Research Information

**Dr. Shahid Alvi’s** research includes investigating violence against immigrant women, community responses to poverty, and youth crime and its relationship to social exclusion. With Dr. Hannah Scott and Dr. Wendy Stanyon, he recently completed a research project on victimization of the urban homeless in Durham Region. Currently, he is analyzing data from another recently completed project on immigrant women’s quality of life, and in particular, their experiences of racism. He is also beginning a research project on the relationship between the peak oil problem, social disorganization and their implications for crime and crime control.

**Dr. Nawal Ammar’s** work focuses on issues of justice, violence against women, and the environment. Her recent research includes projects on improving legal and service access to battered immigrant women in the US, domestic violence in Arab/Muslim communities, Muslims in prisons, Middle Eastern women and various areas of Arab and African societies including violence against children. Currently Dr. Ammar is working on evaluating data from the grantees of the Violence Against Women’s Act to assess the successes and barriers facing service delivery for battered immigrant women. Dr. Ammar has very recently received a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) grant to work with the National Turkish Police on issues of terrorism and civil society.

**Dr. Rachel Ariss** is currently working on two research projects, which grow out of her interest in how law shapes (and misshapes) community, and sometimes provides an opportunity to pursue social justice. The first project is “Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation: Mining, Consultation, Law and Reconciliation”. Dr Ariss has written an article with former band councillor John Cutfeet, and is writing a manuscript about the recent legal dispute between the KI First Nation and a junior mining company, Platinex. She explores the role of law, including KI’s own law, in moving towards reconciliation between Canada and Aboriginal peoples. The second project is “The Critical Social Voice of Midwifery: Legalization and Social Change” with Dr. Nadya Burton of the Midwifery Faculty at Ryerson University. The relatively recent legalization of midwifery in Ontario provides a dynamic context through which to explore and elaborate on the connections between legal change, social movement theory and feminist social change. Future projects include work on parentage and gestational surrogacy; and reproduction and gift-giving.

**Dr. Sasha Baglay’s** research projects include security certificates and detention of non-citizens suspected of links to terrorist organizations, citizenship law and policy, refugee protection and assistance programs for victims of human trafficking, and other issues of domestic and comparative immigration and refugee law.

**Dr. Liqun Cao** is involved with the study of comparative public opinion on criminality, such as illegal drugs. He also continues his tests of the validity of social support theory and anomie theory with cross-national data and his research on minorities’ attitude toward the police in Canada.

For more than a decade **Dr. Carla Cesaroni** has studied the adjustment of incarcerated adolescent boys. She is currently involved in a SSHRC funded project that compares the experiences of adolescent boys and girls in pre-trial detention.
Dr. Kimberley Clow’s research focuses on stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. Her research projects examine the stigma of being negatively associated with the criminal justice system (e.g., wrongful conviction, pretrial publicity), the resistance to individuals fulfilling social roles that are incongruent with traditional gender roles (e.g., men in nursing); and community responses to immigration and diversity (e.g., available services).

Dr. Wesley Crichlow has several ongoing research projects: Canadian Media Normalizing of Sexual crime Reporting; The Fragility & Persistence of Dominant Caribbean & Black Masculinities; HIV, Black Male Criminalization & Perverse Relations To Difference; Youth Social Media, Cyber-Bullying & Ethical Use; De-Tabooing Incest & Sexual Violence in The Caribbean; Racialized LGBTQI Rights, Identity and Resistance; Americas Research Network for Indigenous Health – Joint with Dr. Paula Yellowhorn – Queen’s University.

Dr. Brian Cutler has multiple ongoing research projects in Forensic Psychology. He and his students conduct laboratory research on eyewitness identification and wrongful conviction. His most recent research projects involve factors affecting eyewitnesses’ abilities to identify crime perpetrators from police show-ups, peoples’ abilities to discriminate accurate from inaccurate show-up identifications, and security guards’ abilities to identify suspicious acts while monitoring security cameras.

