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Report by Professor Michael Daffern

Professor of Clinical Forensic Psychology and Director, Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology

Welcome to the 2022 – 2023 Annual Research Report for the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare) and the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science (CFBS).



Prof. Michael Daffern

As you will find in this report, the CFBS has maintained a strong trajectory through research, teaching and our consultation and evaluation work across the past year. Despite considerable change within the Centre and our emergence from the impacts of the pandemic, our research impact remains critical.

Most notably, in terms of change, I am writing this welcome and introduction for the first time as Director of the CFBS, and, as Jim would say, ‘God willing’, I’ll be writing it each year for the next four years. In a somewhat unanticipated move, University Distinguished Professor James Ogloff AM ‘Jim’ surprised us all by accepting the position of Dean of Health Sciences. Whilst he remains at Swinburne and continues to teach, research, and supervise students in the Centre, Jim’s move initiated a transition to new leadership and some subtle changes to the CFBS.

I am incredibly grateful to Jim and Associate Professor Rachael Fullam, the Deputy Director of the CFBS, for their support and wisdom during this last year and to all Centre staff for their support and commitment to our work.

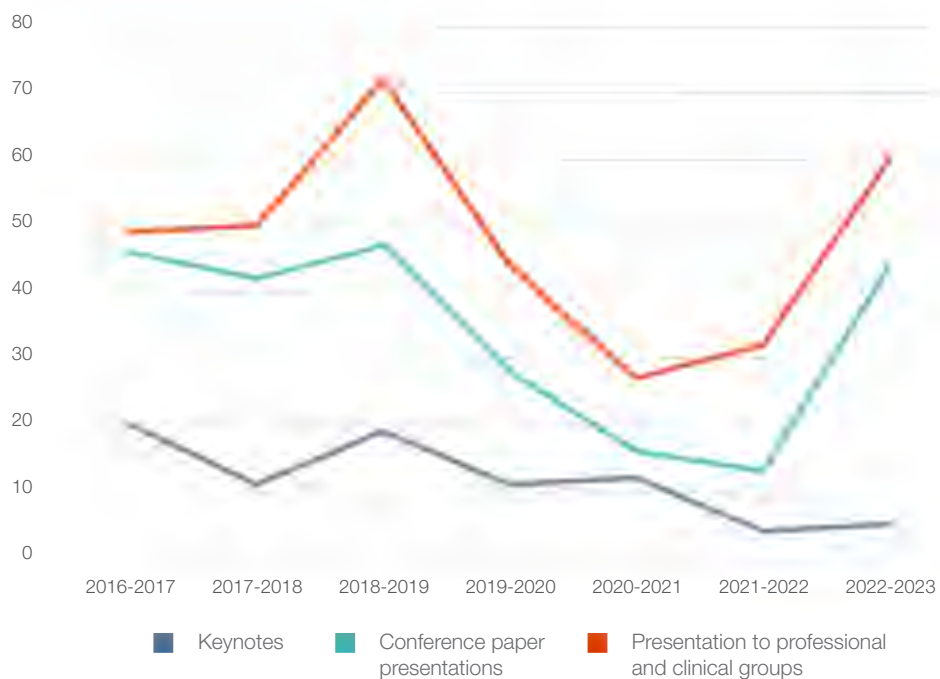
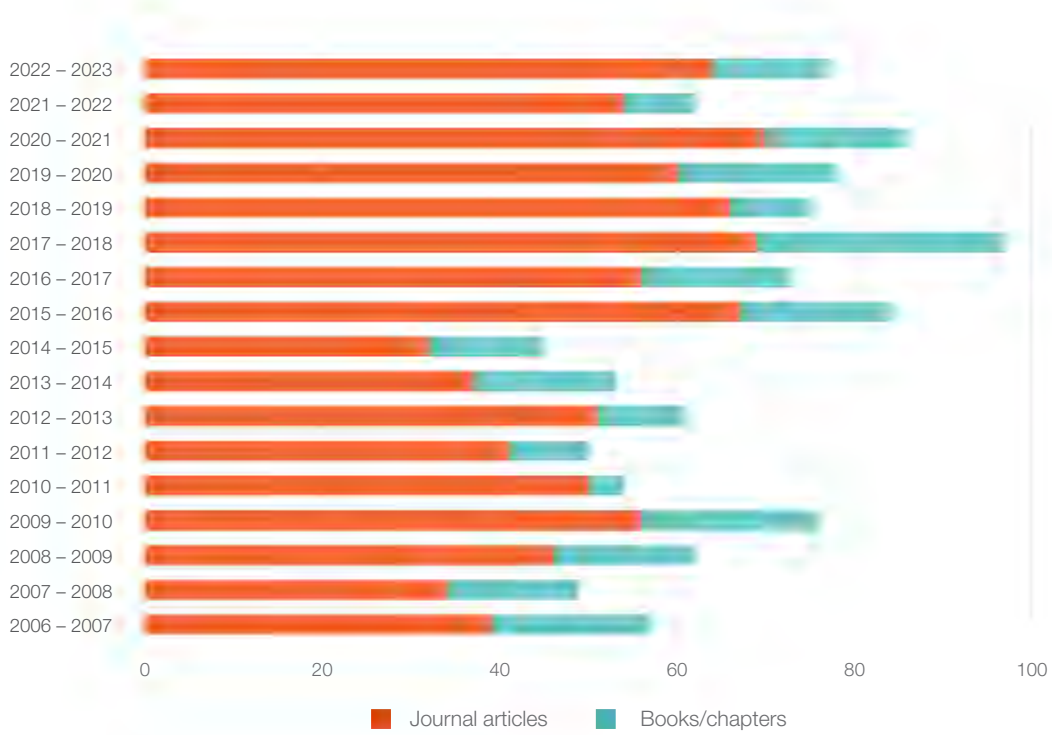
2022-23 has been busy as we adjust to staffing changes and post-pandemic ways of working. A new strategic plan has been created and a commitment to rejuvenating staff and the Centre’s work, by rotating key positions, will see us refreshed and maintaining our research creativity and impact for years to come.

I will be Director for the next four years and like other positions within the Centre I will allow somebody else to take over at the end of my five-year term, ensuring opportunity and fresh ideas continue to strengthen our research.

The strategic plan for 2023-2028 captures the essence of our research aspirations. The plan aligns with research priorities that are consistent with the Forensicare Strategic Plan and Swinburne’s Horizon 2025. The strategic plan also captures our objectives across teaching and consultation and evaluation domains. A copy can be found on our Centre’s website and in the following pages.

Our research productivity is unchanged and now that we are beyond major staffing changes, we are stable and eagerly engaged in the Centre’s next phase.

CFBS Academic and Research Outputs





Prof. James Ogloff

On Distinguished Professor James Ogloff AM

“It is important to acknowledge Jim’s enormous contribution to our Centre, Forensicare and the forensic behavioural science field more broadly. Jim established the CFBS in 2006, initially at Monash University, and he facilitated the move to Swinburne in 2014. The CFBS and Jim have been synonymous. The work of the Centre since its establishment is world renowned, and he has left large shoes to fill. We are grateful for his leadership and the opportunity to collaborate and learn from him. Having worked as a psychologist within Forensicare under Jim’s leadership as Head of Psychology, I often thought his successor would be picking up a poison chalice, such were his accomplishments. Nevertheless, 18-months into the role, I have not been stricken and Jim has provided the mentoring and strategic support that has helped us navigate through a new phase of the Centre’s life and growth.”

Professor Michael Daffern

Notable and significant measures of research excellence

Forensicare and the CFBS have a proud history of scholarly excellence. As you will see in the coming pages, the CFBS continues to publish exceedingly well and attract income to support our research and training work. In 2022-23 we secured \$273,000 for research, evaluation activities, and \$165,000 for training, not including Forensic Mental Health Professional Development Program (FMHPDP) income.

Our consultation and evaluation work allows us to impact forensic mental health, correctional and other agencies and create opportunities for research collaborations. We published 65 peer-reviewed journal articles and 12 books and chapters across a range of topics and journals in the last financial year. Conference activity returned to pre-pandemic levels with a total of 44 conference presentations and five keynote addresses delivered. Our teaching and training has also maintained a strong trajectory. Our postgraduate Forensic Behavioural Science course remains attractive for practitioners with a total of 340-unit enrolments for the last financial year.

Over the last year our work has been recognised through various awards, including the Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety award for Dynamic Appraisal of Situational Aggression (DASA) research at the 23rd Australian Council on Healthcare Standard (ACHS) Annual Quality Improvement Awards.

The CFBS researchers were also successful in competitive School of Health Sciences funding:

- Dr Tessa Maguire received funding for her project: *‘Evaluating Entrustable Professional Activities to enhance performance of graduate nursing using an Aggression Prevention Protocol’.*
- Dr Abigail Sheed, Dr Nina Papalia and Dr Benjamin Spivak received funding for their project: *‘Understanding risks and needs in court-involved families with child maltreatment and family violence.’*
- Dr Marie Henshaw, Reneta Slikboer, Dr Joel McGregor, Dr Rajan Darjee and Prof. James Ogloff (project mentor) received funding for their project: *The efficacy of the CEM-COPE Program for child exploitation material offenders in Australia and Canada.*

Other examples of staff achievements include:

- Dr Tessa Maguire was awarded the 2022 Chris Aberhalden award for young researchers in the field of aggression in healthcare. This prize, awarded every two years, is for a researcher who shows the greatest potential for a future contribution to the field of violence in healthcare and is based on their current or recent research work.
- Dr Tessa Maguire was elected to be a Member-at-Large on the IAFMHS Board of Directors.
- Dr Nina Papalia received the School of Health Sciences Emerging Outstanding Researcher Award for emerging excellence in research innovation and impact. Dr Papalia's research focusses on youth mistreatment and forensic mental health. Dr Papalia was also appointed to the position of Early Career Researcher as Nominated by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) on the Swinburne University Research Policy and Quality Committee.

