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About

Dr James Treadwell researches and teaches in the areas of Criminology and Criminal Justice His particular expertise is on topics of professional and organised crime, violent crime and victimisation. He is the author of the best-selling textbook *Criminology* (2006) and the revised and updated *Criminology: The Essentials* (2012). He is perhaps best known as an ethnographic and qualitative researcher, and has published articles in a number of leading national and international ISI ranked criminology and criminal justice journals. He was the first criminologist to undertake empirical research with former military personnel in UK prisons.

Qualifications

- BA (Hon) Criminal Justice (University of Central England)
- BA (Hon) Community Justice (University of Birmingham)
- PgDip/MA (University of Central England)
- PhD (Birmingham City University)

Biography

Dr James Treadwell joined Birmingham Law School as a Lecturer in January 2013, having previously worked at the Department of Criminology at the University of Leicester (2008-2012) and, prior to that the centre for Criminal Justice Policy and Research at Birmingham City University (2003-2008). Prior to becoming an academic, he worked for the crime reduction charity NACRO, and qualified as a Probation Officer in the West Midlands, working in both adult and youth settings. He was academic advisor on the Howard League Commission into Ex-Military Personnel in Prison (advising the inquiry chair Sir John Nutting QC).

Teaching

- Women and the Criminal Justice System
- Youth Crime and Justice
- Gender and Crime
- Youth Justice

Postgraduate supervision

James is happy to supervise doctoral students in criminology and criminal justice, but is particularly keen on innovative and original projects that use some aspect of qualitative (and especially ethnographic) research method. He is always keen to hear from prospective PhD students who are interested in a course of study that involves issues or themes of crime and/or deviance. While his subject specialism tends to centre on crime in relation to social transformation and change and often involves the themes of masculinity, violence, entrepreneurialism and organised crime, Potential research students are always welcome to contact him to discuss their research.

Research

Dr Treadwell's previous work is largely ethnographic, and has involved a range of projects from studying Probation cultures, to a variety of studies of what might be termed more everyday forms of organised crime. He has recently been involved (with Jon Garland at the University of Surrey) in a long term ethnographic study of the English Defence League, while his current research interests revolve around looking at the August 2011 English Riots and wider outbreaks of public disorder in Europe and beyond with Professors Simon Winlow and Steve Hall (University of Teeside) and Dr Daniel Briggs (University of East London). He is also currently working on several journal articles and invited book chapters based on previous research.

Other activities

Dr Treadwell is a member of the Advisory Board for 'No Offence' and serves as Editorial Advisory board member on The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice and the Journal of Criminal Psychology. He has also recently given oral evidence to the Justice Select Committee in its first evidence session in the inquiry into draft sentencing guidelines on Burglary and Drug offences. He was recently invited as a keynote speaker at the OHRN conference, 'Modernising primary healthcare in the criminal justice system: Identifying need; improving access' in Manchester in June 2012 and as a keynote speaker at the recent No Offence Veterans in custody conference at HMP Doncaster. He is also an external examiner for Criminology programmes at Teesside University.

Publications

Books

- Treadwell, J (2006) *Criminology* , London: Sage
- Treadwell, J (2012) *Criminology : The Essentials*, London: Sage
- Hopkins, M and Treadwell, J (2014) *Football Hooliganism, Fan Behaviour and Crime: Contemporary Issues* , Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan

Book Chapters and content

- Treadwell, J (2014) "Controlling the new far right on the streets: policing the English Defence League in policy and praxis", in Chakraborti, N and Garland, J (eds.) *Responding to Hate Crime: The Case for Connecting Policy and Research*, Bristol: Policy Press
- Treadwell, J (2014) 'Tattoos' in Atkinson, R (ed) *Shades of Deviance: A Primer on Crime, Deviance and Social Harm*, London Routledge
- Treadwell, J and Ayres, T (2014) 'Talking Prada and Powder: Cocaine Use and Supply Amongst the Football Hooligan Firm' in Hopkins, M and Treadwell, J (eds) *Football Hooliganism, Fan Behaviour and Crime; Contemporary Issues* , Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

