



What works with women offenders:  
Challenging stereotypes and achieving change

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Prato, Tuscany  
10-12 September 2007



**MONASH** University  
Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

# Invitation



Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to attend our second international conference focusing on working with women offenders. The conference builds on our 2005 program which attracted over 150 delegates from 17 countries, and will again take place at the Monash

University Centre in Prato, in the magnificent 18th century palace - Palazzo Vaj, just twenty minutes from Florence, Italy.

It is widely recognised that the number of women serving prison sentences has increased significantly and is a world-wide phenomenon. Justice systems are under increasing pressure to protect the community and punish offenders, while at the same time providing care and rehabilitation. The inherent tension between these goals makes this a complex area for practitioners, policy makers, educators, women offenders and their families.

This conference aims to address how the professionals who work with or have an interest in helping women offenders hope to bring about change, so as to ensure the services and opportunities provided to women offenders reduce their risk of re-offending and assist them in rebuilding their lives with the support of their community. The program will also offer a considerable

opportunity for cross-national dialogue, with emphasis on panel and round-table presentations. In addition, individual paper presentations that address conference themes, will be incorporated into the program, with plenary sessions also providing audience participation.

Key speakers will address the main conference themes and encourage dialogue within plenary, panel and round-table presentations. You are invited to submit a conference abstract that relates to the conference themes. In 2007 we are also providing the opportunity for people to set up round-table discussions about themes of interest to them.

There will be a Welcome Reception on the evening of the first day, Monday 10 September, with the Official Conference Dinner to be held on Tuesday evening, 11 September, at the Villa Artimino, an historic Medici Villa.

We extend an invitation to you to join us in Prato for what promises to be a great conference. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Dr Rosemary Sheehan  
Conference Convenor  
Department of Social Work  
School of Primary Health Care  
Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

## Organising Committee:

Dr Rosemary Sheehan  
Professor Leon Piterman AM  
Ms Katy Symmons  
Mrs Annabel Whitby  
Mr Ralph Hampson

## Scientific Committee

Dr Bronwyn Naylor (Chair), *Faculty of Law, Monash University*  
Professor James Ogloff, *Psychological Services at Forensicare (Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health)*  
Professor Gill McIvor, *Dept of Applied Science, University of Stirling, Scotland*  
Dr Ian Kronborg, *Western Drug & Alcohol Service, Melb.*  
A/Prof Chris Trotter, *Dept of Social Work, Monash University*  
Ms Leonie Poynter, *Victorian Assoc. for the Care & Re-settlement of Offenders (VACRO)*

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## Disclaimer

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## Cancellations & Refund of Registration Fees

All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Manager.

