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About

Kate Gooch is primarily interested in criminal justice and penology, particularly in relation to the use of imprisonment for children and young people. Building upon her experience of working with young people who are the subject of criminal justice and/or civil proceedings, Kate has completed empirical research in an English young offender institution. Her research and teaching interests centre on criminal law, criminal justice, youth justice and child law.

Availability

My office and feedback hours are Thursdays, 2pm - 4pm.

Qualifications

- LLB (Birmingham)
- LLM(Birmingham)
- PhD (Birmingham)

Biography

Kate Gooch graduated from the University of Birmingham with an LLB in Law and went on to complete a Masters degree in Criminal law and Criminal Justice. Throughout this time, Kate worked for CARE Remand Fostering Service and NACRO, working with young people in local authority care and those who were 'not in education, employment or training' (NEET). In 2006, she returned to Birmingham Law School as a postgraduate teaching assistant and PhD candidate. During her postgraduate studies and whilst employed by Birmingham Youth Offending Service, she also worked with young people who were at risk of, or actually engaging in, crime and anti-social behaviour with particular responsibilities for child protection. In 2010, Kate became a Teaching Fellow before being appointed as a Lecturer in September 2011.

Teaching

- Introduction to the Study of Law (LLB)
- Criminal Law (LLB/GDLS)
- Child Law (LLB)
- Youth Crime and Youth Justice (LLB) (Module leader)
- Youth Justice (LLM) (Module leader)
- Prison Studies (LLM) (Module leader)
- Restorative Justice (LLM)
- Human Rights and Criminal Justice (LLM)

Postgraduate supervision

- Criminal Law
- Criminal Justice
- Imprisonment
- Youth Justice
- Child Protection

Research

Kate Gooch's main research interests are criminal law, criminal justice and youth justice. Her doctoral research is focused on the experience of imprisonment for children and young people and draws upon empirical prison research to explore coping strategies, victimisation and the use of disciplinary measures within a young offender institution. Kate is currently developing papers that evaluate the use of physical restraint within young offender institutions and explore the nature of prison victimisation amongst juvenile offenders.

Other activities

Deputy Director of Examinations

Publications

- "Treating 17 year olds in Police Custody as Children, not Adults" (2013) 77(4) *Journal of Criminal Law* 281
- '"Twisted Up": Assessing the Future Use of Physical Restraint in Young Offender Institutions,' (2009) 183 *Prison Service Journal* 13

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