Some student achievements include:

- Bradley Reich received the School of Health Sciences Best HDR Thesis award. Bradley's thesis investigated cognitive and affective factors related to stalking.
- Monique Sondhu was awarded a Derek Eaves Student Research Grant and at the IAFMHS conference in Sydney. Monique Sondhu was awarded second place in the student presentation award and Laura Coat was awarded third place.

Staff changes

- As with many organisations, we had some movement in 2022-23. Dr Justin Trounson and Associate Professor Stephane Shepherd resigned to take up new opportunities. Their research focusses on matters of diversity, and seeks to determine how well extant knowledge and methods of understanding and working with people who have offended are applicable to people from a range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Not only did Justin and Stephane make meaningful contributions to the Centre's research outputs over the last few years, they also enhanced our teaching and, perhaps most importantly, attracted people from various backgrounds to learn with us, making the

Centre more diverse, and our research relevant to international efforts to enhance equity, diversity and inclusion in forensic mental health service provision. Their legacy will be a cohort of students coming from varying backgrounds who will make forensic psychology more diverse.

- Dr Kylie Thomson resigned, closely followed by three of our research fellows, Dr Melanie Simmons, Dr Anne Sophie Pichler and Dr Natasha Maharaj. Kylie brought a clinical sophistication to our research, teaching and consultation work and this will be sorely missed, as will the efforts of Mel, Natasha and Anne Sophie who all made significant contributions to our academic outputs and consultation and evaluation work.
- We have been fortunate to recruit well to replace these departing staff. Most notably, Dr Nichola Tyler joined us from the United Kingdom via New Zealand and Associate Professor Ashley Batastini will join us soon from the United States. Dr Ashley Dunne transitioned from her role as a research fellow to replace Dr Kylie Thomson as Senior Lecturer and Dr Nina Papalia returned to the Centre following completion of her Fulbright Fellowship at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.

I hope you enjoy reading the 2022-23 Annual Research Report. If you would like further information on any of the studies that are ongoing or published, or if you see an opportunity for collaboration then please contact me or the relevant Centre staff. Finally, I offer my gratitude to Jim for his leadership of the Centre and pay thanks to Dr Margaret Grigg OAM, former CEO of Forensicare, who provided very strong support to the CFBS during her time.

Professor Michael Daffern

Director, Centre for Forensic
Behavioural Science

Forensicare Research Governance

Research at Forensicare is facilitated by the Forensicare Research Department, led by the Forensicare Research Manager Dr Trentham Furness.

The Research Department supports Forensicare staff to build their research capability, facilitates research across the organisation and promotes dissemination of research outcomes and translation. Oversight is provided from the Forensicare Operational Research Committee (ORC) and the Research Governance Committee, a formal committee of the Forensicare Board. The ORC reviews all research applications submitted to Forensicare and Swinburne University and prioritises research that aligns with the Forensicare Strategic Plan 2021-2026.



Achievements in the last financial year

65

Journal publications

12

Books/chapters

44

Paper presentations at Conferences

5

Keynote addresses

60

Workshops delivered to clinical or professional groups

7

Industry Reports produced

23

Forensic Mental Health Professional Development Program delivered

15

New research projects were approved to commence at Forensicare

Current students

8

PhD

36

Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology

2

Honours students

Current grant funded projects in progress:

Lead Researchers	Project	Funding body
Dr Caleb D. Lloyd Dr Darcy Coulter Dr Ariel Stone	Acute Dynamic Risk Assessment Program / DRAOR and SDAC-21 Case Management Tools Implementation and Evaluation	Department of Justice
A/Prof. Stephane Shepherd Prof. James Ogloff Prof. Michele Pathe	Preventing Violent Extremism in Victoria – Exploring the profiles of young Victorians at-risk	Department of Justice and Community Safety, Countering Violent Extremism Research Grants
Prof. James Ogloff Dr Marie Henshaw Prof. Denny Meyer	Understanding and responding to online child sexual exploitation offenders	Australian Research Council, Linkage Grant Program
Prof. Troy McEwan Dr Nina Papalia	Emergency department presentations for mental illness, substance use, and self-harm among family violence victims and perpetrators: Identifying opportunities for prevention	Barbara Dicker Brain Sciences Foundation
A/Prof. Stephane Shepherd Dr Nina Papalia Dr Cieran Harris	Exploring the transition from youth to adult offending – A 10-year follow-up study of Australian young people in custody	Australian Institute of Criminology
Dr Caleb D. Lloyd Dr Ralph C. Serin	Offender decision making and desistance from crime	United States Department of Justice National Institute of Justice Research, Development, and Evaluation Grant Award
Dr Marie Henshaw Dr Reneta Slikboer Dr Joel McGregor A/Prof. Rajan Darjee	The efficacy of the CEM-COPE Program for child exploitation material offenders in Australia and Canada	Swinburne University School of Health Sciences
Dr Abigail Sheed Dr Nina Papalia Dr Benjamin Spivak	Understanding risk and needs in court-involved families with child maltreatment and family violence	Swinburne University School of Health Sciences
Dr Tessa Maguire	Evaluating Entrustable Professional Activities to enhance performance of graduate nursing using an Aggression Prevention Protocol	Swinburne University School of Health Sciences
Dr Nina Papalia	Child Victims: Providing protection from re-victimisation and future offending	Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award



Forensicare-CFBS Research Partnership

The CFBS is Australasia's leading Centre for excellence in the areas of forensic mental health and forensic behavioural science research, teaching and practice development.

The CFBS operates under the auspices of Swinburne University and serves as the research arm of Forensicare. The partnership, as detailed in the Master Collaboration Agreement, is designed to support a research program aligned to the Forensicare Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and transfer research outcomes into safe clinical practice. The agreement provides funds and governance for the operation of the Forensicare Research Department to facilitate research across the organisation as well as the delivery of the Forensic Mental Health Professional Development Program.

With Forensicare being the only provider in Victoria of specialist forensic mental health services, this research partnership enables a critical nexus between science and practice – with each informing the other to ensure excellence and evidence-based practice in service delivery. The research partnership brings together academics, clinicians, researchers and students from a variety of disciplines. The specialist areas of psychiatry, psychology, social work, law, nursing, occupational therapy and epidemiology are all represented. Additional expertise is available through affiliations established with industry partners, such as Victoria Police, Corrections Victoria, and international experts.

The statutory functions and powers of Forensicare include the requirement 'to conduct research in the fields of forensic mental health, forensic health, forensic behavioural science and associated fields' and to 'promote continuous improvements and innovations in the provision of forensic mental health and related services in Victoria' (*Mental Health Act 2014 s.330(g) & s.330(h)*)

The key research streams at the CFBS span Aggression and Violence, Childhood Maltreatment and Youth Offending, Complex Criminal Behaviour, Culture Psychology and Law, Psychology and Legal Processes and Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Managing Risk for Crime. The CFBS strategic plan 2023-2028 was also released in the last financial year. The strategic plan and key research streams are designed to ensure that the priorities of the Centre are consistent with the Forensicare Strategic Plan.

Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science

Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028

Our vision

Leadership and innovation
through research and education
excellence to shape safe, effective
and humane justice systems
and forensic mental health services

Our mission

To create new knowledge through rigorous, clinically informed and service-orientated research that improves our understanding of people who are at risk of offending, people who are already justice involved, and people who are the victims of crime, as well as the systems responsible for their care and management. We use this knowledge to educate and inform the creation and shaping of effective and humane clinical practices and improved service systems. Our ultimate aim is to help create stronger and safer communities and better trajectories for people with a history of crime and their victims.



Research

- Staff are encouraged to innovate and pursue ideas and interests aligned with our broader mission.
- Opportunities for collaborative work within the Centre and University are provided and national and international collaboration is supported.
- Rigorous methodologies are used in our research to improve research quality.
- The CFBS produces high quality and impactful research outputs that improve practices and operation of forensic mental health and criminal justice services.
- Income is secured to support our staff and student research.



Consultancy & Evaluation

- Research conducted by the CFBS staff and students is effectively translated into the Centre's consultation and evaluation services.
- There is industry recognition of the expert knowledge and methodological rigour provided by the CFBS during contract consultancy, evaluation and research projects.
- The CFBS is responsive to the needs of industry and has capacity to provide consultation and evaluation services that assist industry partners with service development and the adoption of novel practices and interventions.



Education, Training & Professional Development

- Swinburne University of Technology is Australia's premier university to train in clinical and forensic psychology. Our postgraduate training programmes are empirically driven, comprehensive, contemporary, and provide opportunities through strong and committed industry partnerships for students to build knowledge and clinical skills.
- Energetic, enthusiastic and capable students are attracted to work and learn with us.
- The CFBS builds expert knowledge amongst professionals working in the field across Australia and internationally.

All Domains

- The Centre has a friendly, supportive, productive and sustainable working environment that provides staff and students with opportunities to develop, learn and influence.
- Our work is culturally safe, respectful and encouraging of diversity and inclusion.
- We actively collaborate with all people who are involved in forensic mental health and criminal justice services, including those with lived experience as well as those who work within these systems.

CFBS staff members

The Centre has thirty Swinburne academic staff members, with thirteen core members, thirteen research fellows, one project officer and three associate members.