- Treadwell, J; Briggs, D, Winlow, S and Hall, S. (2013) 'Shopocalypse Now: Consumer Culture and the English Riots of 2011', *British Journal of Criminology*, Volume 53 (1); 1-17
- Garland, J and Treadwell, J. (2012) The New Politics of Hate? An Assessment of the Appeal of the English Defence League Amongst Disadvantaged White Working-Class Communities in England, *Journal of Hate Studies* , 10 (1): 99-122
- Treadwell, J. (2012) 'From the Car Boot to Booting it Up? eBay, online counterfeit crime and the transformation of the criminal marketplace', *Criminology and Criminal Justice: An international Journal* 12(2): 175-191
- Ayres, T and Treadwell, J. (2012) 'Bars, Drugs and Football Thugs: Alcohol, Cocaine Use and Violence in the Night Time Economy among English Football Firms' *Criminology and Criminal Justice: An International Journal* 12 (1) pp. 83-100
- Treadwell, J. and Garland, J. (2011) 'Masculinity, Marginalisation and Violence: A Case Study of the English Defence League', *British Journal of Criminology* , 51 (4): 621-634
- Garland, J and Treadwell, J. (2010) 'No Surrender to the Taliban': Football Hooliganism, Islamophobia and the Rise of the English Defence League', *Papers from the British Criminology Conference* , 10(1) 19-35.
- Treadwell, J. (2008) 'Call the (Fashion) Police: How fashion becomes criminalised', *Papers from the British criminology Conference* , 8(1): 117-133
- Williams, K and Treadwell, J. (2008) 'Similarity and Difference: The Ethnographer, the Subject, and Objectivity', *Methodological Innovations Online*, Vol. 3(1)
- Treadwell, J and Mantle, G. (2007) 'Probation Education, Why the Hush? A Reply to Stout and Dominey's December 2006 Counterblast' *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*, 46(5): 500-511
- Treadwell, J. (2006) 'Some personal reflections on Probation Training' *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*, vol. 45(1): 1-13 (Winner of Wiley Blackwell prize for best journal article).

Invited Articles

- Treadwell, J. (2013) 'The English Defence League and Counter Jihad', *Criminal Justice Matters* , 93 (1); 8-9
- Treadwell, J. (2012) 'White Riot: the English Defence League and the 2011 English riots', *Criminal Justice Matters*, 87 (1): 36-37
- Treadwell, J. (2010) 'COUNTERBLAST: More than Casualties of War?: Ex-military Personnel in the Criminal Justice System', *The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*, Vol. 49 (1) pp. 73-77
- Harper, C and Treadwell, J (2013) COUNTERBLAST: Punitive Payne, Justice Campaigns and Popular Punitiveness - Where Next for 'Public Criminology'?, *The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* 52 (2): 216-222.

Reports Authored

- Howard League (2011) *The final report of the independent inquiry into former armed service personnel in prison* , London: Howard League (91 pp.) (ISBN 978-1-905994-36-6)

Expertise

James has significant media experience and has offered media comment on a range of crime and criminal justice related matters, including violent crime, organised crime, youth crime, football hooliganism and military justice.

Media experience

He has regularly appeared as a criminological expert on BBC radio 2, 4 and radio 5 Live along with numerous local radio programmes. He has given recorded and live commentary on BBC News, BBC News 24 and BBC World News, the ITV news at 10 and Sky News, along with television factual and programmes such as (BBC 1) 'the One show', and BBC 2 award winning documentary 'A History of Now: the Story of the Noughties'. He has featured on BBC Radio 4's 'Thinking Allowed' He was recently featured on BBC Radio 5 Documentary 'A Week in August' talking about the 2011 UK Riots and has been filming with Chris Terrill for upcoming documentary series on the ex-military personnel making the transition to civilian life, specifically in relation to subsequent criminality.