



THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY
is pleased to extend an invitation to attend the

Eighteenth Annual Bill McWilliams Memorial Lecture

***Grace under Pressure:
The Role of Courage in the Future of Probation Work***

to be given by

Anne Worrall

*Professor Emerita of Criminology
Keele University*

Tuesday 23 June 2015 at 1.00pm for 2.00pm
in the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge

*RSVP to Mrs Joanne Garner by 1 June on the enclosed card
(tel: 01223 335360 email: jf225@cam.ac.uk)*

The Bill McWilliams Memorial Lecture is supported by the Clarke Hall Fund, the Barrow Cadbury Trust
and the late Hugh Sanders OBE

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Programme

- 1.00pm Registration and pre-lecture informal gathering with drinks, biscuits, and fruit provided (own sandwiches etc.)
- 2.00pm *Grace under Pressure: The Role of Courage in the Future of Probation Work* by
Anne Worrall, Professor Emerita of Criminology, Keele University
- 3.00pm Response and discussion
- 4.00pm Tea, coffee and cakes
- 5.00pm End of event

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is/are* able/unable* to accept the invitation to the lecture

is/are* able/unable* to meet up for an Indian meal (at own expense) after the event at 6 pm

Please respond by 1 June 2015 to Mrs Joanne Garner, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA

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ANNE WORRALL



Anne Worrall qualified as a probation officer in 1972 and worked in Stoke on Trent for nearly ten years before taking up the post of Lecturer in Social Work, first at Manchester University and later at Keele University, being responsible for the Home Office funded probation stream of the CQSW and DipSW programmes at both institutions. In 1993 she moved to the Department of Criminology at Keele and became Professor of Criminology in 2003. She retired from full-time work in 2009 but continues to carry out research on a part-time basis. She was a member of the Board of Visitors (now Independent Monitoring Board) at Drake Hall women's prison for ten years and a member of the Parole Board of England and Wales from 2001 to 2007. She has held honorary teaching and research posts at the University of Western Australia in Perth for the past 15 years.

Anne has two overlapping research interests. Her PhD thesis and subsequent book *Offending Women* (1990), were concerned with female offenders' experiences of the criminal justice system. She has collaborated with Pat Carlen on a number of research projects and publications relating to women in prison. Anne has also written widely about the politics and practices of the Probation Service, including *Punishment in the Community* (1997 and 2005 with Clare Hoy). More recently, she has worked with Rob Mawby, first evaluating Prolific Offender Projects and then researching the occupational cultures of probation workers (ESRC funded), leading to *Doing Probation Work* (2013). Anne's most recent research has been an evaluation of North Staffordshire Integrated Offender Management programme undertaken with Mary Corcoran.

THE BILL McWILLIAMS MEMORIAL LECTURE

Bill McWilliams, who died in 1997, had a prestigious career as a probation practitioner, researcher and writer. His quartet of articles on the probation service's development up to the point at which the "punishment in the community" debate began, is now widely regarded as its definitive history of ideas. He was a staunch advocate of the need for rigorous evaluation of probation practice – but an equally staunch critic of the excesses of the management ideal. He had an independence of mind – irritating to more timid souls – that won him friends across the spectrum of political opinion in the Service. There are many who would say – as W.H. Auden said of George Orwell – "how I wish he were still alive, so that I could read his comments on contemporary events".

To keep his spirit alive, a group of Bill's relatives, colleagues and friends has established *The Bill McWilliams Memorial Lecture*. It is intended to honour the contribution he made to the probation service over a thirty-year period and keep his perspectives at the forefront of probation thinking as the Service moves into the 21st century. Beginning in 1998, speakers to date have been Ken Pease (Professor of Criminology), John Harding (then Chief Probation Officer), the late Barbara Hudson (Professor of Law), Martin Wargent (then Chief Executive of the Probation Boards' Association), Antony Duff (Professor of Philosophy), Rod Morgan (then HM Chief Inspector of Probation), Todd Clear (Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice), Hindpal Singh Bhui (HM Inspector of Prisons), Anthony Bottoms (then Wolfson Professor of Criminology, Cambridge and Professorial Fellow in Criminology, Sheffield), Mike Nellis (Professor of Criminal and Community Justice, Strathclyde), Judy McKnight (then General Secretary, Napo), Loraine Gelsthorpe (Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Cambridge), John Crawforth (then Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Probation Trust), Peter Raynor (Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Swansea), Steve Collett (retired Chief Officer, Cheshire Probation Area/Trust), Paul Senior (Director, Hallam Centre for Community Justice, Sheffield), and Sue Hall (then Chief Executive, West Yorkshire Probation Trust and Chair, Probation Chiefs Association). Each of the lectures has been, or is to be, published in *The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* (see below). The lecture series has already run over a seventeen-year period - the "transition years" of the 20th to 21st centuries - developing a tradition of drawing on academic and professional contributors and using educational and probation service settings in different parts of the country. It has now been scheduled to continue in the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge.

