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## Shorter CV - Dr Simon Harding, FRSA

**Education:** Perth Academy, Scotland. 1973-1979; Edinburgh University, Edinburgh (1979 – 1983); South Bank University, London (1984 – 1987); University of London, London (1990– 1991); Middlesex University, London (1998 – 1999); University of Bedfordshire, Luton (2009 – 2012); Middlesex University, London (2012 – 2013).

**Qualifications:** MA (Hons Geog.) Edinburgh University, Edinburgh (1983); Bachelor of Town Planning, South Bank Uni. London, (1988); Chartered Diploma in Marketing, Uni. of London, (1991); MA Criminology, (Distinction), Middlesex University, (1999); Prof. Doctorate in Youth Justice, University of Bedfordshire, (2012); PG Cert. in Higher Education, Middlesex University, (2013). Now studying for a Diploma in Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and OC.

**Current role: Professor of Criminology, Director of National Centre for Gang Research at University of West London**

**Associate Professor, University of West London. (2017-2018)**

I worked in the Research Centre for Cybercrime and Security responsible for research bids, grants and contracts, writing, researching and media profile.

**Previous Roles: Senior Lecturer (2011-Oct 2017) Middlesex University, Hendon, London, NW4 4BT**

PL for BA Criminology (Policing); taught Researching City; Policing; Gangs & Group Offending; Community Safety & Public Protection; Youth Justice & Disorder; Interpersonal Violence/Hate Crime; Youth Offending, Data & Information Management; Research Methods & Ethics; Research Safety; Housing, Regeneration; Skills and Methods; In 2017 I was awarded Academic Staff member of the Year in the Student-led Teaching Awards.

**Consultant (2009 – 2011) Re-solve Crime Consultants Ltd PO Box 63460**

I was a Performance specialist for Wales Audit Office Specialist on Community Safety for the Audit Commission, specialising in Comprehensive Area Assessments (CAA) for Fire & Rescue Services, local authorities, County councils.

**Assistant Director of Community Safety, (2005 – 2008) L. B. of Lambeth, 205 Stockwell Rd, London.**

Managed team of 55 staff & budget of £15M; UKs largest anti-gang crime project - £1.5M and Lambeth Gangs Commission.

**Regional Crime Advisor – (2001 – 2005) Home Office, London.**

Supported high crime boroughs re performance management and targets; provided bespoke consultancy, coaching and mentoring; liaised daily with CEOs, MPS Borough Commanders; managed £10M funding; Pan-London Training for 32 Crime Analysts. Visioned and delivered London ASB Strategy- Nominated for Home Office Excellence in Delivery Award.

**Community Safety Manager, (1999 – 2001) L. B. Islington, Town Hall, Upper Street, London.**

As Head I managed ten staff, (inc. two MPS officers). Strategically co-ordinated community safety and drugs, inc. policy and projects; budget management; Co-invented, developed/ marketed Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's)- Now Home Office policy; successfully introduced this to Canada, Australia, New Zealand.

**Community Safety Co-ordinator, (1996 – 1999), L.B. of Hackney, Town Hall, London**

Lead on policy devt. urban regeneration Crime Audits and Strategy, (viewed as best in UK); strategic co-ordination of community safety, project management; developing partnerships; bidding; training and staff development; budget management; High Crime Projects; representing the Council at high levels.

**Assistant Co-ordinator, (1996 – 1999), Hackney Safer Cities Project, Mare St. London.**

Led project which won three national awards (1998)- inc. Best Town Center Scheme for Local Government; Best Local Partnership; Best Community Relations Project for the Inst. of Public Relations. Designed a highly creative multi-media prevention programme; managed Hackney Street Robbery Reduction Programme and Safer Streets Media Campaign winning first prize in the NGN National Crime Prevention Awards.

**Consultant, (1995 – 1996) Ekos Ltd. St. George's, Studies, Glasgow.**

Responsible for all aspects of project consultancy, contracting and research commissioning, including: project mgmt., client liaison, report writing and presentations, business research, economic impact assessments.

**Assoc. Director, (1994-95) Kaleidoscope, Children's & Youth Research, PWA Assoc. London**

Responsible for qualitative research in social policy /business markets; commissioning & co-ordinating projects. Completed over 100 focus groups inc Viewing labs. International client pitches in Geneva. £100,000 of successful research tenders.

**Associate Consultant, (1991 – 1994) Safer Neighbourhoods Unit, London,**

Report writing; research; 3 yr study into High Rise Housing (16 local authorities) for DoE; field manager of team.

**Project Manager, (1989 – 1990), HSG Consultants, Copthorne, Sussex**

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**Researcher/ Project Manager/ Lecturer, (1986 – 1991)** South Bank University, London - Lecturer in Data Management and Information Management; Research Methodologies; Researcher Safety and Ethics

