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About

Nathan is Senior Lecturer in Social Policy and Social Work at the School of Social Policy, and Marie Curie Research Fellow at the **Murdoch Children's Research Institute (http://www.mcri.edu.au/)**, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia.

Biography

Currently seconded to the Centre for Adolescent Health at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne, Nathan is undertaking a programme of research concerned with the application of neuroscience to law and social policy. In particular, Nathan's research considers the explanations apparent in emerging understandings of neuromaturation of patterns of offending amongst young adults and those with neurodevelopmental difficulties, and explores the implications of these emerging understandings for policy and practice within the criminal justice system.

Nathan is also the Coordinator of the international research exchange programme, ***'Understanding and supporting families with complex needs' (/research/activity/social-policy/families-policy-practice/research/supporting-families.aspx)***, seeking to explore family-focused policies and practices across social care, education and health. Participant universities include: **University of Birmingham (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/index.aspx)** (as lead partner); **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (http://milano.unicatt.it/index.html?rdeLocaleAttr=it)** (Italy); **Bodo University College (http://www.hibo.no/)** (Norway); **Umeå University (http://www.umu.se/)** (Sweden); **Unversidad Nacional de Córdoba (http://www.unc.edu.ar/)** (Argentina); **Unversidad Católica de Chile (http://www.uc.cl/)** (Chile); **Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (http://www.uanl.mx/)** (Mexico); and the **University of Nottingham (http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/sociology/index.aspx)** (UK)

Research

- Family-focused policy, practice and research methods
- Anti-social behaviour policies and discourses
- Youth policy and youth services
- International comparative research
- Policy implementation through professional practice
- Complexity theory and its application to social policy research

Selected research projects:

- Applying Neuroscience To Social Policy And The Law – Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship, EU FP7 Framework – 2013-2016
- **Understanding and Supporting Families with Complex Needs - International Research Exchange Programme, Marie Curie Actions, EU FP7 Framework - 2009-2014 (/research/activity/social-policy/families-policy-practice/research/supporting-families.aspx)**
- Evidence review of the prevalence of neurodevelopmental disorders amongst young people in custody, Office of the Children's Commissioner.
- Maturity and offending amongst young adults: a literature review, Barrow Cadbury Trust / Transition to Adulthood Alliance.
- Family and Social Policy: Towards Family-Minded Policy and Practice, British Academy UK-Latin-America Link Programme.
- Comparative review of policy and practice in relation to anti-social behaviour in the UK, Western Australia and Victoria, Leverhulme Study Abroad Fellowship - 2009.
- Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups, Evidence Review, Ministry of Justice - 2007-2008.
- A literature review of whole family approaches to service provision, Social Exclusion Taskforce/Cabinet Office - 2007.
- National Evaluation of the Children's Fund, Department for Education and Skills - 2003-2006.

Publications

Journal articles

Hek, R, Hughes, N and Ozman, R. (2012) 'Safeguarding the needs of young refugees and asylum seekers: addressing past failings and meeting future challenges', Child Abuse Review, 21 (5): 335–348.

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Selected book chapters

Hughes, N. (2012) 'Antisocial youth and asocial communities: are British youth intolerant or intolerable?' in Pickard, S. Nativel, C. and Portier-Le Cocq (eds) Les Politiques de jeunesse en mutation : désaffection, répression et accompagnement à la citoyenneté au Royaume-Uni et en France, Paris: Presses de la Sorbonne Nouvelle.

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Hughes, N. (2009) 'Managerialism Subverted: exploring the activity of the 'street level bureaucrat' in Barnes, M. and Prior, D. (eds) Subversive Citizens. Bristol: Policy Press (http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781847422071&sf1=keyword&st1=Managerialism+Subverted%3A+exploring+the+activity+of+the+street+level+bureaucrat&m=2&dc=2) .

Reports and other publications

Hughes, N, Williams, H, Chitsabesan, P, Davies, R. and Mounce, L. (2012) Nobody Made the Connection: The prevalence of neurodisability in young people who offend. London: Office of the Children's Commissioner.

Prior, D, Farrow, K, Hughes, N, Kelly, G, Manders, G, White, S and Wilkinson, B (2011) Maturity, young adults and criminal justice: A literature review. London: Transition to Adulthood Alliance/Barrow Cadbury Trust.

Morris, K. Hughes, N. Clarke, H. et al (2008) Think Family: a review of whole family approaches. London: Cabinet Office.

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