



FPRC

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
RESEARCH CENTRE

SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer 2024 FPRC Newsletter!

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our talented students and faculty.

In this newsletter, you'll find out about our members' latest publications, news about recent (and upcoming) awards and publications, and information about upcoming events.

We are so proud of the contributions our members have made to the field of forensic psychology, and we are excited to share their work with you!

Kelly & Kirk
Co-Directors, FPRC

**A MESSAGE
FROM OUR CO-
DIRECTORS**

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



A **Fall Meet & Greet** will be held the week of September 9th, 2024, at Mike's Place. Stay tuned for further details!

FPRC Award Deadlines

Student Travel Grant (\$500)

Fall cycle: September 1, 2024 | Winter cycle: January 1, 2025

Emerging Scholar Research Grant (\$1000)

2025 competition: January 31, 2025





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CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS!



Congratulations to the 2024 Ralph Serin Student Travel Grant winners. Descriptions of their exciting projects can be found below!



Cassidy Hatton, MA Student - \$250

Generalized and institutional trust have been found to be negatively correlated with violence, yet few studies have examined the potential role that attitudes toward violence may have in the trust-violence relationship. Our research examined the association between trust, violent behaviour, and attitudes toward violence and whether attitudes mediated or moderated the association between trust and violent behaviour. We found trust negatively correlated with attitudes toward violence and violent behaviour and that attitudes toward violence mediated the trust-violent behaviour association. This research suggests that the relationship between trust and violence may partially be understood through their associations with attitudes toward violence.

Danielle Reiger, PhD Candidate - \$500

Both policy and research highlight the importance of incorporating Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) considerations in decision-making regarding justice-involved individuals. Guidance for what that means in practice can be less clear. Danielle is the co-author of the 2023 Structured Decision Making Framework: User Guide for parole board members. This manual included extensive literature reviews to provide up to date, empirically-driven recommendations for parole decision-making practice. We provide practical instruction to help decision-makers understand how EDI considerations can influence an individual's criminal history, how they present at parole, risk assessment, and their potential for success. We provide empirically-driven recommendations for how to use this information to improve release decisions.



Mackenzie Moore, MA Student - \$500

Psychopathy and autism are related to deficits in a two-component model of empathy involving affective (e.g., empathic concern, emotional sharing) and cognitive (e.g., perspective taking, theory of mind) empathy. Newer literature has proposed a three-component model of empathy including affective (i.e., feeling what others feel), cognitive (i.e., knowing what others feel), and motivational (i.e., caring what others feel) empathy. Using the three-component model, we found lower cognitive empathy associated with autistic traits, and lower motivational empathy associated with psychopathic traits. The results replicate prior findings on autism and provide novel evidence regarding the empathic experience of those high in psychopathy.

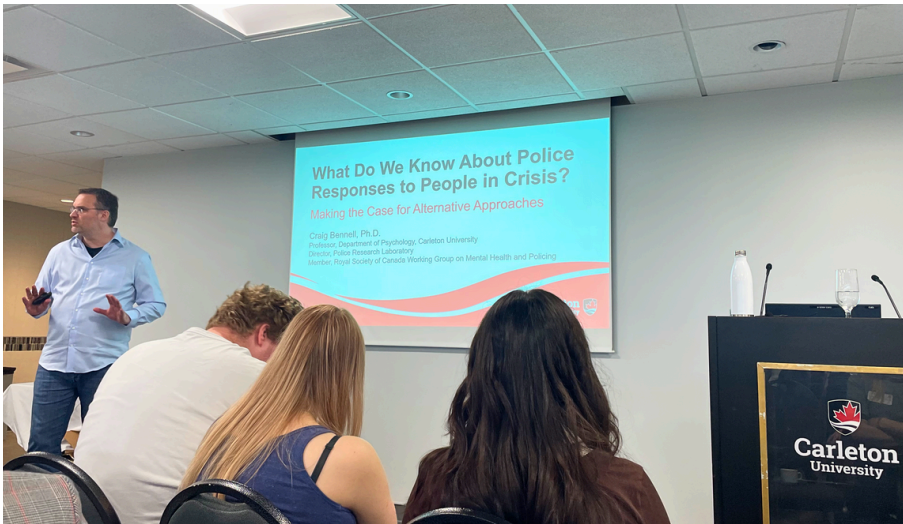


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MIND AND LAW: EXPLORING MENTAL HEALTH IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



This spring, the FPRC was proud to co-host the first ever Mind and Law conference with the Mental Health and Well-being Training Institute (MeWeRTH).



Thank you to our wonderful graduate students, Drs. Craig Bennell, Kevin Nunes, and Shelley Brown, and keynote speaker Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, for their thoughtful and engaging presentations. And thank you to all who attended and made the event a huge success!



