Welcome to the Autumn 2019 edition of the Connect Centre newsletter.
We are keen to hear about any new campaigns, major new research initiatives and opportunities for collaborations, and the best research you have recently read that we can include in our newsletter. Please send to: connectcentre@uclan.ac.uk

The Connect Centre team spent a productive couple of days in July at a writing retreat in Lancaster. We drank lots of cups of tea and got lots of writing done in a conducive setting. Helen Richardson Foster (left) and Nicola Farrelly.

New Connect Centre Staff Members

Emily Cooper
Emily studied for a BSc in Geography and a PhD in Human Geography at Lancaster University (2009 and 2014 respectively). She joined UCLan in 2016 and now works as a Lecturer in Policing and Criminal Investigation in the Policing department. Her research interests are broadly focused on how sex, space, society and the criminal justice system interact, with recent projects including the evaluation of methods of sex work regulation, and profiling localised human trafficking (for sexual exploitation) trends. She is seconded part-time to Lancashire police as part of the evidence-based policing research team. She will be working with Khatidja Chantler on papers and projects addressing related to sexual violence in universities.

Cassandra Jones
Cassandra is an early career researcher whose interests focus on gender-based violence, men and masculinities, and evaluating gender-based violence intervention and prevention programmes. She has over 10 years of experience in the United States and the U.K. Her PhD at the University of Bristol highlighted the complexities in the relationship dynamics of men who identified as victims of domestic violence and abuse. She joined the Connect Centre in July as the quantitative Research Associate on the Domestic Homicide Review ESRC funded project.

Katie Martin
Katie Martin is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Central Lancashire. Katie was previously a social worker, working with disabled children, and subsequently supported many families experiencing domestic abuse. Katie is interested in exploring how services could best respond to the needs of women and their families experiencing domestic abuse. Katie has been a member of the Connect Centre since May 2019 and is currently working as part of the UCLan evaluation team for the Roadmap project. Katie’s main role within this project is to work with groups of survivors to support them to become researchers and take part in the Roadmap project evaluation as experts by experience.
Connect Centre Seminars

We have welcomed a number of speakers to the Connect Centre seminars in 2019:

Addressing the right for children and adolescents to participate in research on gender based violence  
Stephanie Holt, Associate Professor, The University of Dublin

Improving longer term safety and independence for disabled or Deaf women after violence or abuse  
Dr Susie Balderston University of Birmingham and Hannah Morgan  
(Lancaster University

Evidence informed justice: a new Nuffield Family Justice Observatory for England and Wales. What can it contribute?  
Professor Judith Harwin, Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University

UPCOMING SEMINARS IN 2019

2 October: Contextual Understandings from a Study of ‘Vulnerability’ to Human Trafficking from Albania, Viet Nam, Nigeria to the UK  
Dr Patricia Hynes, Reader in Forced Migration, University of Bedfordshire

6 November: Processing the unthinkable: understanding the experiences of Police officers and civilian staff who work with sexual offence material  
Dr Ruth Parkes, UCLan

4 December: Sexual Violence and Domestic Homicide in Older People  
Dr Hannah Bows, Durham University

For details of all seminars and to book please contact:  
Yvonne Bembridge, Connect Centre administrator: YBembridge@uclan.ac.uk.

Each year students from the Community and Social Care: Policy and Practice course organise an annual conference with the support of staff.

Previous themes have included hate crime and mental health; this year’s theme was chosen by students as Domestic Violence Abuse. The conference was facilitated by staff member Ismail Karolia from the School of Social Work and supported by Kelly Bracewell from the Connect Centre.

The event was opened by our Head of School, Joanne Westwood and special tribute was made to Henry Chapman. The workshops/presentations delivered by the various individuals’ organisations were excellent and many comments were made about their passion and knowledge. Huge thanks to local organisations who shared their expertise: Safenet, Donna Hussain from Citizens Advice, Dee Conlon from Lancashire Victim Services, Mind Matters, Salma Ali from Preston Domestic Violence Services and the NHS.

Keynote speakers shared their personal experiences for which we are enormously grateful. Saima Afzal MBE discussed her experiences of DVA in relation to community based coercion and control. Trevor Fairhurst MBE and Sheila Fairhurst MBE told the story of their daughter Carly Fairhurst. Excellent feedback was received from conference participants.

CONNECT WITH THE CONNECT CENTRE

If you want to join our Connect Network please contact: ConnectCentre@uclan.ac.uk for further details.

Membership is free and open to all who share our values and interests in doing and using research to end interpersonal violence.

Connect welcomes applications from those interested in postgraduate study for MPhil or PhDs in the area of interpersonal violence. To talk informally about the benefits of PhD study at Connect contact Khatidja Chantler - KChantler@uclan.ac.uk

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What Lorraine Did Next...

Lorraine’s retirement has been very busy. She reports: I have been working with UNICEF on updating the evidence review and programme guidance on preventing and responding to child sexual abuse and exploitation. It is exciting to see how things have moved forwards on implementing the SDGs on violence prevention. I have also contributed to the activities of Together for Girls, the Oak Foundation, the Global End Violence Against Children Knowledge Network and our own UK based Centre for Expertise on preventing child sexual abuse. In July, I took part in a meeting hosted by the World Health Organisation in Geneva to consider developments and next steps in preventing online child sexual abuse. The Special Issue of the journal, *Gender Based Violence on Domestic Violence: New Directions in Research and Activism* was published in June: https://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/tpj/gjbv/2019/00000003/00000002;jsessionid=a2b6k9klj0653.x-ie-live-01

Lorraine has been growing a lot of potatoes, salad veg, soft fruit, pak choi, peppers, chillis, courgettes, as well as flowers. She’s also been roped into DIY and home improvements, house moving, baby sitting, dog walking and a new grandchild is expected in December!
ESRC Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews (ES/S005471/1)

Work has commenced in earnest on all three work packages of the above study: 1) systematic literature review; 2) analysis of DHRs collected nationally; 3) Experience based co-design: working with survivors of domestic abuse, families who have lost a relative to domestic homicide and professionals involved in the DHR process to improve policy and practice to prevent future domestic homicide. Team members are: (left to right) Prof. Joy Duxbury (MMU); Dr Alina Haines; Prof. Nicky Stanley; Dr Rachel Robbins; Dr Khatidja Chantler (Principal Investigator); Dr Kelly Bracewell; Prof. Andrew Clegg; Dr Cassandra Jones

New Publications:


Preston Providers Forum

At a multi-agency Domestic Homicide Review event organised by Alison Hatton from the Preston Providers Forum, Dr Khatidja Chantler presented an overview of findings from our analysis of 141 domestic homicide reviews and Dr Rachel Robbins

Student Internship

Hi, I’m Rachel. I’m currently a summer intern with the Connect Centre, in the 3rd year of a Social Work Degree at UCLan. I am working on the ‘Roadmap’ evaluation, including the ‘Ask Me’ intervention delivered by Women’s Aid that enables family, friends and members of the community to respond positively and confidently to survivors of domestic violence and abuse. I have visited local organisations, to observe them in practice and have received training in ITC programmes to extract, collate and manage data essential for research purposes. I would highly recommend anyone to try this as a learning experience.

Rachel Shaw (right of picture) with her Connect Supervisor Helen Richardson Foster.