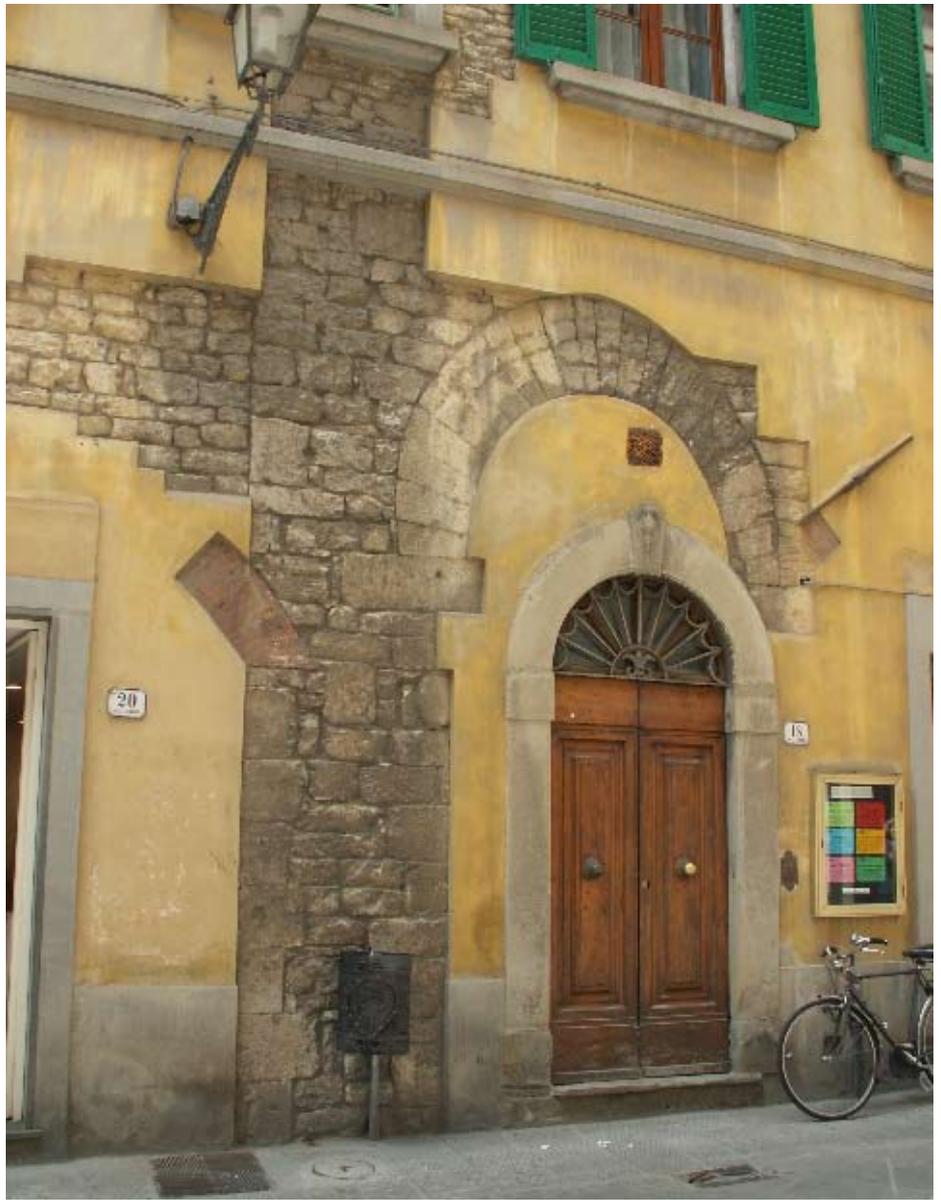
### Cancellations received:

Before 30 June 2007 will incur a cancellation fee of AU\$100.00

After 30 June 2007 will receive a 50% refund of total registration fees paid

No refund shall be issued for cancellations received after 31 July 2007

# Prato



As part of the region of Tuscany, **Prato** has both a distinguished past and an active role in contemporary Europe.

Taking its name from the Italian word for meadow, **Prato** has long been a successful commercial centre and is now the third largest city in Tuscany, after Florence and Livorno. It has been a major centre for textiles since the early Middle Ages, and now provides three quarters of all woollen cloth exported by Italy.

**Prato's** beautiful historic centre contains medieval and Renaissance buildings of great significance, including the Basilica di Santa Maria delle Carceri, designed by Giuliano da Sangallo, and the palace built by the famous merchant Francesco Datini. **Prato** also contains the Luigi Pecci Museum of Contemporary Art which is housed in an ultra modern (1987) complex planned by Italo Ciamverini.

A mere 20 minutes from Prato, is the capital city of the region of Tuscany, Florence. Founded by Julius Caesar in the 1st Century BC, Florence is a world cultural centre in terms of art,

architecture, intellectualism and Renaissance. The city is renowned for its wonderful museums which contain some of Michelangelo's most famous works. Historic buildings include Il Duomo, the enormous domed cathedral designed by Brunelleschi in the 15th Century, and the Pitti Palace, and galleries such as the Uffizi Gallery and the Accademia Gallery house collections of Italian and foreign art dating from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance and beyond.

#### Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the stately 18th Century Palazzo Vaj. This wonderfully restored building with a beautiful open-air terrazzo is surrounded by medieval towers and provides the location for Monash University in **Prato**.

For further information:  
<http://www.ita.monash.edu/information.html/html>  
[www.prato.turismo.toscana.it/](http://www.prato.turismo.toscana.it/)

# Keynote Speakers



**Mr Stephen Shaw CBE**

Stephen Shaw is Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales. He was first appointed Prisons Ombudsman in October 1999; from September 1 2001 his remit was extended to take in

complaints against the National Probation Service (NPS) from those under supervision in the community. Mr Shaw is independent of both the NPS and the Prison Service.

