Professor Ben Crewe

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Qualifications

BA (Hons) Social & Political Sciences (Double first class), University of Cambridge (1993-96)

MSc Sociology (Distinction), London School of Economics & Political Science (1996-7)

PhD Sociology (ESRC Studentship), University of Essex (awarded November 2001)

Professional History

2019 – Professor of Penology and Criminal Justice, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge; Deputy Director, Prisons Research Centre

2015-2019 - Reader in Penology, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge

2011- 2018: Deputy Director, Prisons Research Centre and Course Director M.St. Applied Criminology, Penology and Management, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge

2005-2011: Senior Research Associate, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, and Affiliate Lecturer, Faculty of Law

2001-2004: Research Associate and Nuffield Foundation New Career Development Fellow in the Social Sciences, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge

Funding History

- Long-term imprisonment from young adulthood: a longitudinal follow-up Economic and Social Research Council (March 2020 – Aug 2022) £682,054
- Long-term imprisonment from young adulthood: a longitudinal follow-up Isaac Newton Trust £20,011 (September 2022-March 2023)
 Principal Investigator
- Penal policymaking and the prisoner experience: a comparative analysis
 European Research Council (Sept 2015 Aug 2020)
 €1,964,943
- The role of the governing governor
 National Offender Management Service
 £12,500 (January 2014 December 2014)
 Co-investigator (with Professor Alison Liebling)
- Experiencing very long term imprisonment from young adulthood: identity, adaptation and penal legitimacy

Economic and Social Research Council £248,000 (July 2012 – November 2014)

Principal Investigator

• Experiencing very long term imprisonment from young adulthood: identity, adaptation and penal legitimacy

Isaac Newton Trust

£70,811 (July 2014-June 2015)

Principal Investigator

Values, Practices and Outcomes in Public and Private Corrections
 Economic and Social Research Council
 £397,000 (2007-2009)
 Co-investigator (with Alison Liebling) - rated: Good

Named salary funding

Prison Service of England & Wales, via Prisons Research Centre core funding, £121,000 in salary support (2005-2007)

- A New Society of Captives: Masculinity and Modern Penal Culture
 Nuffield Foundation New Career Development Fellowship in the Social Sciences £99,500 + follow-on funding of £15,000 (2001-2005)
 Principal Investigator (with Alison Liebling as fellowship mentor)
- PhD studentship
 Economic and Social Research Council (1997-2000)

Selected Publications

Research monographs and edited collections

Crewe, B. (in progress) *Deep-end confinement: Life in the Close Supervision Centres.* London: Palgrave Macmillan

Crewe, B., Goldsmith, A. and Halsey, M. (eds.) (2022) *Power and Pain in the Modern Prison: Revisiting the Society of Captives*. Oxford: OUP, Clarendon.

Crewe, B., Hulley, S. and Wright, S. (2020) *Life Imprisonment from Young Adulthood: Adaptation, Identity and Time.* London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Jewkes, Y., Bennett, J. and Crewe, B. (eds.) (2016) *The Handbook on Prisons*. London: Routledge.

Crewe, B. and Bennett, J. (eds.) (2012) The Prisoner. London: Routledge.

Crewe, B. (2009) *The Prisoner Society: Power, Adaptation and Social Life in an English Prison*. Oxford: OUP, Clarendon.

Bennett, J., Crewe, B. and Wahidin, A. (eds.) (2008) *Understanding Prison Staff*. Cullompton. Willan.

