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About

Professor Leam A. Craig is a Consultant Forensic and Clinical Psychologist and Partner at Forensic Psychology Practice Ltd. He is Professor (Hon) of Forensic Psychology at the Centre for Forensic and Criminological Psychology, University of Birmingham.

He has been appointed Fellow of the British Psychological Society.

He has authored over 70 research articles and chapters in a range of research and professional journals. He has published/in press seven books. In 2013 he was the recipient of the Senior Academic Award from the Division of Forensic Psychology for distinguished contribution to academic knowledge in Forensic Psychology.

His research interests include risk assessment methodologies, factors associated with sexual and violent recidivism, child abuse and neglect and parents involved in childcare proceedings. He also has special interest in offenders with intellectual disabilities. His recent research has looked at the effect of age on sexual recidivism, efficacy of domestic violence interventions and factors associated with child abuse in parents involved in childcare proceedings.

Qualifications

PhD Psychology, University of Birmingham
MSc Forensic Psychology, University of Surrey
BA(Hons) Psychology/Sociology, University of Keele
FBPSS Fellow, British Psychological Society.
C.Psychol Chartered Psychologist, British Psychological Society
C.Sci Chartered Scientist
EuroPsy Registered European Psychologist – Registrations in Clinical, Health and Education
MAE Accredited Member, The Academy of Experts
Registered Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, Health & Care Professions Council
RAPPS Register of Applied Psychology Practice Supervisors

Biography

Professor Leam A. Craig is a Consultant Forensic and Clinical Psychologist. He has provided a forensic psychology service to North Derbyshire Forensic Learning Disability Services, North Birmingham Adult Mental Health Services, South Birmingham Primary Care Trust Community Forensic Service, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Services (Herefordshire & Worcestershire, Shropshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire).

He was previously Consultant Lead to three independent forensic psychiatric hospitals for people with personality disorders, learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. He is currently Consultant Lead within Derbyshire as part of the new Government initiative in the community management of high risk offenders with personality disorders. He is also contracted to provide independent psychology reports as part of Lifer Parole Board Reviews to a number of prison establishments across England and Wales and Northern Ireland. He acts as an expert witness to civil and criminal courts in the assessment of sexual and violent offenders and in matters of child protection.

Teaching

He has an input into post-graduate teaching and research.

Postgraduate supervision

He currently acts as supervisor to four ForenPsyD trainees/PhD students and as Internal examiner. He also acts as placement supervisor to ForenPsyD trainees.

Research

Research interests

- Risk assessment in forensic psychology: development of new assessments
- Evaluating treatment effectiveness for offenders
- Parents in childcare proceedings
- Offenders with intellectual disabilities

Other activities

He sits on the editorial boards to several journals including: *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, *Journal of Sexual Aggression*, *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*, and *The Open Criminology Journal*.

He is a former member of the Board of Examiners in Forensic Psychology (2001-2004) and former Chair, Membership Sub-committee (1999-2004) and Committee Member of the Division of Forensic Psychology.

Accredited Member:

- The Academy of Experts

Honorary Research Fellow:

- National Organisation of the Treatment of Abusers (NOTA)

Full Member:

- The European Association of Psychology and Law (EAPL)
- International Association of the Treatment of Sexual Offenders (IATSO)

Clinical & Research Member:

- The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

Publications

His research has been published in five different languages.

Selection of publications 2006 to date:

Authored books

Craig, L. A., Browne, K. D., Beech, A. R. (2008). *Assessing risk in sex offenders: A practitioner's guide*: Chichester. John Wiley & Son.

Edited books

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