In 2003-04, Mr Shaw implemented the first independent investigation into deaths in prisons in England, and is now responsible for the investigation of all deaths in prisons, immigration removal centres and NPS hostels. He also has a discretionary power to investigate post-release deaths, investigations that have drawn attention to the dangers of renewed drug abuse after a period of total or relative abstinence in prison. Recently, he has also investigated serious self-harm incidents. He has conducted a range of other investigations, which include inquiries about incidents at Immigration Removal Centres.

Prior to becoming Prisons Ombudsman, Mr Shaw was director of the Prison Reform Trust (PRT) charity for eighteen years.



**Ms Susan Brookes**

As Governor of Her Majesty's Prison, Cornton Vale, Scotland, Susan Brookes has over 18 years operational experience and a lifelong commitment to helping offenders realise their

potential. Susan's first posting was at HMP Edinburgh, where she worked in partnership with the Health Education Board for Scotland, developing counselling training for staff.

From 1991-94, Susan was based at HMP Peterhead followed by a posting as GIC at HMP Barlinnie Special Unit. In 1995 as GIC at HMP Shotts, Susan was responsible for leading the implementation of the groundbreaking National Induction Centre (NIC). She then worked as Head of Strategy and Planning at SPS Headquarters in Edinburgh from 1996-98. It was during her posting as Deputy Governor, that HMP Glenochil was the first to open centralised sentence management and employability facilities which provided a foundation for the development of national social inclusion policies.

In her current role as GIC of Cornton Vale, Susan is an active member of the Sentencing Commission and has increasing contact with the Scottish Executive/media. Included in Cornton Vale's notable successes, is the establishment of the families centre, a Butler Trust award for restorative practices, IIP attainment and the remand day care. Its performance management and HR systems are widely recognised as best practice throughout SPS.



**Professor Rosemary C. Sarri**  
MSW, PhD. DHL

Rosemary Sarri is a Sr. Research Professor at the Institute for Social Research and a Professor of Social Work Emerita at the University of Michigan. A

widely published author on subjects of child and youth welfare, the justice system and women, she has served on several national and international committees on family well-being and criminal justice. She is currently engaged in two research studies: a study of juveniles being tried as adults in the criminal justice system, and a study of abused and neglected children who awol from placement. She is collaborating with colleagues in South Korea in a demonstration project on children and family violence and in Hong Kong on the development of social work education in China. She serves on several local and state Boards in Michigan concerned with social policy. Her most recent publication is *Women at the Margins: Neglect, Punishment and Resistance* with Josefina Figueira-McDonough, Haworth, 2002 and a series of papers with colleagues on high-risk adolescent females.



**Professor James Ogloff**  
JD, PhD, FAPS

James R. P. Ogloff, is trained as a lawyer and psychologist. He is the Foundation Professor of Clinical Forensic Psychology at Monash University and Director of Psychological Services

at Forensicare. Prior to moving to Australia, he was Director of Mental Health Services from British Columbia Corrections and he was the University Endowed Professor of Law and Forensic Psychology at Simon Fraser University. Professor Ogloff is a leading figure in forensic psychology internationally having published 12 books and more than 160 scholarly articles and chapters. Professor Ogloff is the Chair of the College of Psychologists of the Australian Psychological Society and the President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (Victoria). He is a Past-President of the American Psychology Law Society and the Canadian Psychological Association.



**Ms Anne Owers CBE**

Ms Anne Owers is Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales, appointed to this post in August 2001. Anne has also served as Director of Justice, been a member of the Home Office Task Force on the

implementation of the Human Rights Act and the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct, carried

out work on human rights, asylum and the provision of legal services as a member of both the Public Interest Advisory Panel of the Legal Services Commission and the Bowman Review of the Administrative Courts. She has also held the post of General Secretary of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, and been a Board member of the Board of the Centre for Research into Ethnic Relations at Warwick University.



**Dr Ian Kronborg**  
MBBS, FRACP

Dr Ian Kronborg is the Director of Westadd, a community-based drug and alcohol agency in the Western region of Melbourne. He has provided drug and alcohol and medical services

to a number of prisons in Victoria and the Magistrates' Courts diversion programs for drug offenders, and the Women's Health network drug and alcohol treatment service. He is also the Director of Gastroenterology at the Western Hospital in Melbourne, providing hepatitis treatment programs. He holds an appointment in the Department of Medicine, The University of Melbourne.

