Dr Cheryl Allsop LLB (Hons) BSc (Hons) MSc PhD FHEA



**Research interests**

* Cold case major crime reviews
* Missing people
* ‘No-body’ murders and unidentified found remains
* Miscarriages of justice
* Sexual Violence
* Expertise and truth finding

**Education**

**2012 – 2013 Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning Distinction**

**2008 – 2013 ESRC funded PhD ‘A reliance on science: DNA, detective work and cold case major crime reviews’**

Cardiff University Supervisors: Professor Martin Innes and Professor Mike Maguire

**2007 – 2008** M**Sc in Social Science Research Methods Socio-legal Pathway:** Cardiff University

Dissertation title: ‘Magistrate Decision Making’

**2003– 2006 BSc (Honours) Psychology:** The Open University (part time)

Degree result: First Class

**1997-2000 MSc Criminal Justice Studies:** Portsmouth University (part time)

Dissertation Title: ‘Just another witness: A critical analysis of the criminal justice system from the victim’s perspective’

**1992-1996 LLB (Hons) Law:** Nottingham Trent University (part time)

Degree result 2:1

**Current Employment**

**July 2012- to date**

**Senior Lecturer Criminology and Criminal Justice University of South Wales**

**Sept 2016 – Jan 2017**

**Acting Academic Manager Criminology**

Providing academic leadership and operational management of staff in criminology during a period of extended absence of the Academic Manager

**2016 – To date PhD Supervision: Director of Studies**

Investigating investigations: lessons from domestic homicide reviews

**2018 - To date PhD Supervision: Director of Studies**

A critical analysis of the mixed economy provision of forensic science to police in E&W

**2020 – to date PhD Supervision: Director of Studies**

Understanding investigative errors in missing people investigations

**2014 – Aug 2020 Course Leader**

BSc (and Cert HE) Criminology and Criminal Justice,

BSc (and Cert HE) Criminology and Criminal Justice and Youth Justice,

BSc (and Cert HE) Criminology and Criminal Justice with Psychology,

BSc (and Cert HE) Criminology and Criminal Justice and Law;

BSc (and Cert HE) Criminology and Criminal Justice and Sociology.

Providing course leadership and co-ordination of course related activities in relation to recruitment, retention, progression, and achievement and student experience. I oversee academic standards, quality assurance and enhancement, ensuring use of the most appropriate learning, teaching and assessment methodologies across the degree programmes.

**Academic Positions of responsibility**

**August 2019 – to date**

**Director cold case unit**

Established and lead our cold case unit where students, under my supervision, work together to conduct cold case reviews of missing people investigations

**June 2019 - to date**

**Advisory board member Locate International Centre for Missing People Investigations**

**Nov 2017 – to date**

**Project lead University of South Wales Innocence Project**

Established and lead a student led project where students, under my supervision, review cases of convicted offenders trying to prove their innocence

**Nov 2017 – to date**

**Deputy Director Doctoral Training Alliance Social Policy**

A University Alliance collaboration of nine universities providing innovative training and development opportunities for PhD students in social policy

**Sept 2017 - To date**

**External Examiner**

**Dec 2016 - To date**

**Specialist Training Group Lead Doctoral Training Alliance Social Policy**

**Teaching**

**2012 – To date**

**Module Convenor and Lecturer,** University of South Wales

* Researching Crime and Criminal Justice (1st year)
* Understanding Homicide (3rd year)
* Critical Issues in Criminal Investigations (3rd year)
* Contemporary Crime (1st Year)

**Seminar Tutor**,

* Understanding the Criminal Justice System (1st year)
* Policing (2nd year)

**Undergraduate and Postgraduate dissertation supervisor**

**Personal Academic Coach**

**2011 - January 2012**

**Guest Lecturer and Seminar Tutor**, Cardiff University

Lecturing and leading seminars on postgraduate and undergraduate criminology modules:

* Responses to Crime (2nd year)
* Social Science Perspectives Criminology (MA in Social Work)
* Criminal Investigations (MSc Police and Policing)

**Seminar Tutor**, Glamorgan University

* Understanding the Criminal Justice System (1st year)
* Policing (2nd year)

**Mar-June 2011**

**Researcher and Trainer** ‘Every Researcher Counts’ Vitae and HESCE funded Project on Equality and Diversity for Early Career Researchers in Higher Education Institutions

* Delivered ‘train the trainer’ events on equality and diversity for early career researchers to Higher Education academics and staff
* Developed training materials on equality and diversity for early career researchers in Higher Education Institutions.