Core Academic Staff Members

Professor Michael Daffern
– Director

Associate Professor Rachael Fullam
– Deputy Director and Evaluation and Consultation Lead

Distinguished Professor James Ogloff

Professor Troy McEwan

Professor Stephane Shepherd

Dr Trentham Furness
– Forensicare Research Manager

Dr Ashley Dunne
– Senior Lecturer, in Clinical and Forensic Psychology

Dr Benjamin Spivak
– Senior Lecturer

Dr Caleb Lloyd
– Senior Lecturer, Correctional Psychology

Dr Kylie Thomson
– Senior Lecturer

Dr Margaret Nixon
– Senior Lecturer and Professional Development and Training Lead

Dr Nina Papalia
– Senior Lecturer in Clinical and Forensic Psychology

Dr Tessa Maguire
– Senior Lecturer Forensic Mental Health Nursing

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Dr Abigail Sheed

Dr Melanie Simmons

Dr Reneta Slikboer

Dr Anne Sophie Pichler

Dr Ariel Stone

Dr Michael Trood

Project Officer

Ms Katie Richardson

Associate Members

Dr Joel McGregor
– Lecturer and Discipline Convener, Criminology

Associate Professor Jeffrey Pfeifer
– Psychological Sciences

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– Senior Lecturer, Psychological Sciences

CFBS Adjunct Staff Members

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Nurse, Forensicare

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Principal Psychologist, Forensicare

Research projects in Aggression and Violence

Acts of aggression and violence such as assault, homicide, and sexual violence, represent some of the most harmful of all antisocial behaviours. These acts are also associated with substantial personal and social harms and have an enormous financial impact, costing economies billions of dollars each year in health care, legal and justice system costs, absenteeism from work and lost productivity. Accordingly, a key area of our research program, led by Professor Michael Daffern, focuses on the development of violence prevention and intervention programs.

Developing the Safewards Secure staff and consumer modifiers and interventions

Dr Tessa Maguire, Ryan Lang, Jo Ryan, Maicee Harrison and Prof. Brian McKenna

Background:

The Safewards model of care was developed as an intervention framework to reduce the occurrences of conflict (events that threaten the safety of staff and consumers such as aggression, self-harm, suicide and absconding) and containment (interventions used to prevent conflict events on acute mental health wards) and to minimise harmful outcomes such as use of medication, closed observations, and the use of restrictive practices. Further work led by Dr Tessa Maguire, developed an adjunct model (Safewards Secure) for nurses working in forensic mental health services, addressing the additional, unique considerations of the setting, such as security restrictions.

The purpose of this study was to finalise the Safewards Secure model by establishing staff and consumer modifiers and interventions (things that staff and consumers can do to prevent conflict and containment events).

A Nominal Group Technique was used to engage forensic mental health experts who had experience implementing Safewards. The technique is an established research process used to seek feedback in a group setting and reach consensus. The suggestions used for discussion in the group were informed by a literature review.

Key findings and implications:

- Staff and consumer modifiers were developed and included in the Safewards Secure model.
- Two themes were also interpreted from the discussions:
 - Safewards Secure is just as much for staff as it is for consumers.
 - Proposed additions to the model encourage more meaningful staff to consumer collaboration.
- Addressing trauma, risk issues, offending behaviour and encouraging meaningful collaboration between staff and consumers can assist in ensuring a more person-centered approach to forensic mental health nursing care.



Other projects exploring Aggression and Violence

Evaluating Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) to enhance performance of graduate nurses using an Aggression Prevention Protocol (APP)

Dr Tessa Maguire, Dr Georgina Willetts, Prof. Brian McKenna, Prof. Michael Daffern, Dr Loretta Garvey

The aim is to explore the utility of Entrustable Professional Activities for training graduate nurses in the use of the Dynamic Appraisal of Situational Aggression risk assessment and associated Aggression Prevention Protocol, a framework for mental health nurses to assess risk and structure nursing interventions to prevent aggression.

Investigating the impact of a seclusion reduction intervention in high secure forensic acute psychiatric units

Dr David Lien, Dr Anthony Hew, Dr Jacques Claassen

The purpose of this study is to investigate the impact of the Seclusion Sprint on seclusion episodes and length of seclusion events in acute inpatient mental health units at the Thomas Embling Hospital.

Preventing violent extremism in Victoria – Exploring the profiles of young Victorians at-risk (Grant funded research)

Prof. Stephane Shepherd, Prof. James Ogloff, Prof. Michele Pathe, Dr Mario Scalora, Dr Zora Sukabdi

This grant funded data linkage study is conducted in collaboration with Victoria Police to identify; risk factors for youth extremist behaviour, mental health concerns of youth at risk for extremist behaviour, and risk profiles that differentiate between youth who have been of interest to police for browsing online extremist websites, youth who are members of extremist groups but have not acted and youth who have been investigated for carrying out or plotting an act of violent extremism.

Acute Dynamic Risk Assessment Program, DRAOR and SDAC-21 case management tools implementation and evaluation (Grant funded research)

Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Dr Darcy Coulter, Dr Ariel Stone, Dr Benjamin Spivak

The Dynamic Risk Assessment for Offender Re-entry (DRAOR) tool was designed to assess stable risk factors, acute risk factors, and strength factors, with the purpose of assisting case managers to make effective decisions to assist people supervised in community corrections stay crime-free. This longitudinal project aims to evaluate whether the DRAOR case management tool is fit for purpose among case managers at Corrections Victoria.

Exploring the assessment of the DSM-5 Alternative Model for Personality Disorder (AMPD) and the relationship between the AMPD Criterion and aggression

Riley Luke (Doctor of Forensic and Clinical Psychology), Prof. Michael Daffern, Dr Ashley Dunne

This project aims to identify the most efficient, reliable, valid and accepted approach to assessment of Alternative Model for Personality Disorder (AMPD) self and interpersonal functioning, and trait profiles in a non-clinical sample. This project will also explore the relationship between the AMPD and aggression, and will examine whether Criterion A reliably measures severity of PD.

Exploring the delivery of the Life Minus Violence-Enhanced program at Thomas Embling Hospital

Monique Sondhu (Doctor of Forensic and Clinical Psychology), Prof. Michael Daffern, Dr Ashley Dunne, Dr Natasha Maharaj

The Life Minus Violence-Enhanced (LMV-E) program is an intensive multimodal cognitive behavioural program that has preliminary support and has recently been introduced at the Thomas Embling Hospital. The aim of the project is to obtain an understanding of patients' readiness to engage with the LMV- E program by identifying both personal characteristics and environmental influences that may impact participation.

**The role of schema coping in aggression:
Implications for theory and practice**

Angelika Senn (PhD candidate), Prof. Michael Daffern, Dr Ashley Dunne, Prof. Denny Meyer

The overarching aim of this PhD research project is to better understand the assessment of schema coping styles and to further elucidate its role in aggression.

**Testing a recovery-oriented nursing
communication framework designed to
encourage collaboration and discussion
about aggression prevention between
nurses and consumers**

*Laura Scheirich (Honours), Prof. Michael Daffern,
Dr Tessa Maguire*

Recovery-oriented frameworks are designed to prioritise personal goals and preferences for consumers by adopting a collaborative approach to care, while empowering them to build capacity and improve general well-being. Implementation of a recovery-oriented approach has also been shown to contribute to reductions in aggressive behaviour and improved patient outcomes. This project will test a recovery-oriented communication framework designed to encourage collaboration and discussions about violence prevention between nurses and consumers.





Research projects in Complex Criminal Behaviour

Our research in Complex Criminal Behaviour is led by Professor Troy McEwan. This stream brings together our research into stalking, harmful sexual behaviour, family violence, deliberate fire-setting and radicalisation and extremism. All aspects have complex psychological and social determinants, making these important areas in which to develop knowledge about prevention and intervention. Our research investigates why these behaviours occur (or are sustained) and what approaches may be most effective for managing them.

The efficacy of the CEM-COPE Program for child exploitation material offenders in Australia and Canada

Dr Marie Henshaw, Dr Reneta Slikboer, Dr Joel McGregor, A/Prof. Rajan Darjee, Prof. James Ogloff

Background:

In line with technological advances in the previous 20 years, the availability of online child exploitation material (CEM) has increased exponentially, along with the detection of people accessing, distributing and producing content. In comparison to offenders of contact sexual offences, there are key differences in the criminogenic and psychological profile of CEM offenders (such as higher rates of sexual deviance and fewer antisocial attitudes), which impact the treatment needs of the cohort.

This project aims to trial a 15-session psychoeducational program designed to reduce the risk of CEM offences among CEM offenders without a known history of other child sexual offences. The pilot aims to explore whether the program is perceived as useful and can effectively reduce the behaviour and psychological drivers of CEM offences among program participants.

Currently the pilot is operating across forensic services in Australia (Problem Behaviour Program, Forensicare) and Canada (three different sites within Alberta Mental Health Services; AHS). The project utilises a mixed-methods design comprising:

1. Interviews and focus groups conducted with program participants and facilitators to examine experience with the program.
2. Quantitative measures completed pre and post participation in the program, to assess whether any change occurred in the behavioural and psychological domains associated with CEM offending.

Progress:

This is a longitudinal study with quantitative data collection ongoing until at least 2024, and likely extension and expansion into additional services beyond 2024. Analysis of qualitative data is underway with outcomes to be published in 2024.

Other projects examining Complex Criminal Behaviour

Emergency department presentations for mental illness, substance use, and self-harm among family violence victims and perpetrators: Identifying opportunities for prevention (Grant funded research)

Prof. Troy McEwan, Dr Nina Papalia, Dr Melanie Simmons, Dr Benjamin Spivak, Dr Michael Trood

The project aims are tailored to identify (1) the nature/scope of mental-health-related Emergency Department (ED) presentations in Family Violence (FV) victims/perpetrators, (2) the factors (e.g., demographic, type of family relationship between victim and perpetrator) that signal increased risk of crisis mental-health presentations, and (3) how police contacts for FV and ED presentations are temporally related.

Understanding and responding effectively to online child sexual exploitation offenders: A qualitative exploration of offending aetiology and processes

Rick Burton (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. James Ogloff, Dr Marie Henshaw, Dr Joel McGregor

This project forms part of a broader data linkage project funded by the Australian Research Council Linkage Projects Scheme and aims to contribute to the broader project by examining in detail the respective experiences of Online Child Sexual Exploitation criminal justice participants, investigating and comparing psychological, sexual interest and other characteristics associated with offending.