## Opening Address



**Professor Thea Brown**  
BA, DipSocWk, PhD

Professor Thea Brown is Director of International Programs and Students, Department of Social Work, Monash University. She is the leader of the Family Violence and Family Court

research program at the University which has developed a new national program for children where abuse is alleged in the context of family law disputes. Her work has been published in the journals: *Child Abuse Review* (UK), *Child Abuse and Neglect*, (USA), *Children Australia*, (Australia), *Family Court Review*, (USA).

## Conference Convenor

**Dr Rosemary Sheehan**  
B.Scc.Stud, MSW, PhD

Rosemary Sheehan is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Social Work, Monash University. She also holds the post of Pre-Hearing Conference Convenor in the Family Division of the Children's Court of Victoria. Her published research covers four areas: (a) child welfare and the law, (b) mental health (c) judicial and corrections responses to offenders, with particular reference to women offenders and (d) social work curricula. She is currently working on projects that examine: the extent to which children who come into the child welfare court have parents who are in prison; outcomes for women offenders after release from prison; the emotional abuse of children; and, alternative dispute resolution in the child welfare jurisdiction.

# Conference Program (subject to alteration)

## MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

8:00am onwards

Registration  
Foyer, Monash Centre, Palazzo Vaj

9:00 - 9:30am

Prof Thea Brown  
*Welcome Address*

9:30 - 10:30am

Mr Stephen Shaw CBE  
Keynote Address:  
*The Treatment of 'Vulnerable' Women in the Justice System.*

10:30 - 11:00am MORNING TEA

11:00am - 1:00pm

Paper Presentations and Round-Table Sessions:  
*Family and Community*

1:00 - 2:00pm LUNCH

2:00 - 3:00pm

Ms Susan Brookes  
Keynote Address:  
*A Strategy for Positive Relationships.*

3:00 - 5:00pm

Round-Table Sessions:  
*Cross-National Approaches to Dealing with Women and Offending.*

Paper Presentations

AFTERNOON TEA 3:30 - 4:00pm

5:00pm

Close

6:30 - 8:00pm

WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY - PALAZZO VAJ

## TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

9:00 - 10:00am

Prof Rosemary Sarri  
Keynote Address:  
*Returning Home: Challenges for women offenders with children - supports that can make a difference.*

10:00 - 10:30am MORNING TEA

10:30am - 1:00pm

Paper Presentations and Round-Table Sessions:  
*Ethnic Diversity and Cultral Issues*

1:00 - 2:00pm LUNCH

2:00 - 3:00pm

Dr Ian Kronborg  
Keynote Address:  
*Evidence Based Treatments for Addiction.*

3:00 - 5:00pm

Round-Table Sessions:  
*Addiction.*

Paper Presentations

AFTERNOON TEA 3:30 - 4:00pm

5:00pm

Close

7:30pm

CONFERENCE DINNER - VILLA ARTIMINO

## WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

9:00 - 10:00am

Ms Anne Owers CBE  
Keynote Address:  
*Race Relations in Prisons: Responding to women from ethnic minority backgrounds.*

10:00 - 10:30am MORNING TEA

10:30am - 1:00pm

Paper Presentations and Round-Table Sessions:  
*Mental Health*

1:00 - 2:00pm LUNCH

2:00 - 3:00pm

Prof Jim Ogloff  
Keynote Address:  
*Mental Health, Recovery and Re-integration for Women Offenders.*

3:00 - 4:00pm

Plenary Session:  
Dr Loraine Gelsthorpe

4:30pm

AFTERNOON TEA

Close of conference

# Call for Papers

The conference is organized around a number of themes (as per the list below), and we invite abstracts for oral paper and poster presentations which address any one of these issues:

- Ethnic diversity and cultural issues
- Legal and sentencing responses and cross-national approaches to dealing with women and offending.
- Family and community
- Mental health
- Addiction.

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **30 March 2007**. You will be notified by email or post of your abstract acceptance by 1 May 2007.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings Book.

The official language of the conference is English. All abstracts should be submitted and presentations delivered in English.

Abstracts should include the following: Author/s details: Full Name, Postal Address, Email, Telephone, Organisation, Title of Paper, Conference Theme being addressed.

Please submit your abstract online to:

**<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/socialwork/conference>**

All presenters must register and pay the full conference registration fee before the early registration deadline, to ensure inclusion in the final program.

