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CURRENT AND RECENT POSITIONS

Reader (-2016) and previously Senior Lecturer (-2013) and Lecturer (-2010) Centre for Criminological Research, School of Law, University of Sheffield (on maternity leave 7 July 2012-5 June 2013 and 31 December 2014 to 2 December 2015)	January 2010 – present
Teaching Associate (-2008) and previously Affiliated Lecturer Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge	November 2007 – December 2009
Adrian Socio-Legal Research Fellow Darwin College, University of Cambridge	October 2006 – December 2009
Research Fellow Institute of Criminal Policy Research, King's College London	October 2004 – October 2009
Occasional Lecturer and Tutor School of Law, King's College London	September 2004 – October 2009
Research Officer NACRO, Crime and Social Policy	July 2001 – March 2002

HIGHER EDUCATION

PhD in Criminology, passed with minor corrections 'Cops, councils and crime and disorder: A critical review of three community safety partnerships' Supervised by Prof. Loraine Gelsthorpe, Institute of Criminology/Clare Hall, University of Cambridge Funded by the ESRC	October 2001 – March 2005
MPhil in Criminological Research, pass Institute of Criminology/Clare Hall, University of Cambridge Funded by the ESRC	October 2000 – June 2001
MA (Hons) Sociology and Psychology, first-class honours University of Edinburgh Winner of the Phillip Barry Prize for Penology in 1997	September 1996 – July 2000

RESEARCH GRANTS (CHRONOLOGICAL)

Women Academic Returners Programme £10,000 from the University of Sheffield	December 2015-October 2016
Co-Investigator and co-lead of the 'International Dimension' 'Innovation and the application of knowledge for more effective policing' £7,246,347 in total with £2,999,822 awarded by HEFCE to the N8 Policing Research Partnership	May 2015 – April 2020
European Research Council Development Fellowship £37,000 from the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Sheffield	January 2016-January 2017
Principal Investigator "'Good' Police Custody: Theorizing the 'is' and the 'ought'" £518,508 research grant from the ESRC	September 2013 – present
Chair of the Sheffield University Policing Research Group, a research partnership with South Yorkshire Police Funding for a series of 'working lunches' £2000 from Research Exchange for the Social Sciences, University of Sheffield	February 2014 – December 2014
Co-Investigator (one of eight) from the N8 Policing Research Partnership 'Regional hub for policing research and knowledge exchange'	July 2013 – May 2014

Co-led the 'policing partnerships' theme with Dr Bethan Loftus (Manchester University) £50,000 from the College of Policing	
Principal Researcher 'The overnight detention of children in police custody' £3000 from the Howard League for Penal Reform	August 2010 – December 2011
Principal Researcher 'Feasibility study of police detention in common-law jurisdictions' £7500 from the British Academy	January 2009 – December 2009
Acting Principal Researcher 'An evaluation of Restorative Approaches in Schools' £30,000 from the Esmee Fairburn Trust and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation	February 2008 – October 2009
Principal Investigator 'Co-operation or contest? Interagency relationships in the police custody process' £48,000 small research grant from the ESRC	October 2006 – May 2008
Researcher 'Evaluation of the Criminal Justice Integrated Teams' Research funded by the Home Office	October 2004 – June 2006

TEACHING**PHD SUPERVISION**

Alice Corbally (second supervisor, Matthew Bacon) Vulnerability, risk and policing N8 PRP scholarship	September 2016-August 2019
Rivka Smith (second supervisor, Matthew Bacon) Fairness and policing School of Law Scholarship	September 2016-August 2019
Lindsey Rice (joint supervision with Prof. Joanna Shapland) 'The role and implications of civilian Investigators' ESRC studentship	September 2012 – December 2015
Deborah Platts-Fowler (joint supervision with Prof. Adam Crawford) 'Police responses to urban disorder' ESRC White Rose Doctoral Training Centre Network studentship	September 2012 – present
Mathew Bacon (joint supervision with Prof. Joanna Shapland) 'The policing of drugs' ESRC studentship Passed with no corrections	January 2010 – February 2012