Understanding and responding effectively to online child sexual exploitation offenders: A qualitative exploration of offending aetiology and processes

Emma Norgate (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Dr Marie Henshaw, A/Prof. Rajan Darjee, Prof. James Ogloff

This project aims to address barriers to assessment and treatment of online Child Exploitation Material offenders by examining differences in the psychological characteristics and sexual deviance within subgroups of the cohort.

Unmasking those who produce child sexual exploitation material

Daniel King (Honours), Dr Reneta Slikboer, Dr Marie Henshaw

This study aims to provide a quantitative descriptive account of Online Child Sexual Exploitation reports received by the Victoria Police Joint Anti Child Exploitation Team between 2014 and 2019 (inclusive), including offence characteristics, offending methods, and criminal justice outcomes.

What leads people to disengage from problematic stalking behaviours?

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This study aims to develop an account of the psychological processes that lead someone to disengage from problematic stalking behaviour. Through characterising psychological motivations driving stalking and subsequent disengagement from stalking, we may inform further areas of research into this phenomenon and offer influence on interventions to reduce the recurrence of stalking behaviour.

Understanding effective management of stalking offending: What works?

Catie Bridgeman (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. Troy McEwan, Dr Margaret Nixon

This project will conduct a prospective longitudinal study of individuals who have engaged in stalking behaviour to assess predictors of recidivism at 5-and-10-years post offence, as well as a qualitative case series of victims of stalking and police informant. The project aims to understand the differences among those who continue stalking and those who are no longer represented in recent offending data.

Females who engage in online child sexual exploitation: Understanding individual characteristics and offending patterns

Erika Fortunato (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. James Ogloff, Dr Marie Henshaw, Dr Reneta Slikboer

The project focuses on characterising the individual and offending characteristics of a female sample of Victorian online child sexual exploitation offenders. The analysis will include comparison with 1) males who engage in Online Child Sexual Exploitation offences, and 2) females who engage in offline (i.e., in-person) child sexual offences, or both online and offline child sexual offences.

The nature and frequency of mental health service utilisation among male perpetrators and victims of family violence

Israa Altwajiri (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. Troy McEwan, Dr Benjamin Spivak, Dr Nina Papalia

This research uses data linkage design to examine whether family violence involved individuals (those who are victims, perpetrators, or both victims and perpetrators of family violence) differ from the broader population in mental health service usage?

Examining the characteristics and intervention outcomes of individuals referred to Victorian counter-terrorism and extremism initiatives

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Little is known regarding the characteristics of individuals who enter Forensic Threat Assessment Centres (FTAC) or Countering Violence Extremism (CVE) programs and whether differences in characteristics and outcomes exist between subgroups of individuals. To address this knowledge gap, this study aims to comprehensively examine the sociodemographic, risk, and clinical characteristics of extremists in Victoria who have been referred to Victorian FTAC or CVE programs. The proposed research will be of significant interest both regionally and internationally, particularly in the areas of terrorism research as well as de-radicalisation and threat assessment.

Evaluating fairness in Intimate Partner and Family Violence (IPFV): Towards intersectionality

Houda Boucetta (Doctorate Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Dr Benjamin Spivak, Prof. Troy McEwan

The research aims to improve police decision-making in cases of IPFV and ultimately optimise outcomes for victim-survivors of IPFV from vulnerable, minority or marginalised communities. The study will explore the extent of fairness disparities across different vulnerable groups within the context of Victorian police IPFV risk assessment. Novel algorithmic methods will be adopted to optimise Victoria Police's risk assessment methods for the different vulnerable groups within the population.



Research projects in Forensic Mental Health

Consumers accessing forensic mental health care often display co-occurring mental illness, problematic substance use, personality dysfunction, and social and cognitive disability that increases the likelihood of violent or offending behaviour. Specialist environments, systems and interventions are needed in prison, hospital and community settings to maintain safety while therapeutically treating the cause of offending.

Our research examines how mental illness and responsivity factors (such as cognitive impairment, personality dysfunction and trauma) influence offending and how interventions (environments, risk prediction instruments and therapy) and workforce development models in forensic mental health settings can maximise safety, recovery and reduce offending. This research is led by Dr Tessa Maguire and Dr Trentham Furness, and highlights the benefit of the Forensicare-Swinburne University of Technology partnership.

Exploring Phenomena of Aggressive Intrusive Thoughts and Aggressive Scripts: The Influence of Associated Beliefs and Features

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Prof. Michael Daffern, A/Prof. Richard Moulding, Prof. Maja Nedeljkovic*

Background:

Thoughts about harming another person are commonly experienced by the general population. Two constructs that pertain to aggressive thought experiences are aggressive intrusive thoughts (AITs) and aggressive scripts. The consequences associated with these two types of thoughts are purportedly different, with one associated with aggressive acts (i.e., aggressive scripts) and the other with compulsive behaviours often conducted to prevent harmful events from occurring.

This project investigated the experience of aggressive intrusive thoughts and aggressive scripts in a sample comprising people with OCD and a sample of people with histories of offending drawn from the Community Forensic Mental Health Service, Forensicare.

Interviews were conducted to obtain an understanding of the subjective experience associated with aggressive intrusive thoughts and aggressive scripts in these two populations. Participants were also asked to complete a range of measures to assess clinical features and beliefs such as anger rumination, and attitudes to violence.

Key findings:

Differences were observed in the experience of AIT and aggressive scripts that may be useful in early detection and assessment:

- Anger rumination and supportive beliefs towards violence were associated with aggressive script rehearsal.
- AITs on the other hand, were significantly associated with ego-dystonicity, that is, the content and experience of these thoughts were inconsistent with the belief system or values of the individual.

The results indicate that how one appraises their aggressive thought is important, particularly their emotional reaction to the thought and how they feel this thought fits with their sense of self and conduct.

Other research projects in Forensic Mental Health

Evaluation of the Forensicare Postgraduate Nursing Program

Dr Tessa Maguire, Jo Ryan, Prof. Brian McKenna, Dr Margaret Nixon, Daveena Mawren, Rebecca Loft

Since the introduction of the Forensicare Graduate program in 1994 the service has seen considerable growth in nursing, expansions in the service and changes to the university provider. This qualitative evaluation was conducted to determine if the program is meeting the needs of the postgraduate nurses and the service.

Investigating the use of sedating pro re nata medication in the subacute and rehabilitation units of a forensic hospital

Dr Shakira Kumar, Dr Anthony Hew

The aim of this study was to examine the prevalence and demographic, clinical, and forensic factors associated with sedating pro re nata medication (antipsychotic, benzodiazepine, and sedating antihistamine) use in the subacute and rehabilitation units of an Australian forensic hospital. Characteristics of individuals who used these medications frequently were also explored.

Evaluation of a forensic mental health graduate program: A mixed methods cohort study

Dr Trentham Furness, Daveena Mawren, Dr Flora Gilbert, Dani Ashley

The Allied Health Graduate and Psychology Registrar (AHG&PR) Program was implemented at Forensicare early in 2022, with the purpose of supporting future workforce capacity building ahead of service expansion in 2024. This project aims to describe the effect of the AHG&PR program on clinicians' attitudes to recovery, resilience, reflective capacity, and stress over the course of the AHG&PR program (prior to, midway and end of program). The project will also investigate program experience and impact from the perspective of key stakeholders (program educators and program managers).

Exploration of the educational needs of mental health nurses working with people who have forensic mental health needs in area mental health settings.

Dr Tessa Maguire, Jo Ryan, Daveena Mawren, Dr Melanie Simmons, Anthea Lemphers

Nurses working in a number of situations will come in to contact with consumers who may have forensic mental health issues and needs. It is not clear from the literature, exactly what the required knowledge and skills mental health nurses might need. This project was to explore what forensic mental health nursing knowledge, skills and attitudes might be helpful for nurses working in other areas of mental health, to assist their practice and enhance collaboration with consumers.

Describing forensic mental health clinicians' research attitudes, skills, knowledge, and needs: An international cross-sectional survey study

Dr Trentham Furness, Prof. James Ogloff, Dr Tessa Maguire, Daveena Mawren, Prof. Michael Daffern, Maicee Harrison, Prof. Brian McKenna

To describe the current research environment among forensic mental health settings and investigate clinicians' research attitudes, skills, knowledge and needs.

Investigating the clinical utility of the Home Support Needs Assessment (HSNA) in a forensic mental health service

Lorrae Mynard, Dr Suzan Darzins, Gabrielle Pit

To evaluate the clinical utility of a standardised assessment measuring daily patient support needs within a secure FMH hospital and increase understanding of the unmet support needs of forensic mental health patients.

Development and evaluation of an innovative occupation-based program to promote participation and recovery for adults with mental illness¹.

Lorrae Mynard, Dr Nastaran Douroud

To further develop and facilitate the Picturing My Recovery at the Community Forensic Mental Health Service and evaluate the feasibility and acceptability of the program.

Assessment of personality disorder in forensic mental health inpatients

*Dr Margaret Nixon, Dr Niki Loft,
Dr Claudia Mulder*

The purpose of the internal audit is to establish the extent of formal personality disorder assessment at the Thomas Embling Hospital, to establish the personality profile of forensic patients, and to examine the inpatient behaviour and violence risk profile of patients in relation to personality pathology. The audit will inform future assessment protocols and treatment planning at Forensicare.

Evaluating the feasibility and acceptability of NutriMental for mental health clinicians as a targeted nutrition risk screening tool in mental health services.

*Dr Scott Teasdale, Mark Surdut,
Oliver Ardil-Young*

This study forms part of a wider investigation led by MindGardens Neuroscience Network to determine the feasibility and acceptability of a targeted nutrition risk screening tool (Nutrimental) used in mental health services.