*NB: Presenters are responsible for the transport and storage of their presentation materials. The Conference staff cannot receive or store materials, so please DO NOT forward them to the registration desk. We cannot accept responsibility for your materials or their transportation.*



# Travel Information

## Australians Studying Abroad (ASA)

Australians Studying Abroad (ASA), celebrating 30 years in 2007, is the licensed travel agent appointed to arrange travel for delegates and their partners wishing to attend the What Works with women offenders conference, 10-12 September 2007.



Group Travel Arrangements include:

- Competitive Economy class airfares flying Singapore Airlines;
- Accommodation at the Hotel Flora, Hotel Giardino or the Art Hotel Milano in Prato.
- A limited number of mini-apartments are also available at the Residence Manassei in Prato
- Rail travel between Rome Airport and Prato

Pre- and Post-Travel Options include:

- A range of accommodation options throughout Italy (including Rome, Florence & Venice), and a variety of day excursions and tours to regions of Italy including the Amalfi Coast, Sicily and Northern Italy;
- Car hire and villa rental options;

Day tours while based in Prato:

- A range of half-day and full-day excursions in Florence and neighbouring towns (Siena, San

Gimignano & Pisa) are available. All these tours start in Florence. Please contact ASA if you are interested to receive further information.

ASA's website -

[www.asatours.com.au](http://www.asatours.com.au)

contains:

- A detailed description of all accommodation options in Prato (including location map and hyperlinks to the hotels' websites).
- Flight options with Singapore Airlines – including airfare prices and flight schedules
- Other pre- or post-travel options
- Applicable Booking Forms

Travellers not taking the group travel arrangements:

If you require alternative airfares or additional travel arrangements, please remember that ASA will be pleased to assist you!

Please Note:

*September corresponds with High/Shoulder Season in Europe, demand for accommodation and air travel is therefore very high. We ask all travellers to begin organizing their travel arrangements as soon as possible (preferably to be completed by the end of November 2006).*

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# What Works with Women Offenders Conference 10-12 September 2007

## Registration Form and Tax Invoice

Monash University ABN 12 377 614 012

Personal Details (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

(ALL PRICES ARE GST FREE)

### DELEGATE 1

Title (PLEASE TICK):  Dr  Prof  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Other Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode/Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (W): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name on badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to have your name and country and email address included in a participants list available for distribution at the conference?  Yes  No

I will be attending the Welcome Cocktail Party (Palazzo Vaj Terrace, 10 Sept 6:30-8:00pm)  Yes  No

I will / will not be accompanied by a guest to the Welcome Cocktail Party (at an additional cost of AU\$30 per person) No. of Extra Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs:  vegetarian  other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### DELEGATE 2

Title (PLEASE TICK):  Dr  Prof  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Other Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

DEL 1 Early Bird Registration (before 30 June, 2007) . . . . AU\$740.00  Late Registration (after 30 June, 2007) . . . . . AU\$850.00

DEL 2 Early Bird Registration (before 30 June, 2007) . . . . AU\$740.00  Late Registration (after 30 June, 2007) . . . . . AU\$850.00

Conference Dinner (OPTIONAL) - Villa Artimino, 11 Sept 7:30pm AU\$110.00 per person (includes bus transfers) . . . . .

No. of Dinner Tickets required (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ AU\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs:  vegetarian  other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

*NB: Cost of DELEGATE attendance at the Welcome Cocktail Party on 10 September is included in the registration fee, however, partners and guests are also welcome at an additional cost of AU\$30.00/person. Accommodation and airfares are NOT included in the conference registration fee.*

### REGISTRATION PAYMENT DETAILS

Cheque made payable to 'Monash University' OR

Card Payment:  Bankcard  VISA  Mastercard  American Express

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYABLE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed registration form with payment (in Australian dollars) to:  
Ms Katy Symmons, Conference Manager Department of General Practice, Monash University,  
867 Centre Road, East Bentleigh, Victoria 3165 Australia OR Fax: +61 3 8575 2233

### DELEGATE ENTITLEMENTS

Fully registered DELEGATES are entitled to access: • All conference proceedings • Lunches, morning & afternoon teas • Conference Abstracts Book & Satchel • Welcome Cocktail Party (6:30pm, 10 Sept). NB: The Dinner at the Villa in Artimino is OPTIONAL and an additional cost of AU\$110.00 per person.