CURRENT UG AND PGT TEACHING

(Module convenor of) The Criminal Process (Optional UG level 3) 12-16 x 1 hour lectures	From September 2017
(Module Convenor of) The Research Process (Core PGT module) 3x2 hour seminars, 1 seminar group, up to 40 students	From September 2017
Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods (Optional PGT module) 2 x 2 hour seminars, 1 seminar group, up to 20 students	From January 2018
(Module convenor of) Police and policing in a global context (Optional UG level 2 and 3) 15-20x1 hour lectures, 5x1 hour seminars, 2-3 seminar groups, 15 students per group.	January 2011 – present

(Module convenor of) Policing and society (Optional for PGT) 2-6 x 2 hour seminars, 1 seminar group, up to 20 students.	January 2012 – present
Understanding Criminology (Core for UG level 1, 2 and 3, with circa 200 students) 2-4x1 hour lectures	September 2011 – December 2014
Responding to crime (Core for UG levels 1 and 3, with circa 200 students) 11 x 1 hour lectures, 6 x 1 hour seminars, 2-6 seminar groups, 15 students per group	January 2010- 2012
Supervisor of UG and PGT students' dissertation 1 in 2010/11; 2 in 2011/12; 4 in 2013/14; 1 in 2016/17.	January 2010- present

PREVIOUS UG AND PGT TEACHING

Teaching Associate and Affiliated Lecturer on the MSt in Applied Criminology (police, probation, prisons) Seminars on policing partnerships, policing diversity and qualitative and mixed-methods research methods 9 x 1.5 hour seminars per year, 15-30 students per group. Supervised dissertations of approximately 4 x MSt students and 6 x diploma students per year.	November 2007 – December 2009
Tutor and Occasional lecturer for LLB and MA students, School of Law, King's College London UG Criminology optional course: per year, 2x1 hour lectures and 22 x 1 hour tutorials (3 groups of 15 students). MA Criminology and CJ: per year, 3 x 2 hour seminars on crime prevention, police custody and qualitative research methods (15-30 students)	October 2004 – June 2007
Supervisor, Social and Political Sciences UG students, crime and deviance paper, University of Cambridge 5 x 1 hour supervisions on criminological theories, 1-3 students per group.	December 2003
Teaching Assistant, Strategic Command Course, University of Cambridge 3 x 1.5 hour tutorials, 2 syndicate groups, 10 students per group.	July 2002
Tutor, Certificate in Community Policing, Institute of Higher Education, University of Cambridge 4 x 1 hour tutorials, 2 tutorial groups, 10 students per group.	September 2002-2006

PUBLICATIONS (CHRONOLOGICAL)

Note – I was on maternity leave 7 July 2012-5 June 2013 and 31 December 2014 to 2 December 2015)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Skinns, L. and Sorsby, A. (in progress) Making a difference to detainees: Legality, kindness and fairness in police custody suites in England and Wales, to be submitted to the *British Journal of Criminology* by autumn 2018
- Sorsby, A. and Skinns, L. (in progress) Meeting expectations? Police-detainee relationships in police custody suites in England and Wales, to be submitted to *Criminology and Criminal Justice* by Autumn 2018
- Skinns, L., Sprawson, A. and Wooff, A. (in progress) "My best day will be my last day!": Assessing the value of appreciative inquiry for police studies', to be submitted to *Policing and Society* by December 2017.
- Skinns, L. and Wooff, A. (in progress) 'The pains of police detention': Reconfiguring Sykes for the 21st century, to be submitted to the *British Journal of Criminology* by December 2017.
- Skinns, L. (in progress) 'Researching inside police custody suites in the Anglo-American world: 'Getting in', 'getting on', 'getting your hands dirty' and 'getting out'', to be submitted to the *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*.
- Skinns, L., Bacon, M., and Shapland, J. (in progress) 'Introduction to the working with the police on policing special issue', *European Journal of Policing Studies*.
- Greene, A. and Skinns, L. (Under review) 'Different ways of acting and different ways of knowing? The cultures of police-academic partnerships in a multi-site and multi-force study', under review by the *European Journal of Policing Studies*