Dementia in Victorian prisons: Estimating the prevalence and experience of undetected dementia in a sample of older prisoners

Ella Kofoed (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Dr Margaret Nixon, A/Prof. Rachael Fullam, A/Prof. Stephen Macfarlane

The purpose of this project is to establish an estimate of the prevalence of undetected dementia in Victorian prisons and develop an understanding of the quality of life of older prisoners in Victoria. The project will also test the utility of a cognitive assessment tool for future use in corrective services and obtain an understanding of the current knowledge and ability of staff in identifying and supporting prisoners with dementia.

The Moroka Unit Program evaluation

Laura Coat, (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. James Ogloff, Dr Ashley Dunne, Dr Flora Gilbert

To gain insight into the characteristics of the complex, high-needs prisoners who are referred to the Moroka program. The impact of the Moroka Program will be assessed, including measuring impact on self-reported and observed mental health and behaviour.

The use of telehealth for forensic psychiatric and psychological pre-sentence reports

*Amirtha Lakshman (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. Michael Daffern,
Prof. James Ogloff*

The study aims to compare the similarities and differences between in-person (face-to-face) and telehealth pre-sentence reports prepared for the County Court of Victoria. Additionally, it aims to examine the impact and reliability of telehealth pre-sentence reports on sentencing, by examining references made to the reports in the sentencing comments.

Forensic mental health recovery and strengths: Eliciting patient and staff views to develop an inclusive practice framework

*Jennifer Kirshenbaum (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Dr Caleb D. Lloyd,
A/Prof. Rachel Fullam*

The aim of this project is to develop an inclusive practice framework for clinicians in order to facilitate discussions between staff and forensic mental health patients on client strengths to promote recovery. The goal is to incorporate both staff and patient perspectives in order to develop a framework which can help guide those conversations to help bridge the gap between strengths and clinical practice in forensic mental health to promote recovery in that environment.

Implementing occupational formulation and goal setting within the occupational therapy practice process at Forensicare

*Lorrae Mynard (PhD), Prof. Ellie Fossey,
A/Prof. Louise Farnworth, Brittany McVeagh*

Occupational formulation is a newly described approach for synthesising assessment data and collaboratively planning goals and therapy within occupational therapy. However, the approach has not been empirically tested. The research aims to strengthen the occupational therapy practice process and embed a structured approach to occupational formulation and goal setting. The research will also assess the clinical impact of using this approach to occupational formulation and goal setting, and to contribute to the evidence for knowledge-to-practice translation in occupational therapy.

Wrinkles in sexual behaviour: factors associated with sexual reoffending among older offenders

Beatrice Raymond (PhD candidate), Prof. Troy McEwan

This research investigates the predictive validity of commonly used risk assessment measures in an Australian sample of aged sex offenders (Static-99, SVR-20 and RSVP measures). The analysis aims to determine whether these tools are able to effectively differentiate between recidivist and non-recidivist aged sexual offenders and identify potential modifications that may be required to account for differences experienced as we age, such as reduced sex hormones, frailty, diminishing social contact and change in living arrangements.

Cognitive impairment in forensic mental health inpatients, and the impact on violence, self-harm and functioning

Han-Mari Cronje (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Dr Margaret Nixon and Prof. Susan Rossell

This doctoral study aims to explore the cognitive profile of forensic mental health inpatients and evaluate the effectiveness of a Cognitive Skills Program among forensic mental health inpatients.



Using the Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR) model to inform policing of family violence

Zhi Xiang On (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. Troy McEwan, Dr Benjamin Spivak

This doctoral research aimed to investigate whether an RNR-informed police response to family violence would reduce the probability of, frequency of and time to any future family violence or severe family violence. The research used a between-groups design in which the experimental RNR-informed approach was implemented in one police division over a period of 18-months.

Therapist perspectives on building therapeutic alliance, including with clients with a history of criminal behaviour

Alissa Lever (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. Michael Daffern, Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Dr Kylie Thomson

Psychotherapy involves building a therapeutic alliance and research has suggested that the strength of the alliance is associated with treatment outcomes. However, treatment is complex and it is not clear how some client and contextual factors may influence this alliance, especially with clients who have committed a criminal offence. This project seeks to explore the perspectives of psychologists in relation to aspects of the therapeutic relationship.

A longitudinal study of the assessment and outcomes of forensic patients on conditional release within NSW

Panayiota Zirgilis (PhD candidate), Prof. Michael Daffern, Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Dr Janet Ruffles

The project seeks to examine the personal, clinical and offence related factors that influence mental health, offending and psychosocial outcomes for Forensic Patients in NSW following conditional release into community settings. This project will provide evidence-based knowledge to inform service planning and delivery of care for forensic patients on conditional release within NSW.



Research projects in Psychology and Legal processes

In many areas of the justice system, the law makes assumptions about human behaviour. These include standards for the mental competence of individuals to stand trial, the ability of jurors to understand the law, consistency in sentencing, and the accuracy of witness testimony. Where these assumptions are wrong, the consequences can be extremely serious and lead to unjust outcomes. Psychological research can be used to examine these assumptions and determine approaches to bring the law in line with a realistic understanding of human psychology. Research in this area is led by Dr Benjamin Spivak, Dr Michael Trood and Prof. James Ogloff.

Identifying the Malingering Defendant: An Examination of Malingering in Australian Evaluations of Fitness to Stand Trial

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Prof. James Ogloff, Dr Janet Ruffles, Dr Michael Trood, Dr Grant Blake*

Background:

Evaluating a defendant's fitness to stand trial is considered one of the most difficult and challenging duties for an expert witness to discharge. This task is made further complex in legal or forensic settings, where a motivation to avoid the consequences of one's actions, or at the very least, a reduction in the severity of punishment, may lead to the malingering of mental illness and/or cognitive impairment.

This research thesis via an integrated process aims to (a) identify an empirically robust measure of malingered psychopathology and cognitive impairment, and (b) validate this measure with an Australian simulation sample. The resultant malingering screening battery will potentially serve as an addendum to the Australia and New Zealand Evaluation of Fitness to Stand Trial – Revised measure.

Method:

This research will use a tripartite process:

- Study 1 will comprise a systematic review and meta-analysis of malingering instruments examined in fitness to stand trial studies to determine which malingering instruments are most reliable at detecting feigned or exaggerated symptomatology and cognitive impairment in fitness to stand trial assessments.
- Study 2 will utilise a survey of Australian expert practitioners and a case review of fitness assessments in select Australian Jurisdictions to explore whether malingering is explicitly considered in fitness to stand trial assessments, and if so, what measures are commonly employed by Australian expert practitioners to detect exaggerated or feigned symptomatology and cognitive impairment.
- Study 3 aims to test whether relevant measures of feigned mental and cognitive impairment (informed by Studies 1 and 2) are effective in accurately detecting respondents who are simulating malingering. This study will use a simulation-based study design.

Progress:

This project commenced in early 2023 and is in the early stages of development. A literature review of fitness to stand trial and malingering research was conducted and screening for the meta-analysis is complete. Ethics applications for studies 2 and 3 are underway.



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Other research projects in Psychology and Legal Processes

Intellectual disability among court involved children and families in cases of child maltreatment

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and Forensic Psychology), Dr Margaret
Nixon, Dr Abigail Sheed*

The purpose of the proposed Doctoral research is to generate knowledge to enhance best-practice for services working with families with intellectual disability (ID) and provide further clarity to better understand the nuances of the overrepresentation of these families in the child protection system.

Research projects in Childhood Maltreatment and Youth Offending

Child maltreatment is a leading contributor to the development of a range of mental disorders, drug use, self-injurious behaviour and suicide attempts, and behavioural disturbances among children and adolescents. Our researchers focus on identifying the individual, family and contextual factors that place maltreated children at greatest risk of developing early mental health and behavioural disorders. The work in this stream is led by Dr Nina Papalia and Prof. James Ogloff.

Child victims: Providing protection from re-victimisation and future offending.

Dr Nina Papalia

This project aims to improve understanding of the impact of child abuse, neglect and exposure to domestic violence on young people's future experiences of re-victimisation and offending.

The study proposes to link a near universal sample of primary school entrants from 2009 and 2012 (approximately 128,000 children), and their parents, to administrative health (e.g., mental health, drug, and alcohol services), human services (e.g., child protection, disability), education (e.g., attendance, NAPLAN, early developmental census data), and justice datasets (e.g., police, youth justice). Children will be followed over time through their administrative records until age 15 to 19 years (in the first instance). The Centre for Victorian Data Linkage (CVDL) will conduct all linkages across datasets and de-identify the dataset before granting access to the researchers via a secure virtual machine. Expected outcomes include increased knowledge to inform effective policy and interventions aimed at identifying at-risk children and meeting young people's needs related to adverse legal outcomes. This should help improve public safety, reduce the economic impact of maltreatment and support vulnerable children to thrive.

The study is funded by the ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA). It expects to generate new evidence about the maltreatment experiences that increase risk of youth re-victimisation and offending, potential causal mechanisms and factors that might aggravate or buffer children from these harmful effects.

Other Research Projects examining Childhood Maltreatment and Youth Offending

Advancing risk assessment in cases of child maltreatment: an analysis of current practices in the Children’s Court of Victoria

Caitlin Cohen (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Dr Benjamin Spivak, Dr Nina Papalia, Dr Abigail Sheed

This project aims to (1) advance knowledge of characteristics and circumstances that increase the risk of child maltreatment occurring and re-occurring, (2) explore the effectiveness of structured professional judgement instruments as an alternative method for assessing risk of child maltreatment in child protection and (3) advance knowledge of the magistrate’s role in evaluating risk of child maltreatment, including their perceptions of risk factors and how this effects subsequent decision-making.