Crewe, B (2003) *Representing Men: Cultural Production and Producers in the Men's Magazine Market.* Oxford: Berg

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Crewe, B. and Laursen, J. (in progress) 'Soft resistance in prisons'

- Crewe, B. (under review) 'Sedative coping, contextual maturity and institutionalisation among prisoners serving life sentences in England & Wales', *British Journal of Criminology*
- Crewe, B., Mjåland, K. and Laursen, J. (2023) 'Comparing deep-end confinement in England & Wales and Norway' *Criminology*, 61(2) 204-233.
- Crewe, B., Schliehe, A. and Przybylska, D. (2022) "It causes a lot of problems": relational ambiguities and dynamics between prisoners and staff in a women's prison'- *European Journal of Criminology*, 20(3), 925–946.
- **Crewe, B.** Durand, C., Veaudor, M. and Icard, V.(2022) "Penal Power, Then, Exercises a Grip That Has Become Tighter and More Demanding, Even if in Many Respects its Form Has Softened": Interview With Ben Crewe, conducted by Corentin Durand, Manon Veaudor and Valérie Icard. *Champ Pénal/Penal Field*. 25 I 2022
- Auty, K., Liebling, A., Schliehe, A. and **Crewe, B**. (2022) 'What is trauma-informed practice? Towards operationalisation of the concept in two prisons for women', *Criminology & Criminal Justice* doi:10.1177/17488958221094980
- Crewe, B., Ievins, A. Larmour, S. Laursen, J. Mjåland, K. and Schliehe, A. (2022) 'Nordic penal exceptionalism: a comparative, empirical analysis' *British Journal of Criminology* azac013, https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azac013
- Rennie, A. and Crewe, B. (2022) 'Tightness', autonomy and release: The anticipated pains of release and life licencing *British Journal of Criminology* https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azac008
- Wright, S., Hulley, S. and **Crewe, B.** (2022) 'Trajectories of hope and fatalism in the late stage of a life sentence' *Theoretical Criminology* https://doi.org/10.1177%2F13624806211067770
- Schliehe, A. and **Crewe, B**. (2021) 'Top-bunk, bottom-bunk: the experience of cell-sharing in prisons' *British Journal of Criminology*, 62(2), 484-500. https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azab053
- **Crewe, B.** and Ievins, A. (2021) 'Tightness, recognition and penal power', *Punishment & Society https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1462474520928115* 23(1) 47–68
- Schliehe, A., Laursen, J. and Crewe, B. (2021) 'Loneliness in prison', *European Journal of Criminology*. https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1477370820988836
- Ricciardelli, R., Bucerius, S., Tetrault, J., **Crewe, B.**, and Pyrooz, D.. (2021, forthcoming). Correctional Services During and Beyond COVID-19. Policy Brief, Royal Society of Canada, *Facets*. 8 April 2021 https://doi.org/10.1139/facets-2021-0023
- Crewe, B. (2020) 'The depth of imprisonment', Punishment & Society 23(3) 335-354
- Bickers, I., **Crewe, B.**, and Mitchell, R. (2020) 'Offender Supervision, Prisoners and Procedural Justice', *The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice* 58(4) 477-495
- Laursen, J., Mjaland, K. and **Crewe, B**. (2019) "It's like a sentence before the sentence"—exploring the pains and possibilities of waiting for imprisonment', *British Journal of Criminology*, 60(2), 363-381