Special thanks to the Canadian Psychological Association, Carleton University's Office of the Vice-President (Research and International), and the Department of Psychology for sponsoring this event.



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IIIRG 2024 CONFERENCE

Carleton University hosted the annual Conference and Masterclass for the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group (iIRG). The iIRG is a global network of interviewing experts dedicated to improving the field of investigative interviewing by promoting international working relationships between academics and practitioners.

At #iIRG2024, academics, practitioners, organizational representatives, and students, came together to learn more about the latest world leading research in investigative interviewing.

Well done, Kirk, for putting together an amazing conference!



iIRG INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWING RESEARCH GROUP

2024 CONFERENCE - A (BRIEF) REVIEW
OTTAWA, CANADA
17-21 June, 2024

126 delegates
46% Practitioners
27% Early Career Researchers
27% Academics

19 countries
GLOBAL EVENT
Countries represented: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Norway, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, & the United States

MORE HIGHLIGHTS

- 50+ Posters, Case Studies & Research Presentations
- 30 Masterclass Delegates: Interviewing Older Adults
- 5 World-Leading Academic+Practitioner Keynotes
- 7 Bilingual (French-English) Presentations
- 5 Conference Sponsors!
- ∞ Relationships Developed & Connections Made

<https://iirg.org>

* Department of Psychology @ Carleton University
* Mental Health & Well-Being Research Research & Training Hub (MWRTH)
* Forensic Psychology Research Centre (FPRC)
* Canadian Psychological Association
* Personal Education



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SPOTLIGHT: APPLIED POLICE BRIEFINGS



Applied Police Briefings (APB) is a digital journal founded by Drs. Craig Bennell and Kirk Luther. APB is dedicated to bridging the gap between policing research and its practical applications. The journal's goal is to gather high-quality, peer-reviewed research on a range of policing topics and present research findings in a concise, jargon-free format suitable for professionals and stakeholders with an interest in policing.

Unlike traditional academic journals, APB is designed with the police professional in mind. The journal's aim is to overcome the barriers that prevent police professionals from accessing and understanding important policing research. To empower policing professionals with accessible information, APB's Editorial Team includes both a Police and Academic review board.



Key features of APB include:

- **User-Friendly Access:** An easy to navigate platform for all users
- **Open Access:** Free access to all APB materials
- **Clarity in Communication:** Research briefs are free of technical and statistical jargon
- **Concise Content:** Briefs are kept succinct for quick and easy reading
- **Reputable Sources:** We use reputable, peer-reviewed research that addresses key policing questions
- **Diverse Perspectives:** Incorporating a variety of research methodologies and viewpoints

Click [here](#) to check out the first issue of APB which covers victim-sensitive body-worn camera policy, methods for improving eyewitness identifications, use of force and officer gender, and much more!

Please contact Kirk Luther (kirk.luther@carleton.ca) if you have any questions or wish to submit a research brief to APB.



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CONGRATULATIONS ADELLE & JAZZ!

Congratulations Adelle and Jazz for winning a 2023 Carleton Service Excellence Award for their awesome work as part of the Carleton Therapy Dog Program. Jazz's paws-itive energy and enthusiasm has touched the lives of many students and we are excited to see her again this fall!



CONGRATULATIONS AVA!

Congratulations to Ava Bowns for being awarded a Teaching and Learning Services Outstanding TA Award (2023/24)!

WELL DONE CPA WINNERS!

Congratulations to Kevin's 13 undergraduate students who collectively won the CPA Criminal Justice Section's Best Undergraduate Poster Award. And congratulations to Emma Holmes for winning the Best Graduate Student Poster. Well done everyone!



SPOTLIGHT: FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS

Kevin Nunes

SSHRC Insight Development Grant (\$99,313). Attitudes toward violence, self-control, psychopathy, and aggressive/violent behaviour.

Shelley Brown

SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (\$193,180). Evaluating a New Model of Probation and Parole Supervision in Ontario.





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SPOTLIGHT: RECENT GRADUATES



M.A.

Alexa Hildenbrand. (2024). *Perceptions of police use of force: The influence of inconsistencies, victim race, defendant race, and situation type on mock-juror decision-making*. Supervisor: Dr. Joanna Pozzulo.

Alexia Vettese. (2024). *Indigenous Canadians take the stand: The influence of age and race on mock-juror perceptions and verdict decisions*. Supervisor: Dr. Joanna Pozzulo.

Genevieve Brook. (2023). *A systematic review of civilian-led response models for persons in crisis*. Supervisor: Dr. Craig Bennell.

Laura Fraser. (2023). *Evaluating mock jurors' judgements on eyewitness age, inconsistencies and crime type*. Supervisor: Dr. Joanna Pozzulo.

