A Companion to Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Risk

Edited by Paul Taylor, Karen Corteen and Sharon Morley, University of Chester

This unique and topical text provides an array of expert analyses from key contributors in the field that explore the interface between criminal justice and mental health. Using concise yet robust definitions of key terms and concepts, it consolidates scholarly analysis of theory, policy and practice. Readers are provided with practical debates, in addition to the theoretical and ideological concerns surrounding the risk assessment, treatment, control and risk management in a cross-disciplinary context.

Included in this book is recommended further reading and an index of legislation, making it an ideal resource for students at undergraduate and postgraduate level, together with researchers and practitioners in the field.

Foundations for youth justice
Positive approaches to practice

Anne Robinson, Criminology and Community Justice, Sheffield Hallam University

“A radical but realistic prescription for youth justice practice... The book deserves a wide audience.” Dr Tim Bateman, University of Bedfordshire

How can youth justice refocus its attentions on the rights and perspectives of young people in transition? This exciting new book outlines the state of practice now in flux under the Coalition Government. It explores opportunities for a fresh orientation that places young people at the centre and works collaboratively to nurture strengths, competences and capital. The book proposes a critical perspective that leads into a bold, but realistic remodelling of practice. It will be ideal for students of youth justice and criminal justice on foundation, post-qualifying or professional (CPD) courses.
Understanding restorative justice
How empathy can close the gap created by crime
Pete Wallis, Oxfordshire Youth Offending Service
This unique book is a clear and detailed introduction that analyses how restorative justice nurtures empathy, exploring key themes such as responsibility, shame, forgiveness and closure. The core notion of the book is that when a crime is committed, it separates people, creating a ‘gap’. This gap can only be reduced or closed through information and insight about the other person, which have the potential to turn into empathy and even compassion. The book explores this extraordinary journey from harm to healing using the structure of a timeline; from an offence, through the criminal justice process and into the heart of the restorative meeting. Using case studies, the book offers a fresh angle on a topic that is of growing interest both in the UK and internationally. It is ideal as a comprehensive introduction for those new to restorative justice and as a best practice guide for existing practitioners.

The Street Casino
Survival in violent street gangs
Simon Harding, Middlesex University
“A winner – a true breakthrough in street gang research.”
James Densley, Metropolitan State University, USA
Gang violence is on the increase in certain neighbourhoods. There is an urgent need for a fresh perspective that offers insight into gang structure, organisation and offending behaviour to explain this increase. Using the findings from an extensive ethnographic study of local residents, professionals and gang members in South London, and drawing on his vast experience and knowledge of the field, Simon Harding proposes a unique theoretical perspective on survival in violent street gangs. He applies Bourdieu’s principles of social field analysis and habitus to gangs, establishing them as a social arena of competition where actors struggle for distinction and survival, striving to become ‘players in the game’ in the ‘casino of life’. Success is determined by accruing and retaining playing chips – street capital. This perspective offers new evidence to the field that will help academics, students, practitioners and policy makers to understand the dynamics of gang behaviour and the associated risks of violence and offending.

Responding to hate crime
The case for connecting policy and research
Edited by Neil Chakraborti, University of Leicester and Jon Garland, University of Surrey
“A persuasive case for restorative approaches to hate crime.”
Carolyn Hoyle, University of Oxford
This book bridges the gap between research and policy by bringing together internationally renowned hate crime experts from the domains of scholarship, policy and activism. It provides new perspectives on the nature of hate crime victimisation and perpetration, and considers an extensive range of themes, challenges and solutions which have previously been un- or under-explored. In doing so, the book offers innovative ways of combating and preventing hate crime that combine cutting-edge research with the latest in professional innovations. Essential reading for students, academics and practitioners working across a range of disciplines, Responding to hate crime makes a clear and compelling case for closer and more constructive partnerships between scholars and policy makers.

Unleashed
The phenomena of status dogs and weapon dogs
Simon Harding, Middlesex University
“A much-needed insight, which will go some way to helping policy makers formulate a solution for the dogs and for us.”
Kit Malthouse, London Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
This is the first book in the UK or the US to set on record the recent cultural phenomenon of the use of certain dog breeds – both legal and illegal – to ‘convey status’ to their owners. Such dogs are easily visible on social housing estates and provide acquired authority, respect, power and control. However, they are increasingly linked to urban street gangs as ‘weapon dogs’ and present a danger to the general public. With a new Afterword updating the paperback, this unique book contextualises the phenomenon in terms of sociology, criminology and public policy. It makes essential reading for academics and policy makers in criminology and criminal justice and those working with animal rights/animal welfare groups.

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Domestic violence and sexuality

What's love got to do with it?