Dr. Walter DeKeseredy is currently doing collaborative secondary data analyses of National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) statistics on male-to-female separation/divorce assault and has published several refereed journal articles on this work (with Drs. Molly Dragiewicz and Callie Rennison). He is also in the process of writing a book on sociological theories of crime for University of Toronto Press (with Dr. Stephen Muzzatti) and a book on patriarchal male peer support theory for Northeastern University Press (with Dr. Martin Schwartz). As well, Dr. DeKeseredy is the Editor of the Routledge Series on New Directions in Critical Criminology.

Dr. Aziz Douai researches mass media’s role in social and political conflicts, media and terrorism, Muslims and the media, and how new communication technologies can be catalysts of social change in the age of globalization. His research work has tackled press laws in Arab and Muslim societies. He is currently co-editing a book on media and democratization in Africa.

Dr. Steven Downing is currently researching street crime in the greater Toronto area. His research seeks to examine the social and (sub)cultural constructs that frame street crime, criminals, and criminal events.

Dr. Molly Dragiewicz’s current research includes work on the impact of human trafficking policy, antifeminist men’s and fathers’ rights groups, family law and child custody, and violence and gender. She is currently collaborating on a series of articles using Nation Crime Victimization Survey data to determine variations in woman abuse across marital status categories and rural, suburban, and urban areas with colleagues Callie Rennison and Walter DeKeseredy. Dr. Dragiewicz will serve as Visiting Fellow in the School of Justice, Faculty of Law at Queensland University of Technology during academic year 2012-2013. While in Australia she will be studying Australia’s family law reform, conducting research on violence and gender, and as compiling a collection on human trafficking.

Dr. Shanti Fernando’s area of expertise is on Canadian public policy in the areas of political economy and equity. She recently completed a study (with Dr. Shahid Alvi) on the economic impact of immigration in Durham Region, which included interviews with some of Durham’s immigrant business owners. She is director of the University-Community Link Unit (CLU), which is working with various community groups and stakeholders to help create a more sustainable community in Durham and beyond, through anti-poverty, literacy and anti-violence advocacy.
**Dr. Judith Grant**’s research focuses on drug/alcohol abuse and addiction. Her recent research includes the publication of her second book in February 2012 titled, *Men and substance abuse: Narratives of addiction and recovery.* It will be published by Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press Publishers, Denver, Colorado. Also, Dr. Grant has a chapter titled, *Drugs and critical criminology,* published in the Routledge Handbook of Critical Criminology, edited by Dr. Walter DeKeseredy and Dr. Molly Dragiewicz, Fall 2011. Dr. Grant’s abstract and article titled, “Reflections on narrating stories of women and men formerly addicted to drugs and/or alcohol,” will be presented at the 29th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference: Cultures of Narrative/Narratives of Culture at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John’s, June 20-22, 2012.

**Dr. Ronald Hinches** is working on two projects. The first is a book which focuses on how the food industry, grows, raises, processes, and markets food. It deals with issues of food safety and labour issues in food production, as well as the role of governments in the regulation of the food industry. His second project is a book on Canadian serial killers. It provides an assessment of known Canadian serial killers through their social interactions, biographies and actions while offering a theoretical model that explains why serial murderers do what they do.

**Dr. Ganaele Langlois**’ research focuses on cultural and social aspects of new media. She currently has two projects underway. The first focuses on the development of new web-based methodologies to trace political activism. The second focuses on critically analyzing the cultural role of software in the online environment, particularly in relation to the phenomenon of participatory culture.

**Dr. Sharon Lauricella** is a forerunner of the new and progressive area of "food communication" – the study of advertising, films, and blogs which address the consumption (or non-consumption) of animal products, and how food is considered in the contexts of nutrition, medication, and culture. Sharon is also engaged in research which considers the student experience using technologies such as mobile phones and laptops for learning purposes. Sharon is also keenly interested in the interplay between spirituality and communication, and has published work which addresses prayer as a form of communication, nonviolent communication, and spirituality in hip-hop culture.