- Hulley, S., Crewe, B. and Wright, S. (2019) Making sense of 'Joint Enterprise' for murder: legal legitimacy or instrumental acquiescence? *British Journal of Criminology*, 59(6), 1328-1346
- Crewe, B. and Ievins, A. (2019) 'The prison as a reinventive institution', *Theoretical Criminology*, https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1362480619841900
- Liebling, A., Laws, B., Lieber, E., Auty, K., Schmidt, B., Crewe, B., Gardom, J., Kant, D. and Morey, M. (2019) 'Are Hope and Possibility Achievable in Prison?' *The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*, DOI: 10.1111/hojo.12303
- Crewe, B., Hulley, S. and Wright, S. (2017) 'The gendered pains of long-term imprisonment', *British Journal of Criminology*. 57(6), 1359-1378
- Wright, S., **Crewe, B.** and Hulley, S. (2017) 'Suppression, denial, sublimation: early adaptations to long-term imprisonment' *Theoretical Criminology*, 21(2), 225-246, doi: 10.1177/1362480616643581
- Crewe, B., Hulley, S. and Wright, S. (2016) 'Swimming with the tide: adapting to long-term imprisonment', *Justice Quarterly*. 34(3), 517-541. doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2016.1190394
- Laws, B. and Crewe, B. (2016) 'Emotion regulation among male prisoners' *Theoretical Criminology*, 20: 529-547, doi: 10.1177/1362480615622532
- Hulley, S., Crewe, B. and Wright, S. (2016) 'Re-examining the problems of long-term imprisonment', *British Journal of Criminology*, 56 (4): 769-792.
- Crewe, B. and Liebling, A. (2015) 'Governing governors', Prison Service Journal 222, 3-10
- **Crewe, B.** and Liebling, A. (2015) 'Staff culture, authority and prison violence', *Prison Service Journal*, September, 221, 9-14
- Ievins, A. and Crewe, B. (2015) 'Nobody's better than you, nobody's worse than you': Social relationships among prisoners convicted of sex offences' *Punishment and Society*, 17: 482-501
- **Crewe, B.** (2015) 'Inside the belly of the beast: understanding and conceptualising the experience of imprisonment', *The International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy* 4(1), 50-65
- Crewe, B., Liebling, A., Padfield, N. and Virgo, G. (2015) 'Joint Enterprise: the implications of an unfair and unclear law', *Criminal Law Review* Issue 4, 252-269
- **Crewe, B.**, Liebling, A., and Hulley, S. (2014) 'Staff-prisoner relationships, staff professionalism and the use of authority in public and private sector prisons', *Law and Social Inquiry*, 40(2), 309-344.
- **Crewe, B.**, Liebling, A. and Hulley, S. (2014) 'Heavy-light, absent-present: Re-thinking the 'weight' of imprisonment', *British Journal of Sociology* 65 (3), p387-410
- **Crewe, B.** (2014) 'Not looking hard enough: masculinity, emotion and prison research', *Qualitative Inquiry*, April 2014, 20(4), 426-437

Crewe, B., Bennett, P., Smith, A. and Warr, J. (2014) 'The emotional geography of prison life', *Theoretical Criminology* 18(1), 1 56-74

Hulley, S., Liebling, A. and **Crewe, B.** (2012) 'Respect in prisons: Prisoners' experiences of respect in public and private sector prisons' *Criminology and Criminal Justice* February 2012 12: 3-23

Crewe, B. (2011) 'Depth, weight, tightness: Revisiting the pains of imprisonment', *Punishment and Society*, 13(5) 509-529.

Crewe, B. (2011) 'Soft power in prison: Implications for staff-prisoner relationships, liberty and legitimacy', *European Journal of Criminology* 8(6) 455-468

Crewe, B, Liebling, A. and Hulley. S. (2011) 'Staff culture, the use of authority, and prisoner outcomes in public and private prisons' *Australia and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*. 44(1): 94-115.

Liebling, A., Crewe, B. and Hulley, S. (2011) 'Values and practices in public and private sector prisons: A summary of key findings from an evaluation', *Prison Service Journal*, 196, 55-58.

Crewe, B. (2007) 'Power, Adaptation and Resistance in a Late-Modern Men's Prison', *British Journal of Criminology* 47(2) (March), 256-275

Crewe, B. (2006) 'The Orientations of Male Prisoners towards Female Officers in an English Prison' *Punishment and Society* 8(4), 395-421

Crewe, B (2006) 'Prison Drug Dealing and the Ethnographic Lens', *The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*, 45(4), 347-368

Crewe, B. (2005) 'The Prisoner Society in the Era of Hard Drugs', *Punishment and Society*, 7(4): 457-481

Crewe, B (2004) 'The Drugs Economy and the Prisoner Society', Prison Service Journal 156, 9-14. (reproduced in Jewkes, Y. and Johnston, H. (eds.) *Prison Readings* (2006) Cullompton: Willan)

Nixon, S. and Crewe, B. (2004) 'Pleasure at Work? Gender, Consumption and Work-based Identities in the Creative Industries', *Consumption, Markets and Culture* 7(2), June 2004.