Violence risk, protective factors, and desistance in Australian young offenders

Anjali Bapat-Pers (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. James Ogloff, Dr Nina Papalia

This research aims to facilitate further understanding of the interplay between risk and protective factors, and how this relates to desistance in Australian young offenders.

Examining the relationship between childhood maltreatment and subsequent re-victimisation

Samuel Scott-Palmer (PhD), Dr Benjamin Spivak, Prof. James Ogloff

This PhD study aims to assess the association between childhood maltreatment and re-victimisation as well as the mediating/moderating role of key variables (e.g., personal/individual variables and lifestyle factors).

Best outcomes for young people who engage in harmful sexual behaviour

Karla Dubaniewicz (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Prof. Michael Daffern, A/Prof. Rachael Fullam

In partnership with Kids First, the proposed research will measure the impact of interventions provided to young people who engage in Harmful Sexual Behaviour.

Research projects in Culture, Psychology and Law

Australia and the multicultural composition of the criminal justice system is changing, which has ramifications for forensic practice. Culture can shape an individual's worldview, norms, motivations, beliefs, expected behaviours and practices. It can also influence health-seeking behaviours, treatment considerations and how individuals interact with clinical and correctional service providers. It is therefore critical that we ensure that our professional methods are culturally fair, relevant and non-discriminatory at the intersection of psychology and law. Our work in this area is led by Dr Benjamin Spivak and A/Prof. Stephane Shepherd.

South-Asian community attitudes towards violence against women

A/Prof. Stephane Shepherd, Ruby Swaid, Dr Cieran Harris

Background:

This study aimed to explore attitudes towards violence against women across three cultural groups: individuals born in Australia, individuals from non-English-speaking backgrounds (NESB) and individuals from South Asian (SA) backgrounds. Additionally, the study looked at key socio-demographic factors that may be significantly linked with these attitudes within the SA group.

A cross sectional study was conducted on 17,500 men and women (16 years and over) obtained from the 2017 National Community Attitudes Survey. The study included 2,926 participants born in non-English speaking countries, and 556 participants who identified as South Asian.

Key findings:

- The study demonstrated significant differences in attitudes towards violence against women across the three cultural groups. Australian-born participants showed significantly higher levels of gender equitable attitudes and understanding of violence against women when compared to respondents from non-English speaking and South Asian backgrounds.
- Respondents from South Asian backgrounds had significantly higher endorsement attitudes supportive of violence against women compared to the other two groups.
- Exploratory analysis of demographic factors within the SA sample, indicated that being female, spending 10 years or over in Australia, and speaking English well were significant predictors for higher endorsement of gender equitable attitudes, and lower endorsement of attitudes supportive of violence against women.

Other projects examining Culture, Psychology and Law

Understanding Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women's connection to their social and emotional wellbeing from early life to incarceration

April Goldring (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Dr Justin Trounson, A/Prof. Sadie Heckenberg

A qualitative doctoral study designed to understand the lived experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women and the shifts in their connection to their Social and Emotional Wellbeing across their life stages ranging from early life to incarceration.

Experiences and perceptions of family violence amongst South-Asian communities in Australia

Iswa Chaudhry (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), A/Prof. Stephane Shepherd, Dr Elizabeth Daff, Dr Natasha Maharaj

The aim of this research is to explore the experiences and perceptions of family violence within the Australian South-Asian communities by examining its antecedents, conceptualisations, nature, and associated catalysts and barriers to help-seeking.

Cross-cultural perspectives on forensic risk assessment

Samantha Venner (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), A/Prof. Stephane Shepherd, A/Prof. Diane Sivasubramaniam

The project aims to explore relevant risk and protective factors for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, African Australians, and Pacific Islander and Māori offenders and to explore how best to approach a risk assessment interview with offenders from these cultural backgrounds.



Research projects in Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Offender Management

Research consistently concludes that a correctional system is effective when it makes human service a top priority. Human service includes rehabilitation (programming that targets the reasons people stay involved in crime), reintegration (preparing and assisting people to successfully transition to the community after prison), and management (making well-informed decisions about which people pose risk to others and how to address that risk). Our team, led by Prof. Michael Daffern and Dr Caleb Lloyd, draw on these empirical traditions to design, evaluate and support human service within contemporary corrections.

Improving Community Corrections Practice with Use of a Case Management Tool: The Dynamic Risk Assessment for Offender Re-entry (DRAOR)

Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Dr Ariel G. Stone, Prof. Ralph C. Serin, Dr Simon Davies, Dr Darcy Coulter, Dr Benjamin Spivak, Dr Nina Papalia, Prof. Devon Polaschek

Background:

Community case management practice inherently raises several important questions about clients on supervision. For example: 'How can supervision officers best assess and manage the actively changing (and volatile) nature of people's transitions from prison to the community?', 'What are a client's 'triggers' to re-offend?'

The Dynamic Risk Assessment for Offender Re-entry (DRAOR) is a 19-item case management tool that assesses stable risk factors, acute risk factors, and protective factors in the post-release, community context. The DRAOR can assist case managers to make effective decisions to assist people supervised in community corrections stay crime-free.

A series of studies using DRAOR assessments on over 10,000 people on community supervision in Victoria, New Zealand, and the United States were conducted. This database comprised several 100,000s of repeated assessments. The study is ongoing. In jurisdictions that use DRAOR, at every meeting with a supervised client, a community corrections supervision officer will rate the DRAOR items to assess whether important case management-relevant changes have occurred in the client's life.

Key findings:

Although the study is ongoing, preliminary findings indicate the utility of the DRAOR in facilitating decision making around reoffending and violence risk in community corrections settings:

- DRAOR scores complement risk scales that predict long-term recidivism, adding predictive validity beyond criminal history information and more comprehensive needs assessments.
- DRAOR's acute risk factors particularly predict imminent violence, including family violence.
- DRAOR's scores change in meaningful ways, with the most up-to-date DRAOR scores representing the most accurate indication of imminent risk for recidivism.
- People with patterns of DRAOR scores that show more short-term instability have higher rates of recidivism.

Other research projects examining Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Offender Management

Community volunteers working with correctional populations

Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Cole A. Higley, Prof. Ralph C. Serin, Sarah Lazzari, Brooke Fanz

Individuals who volunteer with justice-involved people are an under-studied group, especially individuals with criminal histories who seek to return to the system to provide volunteer rehabilitative services. The purpose of this study is to explore demographic information and personal motivations among community volunteers who spend time with individuals in the criminal justice system (e.g., teach courses to inmates in prison, assist individuals on parole as they re-enter the community).

Offender decision making and desistance from crime

Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Ralph C. Serin, Cole A. Higley, Jamie Ung, Neira Ott

Multiple theories of criminal behaviour emphasise thinking styles as a key factor that underlies motivation to commit crime. This study employs comprehensive assessment of thinking styles using a multi-theoretical approach. To inform rehabilitation and management, the analyses will examine the relationship between thinking styles and recidivism.

Protective factors and their relationship with risk factors when predicting recidivism

Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Prof. Ralph C. Serin, Dr Simon Davies, Jennifer Kirschenbaum, Prof. Devon Polaschek, Bronwen Perley-Robertson

Clinicians and clients typically prefer a strengths-based approach to risk management. Many researchers and clinicians have adopted strengths-based language into their offender management practice. However, the definition, meaning, and function of protective factors is debated in the literature. The purpose of these series of studies is to describe and test the inter-relationships between protective factors, risk factors, and recidivism.

Supervision officer / offender client relationships: The role of officer skills, alliance, and client perception of officer interventions

Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Jennifer Eno Loudon, Tamara Kang, Elijah Ricks

The overarching goal of the project is to explore the nature of client-officer relationships and describe how clients view their supervision officers' attempts to manage their risk to re-offend and support them in attaining crime-free lifestyles.

Understanding predictors of imminent offending: Which risk domains signal short-term recidivism?

Dr Caleb D. Lloyd, Dr Simon Davies

This project comprises a review of the existing literature with the purpose of providing guidance regarding which risk factors show most promise for predicting short-term offending in a community corrections context.

Recidivism among women with cognitive impairment: Understanding desistance for a highly vulnerable group

Rose Tingate (Doctorate of Clinical and Forensic Psychology), Dr Margaret Nixon, A/Prof. Rachael Fullam

Women with cognitive impairments such as intellectual disability and acquired brain injury are proportionally overrepresented within the criminal justice system and represent a highly vulnerable group. Little research so far has focused specifically on how recidivism may be reduced and reintegration may be encouraged and supported among this group, however it has consistently been identified as a gap in the intellectual disability research. This project aims to collate the existing understandings of recidivism and factors that may promote desistance among this group, map out available services, build an understanding of the kinds of supports available and amplify the voices of those with lived experience.



Research Outputs

In addition to traditional research outputs such as journal articles and book chapters, the CFBS focuses on research translation activity (e.g., training delivered to clinical and professional groups) which returned to pre-pandemic levels in the last financial year. Despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our research and numerous staff changes at the CFBS, research activity was consistent with previous years. It was also noted that an increasing number of Forensicare clinical staff members were also involved in the delivery or preparation of conference presentations and journal articles.

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Ogloff, J.R.P. (February, 2023). The Relationship between Child Sexual Victimization, Subsequent Offending and Victimization. *Canadian Forensic Psychology Virtual Conference*, Online.

Mynard, L. (Oct 2022). Using occupational concepts to support people during COVID-19. 25th *Japanese Occupational Science Conference*, Japan.

Strand, S. (October, 2022). Violence towards women during the pandemic. *LAWGEM conference*. Lumsa, Italy

Strand, S. (December, 2022). Stalking. *Security conference*, Företagsuniversitetet, Stockholm.

Ogloff, J.R.P. (November, 2022). Rethinking youth justice in Australia: getting serious about addressing needs and reducing offending. *10th International Criminal Justice Conference*, Melbourne.

