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Short description of her career and the interest in police work:

Dr Heather Strang is a criminologist and Director of the Centre for Restorative Justice in the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University. As the Director of the Centre, Dr Strang is responsible for coordinating day-to-day research activities, seminars and program visitors.

Over the past five years she has managed a major research project in Canberra known as the Reintegrative Shaming Experiments (RISE), investigating the effectiveness of a restorative justice alternative to normal criminal justice processing of offenders.

Heather has a special interest in victims of crime, which is focus of her own research contribution to RISE. She will publish a book on victims and restorative justice next year.

Heather is currently interested in empirical research directed at measuring the effectiveness of restorative justice interventions in terms of its crime reduction potential for offenders and, just as importantly, its potential for giving victims a role in the resolution of their case which will meet their needs and help them to achieve a sense of closure about the crime they have experienced.

Heather is currently in the United Kingdom, as Co-Project Director of the Justice Research Consortium, managing a further series of experiments to test the impact of restorative conferencing in violent and property crime at various points in the criminal justice system.

Short description of her activities and publications:

Heather Strang is a restorative justice pioneer working in victims issues. Important Idea:

'Victims have for too long been the forgotten parties in criminal justice. I am interested in finding out whether restorative justice can offer them a more satisfying experience that will provide the kind of emotional as well as material restoration that they seek.'

Heather is elected Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology and member of the Editorial Board of Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice (Sage Publications) 2002-Secretary, Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology 1999-2001

Dr. Heather Strang is author and co-author of several books, book chapters, articles, monographs, reports and other publications:

- *"Shaming Conferences: Community Policing and the Victim's Perspective." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 20-23, 1996. 1996*
- *"Justice for victims of young offenders: The centrality of emotional harm and restoration. ". In Restorative justice for juveniles: Conferencing, mediation and circles, ed. Allison Morris and Gabrielle Maxwell, 183-193. With a foreword by DJ Carruthers. Oxford: Hart Publishing. 2001*
- *Introduction: Restorative justice and civil society.. In Restorative justice and civil society, eds. Heather Strang and John Braithwaite, 1-13. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. 2001*
- *Policing Domestic Violence: The Problem-Solving Paradigm. Paper presented at the conference 'Problem-Solving Policing as Crime Prevention'. Stockholm, 1996. 1996*
- *Reintegrative shaming of violence, drink driving & property crime: A randomized controlled trial. Progress report. Canberra: Australian National University, Institute of Advanced Studies, Research School of Social Sciences*
- *Restorative justice and family violence. In Restorative justice and family violence, ed. Heather Strang and John Braithwaite, 1-22. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2002*
- *Crimes against schools: The potential for a restorative justice approach. Paper presented at the International Forum on Initiatives for Safe Schools: School Violence Prevention and Juvenile Protection - What Works?, held in Seoul, South Korea, June 22-25. Canberra: Australian National University, Research School of Social Sciences, Law Program. 2002*
- *Experiments in Restorative Policing: A Progress Report on the Canberra Reintegrative Shaming Experiments (RISE). Australian Federal Police and Australian National University. 1998*
- *Crime and Restorative Justice: a Communitarian Approach. The Australia Institute. 19 (June): 5-6. 1999*
- *Effects of face-to-face restorative justice on victims of crime in four randomized, controlled trials.. Journal of Experimental Criminology. 1:367-395. 2005*
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Educational background:

Australian National University, PhD, 2000

University of Melbourne, MA (Criminology) First Class Honours, 1995

University of Canberra, Dip Lib, 1986

University of Sydney, BA, 1967