Book chapters and miscellaneous publications

Crewe, B. and Liebling, A. (in press) 'Reconfiguring penal power', . Liebling, S. Maruna, S. and L. McAra (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology*. Oxford: OUP.

Wright, S., Hulley, S. and Crewe, B. (2021) 'The pains of imprisonment for life in late adolescence and emerging adulthood', in Abrams, L. and Cox, A. (eds) *Handbook on Young People and imprisonment*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Crewe, B. (2020) 'Afterword', in Turner, J. and Knight, V. (eds.) *The Cell*. London: Palgrave, Macmillan.

Crewe, B., Hulley, S. and Wright, S (2019) 'What should happen to people who commit murder', in Fox, A. and Frater, A. (eds.) *Crime and Consequence*, 281-287

- **Crewe, B.** (2018) 'Process and insight in prison ethnography', in Rice, S. and Maltz, M. (eds.) *Doing Ethnography in Criminology: Discovery through Fieldwork.* New York: Springer International Publishing. 83-89.
- **Crewe, B.** and Laws, B. (2018) 'Subcultural adaptations to imprisonment', in J. Wooldredge and P. Smith (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Prisons and Imprisonment*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- **Crewe, B.** and Liebling, A. (2018) 'Quality, professionalism, and the distribution of power in public and private sector prisons', in Hucklesby, A. and Lister, S. (eds) *The Private Sector and Criminal Justice*
- Morey, M. and **Crewe, B**. (2018) 'Work, intimacy and prisoner masculinities', in Maycock, M and Hunt, K (eds.) (2017) *New Perspectives on Prison Masculinities*. London: Palgrave Macmillan
- **Crewe, B.** and Liebling, A. (2017) 'Reconfiguring penal power', in A. Liebling, S. Maruna, S. and L. McAra (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology*. Oxford: OUP.
- Liebling, A. and **Crewe, B**. (2016) 'Why moral values matter', in van Eijk, R. and de Wit, T. (eds.) For Justice and Mercy: International Reflections on Prison Chaplaincy. Oiserwijk: Wolf Legal Publishers.
- Liebling, A., Schmidt, B., **Crewe, B.**, Auty, K., Armstrong, R., Akoensi, T., Kant, D., Ludlow, A. And Ievins, A. (2015) 'Birmingham prison: the transition from public to private sector and its impact on staff and prisoner quality of life a three year study', National Offender Management Service analytic summary. www.gov.uk
- **Crewe, B.** and Ievins, A (2015) 'Closeness, distance and honesty in prison research', in D. Drake, R. Earle, and J. Sloan (eds) *The International Handbook of Prison Ethnography*. London: Palgrave, 124-142
- Liebling, A. and Crewe, B. (2014) 'Staff-prisoner relationships, moral performance, and privatisation', in McNeill, F. and Durnescu, I. (eds) *Understanding Penal Practices*
- Armstrong, R., Gelsthorpe, L. and Crewe, B. (2014) 'From paper ethics to real world research: supervising ethical reflexivity in when taking risks in research with 'the risky'', in K. Lumsden, and A. Winter (eds) *Reflexivity in Criminological Research Experiences with the Powerful and Powerless*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, Macmillan.
- **Crewe, B.** (2013) 'Writing and reading a prison: making use of prisoner life stories', *Criminal Justice Matters*.
- **Crewe, B.** (2013) 'Compliance and resistance in prisons', in Raynor, P. and Ugwudike, P. (eds.) *What Works in Offender Compliance? International Perspectives and Evidence-Based Practice*, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan.
- Liebling, A. and Crewe, B. (2012) 'Prisons beyond the new penology: the shifting moral foundations of prison management', in J. Simon and R. Sparks (eds.) *Handbook of Punishment and Society*. London: Sage.
- Liebling, A. and **Crewe, B**. (2012) 'Prison life, penal power, and prison effects', in M. Maguire, R. Morgan, and R. Reiner (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology*. Oxford: OUP.

Crewe, B. and Bennett, J. (2012) 'Introduction', in Crewe, B. and Bennett, J. (eds.) *The Prisoner*. London: Routledge.

