania.

#### LGBTIQ Issues in the Workplace Workshop:

Assoc Prof Dwyer was invited to convene this workshop as professional development for senior staff and managers developing a Diversity Framework for the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Tasmania. The workshop drew on the latest empirical research discussing the key issues for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people in contemporary workplaces.

**Presenting in Vancouver, Canada, at the international Youngsters Conference, and New Orleans, USA, at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology:** Most recently, Assoc Prof Dwyer presented a paper at the international Youngsters Conference in Vancouver, and participated in three invited panels and presented four presentations at the American Society of Criminology in New Orleans. She was joined in New Orleans by Assoc Prof Nicole Asquith, Co-Director of the Vulnerability, Resilience and Policing Research Consortium, and University of Tasmania Associate with TILES.

**Emergency Management Stakeholder Tertiary Pathway Consultation Workshop:** Assoc Prof Dwyer, Assoc Prof Roberta Julian and Dr Romy Winter from TILES, and Cheryl Ames from the State Emergency Service convened the workshop to develop a focus for a tertiary pathway in emergency management at the University of Tasmania. The workshop participants were senior staff and managers across the emergency management sector.



photo: workshop participants

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**Critical Thinking Workshop at the Victoria Police Academy:** Assoc Prof Dwyer was invited to hold a workshop on 'Critical Thinking' and how to embed critical thinking skills into curricula and assessment with police recruits and police



photo: workshop participants

undertaking studies within promotional pathways.

## Presenting at the 23rd ANZFSS Symposium in Auckland

Assoc Prof Roberta Julian (current President of the Tasmanian Branch of the ANZFSS), Dr Loene Howes and Dr Mithun Rajshekar joined other presenters at the 23rd ANZFSS (The Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society) Symposium in Auckland, on 18-23 September. The Symposium included a great range of keynote and poster presentations, plenary sessions and fantastic exhibitors demonstrating their latest technology and management tools applied in Forensic Sciences.

TILES members delivered the following presentations:

*The economics and politics of forensic science practice: can we measure the effectiveness and efficiency of forensic science? and The interfaces between science, medicine, law and law enforcement project - phase 2.* (Assoc Prof Roberta Julian).

*Beyond expert opinion: inroads into effective communication about forensic science* (Dr Howes, TILES Researcher).

*Validating a portable intra-oral 3D scanner as a tool for bite-mark analysis: a response to the 2009 National Academy of Science report* (Dr Mithun Rajshekar, PhD Candidate).

The Institute researchers are being recognised for their research and collaboration in forensic studies, and there is a strong interest in related postgraduate studies being offered through the Institute. TILES also coordinates Forensic Studies UTAS which includes researchers who have expertise in criminology, sociology, psychology, media, law and police studies.

## Awards

### University Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning

Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron was recently recognised for excellence with the presentation of a 2016 University Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. TILES congratulates Dr Bartkowiak-Théron on her individual award for state and national leadership in the professionalization of policing, police education scholarship, and for innovation in teaching the policing of vulnerable people.

Dr Bartkowiak-Théron is Police Studies Coordinator and Senior Researcher with TILES. Dr Bartkowiak-Théron is also the Co-Director of the Vulnerability, Resilience and Policing Research Consortium (VRPRC). The VRPRC is a network of researchers specialising in the topic of vulnerable people in the criminal justice system, how community and systems resilience in criminal justice contexts can be built and strengthened, and innovative policy and practice approaches in this field.

The Consortium is coordinated across three key organisations: the University of Tasmania, via TILES, Western Sydney University, and Victoria University.

### Teaching Merit Certificate Recipients

Team Award to: Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron, Dr Romy Winter, Ms Brianna O'Shea (PhD Candidate) and Ms Sancia West (UTAS) for effective implementation and delivery of the Tasmania Police Professionalisation Pathway (TP3), throughout 2015.

Individual Award to: Dr Katrina Clifford for innovative learning and teaching practices to engage off-campus students. Dr Clifford is a lecturer and the coordinator of industry placements and internships in the Journalism, Media and Communications program and a Researcher with TILES.

### TILES on Program Committee at the International Conference on LEPH 2016

Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Assoc Prof Roberta Julian were invited to be on the Program Committee at the successful 3rd International Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health (LEPH2016), held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2-5 October. At this international event, Assoc Prof Julian also chaired the Leadership and Partnerships session, and delivered a presentation on *Exploring law enforcement and public health (LEPH) as a collective impact initiative*.

TILES is a Member of the Global LEPH Research Network, and is engaged in a partnership with the Centre for Law Enforcement & Public Health whose Director, Professor Nick Croft, was the LEPH2016 Conference Convenor.

## TILES Postgraduate Students

### Congratulations to Dr Heidi Gordon

All of us at TILES extend our big congratulations to Dr Heidi Gordon who graduated on 12th August in the morning ceremony in Hobart.

Heidi successfully completed her PhD research thesis on *Prediction of recidivism in a Tasmanian population: evaluation and development of community based risk assessments*, supervised by Dr Sally Kelty (TILES/ University of Canberra) and Assoc Prof Roberta Julian (TILES).

