

# The John Barry Memorial Lecture and Symposium

With the support of the Barry family, the Criminology discipline within the School of Social and Political Sciences presents the inaugural John Barry Memorial Lecture and Symposium. The John Barry Memorial lecture has been presented by the Criminology discipline since 1972.

## The Penal Politics of Hate by Associate Professor Gail Mason

Wednesday 21 October 2009, 6.15pm for 6.30pm, Laby Theatre

David Caro/Physics Building – Building 192, Gate 1, corner Tin Alley and Swanston Street

Earlier this year, a large group of international students, mainly from India, took to the streets of Melbourne and Sydney to protest against a spate of violent attacks they identified as having racist elements. Never before has a community's claim that they are the targets of prejudice-related violence generated such feverish and sweeping reactions from multiple arms of civil society, including the Victorian government's announcement that it intends to introduce hate crime laws at the sentencing stage. This lecture will describe the emergence of 'hate crime' as a socio-legal construct. It will discuss how its construction and the legal and other responses to it have had wide implications for a variety of criminal justice and cultural discourses. In particular, the lecture will locate hate crime in current debates about the nature and impact of emotion in criminal justice.

**Gail Mason** joined the Faculty of Law at Sydney University in 2003. Prior to this she taught at the University of Sydney and at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Gail researches issues of hate crime and discrimination, especially the ways in which legal and social discourse constitute our understandings of what it means to 'hate' others. Her book, *The Spectacle of Violence: Homophobia, Gender and Knowledge* (Routledge, 2002), brings together Foucauldian and feminist theory to explore the contexts for, and implications of, homophobic violence. Gail is currently involved in two ARC grants, and she has a history of involvement in community organisations and government bodies.



## The Symposium: The Emotional Politics of Criminal Justice

### Symposium Part One: Violence and Injustice

2.00 – 3.30 pm  
Faculty Function Room,  
5th Floor, John Medley Building

**Nesam McMillan**  
School of Social Sciences,  
La Trobe University  
Bearing witness to inequality:  
remembering the Rwandan  
Genocide

**David McDonald**  
School of Social and Political  
Sciences  
Monstrous paedophiles and  
legal interventions: fear, violence,  
difference

**Claire Loughnan**  
School of Social and Political  
Sciences  
The invisibility of the tears  
of the other: immigration  
detention as a quiet violence

### Symposium Part Two: Emotional Justice

4.00 – 5.30 pm  
Faculty Function Room  
5th Floor,  
John Medley Building  
A facilitated discussion amongst  
panellists and the audience on  
the possibilities for creating  
new conditions for justice out  
of conflict, trauma and the  
violence of law.

**Maria Tumarkin**  
Institute of Social Research,  
Swinburne University

**Adrian Little**  
School of Social and Political  
Sciences

**Alison Young**  
School of Social and Political  
Sciences

Facilitated by Juliet Rogers,  
School of Social and Political  
Science, University of  
Melbourne