- Wooff, A. and Skinns, L. (2017) 'The role of emotion, space and place in police custody in England: Towards a geography of police custody', *Punishment and Society*. DOI: 10.1177/1462474517722176
- Skinns, L., Rice, L., Sprawson, A. and Wooff, A. (2017) Police legitimacy in context: An exploration of 'soft power' in police custody in England, *Policing: An international Journal of Police Strategies and Management*. DOI: 10.1108/PIJPSM-06-2016-0077
- Skinns, L., Sprawson, A., Sorsby, A., Smith, R. and Wooff, A. (2017) Police custody delivery in the twenty-first century in England and Wales: Current arrangements and their implications for patterns of policing, *European Journal of Policing Studies*, 4 (3), 325-349.
- Skinns, L. (2015) Country update: Policing in England and Wales, *European Journal of Policing Studies* 3 (1), 98-101
- Skinns, L., Wooff, A. and Sprawson, A. (2015) 'Preliminary findings on police custody delivery in the 21st century: Is it "good" enough?' *Policing and Society*, 27(4), 358-371.
- Skinns, L. (2014) Country update: Policing in England and Wales, *European Journal of Policing Studies*, 1 (4)
- Skinns, L. (2012) 'The role of the law in policing', *Journal of Police Studies*, 2012/4, no. 25.
- Clayman, S. and Skinns, L. (2012) 'To snitch or not to snitch? An exploratory study of the factors affecting active youth co-operation with the police', *Policing and Society*, 22 (2), 1-21.
- Skinns, L. (2011) 'Legal advice in the police station: past, present and future', *Criminal Law Review*, 1, 19-39.
- Skinns, L. (2010) 'Stop the clock': predictors of detention without charge in police custody areas, *Criminology and Criminal Justice*, 10 (3), 303-320.
- Pattenden, R. and Skinns, L. (2010) Choice, privacy and publicly funded legal advice at the police station, *Modern Law Review*, 73 (3), 349-70.
- Skinns, L. (2009b) 'I'm a detainee get me out of here': predictors of access to custodial legal advice in public and privatized police custody areas, *British Journal of Criminology*, 49 (3): 399-417.
- Skinns, L. (2009a) 'Lets' get it over with': early findings on the factors affecting detainees' access to custodial legal advice, *Policing and Society*, 19 (1): 58-78.
- Skinns, L. (2008) A prominent participant? The role of the state in police partnerships, *Policing and Society*, 18 (3), 311-321.
- Skinns, L. (2008) 'The future of police custody', *Criminal Justice Matters*
- Skinns, L. (2006) Flotilla or armada? Interpreting the practices and politics of three Community Safety Partnerships, *Crime Prevention and Community Safety* 8, 169-187.
- Skinns, L. (2003) 'Responsibility or rhetoric: Responsibility, Rhetoric and Reality: Practitioners' Views on Their Responsibility for Crime and Disorder in the Community Safety Partnerships', *Selected papers from the 2003 British Criminology Conference, Bangor in June 2003*, Vol. 6, <http://www.britsoccrim.org/v6.htm>

BOOKS

- Skinns, L., Welsh, L. and Sanders, A. (2019) *Criminal Justice*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Skinns, L. (forthcoming in 2018) *Police powers and citizens' rights: discretionary decision-making in police detention in the Anglo-American world*. London: Routledge. The proposal for this book was positively reviewed, being described by one anonymous reviewer as potentially a "landmark" publication.
- Devroe, E., Ponsaers, P., Lodewijk, G. M., Greene, J., Skinns, L., Bisschop, L., Verhage, A. and Bacon, M. (eds.) (2012) *Tides and currents in police theories*. Journal of Police Studies, 2012/4, nr. 25. Antwerp: Maklu.
- Skinns, L. (2011) *Police custody: governance, legitimacy and reform in the criminal justice process*. Cullompton: Willan. In a recent book review, Robert Reiner says that this book "makes a significant contribution to policing research and reform" and he describes it as "a must-read for students and researchers of policing, giving a comprehensive ethnographically rooted analysis of a key aspect of police powers" (Reiner, 2012: 613). Whilst

David Dixon says “[t]his book should be read by anyone with a serious interest in policing. It should be taken by new researchers as a strong indication of both the possibility and importance of intensive research on policing practices inside police stations” (Dixon, 2012: 279).