Crewe, B. (2012) 'Prison Culture and The Prisoner Society, in Crewe, B. and Bennett, J. (eds.) *The Prisoner*. London: Routledge

Crewe, B. and Liebling, A. (2012) 'Insider views of private sector competition', in Helyar-Cardwell, V. (eds.) *Delivering Justice: The role of the public, private and voluntary sectors in the prison system.* Criminal Justice Alliance publications.

Liebling, A. and **Crewe**, **B**. (2012) 'Values, Practices and Outcomes in Public and Private Sector Prisons', in Helyar-Cardwell, V. (eds.) *Delivering Justice: The role of the public, private and voluntary sectors in the prison system*. Criminal Justice Alliance publications.

Liebling, A., Hulley, S. and Crewe, B. (2011), 'Conceptualising and Measuring the Quality of Prison Life', in Gadd, D., Karstedt, S. and Messner, S. (eds.) *The Sage Handbook of Criminological Research Methods*. London: Sage.

Crewe, B. and Liebling, A. (2011) 'Are liberal humanitarian penal values and practices exceptional?', in Ugelvik, T. And Dullum, J. (eds.) *Penal Exceptionalism?*: *Nordic Prison Policy and Practice*. Cullompton: Willan.

Crewe, B. (2009) 'Gresham Sykes', in Hayward, K., Maruna, S. and Mooney, J. (eds.) *Fifty Key Thinkers in Criminology*. London: Routledge.

Crewe, B. (2008) 'Concluding comments on the social world of prison staff', in Bennett, J., Crewe, B. and Wahidin, J. (eds.) *Understanding Prison Staff*. Cullompton: Willan.

Crewe, B. (2007) 'The Sociology of Prisons', in Jewkes, Y. (ed.) *The Handbook of Prisons*. Cullompton: Willan.

Crewe, B. (2007) entries for 'social relations and hierarchy', 'The inmate code', 'argot' (with Tomer Einat), 'deprivations of imprisonment' (with Deborah Drake) and 'solidarity' (with Deborah Drake) for *The Dictionary of Prisons*, Bennett, J. and Jewkes, Y. (eds.) Cullompton: Willan.

Crewe, B. and Maruna, S. (2006) 'Self-Narratives and Ethnographic Fieldwork', in Hobbs, D. and Wright, R. (eds.) *The Handbook of Fieldwork*. Sage.

Crewe, B. (2005) 'Codes and Conventions: The Terms and Conditions of Contemporary Inmate Values', in Liebling, A. and Maruna, S. *The Effects of Imprisonment*. Cullompton: Willan.

Crewe, B. (2003) 'Class, Masculinity and Editorial Identity in the Reformation of the UK Men's Press', in B. Benwell (ed.) *Masculinity and Men's Lifestyle Magazines*. Sociological Review Monographs.

Crewe, B. (2001) 'Consuming Men – Producing Loaded', in S. Miles, A. Anderson and K. Meethan (eds.) *The Changing Consumer: Markets and Meanings*. London: Routledge.

Official and unpublished reports

- Ricciardelli, R., Bucerius, S., Tetrault, J., Crewe, B., and Pyrooz, D. (2021, January). Policy Brief: Correctional Services During and Beyond COVID-19. Policy Brief, Royal Society of Canada, Ottawa, ON, 41 pages
- Crewe, B., Hulley, S. and Wright, S. (2019) 'Long-term imprisonment from young adulthood', National Offender Management Service analytic summary. www.gov.uk
- Lead author on reports on 'Measuring the Quality of Prison Life' research exercises in HMP Humber, HMP Brinsford, HMP Rochester, HMP Wakefield and HMP Highpoint