Catherine Donovan, University of Sunderland and Marianne Hester, University of Bristol

"Respectful, often heart-breaking and always instructive, this work sets a gold standard for how we understand domestic abuse in same sex relationships." Evan Stark, Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration

This book provides the first detailed discussion of domestic violence and abuse in same sex relationships, offering a unique comparison with domestic violence and abuse experienced by heterosexual women and men. It examines how experiences of domestic violence and abuse may be shaped by gender, sexuality and age, including whether and how victims/survivors seek help, and asks, what's love got to do with it? The authors develop a new framework of analysis – practices of love – to explore empirical data. Outlining the implications of the research for practice and service development, the book will be of interest to policy makers and practitioners in the field of domestic violence, as well as students and academics interested in issues of domestic and interpersonal violence.

Preventing violence against women and girls

Educational work with children and young people

Edited by Jane Ellis, University of Worcester and Ravi K. Thiara, University of Warwick

The need for children and young people to learn about violence against women and girls (VAWG) has been voiced since the late 1980s. This is the first ever book on educational work to prevent VAWG, providing the most comprehensive contribution to our knowledge and understanding in this area. By bringing together international examples of research and practice, the book offers insight into the underpinning theoretical debates and key lessons for practice, addressing the complexities and challenges of developing, implementing and evaluating educational work to prevent VAWG. This multidisciplinary book will be of interest to educationalists, VAWG and child welfare practitioners, policy makers, researchers and students.

Applying complexity theory

Whole systems approaches to criminal justice and social work

Edited by Aaron Pycroft, University of Portsmouth and Clemens Bartollas, University of Northern Iowa

"Provides persuasive arguments for breaking away from the Newtonian paradigm of a linear, controllable world and working with the complexity of social systems." Professor Eileen Munro, London School of Economics

Approaches based around complexity theory are increasingly being used in the study of organisations and the delivery of services. This is the first book to explore the application of complexity theory to difficult practice issues in criminal justice and social work and is intended to stimulate debate. It brings together experts in this emerging field to address complexity theory from a range of perspectives (positivist, realist, and constructivist), providing a detailed but accessible discussion of the key issues to whole systems approaches. The book argues for the usefulness of applying complexity theory to address significant and intractable social problems and also challenges the reductionist approaches to solving those problems currently favoured by policy makers. It will be of interest to academics and postgraduate students in social work and criminal justice.

Alcohol and moral regulation

Public attitudes, spirited measures and Victorian hangovers

Henry Yeomans, University of Leeds

"An important and timely study, and should be widely read." Dr Judith Rowbotham, Director, SOLON and Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

Alcohol consumption is frequently described as a contemporary, worsening and peculiarly British social problem that requires radical remedial regulation. Informed by historical research and sociological analysis, this book takes an innovative and refreshing look at how public attitudes and the regulation of alcohol have developed through time. It argues that, rather than a response to trends in consumption or harm, ongoing anxieties about alcohol are best understood as 'hangovers' derived, in particular, from the Victorian period. The product of several years of research, this book aims to help readers re-evaluate their understandings of drinking. As such, it is essential reading for students, academics and anyone with a serious interest in Britain’s 'drink problem'.

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Access to justice for disadvantaged communities

Marjorie Mayo, Goldsmiths College, University of London

“A must-read and not just for those concerned narrowly with the law.” Gary Craig, Durham University

Access to justice for all, regardless of the ability to pay, has been a core democratic value. But this basic human right has come under threat through wider processes of restructuring, with an increasingly market-led approach to the provision of welfare. Professionals and volunteers in Law Centres in Britain are struggling to provide legal advice and access to welfare rights to disadvantaged communities. Drawing upon original research, this unique study explores how strategies to safeguard these vital services might be developed in ways that strengthen rather than undermine the basic ethics and principles of public service provision. The book explores how such strategies might strengthen the position of those who provide, as well as those who need, public services, and ways to empower communities to work more effectively with professionals and progressive organisations in the pursuit of rights and social justice agendas more widely.

Hidden stories of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry

Personal reflections

Richard Stone

“A message of ‘unfinished business’ on all levels.” Socialist Review

This unique book provides an insider’s view of the seminal inquiry into Stephen Lawrence’s murder by panel member Dr Richard Stone OBE. This accessible and engaging book includes analysis of hitherto inaccessible transcripts. These dramatically show how the Inquiry was undermined to the point of failure to produce the desired results. Hard-hitting and full of insightful detail, this book makes essential reading for academics, students, researchers and anyone interested in institutional racism, particularly in the police.

Policing at the top

The roles, values and attitudes of chief police officers

Bryn Caless, Canterbury Christ Church University

“A revealing, rigorous insight into the lives and perspectives of contemporary chief police officers.” Robert Reiner, London School of Economics

Chief police officers are often shadowy enigmas, even to members of their own forces, yet they make far-reaching strategic command decisions about policing, armed responses, operations against criminals and allocation of resources. What is their background? Where do they come from? How are chief officers selected? Bryn Caless has privileged access to this occupational elite and presents their frank and sometimes controversial views in this ground-breaking social study, which will fascinate serving officers, students of the police, academic commentators, journalists and social scientists, as well as concerned citizens who want to understand those who command our police forces.
Victoria Pittman, Commissioning Editor, Criminology and Criminal Justice

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