Skinns, L., Scott, M.C. and Cox, R.A. (eds.) (2011) *Risk*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Skinns, L., Wooff, A. and Sprawson, A. (2016) The ethics of conducting research on the police: dilemmas and new directions. In D. Martin and S. Tong (eds.) *Researching Policing: taking lessons from practice*. London: Routledge.

Skinns, L. (2014) ‘The police in England: an institution in crisis?’, in D. Richards et al. (eds.) *Institutional crisis in 21st century Britain*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Du Rose, N. and Skinns, L. (2013) Challenging the punitive turn in criminal justice through restorative approaches in schools? In E. Sellman, H. Cremin and G. McCluskey (eds.) *When Restorative Justice and Education meet*. London: Routledge.

Skinns, L., Scott, M. and Cox, T. (2011) ‘Risk: an introduction’, in T. Cox, M. Scott and L. Skinns (eds.) *Risk*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Skinns, L. with Bacon, M.J. (2010) ‘Police and Policing in Cities in England and Wales’, in M. Cools, S. De Kimpe, A. Dormaels, M. Easton, E. Enhus, P. Ponsaers, G. Vande Walle and A. Verhage (eds.) *Police, Policing, Policy and the City in Europe*. The Hague: Eleven International Publishing.

Turnbull, P. and Skinns, L. (2010) Drug Intervention Programme, in A. Hucklesby and E. Wincup (eds.) *Drug Interventions in Criminal Justice*, Milton Keynes: Open University Press.

Gelsthorpe, L. with Skinns, L. (2006) ‘Restorative Practices: Repairing Harm through Kith and Kin’, in F. Ebtehaj, B. Lindley and M. Richards (eds.) *Kinship Matters*, Oxford: Hart Publishing.

BOOK REVIEWS

Skinns, L. and Sprawson, A. (2016) Book Review: Just authority? Public Trust and Police Legitimacy, *Policing and Society*, 26 (1), 120-127.

Skinns, L. (2014) Book Review: Inside Police Custody: An Empirical Account of Suspects’ Rights in Four Jurisdictions. *Criminal Law Review*, 8, 2014, 625-629

Skinns, L. (2008) Book Review: ‘Community Safety’ by P. Squires (ed.), *British Journal of Criminology*, 48 (4), 577-580.

Skinns, L. (2007) Book Review: ‘Trust in the Law’ by T. Tyler and Y.J. Huo’, *Criminal Justice Review*, 32 (4), 456-457.

Skinns, L. (2006) Book Review: ‘Making People Behave: Anti-social behaviour, politics and policy by E. Burney’, *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*, 45 (5), 554.

POLICY REPORTS

Bacon, M., Shapland, J., Skinns, L. and White, A. (forthcoming in 2018) *Police academic collaborations in a global context: Summary report*, Leeds: N8 Policing Research Partnership.

Bacon, M., Shapland, J., Skinns, L. and White, A. (forthcoming in 2018) *Police academic collaborations in a global context: Full report*, Leeds: N8 Policing Research Partnership.

Skinns, L., Rice, L. and Sprawson, A. (2016) *Key dimensions of police custody: an unpublished report from Phase 2 of the ‘good’ police custody study*.

Skinns, L., Rice, L. and Sprawson, A. (2016) *Key dimensions of police custody: summary report, based on an unpublished report from Phase 2 of the ‘good’ police custody study*.

Sprawson, A., Skinns, L. and Wooff, A. (2015) *Police custody provision in England and Wales in 2014: an unpublished report from Phase 1 of the ‘good’ police custody study*.

Loftus, B. and Skinns, L. (2014) *Policing Partnerships: Evidence Review*. University of Leeds: N8 Policing Research Partnership.

Skinns, L. (2011) *The overnight detention of children in police cells: Summary*, London: Howard League.

Skinns, L. (2011) *The overnight detention of children in police cells: Full Report*, London: Howard League.

Skinns, L. (2011) *Comparative perspectives on police detention*, unpublished end of award report for the British Academy.