For information or to offer suggestions about the development of the lecture series, please contact *The Bill McWilliams Memorial Lecture* Steering Group at 48 Rock Road, Cambridge, CB1 7UF; e-mail brendamcwilliams70@gmail.com; tel 01223 511810.

References for the lectures:

- Pease, K. (1999) 'The probation career of Al Truism', *Howard Journal*, 38, 2-16.
Harding, J. (2000) 'A community justice dimension to effective probation practice', *Howard Journal*, 39, 132-49.
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Wargent, M. (2002) 'The new governance of probation', *Howard Journal*, 41, 182-200.
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Morgan, R. (2004) 'Thinking about the future of probation inspection', *Howard Journal*, 43, 79-92.
Clear, T.R. (2005) 'Places not cases? Re-thinking the probation focus', *Howard Journal*, 44, 172-84.
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Bottoms, A. (2008) 'The community dimension of community penalties', *Howard Journal*, 47, 146-69.
McKnight, J. (2009) 'Speaking up for probation', *Howard Journal*, 48, 327-43.
Crawforth, J. (2011) 'Taking on trust: new leadership perspectives for probation', *Howard Journal*, 50, 289-306.
Raynor, P. (2012) 'Is probation still possible?', *Howard Journal*, 51, 173-89.
Collett, S. (2013) 'Riots, revolution and rehabilitation: the future of probation', *Howard Journal*, 52, 163-89.

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Dear Friends of the Bill McWilliams Memorial Lecture

Along with the invitation to this event, we wanted to update you on the future of the lecture. We have had 17 remarkable years of the McWilliams lecture – and enjoyed an extraordinary range of lectures from practitioners and academics. However, with the current situation of increasingly limited funding for the event, there has been discussion within the Memorial Lecture Steering Group – and also amongst Friends of the lecture more widely – as to whether or not the lecture should continue.

The overwhelming view is that we *should* continue, in fact that the existential threat to probation makes the need for these lectures all the more urgent. Indeed, the lecture this year by Anne Worrall will address just such issues head on – we hope that you are all looking forward to it as much as we are.

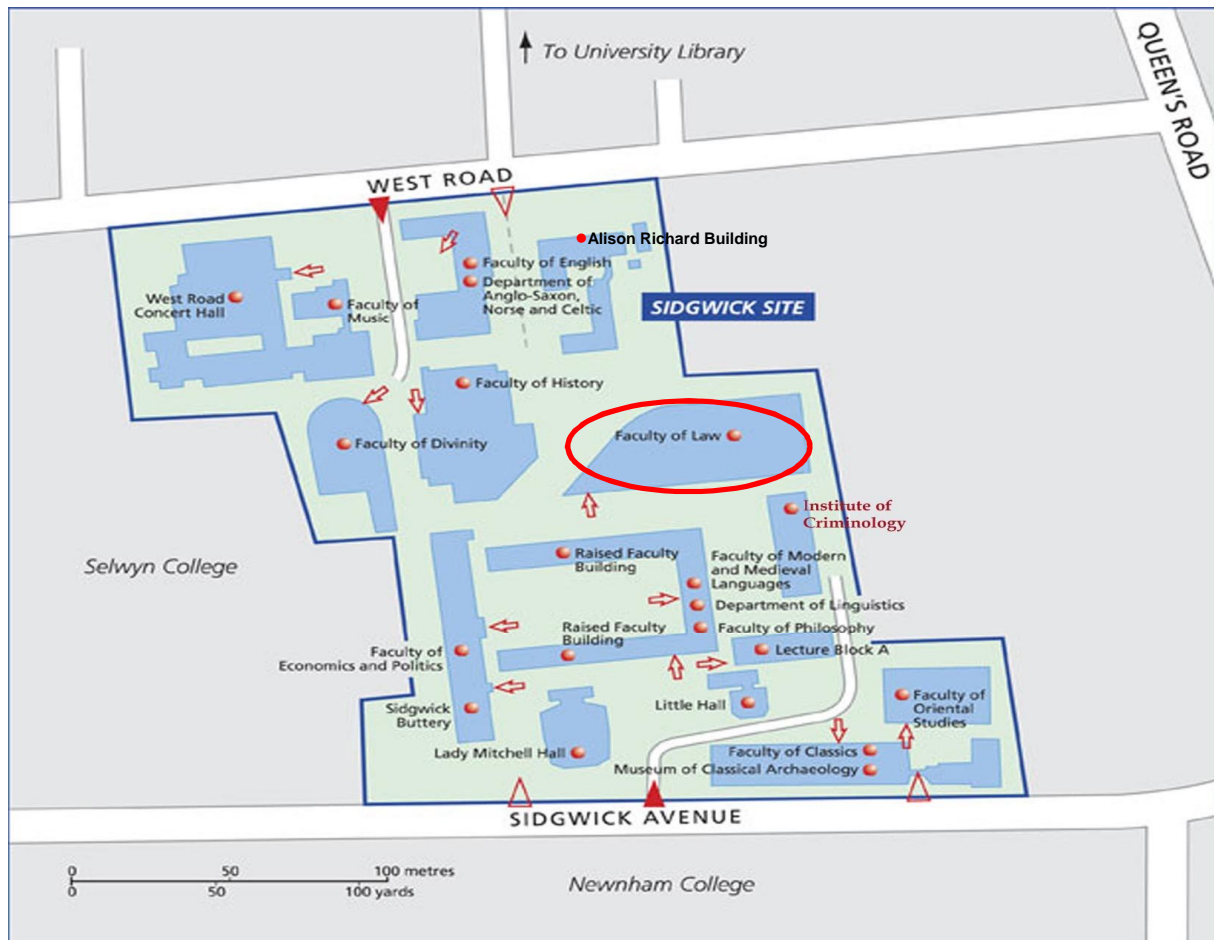
This brings us to the catering. Over the years, the lecture attendees have enjoyed fantastic hospitality both before and after the event, and the opportunity that this has provided for friends to connect has been an important part of the day. However, despite informal appeals to Friends for the past two years (which have yielded some very generous contributions), and attempts to source funding from external bodies – and of course the continued generous support from the Institute of Criminology and the Clarke Hall fund (and over recent years from the now defunct Probation Chiefs' Association) – we simply no longer have the means to sustain the level of catering we have had in the past. We would be able to do one more year of catering at the usual level, but this would mean that we might well not be able to have a lecture in subsequent years, so we have decided to prioritise continuing the lecture over continuing the lavish catering arrangements.

