

Biography

Heather Strang is Director of the Centre for Restorative Justice in the Regulatory Institutions Network. She is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge and a Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Pennsylvania. She earned her PhD in criminology at the Australian National University, her M.A. in criminology from the University of Melbourne, and her BA from the University of Sydney. She was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology in 2002, was appointed a member of the Scientific Commission of the International Society of Criminology in Paris in 2006, and became a member of the Advisory Committee for Victims of Restorative Justice in 2007.

Research Abstract

Dr. Strang is an experimental criminologist who has worked with police departments and criminal justice agencies in Australia, the US and UK. As Director of the Centre for Restorative at the Australian National University, she is directing a ten-year followup of over 3,000 victims and offenders who have participated in restorative justice meetings in Canberra, London, Northumbria and Thames Valley. Her recent publications include her book entitled *Repair or Revenge: Victims and Restorative Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2002).

In the early 1990s Dr Strang conducted a series of studies monitoring the character of homicide in each Australian jurisdiction based on information collected from police files. From 1995 until 2000 she directed RISE (Reintegrative Shaming Experiments) project, evaluating restorative justice conferences delivered by the Australian Federal Police as an alternative to normal criminal justice processing. Since 2001 she has continued this research as co-director of the Justice Research Consortium, with eight experiments funded by the British Home Office involving the development and testing of restorative justice programmes for different kinds of offences and offenders at various points in the justice system. She has a special interest in victims of crime which continues to be the focus of her own research.

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