Skinns, L. (2011) *Key findings on police custody*, unpublished report for the Metropolitan Police Service.

Skinns, L. Du Rose, N. and Hough, M. (2009) *Final Report: An evaluation of Bristol's 'Restorative Approaches in Schools' programme*, London: ICPR, [online], available at http://www.restorativesolutions.org.uk/b_RAiS_Home.htm

Skinns, L. (2007) *Co-operation or contest? Inter-agency relationships in police custody areas*, unpublished end of award report for the ESRC.

ICPR (2007) *National Evaluation of the Criminal Justice Integrated Teams*, Unpublished report to the Home Office.

Archer, D., Skinns, L. and Longstaff, E. (2002) *Promising prevention: A review of promising and effective approaches to preventing offending by young people*, London: NACRO CSP

Gray, P. and Skinns, L. (2001) *Evaluation of the Camberwell Peer Research Project: Young people's experience of peer research*, Manchester: NACRO CSP.

INVITED TALKS (CHRONOLOGICAL)

'Good' practice benchmarks from the 'good' police custody study (with Angela Sorsby) National Custody Forum hosted by the University of Sheffield	May 2018
Police powers and Citizen's Rights, title tbc Opening Address/Plenary, British Society of Criminology Yorkshire and Humber Branch, Leeds	Spring 2018
The conditions of police custody and their effects (with Angela Sorsby) Police Custody Standards Board, MOJ	April 2018
The 'pains of police detention': towards an understanding of the pains of confinement Centre for Criminal Justice, School of Law, University of Warwick	January 2018
Phase 3 of the 'good' police custody study: findings update (with Angela Sorsby) National Custody Forum hosted by the University of Sheffield	10-11 October 2017
The pains of police detention Staff development day on police custody inspections, HMIP	25 September 2017
Early findings from the 'good' police custody study Phase 3 survey (with Angela Sorsby) National Custody Forum hosted by Warwick University	16 May 2017
Making a difference to detainees Independent Custody Visitors (Eastern Region), Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge	24 January 2017
Legitimacy in police custody National Custody Forum hosted by Loughborough University	19 October 2016
When academia and police custody meet: the practical and cultural challenges of police-academic partnerships International Conference, 'working with the police on policing' hosted by the University of Sheffield and funded by the N8 PRP.	12-14 October 2016
A workforce for the 'good'? Civilianization, privatization and its implications for 'good' police custody (with Lindsey Rice) Workforce for the Future hosted by Leeds University, funded by the N8 PRP	8 June 2016
Opening remarks Sheffield University Policing Research Group, inaugural launch event, School of Law, University of Sheffield	29 October 2014
'The 'good' police custody study: early findings' (with Andrew Wooff) National Custody Seminar organised by the Police Federation's Sergeants' Central Committee, Stoke-on-Trent.	23-24 September 2014
'Preliminary findings on 'good' police custody' (with Amy Sprawson) Meeting of the National Custody Forum affiliated with the Police Federation's Sergeants' Central Committee, Harrogate.	16 July 2014