Professional & editorial responsibilities

- Launch editor and editor-in-chief, *Incarceration: An international journal of imprisonment, detention and coercive confinement*, Sage.
- Editorial Board Member, British Journal of Criminology, 2011-2018
- Editorial Board member, Law and Social Inquiry, 2015-2018
- International Associate Editors Board member, Punishment and Society, 2007- present
- International Advisory Editorial Board, *Theoretical Criminology*, 2018-present
- Editorial Board Member, Prison Service Journal, 2004-2022
- Perrie Lectures Committee Member, 2007-2022
- Launch co-editor (with Professor Yvonne Jewkes and Dr Thomas Ugelvik), *Palgrave Series in Prisons and Penology*
- Editorial board member, *Palgrave Communications*, 2013-2015
- Editorial board member, Emerald Advances in Masculinities
- External Examiner (2012-2015), MSc Criminology courses, University of Leicester
- Trustee of the Prison Reform Trust, 2017-present
- Chair of the Prison Reform Trust advisory group for work on prisoner engagement (2018-present)
- Member, HMPPS Advisory Panel for the Young Offender Long Sentenced Prisoner Commission, 2018-present
- Member, HMPPS 'use of force' advisory group
- Member of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) Long-term and highsecurity Rehabilitative Culture working party (2016-2018)
- Member of HMPPS Close Supervision System Advisory Panel (2017-present)
- Member of HMPPS Separation Centres Advisory Panel (2017-present)

- Member of the Howard League for Penal Reform Research Advisory Group
- Co-Editor, Special Issue *Punishment and Society*, on 'The pains of imprisonment' (vol. 13, no. 5, Dec 2011)
- Peer reviewer for journals including *Punishment and Society, Theoretical Criminology, The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Field Methods, Symbolic Interaction, Journal of Children's Services, Health Education and Criminal Justice Review;* manuscript assessor for Oxford University Press, Palgrave and Willan publishing.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

- Conference on long-term and life imprisonment, University of Cambridge, June 2023
- Symposium on Comparative Penology, University of Strathclyde, September 2022
- International conference on 'The Society of Captives today', University of Leicester, June 2018 co-organiser (105 attendees, from countries including the US, Canada, Argentina, China, and many other jurisdictions)
- Symposium on 'deep-end imprisonment', Institute of Criminology, January 2018 lead organiser (13 attendees)
- International conference on 'Comparative Penology and Nordic Exceptionalism, Institute of Criminology, February 2018 lead organiser (60 attendees, from countries including Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, the US and Canada)

Miscellaneous professional activity

- Chair of ASC Sellin-Glueck award, 2023-24
- Panel member, HMPPS use of force advisory panel, 2020-
- Panel member, ESRC ADR UK probation and Criminal Justice assessments, 2022
- Panel member for the Howard League for Penal Reform John Sunley Prize, 2013
- Member, advisory group for Prison Reform Trust/ ICPR study of Joint Enterprise
- Member of Research advisory group, ESRC-funded 'Good police custody' study, PI: Dr Layla Skinns, University of Sheffield (2014-2017)
- Keynote contributor to Northern Ireland Prison Service Training Module on Prisons, Prison Management and Reducing Reoffending, Sept 2010
- Consultant for the Prison Service Standards Audit Unit for the development of questions about drug culture for the prison-wide Quality of Life survey, 2005, and for the 2009 revision of the Measuring the Quality of Prison Life survey.
- Consultant, ESRC-funded study of 'Ethnicity, Identity and Social Relations in Prison', principal investigator: Coretta Phillips.

- Mentor, Longford Trust Educational Scheme
- Inaugural member of the Howard League for Penal Reform Research Advisory Group 2010-2014
- Member of Research Advisory Group, ESRC-funded 'Ethnicity, identity and social relations in prison' study, PI: Dr Coretta Phillips, LSE (2006-2009)
- Verbal evidence the House of Commons Justice Committee, on Joint Enterprise sentencing
- Panel member for the Howard League for Penal Reform John Sunley Prize, 2013
- Consultant for the Prison Service Standards Audit Unit/ACA for the development of
 questions about drug culture for the prison-wide Quality of Life survey, 2005, and the 2009
 revision of the Measuring the Quality of Prison Life survey.
- Consultant, ESRC-funded study of 'Ethnicity, Identity and Social Relations in Prison', principal investigator: Coretta Phillips.
- Expert panel member, 'Prison-based drug treatment in the Nordic countries. Control and rehabilitation in welfare state institutions', investigators: Torsten Kolind & Vibeke Asmussen Frank

