

Editorial

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It has been a sad year for British criminology with the passing of Stan Cohen, Terence Morris, Geoffrey Pearson, Barbara Hudson and most recently Jock Young. Their influence on criminology cannot be overemphasised and all will be missed.

In 2013 the British Society of Criminology Conference was hosted by the University of Wolverhampton. Held from 2nd to 4th July the conference had the title "*Criminology on trial*". A particular highlight was a mock trial where criminology was defended by BSC President Loraine Gelsthorpe, ably assisted by Coretta Phillips and Shadd Maruna. The case for the prosecution was led by Steve Tombs, assisted by Paddy Hillyard and Simon Pemberton. It was an event where no one really knew what to expect but were treated to some serious debate, albeit in a light-hearted setting with a real judge and well known criminologists in courtroom fancy dress. 'Criminology' came out on top, but not before some thought provoking challenge. Also at the conference Professor Joanna Shapland received the BSC Outstanding Achievement Award, presented to her by Stephen Farrall. Plenary presentations were provided by Paul Rock and Yvonne Jewkes. Thanks are due to the team at Wolverhampton for organising the event. In 2014 the conference moves to the University of Liverpool. If you are planning to speak at Liverpool I hope you would also consider submitting your paper to this journal.

For this Volume of the journal we have maintained a rigorous review process with three papers making the final selection. All submitted papers were reviewed by at least two academics. In the first paper Lucy Welsh of the University of Kent considers the place of law within the magistrates' court. Through her participant observations, Welsh reveals that implicit reference to legal provisions that are not adequately explained exacerbate defendants' marginalisation. In the second paper Deborah Platts-Fowler of the University of Leeds considers the 2011 rioting and looting that occurred across many British cities. She critiques other academics who have emphasised the role of consumerism, claiming that

explanations are not just about the loot. For the third and final paper Daniel Briggs of the University of East London provides an illuminating ethnographic tale of life in the clubs and bars of Ibiza. For Briggs consumerism is central to understanding how and why young people engage in deviant and risky behaviours while on holiday.

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