'Police custody delivery in the 21 st century: is it 'good enough'? (with Amy Sprawson and Andrew Wooff) International Conference on Access to Justice, School of Law, UCL, London.	19-20 June 2014
'Good' police custody: early reflections' Thinking Aloud, School of Law, University of Sheffield, Sheffield.	11 June 2014
'Evidence-based policing' Sheffield University Policing Research Group, inaugural 'working lunch', South Yorkshire Police HQ, Sheffield.	10 June 2014
'Policing Partnerships Workshop Event' (co-organiser and co-chair) N8 Policing Research Partnership workshop series, University of Manchester.	26 February 2014
'Police Custody: key findings' Kendal U3A Group.	9 December 2013
'Police custody: plus ca change?' Innocence Network UK Annual Conference, School of Law, University of Sheffield, Sheffield.	1 November 2013
'The crisis in policing in England and Wales' Conference on 'UK Institutions, crisis and response', Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, Sheffield.	29 June 2012
'The role of the law in policing' 'Tides and currents in police theories', conference convened by the Flemish Centre for Police Studies and the Dutch Foundation for Society, Security and Police, Astene, Belgium.	12-13 December 2012
'Conducting (comparative) research on police custody: some notes from the field' Criminal Justice Centre, School of Law, Warwick University, 23 November 2011.	23 November 2011
'Plural policing and police custody' Capita conference on 'Preventing deaths in police care', London.	19 October 2011
'Plural policing and police custody' Meeting of the National Custody Forum affiliated with the Police Federation's Sergeants' Central Committee, Wymondham.	22-23 July 2011
Invited discussant of two papers Stop and Search workshop, organized by Prof. Ben Bowling and Dr Leanne Weber, School of Law, King's College London, London, University of Sheffield, Sheffield.	7-8 July 2011
'Key findings on police custody' Feedback to the Metropolitan Police Service, London.	17 June 2011
'Plural policing and police custody' Centre for Criminological Research public seminar, University of Sheffield, Sheffield.	14 December 2010
'Legal advice in the police station: past, present and future' Centre for Criminal Law, University College London, London.	1 November 2010
'Police and policing in England and Wales' ESC pre-conference on policing at the University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium.	4 September 2010
Co-organiser of the inter-disciplinary Darwin Lecture Series 2010 on Risk (with Dr Michael C Scott) This involved inviting eight high-profile speakers to talk about 'risk'.	January 2008-March 2010
'Plural policing and police custody' Institute of Criminology, University College Dublin, Dublin.	October 2009
'Plural policing and police custody' Law Faculty, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.	August 2009
'I'm a detainee get me out of here: legal advice and the law' The University of Cambridge's Socio-legal seminar series, Institute of Criminology, Cambridge.	26 November 2008

'Multi-agency crime prevention partnerships'

February 2008

A seminar series on 'policing the community' in honour of the Archbishop of York,
Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, Cambridge

PROFESSIONAL STANDING

EXTERNAL

Member of the Editorial Board
British Journal of Criminology

August 2017-August 2022

Invited expert

July 2017-January 2018

Police Custody Standards Board, Ministry of Justice

It will review the design standards for police custody suites, drawing on academic evidence

Invited expert

June 2017-present

National Custody Forum working group on police custody training (legitimacy)

It will review current training for staff in police custody suites

Invited expert

October 2015 - 2016

Care Quality Commission police custody suite stakeholder group

Reviews how healthcare providers in police custody suites will be inspected by the CQC

Invited expert

June 2014-April 2015

Expert reference group for an HMIP/HMIC thematic inspection requested by the Home Secretary
on 'vulnerable people in police custody'.

Invited expert

March 2014 – January 2016

HMIP/HMIC Police custody stakeholder group

Reviews the police custody expectations used in HMIP/HMIC inspections

Chair of Sheffield University Policing Research Group

February 2014 – December 2014

This is a new research partnership with South Yorkshire Police, which set up with Dr Matthew Bacon.

Key representative from Sheffield University

July 2013 - present

N8 Policing Research Partnership, which is a regional research partnership between the eight most research intensive
Universities of the North and their respective police forces.

Member of the ESRC Peer Review College

July 2013 - present

I have reviewed six applications, to date.

Member of the steering group and also prize co-ordinator (-9/2013), Policing Network, British Society of Criminology

June 2013 - present

I was instrumental in awarding prizes and securing prize-money for the first time in 2014.

Regional editor and reviewer

February 2012 - present

European Journal of Policing Studies.

International Advisory Board Member

May 2011 - present

Journal of Police Studies.

INTERNAL

Member of the University of Sheffield, Researcher Mentoring Scheme

March 2017-present

I have had one mentee to date.

Member of the Faculty of Social Science Peer Review College, University of Sheffield.

July 2013 - present

I have reviewed three applications, to date.

Co-ordinator of the Centre for Criminological Research's Visiting Fellow Scheme, University of Sheffield.

June 2013 – December 2014

I have re-developed it and secured a bursary to be awarded for the first time in 2014.

Selected for the Futures Mentoring Programme 2013-14, University of Sheffield

January 2014-December 2014

It encourages senior female academics into leadership and governance roles within the University of Sheffield.

I was mentored by Professor Mike Hounslow, Pro Vice Chancellor for Engineering.