Conferences (paper presentations)

Belofastov, A., Turner, S. & Claassen, J. (2023, June). *Implementing a multidisciplinary approach to the assessment of future violence risk in a forensic mental health hospital*. 2023 International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services (IAFMHS) conference, Sydney, Australia.

Coulter, D.J., Lloyd, C.D., & Serin, R.C. (2023, June). *DRAOR's Psychometric properties across Māori and European samples in Aotearoa New Zealand: Measurement invariance, discrimination, and calibration for predicting criminal recidivism*. North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, Toronto, ON.

Davies, S., Polaschek, D.P., & Lloyd, C.D. (2023, June). *Using DRAOR to predict family violence risk and guide intervention*. North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, Toronto, ON.

Ducat, L., McEwan, T.E., Spivak, B. & Ogloff, J.R.P. (2023, June). *Do general and violence risk assessment guides provide valid assessments of firesetting risk?* International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Conference. Sydney, Australia.

Dunne, A. L. (2023, June). *Psychopathy and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fifth Edition alternative model of personality disorder: A synthesis and critique of the emergent literature*. International Association of Forensic Mental Health, Sydney, Australia.

Henshaw, M., Slikboer, R., McGregor, J., & Ogloff, J. (2023, April). *Preventing repeat child sexual abuse material offending: The development and piloting of the CEM-COPE Program*. Youth, Technology and Virtual Communities Conference, Queensland, Australia.

Henshaw, M., Slikboer, R., Fortunato, E., Meyer, D., & Ogloff, J. (2023, April). *Looking beyond the screen: Understanding and Responding to Online Child Sexual Exploitation*. Youth, Technology and Virtual Communities Conference, Queensland, Australia.

Jewell, M., Pillai, K., Mckenna, M. Cavney, J. & Garret, N (2023, June). *Examining high therapeutic security care needs at a regional forensic mental health service in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Reintegration and Recovery among People in Forensic Mental Health and Criminal Legal Systems. International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Conference, Sydney.

Johns, D., Flynn, C., Hall, M., Turner, S., Bretherton, R. & Broome, G. (2022, November). *Co-production and criminal justice: How 'co-' can you go?* Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) Conference, Griffith University, Darwin Convention Centre, Australia.

Lazzari, S., Franz, B., Lloyd, C.D., Higley, C.A., & Serin, R.C. (2023, March). *Peer mentors as prison volunteers: Building bridges between institutions and communities*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD

Maguire, T. (2022, September). *Advancing nursing risk assessment and intervention to reduce aggression and restrictive interventions: Development of eDASA + APP*. ACMHN 46th International Mental Health Nursing Conference, Gold Coast.

Maguire, T. (2022, November). *Exploring adaptations to the clinical reasoning cycle for forensic mental health nursing*. Forensicare Research Dissemination Seminar, Melbourne, Australia.

- Maguire, T., Garvey, L., Ryan, J., Levett-Jones, T., Olasoji, M., & Willetts, G.** (2023, May). *Adapting the Clinical Reasoning Cycle to enhance utility and implementation in a forensic mental health setting*. 9th International Clinical Skills Conference, Prato, Italy.
- Maguire, T., Willetts, G., McKenna, B., Daffern, M., & Garvey, L.** (2023, May). *Development of Entrustable Professional Activities to enhance performance of an Aggression Prevention Protocol*. FOSTREN/EVIPRG Meeting, Manchester.
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- Maguire, T., Willetts, G., McKenna, B., Daffern, M., & Garvey, L.** (2023, June). *Development of nursing Entrustable Professional Activities to enhance the application of the Aggression Prevention Protocol*. IAFMHS, Sydney.
- Mawren, D., Turner, S., Burkitt, G., O'Hanlan, B. & Carrington, N.** (2022, November). *Carer Experience with Single Session Family Consultation in a Forensic Mental Health Setting*. 10th International Criminal Justice Conference, Melbourne, Australia.
- McCarthy, J.** (202, November2). *A Descriptive Review of Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder, in a Cohort for the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (VFTAC)*. International Criminal Justice Conference, Melbourne, Australia.
- McCarthy, J. and Simms, C.** (2023, March). *A Descriptive Review of Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder, in a Cohort for the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (VFTAC)*. AVERT Research Network Conference, Melbourne, Australia.
- McKenna, B.** (2022, November). *Opportunities in the criminal justice system: Reflections on a sabbatical. Urungi Pae Tahiti Nau mai ki Rangiatea. Navigating the future*. Welcome to Rangiatea. 7th International conference of Te Ao Maramatanga, Nelson, New Zealand.
- Mynard, L.** (2022, November) *Implementing and evaluating occupational formulation in a forensic mental health service*. OTA Mental Health Forum, Sydney, Australia.
- Papalia, N. & Widom, C. S.** (2022, November). *Do insecure adult attachment styles mediate the relationship between childhood maltreatment and violent behavior?* American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Papalia, N. & Widom, C. S.** (2022, November). *Do insecure adult attachment styles mediate the relationship between childhood maltreatment and violent behavior?* 41st ANZAPPL Congress, Adelaide, Australia.
- Papalia, N., Simmons, M., Trood, M., McEwan, T., & Spivak, B.** (2023, June). *Enhancing understanding and prevention of crisis mental health presentations following police-reported family violence victimization and perpetration*. International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Reintegration and Recovery among People in Forensic Mental Health and Criminal Legal Systems, Sydney, Australia.
- Petersson, J., & Strand, S.** (2022, July). *Intimate Partner Violence in Nordic Rural Areas*. NORA conference, Oslo, Norway.
- Petersson, J., & Strand, S.** (2023, May). *Risk Management of Intimate Partner Violence*. Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health (LEPH), Umeå, Sweden.
- Simmons, M., Maguire, T., Ogloff, J. R. P., Gabriel, J. & Daffern, M.** (2023, June). *Using the Dynamic Appraisal of Situational Aggression to assess the impact of unit atmosphere on inpatient aggression risk assessment*. Joint ANZAPPL/IAFMHS Conference, Sydney
- Skipworth, J., Pillai, K., Tapsell, R., McKenna, B. & Garret, N** (2023, June). *Imprisonment following discharge from mental health units: a developing trend in Aotearoa New Zealand*. International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Conference, Sydney, Australia.
- Stone, A.G., Spivak, B., Lloyd, C.D., Papalia, N., & Serin, R.C.** (2023, June). *Nuances of change in assessed risk: Interesting but not useful for recidivism prediction*. North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Stone, A.G., Taylor, J., & Lloyd, C.D.** (2023, June). *DRAOR for risk management: Investigating the outcomes associated with probation officer-initiated interventions in response to acute risk factors*. North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, Toronto, ON.

- Stone, A., Spivak, B., Lloyd, C., Papalia, N. & Serin, R. (2023, June). *Nuances of change in assessed risk: Interesting but not useful for recidivism prediction*. 5th North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, Toronto, Canada.
- Strand, S. (2022, November). *Evidence-based risk assessment and prevention of intimate partner violence*. Human rights conference, Örebro, Sweden.
- Trood, M. D. (2022, November). *Implementing a risk led approach to predicting and policing high severity family violence*. 41st annual ANZAPPL Congress, Adelaide, Australia.
- Turner, S. & Belofastov, A. (2022, November). *‘From ‘surviving’ to ‘thriving’: structured early-career support for forensic mental health clinicians*. 10th International Criminal Justice Conference, Melbourne, Australia
- Turner, S. (November 2022). Co-production and Lived Experience workforces in statutory contexts: How ‘co-’ can you go?’. *Australian New Zealand Social Work and Welfare Education and Research (ANZSWWER) Symposium*, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia.
- Turner, S. (2023, March). *Forensic Mental Health Social Work: Building a competencies and capabilities framework*. Australasian Forensic Mental Health Social Work Conference, NSW Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, Sydney, Australia.
- Turner, S. & Colvin, E. (2023, March). *Youth Justice Reform: is COVID-19 the Last Resort?*. 16th Reintegration Puzzle Conference, Perth Convention Centre, Australia.
- Turner, S. & Carmichael, H. (2023, March). *Single Session Family Consultation (SSFC): the pilot at Thomas Embling Hospital*. Australasian Forensic Mental Health Social Work Conference, NSW Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, Sydney, Australia.
- Turner, S. (2023, June). *Co-production and criminal justice: How ‘co-’ can you go? 2023 International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services (IAFMHS) conference*, Sydney, Australia.
- Ung, J., & Lloyd, C.D. (2023, June). *Understanding desistance and offending cognitions: Examining change trajectories during probation*. North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Williams, L. (2022, July). *A Descriptive Review of Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder, in a Cohort for the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (VFTAC)*. NSW Countering Violent Extremism Sub-Committee Conference, Melbourne, Australia.
- Williams, L. (2022, August). *A Descriptive Review of Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder, in a Cohort for the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (VFTAC)*. ANZCTC Summit on Youth Radicalisation, Melbourne, Australia.
- Williams, L. (2022, August). *What happened next? A VFTAC Case Study*. ANZCTC Summit on Youth Radicalisation, Melbourne, Australia.

Research translation activity

- Daffern, M. (May, 2023). Editor’s Day. Invited online address to PhD students at the University of Turku, Finland.
- Daffern, M., & Maguire, T. (September, 2022). Forensic Mental Health Training. Delivered to Orygen, Melbourne, Australia.
- Daffern, M., & Maguire, T. (October, 2022). Forensic Mental Health Training. Delivered to Orygen (x2), Melbourne, Australia.
- Johns, D., Flynn, C., Hall, M., Spivakovsky, C., & Turner, S. (May, 2023). Co-production and criminal justice [Book Launch]. School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Australia.
- Lloyd, C.D. (September, 2022). Strength factors: dynamic and psychologically distinct. Presentation to Her Majesty’s Prison and Probation Service’s (UK Ministry of Justice) at the Assessing Risk Needs and Strengths (ARNS) Seminar, UK.
- Luebbers, S. & Papalia, N. L. (2022). Forensic youth mental health service training. Department of Health, Melbourne, Australia.
- Megalla, M. & Turner, S., Burkitt, G. & Gallagher, L. (January, 2023). A day in the life of a forensic social worker. Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) VIC Talks series – all things social work practice! Melbourne, Australia.
- Maguire, T., Ryan, J., Garvey, L., Willets, G., & Olosoji, M. (2022). Exploring Frameworks for Forensic Mental Health Nursing Practice. Newsletter Winter edition. International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services.