**2010- 2011**

**Guest Lecturer and Seminar Tutor**, Cardiff University

Lecturing and leading seminars on postgraduate and undergraduate criminology modules:

* Police and Policing Studies (MSc)
* Social Science Perspectives Criminology (MA in Social Work)
* Crime Control Regulation and Policing (3rd year)
* Diversity Crime and Criminal Justice (3rd year)

**Previous relevant employment**

**2004 – Dec 2007 Internal Improvement Manager** **FTSE 100 Company**

* Developed, managed and monitored employee engagement strategy, devised and delivered successful programme of improvement initiatives, including line management training and executive communications programme
* Led paper reduction efficiency project enabling organisation to make savings in excess of £1million
* Devised and implemented people development initiatives including establishing the departmental talent pool programme
* Developed, managed and monitored risk management strategy
* Managed group wide customer service initiative including securing budget, managing stakeholders from across retail banking group, implementing improvement initiatives, raising profile of successful customer service activities
* Line manager of direct reports responsible for delivering Lean and SIGMA initiatives, customer service feedback mechanisms and performance improvement reporting.

**2001-2004 Customer Service and Strategy Manager** **FTSE 100 company**

* Secured budget for, set up and managed retail network and telephony mystery shopping programme, analysed and disseminated results and implemented improvement initiatives including staff training and communications based on the results
* Devised, developed and delivered customer service training
* Managed Investors in People Accreditation
* Women’s network steering committee event organiser

**Publications**

Allsop, C. and O’Shea, M. (forthcoming) Major Crime Investigations in Innes, M., Madge, G., and Lowe, T (eds) *Policing Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow* Wales: University of Wales Press  
Allsop, C. and Pike, S. (2019) Investigating homicide: Back to the future *Journal of Criminological Research Policy and Practice*Allsop, C. (2018) *Cold Case reviews: DNA, Detective Work and Unsolved Major Crimes* Oxford: Oxford University Press Allsop, C (2017) Cold Case Homicide Investigations in Brookman F., Maguire E., and Maguire M (eds) *Handbook of Homicide* Chichester: Willey  
Allsop, C. (2013) *‘Motivations, money and modern policing: accounting for cold case reviews in an age of austerity* in Policing and Society pp1-14 DOI: 10.1080/10439463.2013.782211 available at <http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/teUmuXdCVuxXm6NGXNMV/full>  
Allsop, C. (2012) Book review: Silvia Pettem (2012) *Cold Case Research: Resources for unidentified, missing, and cold homicide cases*, Boca Raton, CRC Press in The Police Journal 85(2)   
Allsop, C. (2011) Book Review: Pamela Davies (2011) *Gender Crime and Victimisation*, London, Sage in Criminology and Criminal Justice 11 (4) pp.390-391  
Pike, S., Allsop, C. and Brookman, F. (2020) ‘Homicide in Context’ in: N. Loucks, S. Smith Holt and J. R. Adler (eds.) *Why We Kill: Understanding Violence Across Cultures and Disciplines,* 2nd Edn London: Routledge.

**Conference Papers**

**April 2019** Conference Plenary **‘**No Body No ID: Finding a killer when the victim is missing or unknown’

Welsh Centre for Crime and Social Justice Conference Gregynog

**Sept 2017** Conference paper **‘**DNA: detective work and the search for the truth’ European Society of Criminology Conference Cardiff

**Nov 2016** Conference paper ‘Where there’s a way there’s a will: the scientification of policing’ American Society of Criminology Conference New Orleans

**July 2016** Conference paper ‘The changing face of homicide Investigations: British Society of Criminology Conference Nottingham

**Nov 2015** Conference paper ‘Is it about time?’American Society of Criminology Conference Washington

**Nov 2013** Conference paper ‘Solving the unsolvable’American Society of Criminology Conference Atlanta

**Sept 2011** Conference paper ‘Cold case major crime reviews: The reliance of science’ European Society of Criminology (ESC) Conference Vilnius

**July 2011** Conference paper ‘Picking up the pieces: How the police seek to solve long term unsolved major crimes’ British Society of Criminology (BSC) Conference, Northumbria

**June 2011** Conference paper ‘What cold case reviews can reveal about policing’ Homicide Symposium Cardiff University

**Jan 2011** Conference paper ‘Bringing the Past to Life’ Centre for Crime, Law and Justice, Cardiff University

**Sept 2010** Conference paper ‘Policing the Past: The Rise of Cold Case Major Crime Investigations in UK Policing’ European Society of Criminology Conference, Liege, Belgium

**July 2010** Conference paper ‘Warming Attitudes to Cold Case Major Crime Investigations’ British Society of Criminology Conference, Leicester

**Skills and training**

* Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
* Welsh Crucible leadership programme for future research leaders in Wales completed
* University of South Wales Women in Academia Leadership Development Programme completed
* IDG Leadership Development Programme completed
* Experience using qualitative (NVivo) and quantitative (SPSS) analysis software
* Trained to support victims of murder, violence, sexual assault, domestic violence and burglary

**Membership of criminological societies**

* Member of the British Society of Criminology
* Member of the European Society of Criminology
* Member of the American Society of Criminology
* Member of the Criminal Investigations Research Network