What this means is:

- This year, before the lecture, tea, coffee, cold drinks, biscuits and fruit will be provided – however, you can supply your own lunch and snacks. Please do still use this time to meet – we hope that lunch not being provided by us doesn't mean that people won't still meet each other. If you wish, you will be able to buy sandwiches etc. from the Origin8 café in the Law Faculty basement where we meet after registration.
- This year, after the lecture, we will (as before) provide tea, coffee and cake.
- We would also like to invite you to a curry, at your own expense, after the lecture, at about 6 pm. A group of us (about 15–20) have, each year, done this and it is a good social occasion with which to round off the day. We would need to know in advance if you were intending to join us so that we can book a venue (let us know on the invitation reply card).

We are also still seeking funding, and would welcome donations from interested Friends and supporters. And we are always pleased to receive any feedback about the lecture series – please email either Brenda (brendamcwilliams70@gmail.com) or Joanne (jf225@cam.ac.uk).

GETTING TO THE FACULTY OF LAW (the whole event is held here)



Train: There is a regular service to Cambridge from London. Full timetable information is available from National Rail (<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>). Buses run from the main train station to the city bus station on Drummer Street every ten minutes and there is a taxi rank outside the station.

Bus: The central drop-off point for bus services is at the city bus station on Drummer Street. Full information about bus routes and timetables is available from <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20017/buses>

Park and Ride: The Madingley Road Park & Ride site is located to the west of Cambridge (see maps overleaf, or use the University's map on <http://map.cam.ac.uk/>). The best way of getting to this site is by turning off the M11, whilst heading northbound, at Junction 13. Please note this junction cannot be directly reached from the M11 heading southwards*. From there take the turning towards Cambridge on the A1303. After a short distance you will find the Madingley Road Park & Ride site on your left.

[* However, if you are heading south on the M11 and want to use Madingley Road then please proceed to junction 12 where you can leave the M11 and then come back on yourself (heading north again) and exit at junction 13. Alternatively if you continue down the M11 southbound to junction 11 you can exit and use the Trumpington site.]

Please use the Uni 4 bus from the Park and Ride, alight at West Road stop. Return fare is £4.10 (Dayrider). For details access: <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/> [Search under 'Find bus times', Location: Cambridge, Route name: 'UNI4']

Car: The main routes into Cambridge and locations of main University sites are marked on the map overleaf.

PLEASE NOTE: There is **NO** visitor parking on the Sidgwick Site (parking is by permit only). Please use **Park & Ride** facility if possible (see above). Metered parking can be found on both West Rd and Sidgwick Avenue (4hr max. stay). Website for Car Parks in Cambridge is <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/parking>

If you are registered disabled and intend to come by car, please contact Joanne Garner on 01223 335360.