- Maguire, T. (March, 2023). Enhancing Nursing Risk Assessment & Intervention: Development of the eDASA + APP. Invited presenter at Occupational Violence and Aggression towards healthcare workers – It's never okay! Webinar.
- Maguire, T. (2023) Safewards training. Delivered to Tasmania Mental Health Care services Tasmania, Australia.
- Maguire, T. (2023) Safewards training. Delivered to Tasmania Mental Health Care services Tasmania, Australia.
- Maguire, T., & Ryan, J. (May, 2023). Forensic Education for Registered Nurses workshop delivered at Dhulwa Mental Health Unit, Canberra, Australia.
- McCarthy, J. (September, 2022). VFTAC Awareness Training. Joint Military Police Unit. Melbourne Australia.
- McCarthy, J. (November, 2022). VFTAC Awareness Training. Department of Health Operations Managers. Melbourne Australia.
- McCarthy, J. and Simms, C. (December, 2022). VFTAC Awareness Training. CYMHS/CAMHS Clinical Directors. Melbourne Australia.
- McCarthy, J. (December, 2022). A Descriptive Review of Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder, in a Cohort for the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (VFTAC). Countering Violent Extremism Unit, Victoria Police. Melbourne, Australia.
- McCarthy, J. (February, 2023). VFTAC Awareness Training. Security Intelligence Unit, Victoria Police. Melbourne Australia.
- McCarthy, J. (April, 2023). VFTAC Awareness Training. Electoral Office Staff. Melbourne Australia.
- McCarthy, J. (May, 2023). VFTAC Awareness Training. Victorian Members of Parliament. Melbourne Australia.
- McEwan, T.E. (July, 2023) Stalking. Victorian Specialist Courts and Programs/Family Violence Branch Speakers Series. Online.
- McEwan, T.E. (July, 2023) The intersection of stalking and homicide. ANZAPPL. Melbourne Australia
- McEwan, T.E. (February, 2023) Understanding the subtleties of stalking. Judicial College of Victoria. Melbourne, Australia
- McEwan, T., Spivak, B. L., Trood, M. D., (2022). Predicting high severity family violence using evidence-based risk assessment. Presentation at Victoria Police Policing Research and Reviews Division Family Violence Research Symposium. Melbourne, Victoria.
- Mynard, L., & Ashley, D. (August, 2022). Occupational formulation and goal setting. Centre for Mental Health Learning: online.
- Mynard, L., & Ashley, D. (March, 2023). Occupational formulation and goal setting. Centre for Mental Health Learning: online
- Pathé, M.T. (September 2022). Involuntary Celibates. System Service Enhancement Teams: Melbourne Health Forensic Interface Team, Monash Forensic Assessment Clinical Team, Caraniche Drug & Alcohol Service. Melbourne, Australia.
- Pathé, M.T. (November 2022). Two day workshop: Threat assessment in FTAC settings. WA Fixated Threat Assessment Centre and WAPOL. Perth, Australia.
- Pathé, M.T. (December, 2022). Involuntary Celibates: Sexlessness, Singledom and Revenge. Swinburne Lecture Series. Melbourne, Australia.
- Pathé, M.T. (February, 2023). Forensic Aspects of the Militant Manosphere. Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry Forensic Section Bi-National Webinar. Melbourne, Australia.
- Pathé, M.T. (April, 2023). Stalking Prevention in the Helping Professions. Swinburne Lecture Series. Melbourne, Australia.
- Papalia, N. (2022). Experiences of doctoral student supervision as an early career researcher. Swinburne University of Technology, Early Career Researchers Program, Melbourne, Australia.
- Papalia, N. (2022). Child victims: Providing protection from re-victimization and future offending. Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, United States.
- Simms, C. (December, 2022). VFTAC Awareness Training. Senior Emergency Management Group, Department of Education. Melbourne Australia.
- Strand, S. (March, 2023). The RISKSAM model with a focus on remote areas. Presented to Samråd Norrsken Police and Social service, Sweden.

- Strand, S. (February, 2023). The RISKSAM model – How to stop men’s violence towards women. Keynote delivered to The Police, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Strand, S. (February, 2023). Stalking. The international women’s organization. Open lecture at Zonta. Örebro Public Library, Örebro, Sweden.
- Strand, S. (February, 2023). Intimate partner violence in remote areas. Invited speaker at political group meeting, Sweden.
- Strand, S. (November, 2022). Evidence-based risk assessment and prevention of intimate partner violence. Invited speaker at Operation Kvinnofrid by Stockholm County, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Strand, S. (October, 2022). Evidence-based risk assessment and prevention of intimate partner violence. Presentation at Rättsmedicinalverket, Stockholm.
- Strand, S. (October, 2022). Evidence-based prevention of intimate partner violence, honor-based violence, and oppression. Presentation at Arvika, Sweden.
- Strand, S. (September, 2022). How to prevent honor-based violence and oppression. Conference at Västmanland county, Sweden.
- Strand, S. (November, 2022). Stalking. Invited speaker at women’s shelter, Kvinnojouren Blåklockan). Gävle.er, Sweden.
- Strand, S. (2022, November). Evidence-based risk assessment and prevention of intimate partner violence. Human rights conference, Örebro, Sweden.
- Strand, S. (November, 2022). Stalking. Invited speaker at the women’s shelter (Kvinnohuset). Örebro., Sweden.
- Strand, S. (September, 2022). How to prevent violent perpetrators of intimate partner violence from recidivating. Conference for a network of practitioners in Gävleborg county. Gävle, Online
- Strand, S. (July, 2022). Evidence-based prevention of intimate partner violence, honor-based violence, and oppression. Presentation and Seminar, Visby, Sweden.
- Turner, S. (February, 2023).Voices from the field. Invited speaker at the National Reimagining Field Education Summit. for the Australian Council of Heads of Schools of Social Work Education (ACHSWE), Sydney, Australia.
- Turner, S., Hall, M., Johns, D., & Flynn, C. (June, 2023). Co-production and criminal justice. Workshop and book launch at Yasmar Training Centre, Youth Justice, NSW.
- Turner, S., Hall, M., Johns, D., & Flynn, C. (June, 2023). Co-production and criminal justice. Workshop and book launch at the University of Western Sydney, Haberfield, NSW, Australia.
- Turner, S. (May, 2023). Co-production and criminal justice: transformative or performative? Invited Speaker at Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science (CFBS) Seminar Series, Swinburne University, Melbourne, Australia.
- Turner, S. (May, 2023). Theory and practice frameworks for working with people who have offended. Facilitator at Forensicare Allied Health Graduate & Psychology Registrar Program, Melbourne, Australia.
- Turner, S. (March, 2023). “The Shamed and the Forgotten”: Families and carers in forensic mental health. Invited Speaker at World Social Work Day, online.
- Turner, S. (March, 2023). Risk-Needs-Responsivity: An introductory overview. Facilitator at Forensicare Allied Health Graduate and Psychology Registrar Program, Melbourne, Australia.
- Turner, S. (November, 2022). Co-production and criminal justice. Invited Speaker at the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science (CFBS) and Forensicare Research Dissemination Seminar, Swinburne University, Melbourne, Australia.
- Turner, S. (October, 2022). Invited speaker at the Reimagining Social Work Field Education Forum (RMIT University), Melbourne, Australia.
- Turner, S. (December, 2022). Trauma From the Frontline. Invited guest on. Podcast hosted by Bruce Perham, Melbourne, Australia.

Ung, J., & Lloyd, C.D. (June, 2023). The UPPS-P Impulsive Behaviour Scale: A valid framework for understanding trait impulsivity among people on probation? [Poster presentation]. North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, Toronto, ON.

Williams, L. (July, 2022). A Descriptive Review of Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder, in a Cohort for the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (VFTAC). Counter Terrorism Command, Victoria Police. Melbourne, Australia.

Williams, L. (July, 2022). VFTAC Awareness Training. Forensic Clinical Specialists, Melbourne Australia.

Industry reports

Fullam, R., Maguire, T., Richardson, K., & Furness, T. (2022). Final Report: Evaluation of the Clinical Support Team at Thomas Embling Hospital. Prepared for Forensicare by the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne Australia.

Final report: Inquiry into the Legislative Workplace Governance and Clinical Frameworks of Dhulwa Secure Mental Health Unit. (2022). Canberra: Dhulwa Inquiry.

Fullam, R., Ruffles, J., Maguire, T., & Daffern, M. (2023). Literature review: Risk frameworks for high risk individuals with complex needs. Prepared for the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing by the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne Australia.

Furness, T., Mawren, D., Fullam, R., Bardeel, A., Djurkovic, N., & Ogloff, J. (2023). Forensicare Cultural. Evaluation Final Report. Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia.

McEwan, T.E., Maharaj, N., Spivak, B. & Gelb, K. (2023). Evaluation of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria Family Violence Reforms. Report four: Short term outcomes and process evaluation. Prepared for Court Services Victoria by the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne Australia.

McEwan, T.E. & Spivak, B. (2022). Family Violence Investigation Unit Case Prioritisation Redevelopment and Testing. Prepared for Victoria Police by the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne Australia.

Papalia, N., Henshaw, M., Sheed, A., & Ogloff, J. (2022). Feedback on 'Child Safety Research Agenda: Consultation Paper'. Prepared by the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne Australia, for the National Office for Child Safety.



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