During her PhD studies, Heidi became a valuable team member on several TILES' research projects, in particular, 'The Effectiveness of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System' and 'The Interfaces' project. Heidi also published her research in the following journals: Criminal Justice and Behaviour; Psychiatry, Psychology and Law; and Forensic Science Policy and Management.

In 2010, Heidi received the Gwen Nettlefold Memorial Scholarship from the University of Tasmania. This scholarship is awarded to students who have an outstanding academic record, and its support and resources assisted Heidi while undertaking her postgraduate studies. Heidi was also awarded an Elite Scholarship with both in-kind and financial support provided by the Tasmanian Department of Justice.

The Institute is proud of Heidi achieving such a significant goal in her career, and wishes her a great future ahead.

The Institute recently welcomed two new postgraduate students; both are now progressing through the initial stages of their interesting research.

**Laura Michaelson's (new PhD Candidate)** research is on the *Effectiveness of problem-solving courts; exploring the reintegration of offenders' through social indicators in the Mental Health Diversion List and the Court Mandated Diversion Program in Tasmania*. (Co-supervised by Ms Terese Henning, Faculty of Law).

**Eliza Jones' (new MRes Candidate)** research is on *Opening the Gate to Restorative Justice*. (Co-supervised by Dr Jeremy Prichard, Faculty of Law).

**PhD Candidate Brianna O'Shea** presented a paper on *'The Investigation and Prosecution of Cyberstalking in Australia'* at the 4th International Conference on Cybercrime and Computer Forensics. The Conference was held at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada in June. Brianna's paper was based on her PhD research that she is undertaking through TILES.

**PhD Candidate Mithun Rajshekar** was presented with the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) Henry C. Lee Scholarship at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) 68th Annual Scientific Meeting 'Transformation: Embracing Change', in Las Vegas. The scholarship was awarded for best paper, *'Assessing the Reliability of Measurements of Human Dental Casts Using an Intraoral 3D Scanner'*, which Mithun presented at the meeting.

**PhD Candidate Cheryl Brown** was captured behind the scenes at the new police forensic evidence desk based in South Australia Police Scene Investigation Sections, back in July. Cheryl is the Senior Sergeant with SAP, and her PhD research is on *'The effectiveness of forensic identification evidence in volume crime policing in Australia'*.

2016 has been challenging for all TILES postgraduate students – researching, writing and presenting. The Institute recognises that studying at postgraduate level requires time, focus and commitment, and additional prioritising when family or work commitments are present.

TILES provides a high level of support to all its postgraduate students, and places a high priority on interaction between postgraduate students and academics in a small dedicated study environment. The Institute wishes all its postgraduate students all the very best in 2017.

### 3rd Annual Forensic Studies Forum

This year, the Forum was organised to coincide with the ANZSOC conference in Hobart, providing a unique opportunity for interaction with the conference participants specialising in forensic studies. The Forum was chaired by TILES Director Roberta Julian, who also invited two colleagues visiting from the University of Lausanne: Sonja Bitzer and Lionel Grossrieder, and Jess Ritchie from the University of Queensland. The invited guests were joined by current TILES PhD Candidates, whose research is in various forensic areas.

The Forum provided an excellent opportunity for discussion, ideas and networking across local, national and international jurisdictions.

### Research Team Receives Grant for Building Safe Communities for Women

TILES Associate & Police Studies Lecturer Dr Romy Winter with her research team (UTAS/DHHS) will once again partner with Salvation Army colleagues to continue their work to reduce domestic violence and promote positive fathering, supported by the *'Building Safe Communities for Women'* grant from the Australian Government's Department of Social Services.

Dr Romy Winter frequently provides her expertise on domestic violence subjects within academia and the State Government, and most recently presented at the *'Stop Domestic Violence'* conference in Brisbane. She also attended the 3rd Annual Community Safety Summit in Sydney, in September. Both attendances were supported by the Criminology, Law & Policing (CLP) grant coordinated by Associate Professor Roberta Julian.

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- Assoc Prof Roberta Julian attended the Australian Institute of Police Management (AIPM) Board of Studies meetings in Sydney, in February and September. Assoc Prof Julian is an academic member of the Board of Studies which is comprised of learning and development representatives from all police jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand. The Board meets on a regular basis to discuss and provide advice to the Board of Control (AIPM) on all educational matters at the AIMP.
- In August, TILES attended the graduation of 84 Tasmania Police graduands from the Associate Degree Arts (Police Studies) at the Federation Concert Hall, Hobart. Under the partnership, Tasmania Police officers are the only officers in Australia given the opportunity to align their careers with the Bachelor of Social Science (Police Studies).

- In February, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Assoc Prof Roberta Julian attended a presentation by Dr Kevin Gilmartin on 'Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement Officers', held in Launceston, Newnham Campus (UTAS). It was organised and hosted by the Police Association of Tasmania with support from TILES. One of the key areas of research at TILES is 'Vulnerability, Resilience and Policing' which addresses issues of vulnerability among police officers as well as vulnerable populations in the community.

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- \* A path to collaborative research activities.

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