Lauren Brunet. (2023). *Behind closed doors: Dark personality traits and intimate partner sexual violence*. Supervisor: Dr. Adelle Forth.

Mikaelia Miller. (2023). *Quasi-experimental evaluation of women's re-entry in new jersey – through a Black intersectional lens*. Supervisor: Dr. Shelley Brown.

Roshni Sohail. (2024). *Inside their mind: Examining the relationship between visual mental imagery and psychopathic traits*. Supervisor: Dr. Adelle Forth.

Sarah Watts. (2023). *Relationship between evaluative attitudes toward violence and aggressive behaviour in undergraduate men*. Supervisor: Dr. Kevin Nunes.

Ph.D.

Joshua Peters. (2024). *What is denial and how should it be assessed? Factor and taxometric analyses of denial in a sample of adult men convicted of sexual offences*. Supervisor: Dr. Kevin Nunes.

Sebastian Baglole. (2023). *Development of a gender responsive, strengths-based self-report measure of justice-involved clients: Validation in male and female emerging adults*. Supervisors: Drs. Natalie Jones and Adelle Forth.

Tori Semple. (2024). *Evaluating the effectiveness of a proactive community outreach and support team*. Supervisor: Dr. Craig Bennell.
Awarded a Senate Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement.



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SPOTLIGHT: STUDENT AWARDS

SSHRC

Cassidy Hatton (2024/25)

Harper Chaisson (2024/25)

Genevieve Brook (Doctoral, 2024-27)

Myles Davidson (Doctoral, 2024-27)

Roshni Sohail (Doctoral, 2024-27)



OGS

Ellen Coady (2024/25)

Jessica Lundy (2024/25)

Jessie Swanek (2024/25)

Emma Holmes (Doctoral, 2024-28)

Other

Abiraam Samithamby - Master's Training Scholarship, FRQS (2024-26)

Emma Holmes - Pre-doctoral Research Grant, ATSA (2024)

Jessica Lundy - Coalition Publica Scholarship (2024/25)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

This fall, MeWeRTH is launching professional development mini-courses which cover a variety of topics in mental health and well-being. The online synchronous courses will be delivered via 2-hour sessions over 6 weeks. A certificate will be presented upon completion.

Join Dr. Tori Semple for a course on Police Responses to Mental Health Crises. Further details on available courses and registration can be found [here](#).



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The FPRC is looking for volunteers to help with a new knowledge dissemination initiative and planning events. Interested students should submit a brief cover letter detailing their area of study, skills and experience related to knowledge dissemination, planning, and administration, and their CV to fprc@carleton.ca by September 30, 2024.





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SELECTED FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



Our members publish impactful research in many academic journals, with a combined total citation count of over 25,000. Select publications from each member are below. For a complete list, please refer to the member's [lab website](#).

Adelle Forth

Adolescent psychopathic traits, early adversity, and intimate partner violence.

[10.1177/00938548231219810](#)

Risk for violent and IPV recidivism among incarcerated male offenders: An examination of the predictive validity of the DVRAG, ODARA, and PCL-R. In press.

Craig Bennell

Why are tactical officers responding to 'routine' calls? Using police data to examine the presence of risk factors during seemingly low risk incidents. [10.1080/15614263.2023.2282005](#)

The importance of context: Re-examining the 'deployments' of SWAT teams in Canada. [10.1080/10439463.2024.2311921](#)

Joanna Pozzulo

A community mental health and well-being university level course: Design and implementation.

[10.1177/10538259231217460](#)

How length of and reason for delayed reporting influence mock-jurors' judgments in a sexual assault trial. [10.1007/s11896-024-09664-z](#)

Kelly Babchishin

ACUTE-2007 and STABLE-2007 predict recidivism for men adjudicated for child sexual exploitation material offending. [10.1037/lhb0000540](#)

The effect of missing item data on the relative predictive accuracy of correctional risk assessment tools. [10.1177/10731911231225191](#)

Kevin Nunes

Do professionals show a bias specific to treatment for people who have sexually offended in their interpretation of ambiguous evidence? [10.1080/13552600.2024.2358440](#)

Still waters run deep: Self-control as a moderator of dark personality traits for antisocial conduct and violent attitudes. [10.1080/14789949.2024.2343841](#)

Kirk Luther

Extracting witness evidence in "cold case" investigations: What we know and what we need to learn. [10.1007/s11896-024-09666-x](#)

Nudging eyewitnesses: The effect of social influence on recalling witnessed events. [10.1108/JCP-06-2023-0042](#)

Shelley Brown

Mental disorder and women's recidivism: A meta-analysis. [10.1177/15570851231213100](#)

Using latent class analysis to identify need typologies and recidivism likelihood among women who perpetrate violence. [10.1177/08862605241246008](#)