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About

Professor Anthony Beech is Head of the **Centre for Forensic and Criminological Psychology (/research/activity/dsa/forensic/cfcp/index.aspx)** at the University of Birmingham, UK. He has authored over 150 peer-reviewed articles, 40 book chapters and six books in the area of forensic science/criminal justice. In 2009 he received the Significant Achievement Award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers in Dallas, and the Senior Award from the Division of Forensic Psychology, British Psychological Society. His particular areas of research interests are: risk assessment; the neurobiological bases of offending; reducing online exploitation of children; and increasing psychotherapeutic effectiveness of the treatment given to offenders. his recent research has examined: Internet offending; new approcahes to treatment of offenders; and the neurobiological basis of offending.

Qualifications

D.Phil. (Oxon), B.Sc., FBsPS, C.Psychol (Forensic).

Biography

Anthony Beech is Chair of Criminological Psychology and a Fellow of the British Psychological Society. He is the Director of the Centre for Forensic and Criminological Psychology at the University of Birmingham. He has published over 125 peer reviewed articles, over 30 book chapters, and has written/edited four books mainly in the area of sexual offending. He recently received the Senior Award for a significant lifetime contribution to Forensic Psychology in the UK from the Division of Forensic Psychology, BPS. He has also received the significant achievement award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) in Dallas, Texas, October 2009. He will be cahir of the ATSAresearch committee from 2013.

Teaching

Head of the forensic courses in the School of Psychology. He has an input into undergrduate and post-graduate teaching, and heads up the suite of post-graduate courses leading to forensc chartership.

Postgraduate supervision

I currently supervise over 20 ForenPsyD trainees/PhD students.

Research

Research Interests

- Risk assessment in forensic psychology: development of new assessments
- Evaluating treatment effectiveness for offenders (primarily sexual offenders)
- Neurobiological basis of offending

Other activities

I act asn an external consultant to a numver of initiatives that reduce offending. I am currently research chair of the North American Assocaition for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) (www.atsa.com)

Publications

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