Invited presentations at international advanced schools, conferences and practitioner events

- Plenary speaker, Swiss Prison and Probation Service conference October 2023
- Invited speaker, Irish Prison Reform Trust, Feb 2022
- Invited speaker, ICPA, November 2020
- Plenary speaker, Nordic Punishment at a Crossroads conference, Oslo, March 2020
- Invited speaker, Scottish Prison Service, October 2018
- Keynote speaker, British Society of Criminology Conference, Birmingham, July 2018
- Plenary speaker, 'The Society of Captives today' conference, University of Leicester, June 2018
- Plenary panel contributor, International Corrections and Prisons Association research symposium ('What is good prison research?'), Prague, May 2018
- Invited panellist, British Society of Criminology Southern Branch meeting, LSE, May 2018
- Invited speaker, University of Leicester, March 2018
- Invited speaker, Royal Holloway, University of London, February 2018
- Invited speaker, University of Oslo, November 2017
- Invited speaker, Symposium on the work of Gresham Sykes, University of Cambridge, September 2017
- Invited speaker, High-Security and Long-Term Prisons Governors' awayday, July 2017
- Plenary speaker, Rethinking Prisons Research, University of Leicester, June 2017
- Invited speaker, Rehabilitative Culture, East of England Prison Governors, March 2017
- Plenary panel contributor, Carceral Geography conference, University of Birmingham, December 2016
- Invited speaker, Criminal Justice Sanctions, Finland, November 2016
- Invited speaker, University of Oxford, October 2016
- Plenary speaker, Butler Trust 'research into practice' event, September 2016
- Plenary speaker, 'Joint Enterprise after Jogee', Liverpool University, September 2016
- Plenary speaker, Butler Trust prison officer summer school, July 2016

- Plenary speaker, Crime and Control Ethnography conference, University of Birmingham, June 2016
- Invited speaker, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, May 2016
- Plenary speaker, Emotions in criminal justice conference, De Montford University, February 2016
- Plenary speaker, Scottish Prison Service conference, November 2015
- Invited speaker, NOMS violence reduction conference, October 2015
- Invited speaker, Butler Trust 30th anniversary event, September 2015
- Invited speaker, Prison Service governing governors forum, April 2015
- Invited speaker, University of Southampton, October 2014
- Invited speaker, University of Surrey, April 2013
- Invited speaker, Royal Holloway, University of London, March 2012
- Invited speaker, University of Westminster, March 2012
- Invited speaker, University of Sheffield, School of Law, February 2011
- Invited speaker, University of Kent, November 2010
- Invited speaker, University College Dublin, November 2010
- Invited speaker, Cambridge Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, June 2010
- Plenary speaker, 'A colloquium on prison narratives', University of Northampton, June 2010
- Invited speaker, Lancaster University, April 2010
- Plenary speaker, First International Conference on Prison Officers and Prison Culture, Örebro University, Sweden, May 2008
- Plenary speaker, England and Wales Prison Service 'Governing Governors Forum' on 'The pains of modern imprisonment', November 2007 (only non-practitioner invited to attend)
- Invited guest speaker, Oxford Centre for Criminological Research, March 2007
- Plenary speaker, Scandinavian Studies of Confinement Research Network meeting, Law Faculty, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, March 2007
- Invited speaker, 'The Progressive Prison? Historical Narratives, Contemporary Realities', ICCCR, Open University, UK, June 2007
- Invited guest speaker, School of Law, University of Edinburgh, December 2006
- Invited guest speaker, Department of Sociology, University of Essex, May 2005
- Plenary speaker, Perrie Lectures, July 2004, 'The drugs economy and the prisoner society'
- Invited speaker, 'The Effects of Imprisonment' conference, University of Cambridge, March 2004
- Plenary speaker, Category C Prisons conference, Coventry, 'Researching the new society of captives', March 2003