**Dr. Amy Leach** is primarily interested in issues related to deception detection. Her recent lie detection projects have focused on second-language deception, the cognitive processes underlying deception, and deception in the Internet. Dr. Leach’s previous work with child witnesses has centered on children’s deception and the effects of different interviewing procedures. Dr. Leach is engaged in ongoing collaborations examining the stigma of wrongful conviction and the use of facial features in eyewitness identifications.

The first study **Dr. Thomas McMorrow** wishes to undertake examines factors influencing recourse to the family court system; the second explores efforts within aboriginal collectivities to enhance economic well-being while furthering the cultural traditions of these communities.

**Dr. Patrik Olsson** is investigating discriminatory practices against children and youth with a special focus on the importance of child participation and socio-legal perspectives on information technology from a critical and constructive point of view. Dr. Olsson is also interested in the culture of the Internet and the legal predicaments that have arisen lately due to problems that involve various jurisdictions and legal cultures (using qualitative and quantitative methodologies).
Dr. Natalie Oman's current research has two complementary strands. In one project she uses a “law and globalization” approach to outline the basic conditions of democratic citizenship in emerging transnational political communities. Her recent publications in this area explore the implications of the responsibility to protect principle of international law for global governance. In the second, SSHRC-supported project, she explores the implications of Aboriginal nations’ existence for conventional understandings of state sovereignty. In particular, she examines the policies adopted by the BC Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation as it negotiates self-government arrangements with First Nations, and critically assesses the conflicting normative standards of legitimate governance employed by the negotiating parties. Dr. Oman recently completed a book-length manuscript examining the ethical and legal philosophical implications of the responsibility to protect and human security.

An expert on hate crime, Dr. Barbara Perry’s key research projects include anti-gay harassment and violence, anti-Muslim harassment and violence, Islamophobic violence against Muslim women and girls, community impacts of hate crime, policing hate crime, and representations of crime in ethnic media.

Dr. Hannah Scott recently finished a book, Victimology: Canadians in Context, published by Oxford University Press. She continues to research, publish, and teach in the areas of victimology, homicide studies, statistics and evaluation research, space and crime, and has a developing interest in Drug Courts in Canada. Additionally, she is the director of UOIT’s Centre for Evaluation and Survey Research (CESR).

Dr. Phillip Shon’s research activities can be broadly classified into two categories, police and parricide studies. These two areas and the theoretical position I hold is directly related to the methodological approach I assume, as well as my background in a liberal arts education. My first research agenda examines the role of language in police-citizen encounters. That is, my work examines police behavior by analyzing how the police talk to the public. My second research activity involves an archival examination of parricide in nineteenth-century America, and parricide offenders' behavior using contemporary methods of behavioral analysis. For future research projects, I would like to explore parricides in Korea, Japan, and China.

Dr. Sivasubramaniam’s research investigates the psychology of fairness. She is conducting research projects examining how fairness judgments are formed in restorative justice procedures, and the effects of these fairness judgments; and whether authorities and subordinates differ in the way that they form fairness judgments.

Dr. Andrea Slane has published articles on unsolicited bulk email, online hate complaints, and international online defamation cases. She has completed policy research for the Department of Justice (on online hate), through the Contributions Program of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (on information sharing between private entities and law enforcement), and for Public Safety Canada (on online child sexual exploitation crime prevention materials and strategies). Dr. Slane has completed a year-long study of Canadian Internet safety education and online child sexual exploitation crime prevention strategies.

Dr. Arshia U. Zaidi has two Internal SSHRC grants which are exploratory studies that examine cross-cultural challenges, occurrences and experiences of elderly South Asian Immigrants Residing in Canada (with Dr. Shahid Alvi) and intersectionalities of acculturative stress, substance use, and psycho-social wellbeing amongst South Asian youth.