**Recent Conferences and speaking engagements:**

- The Evolution of county Lines drug networks, MOPAC, 26th May 2021
- Why the rise in youth Violence, Society of Evidence Based Policing, 19th May 2021
- Why the rise in youth violence, VRU Practitioners Forum, 29th January 2021
- Gangs & county Lines National Combatting Gangs, Violence and county Lines Conference, Gvmt Events, 28/01/21
- Police training on County Lines findings, Kent police HQ, 22nd January 2021
- Gangs and youth violence, Derbyshire Safeguarding Conference, 21st January 2021
- Gangs and gambling, Gamble Aware, 7th January 2021
- Knife Crime, National Conference, 17th December 2020
- Training on Gang, and youth violence, MPS HQ and live streaming nationally, 7th December 2020
- Victims' Law roundtable for Criminal Exploitation, Gangs and County Lines, Victims Commissioner, 25/11/20
- Contested Vulnerability, Vulnerability Conference, Canterbury Centre for Policing Research, 14th October 2020
- Research findings on County Lines, West Midlands Police Conference, 30th September 2020
- Tackling Gangs, Violence and Weapon Crime Conference 2020: Manchester, Chairing and Keynote 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2020
- Street Gangs and crime, Dept. for Education, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- Knife Crime, NPCC/APCC conference, QEII Centre, London, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020
- Street Gangs and violent crime, East BCU Serious Violence Summit, LondonEast, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020
- The evolution of Street gangs and violence, UCK, Crime Seminar, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020
- Knife Crime, Local Government Association Tackling Knife Crime Conference, London 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Gang and youth violence, ASK ME Ambassadors, Waltham Forest Council, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Plenary speaker, National Conference on Gangs, Weapons, Violence, Lords, London, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2019
- House of Commons, Gangs Presentation, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- Standing together against Knife Crime, Newham Muslim Forum, 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019
- Tackling County Lines and Vulnerability in Partnership, Derbyshire PCC, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019
- The Evolution of Serious Violence, Gangs and Knife Crime in Tower Hamlets, 30th July 2019
- Keynote speech re Gangs and Youth Violence, Medway Community Safety Partnership, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- Knife crime and County Lines, Tackling Knife Crime: A national conference, Westminster Insight, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- Gang violence in London and New York, Panel member, London South Bank University, 02/07/19
- Knife crime and interpersonal violence – Liverpool John Moores University, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- The internal/external triggers for youth violence, Crime and Brent's Young People Conference, 12/10/18
- The role of social media in gang culture. Adtech international Conference, September 27 at Olympia, Kensington
- County Lines in practice, Ofsted conference on Education, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018.
- Gang evolution, County Lines, Mopeds and Acid, Northamptonshire Police Conference, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Going Wild in the Country: street gangs and County Lines, Eurogang Conference, Almen, Netherlands, June 2018

**Live Broadcast media**

Serious Violence Reduction Orders, **BBC Radio Kent**, 17/09/20; Sussex violence against police, **BBC Sussex** 13/07/20; Covid drug deals, **BBC Radio Kent**, 18/06/20; County Lines, **Radio Five Live**, 26/05/20; County lines, **LBC**, 17/05/20; Knife crime, **BBC Radio Coventry**, 16/01/20; Probation Service, **LBC**, 15/01/20; County Lines, **BBC Politics Live**, 10/01/20; County Lines, **BBC Wales**, 10/01/20; Knife Crime, **BBC Radio Sussex**, 18/12/19; Knife Crime, **LBC**, 11/12/19; Knife Crime, **BBC Radio Kent**, 06/09/19; Knife Crime Prevention Orders, **LBC**, 19/08/19; Girls with Knives, **BBC Radio Kent**, 09/08/19; Rural Crime, **BBC Radio Coventry**, 05/08/19; County lines, **LBC**, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019; Knife crime, **BBC Three Counties**, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019; PSPOs, **BBC Coventry**, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019; County Lines, **BBC Hereford and Worcester**, 27/03/19; Knife Crime, **BBC Coventry** 10/03/19; Knife crime, **BBC News**, 04/03/19; Knife crime, **LBC**, **Nick Ferrari**, 26/02/19; Knife crime in the UK, **Sputnik Radio**, 19/02/19; Knife crime, **BBC Radio Kent**, 25/01/19; Knife crime, **LBC**, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019; Violence against the police. **LBC**, 20/11/18; Policing remit and focus, **BBC Five Live**, 01/11/18; Knife attackers not prosecuted, **LBC with Nick Ferrari**, 26/10/18; Policing cuts in Kent, **BBC Radio Kent**, 08/10/18; Crime Rises, **LBC**, 07/10/18; County Lines, **BBC Radio Kent**, 28/08/18; Violent crime in the UK, **LBC**, 21/08/18; Gangs and violent crime, **BBC London News**, 16/08/18; Acid attacks, **LBC with Nick Ferrari**, 01/08/18; Acid attacks on the rise, **BBC WM**, 26/07/18; What lies behind the rise in crime? **BBC Radio London**, 20/01/18; Should criminals lose their council Homes? **Sky News**, 23/06/18; Should criminals lose their council house? **LBC**, 23/06/18; Moped crime and rising crime, **BBC Radio London**, 10/06/18; PTSD in street gangs, **BBC London News**, 07/06/18; PTSD in gangs, **BBC Radio London**, 07/06/18; Moped enabled crime in London, **ITN News**, 06/06/18; The rise in Moped crime, **LBC**, 05/06/18; Moped crime in London, **BBC Radio Wales**, 05/06/18; Throwing acid, **LBC** 24/05/18; Knife crime and violence, **BBC Radio Wales** 09/04/18; Violent Crime Strategy, **Sky News**, 09/04/18; Violent Crime, **BBC Lunchtime news**, 09/04/18; Gang crime and violence in London, **Sky News**, 07/04/18; London Violence, **London Live news**, 06/04/18; Knife crime, **BBC London**, 06/04/18; Sentencing of Hackney acid attacker, Vanessa Feltz Show, **BBC Radio London**: Acid Attacks, **BBC Victoria Derbyshire**, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb; Moped Enabled Crime in London, **BBC News**, 15/02/18; The Croydon Cat killer, **BBC Radio Kent**, 03/01/18; The Arthur Collins Trial, **BBC Radio London with Vanessa Feltz**, 20/12/17; County Lines in Bournemouth and Weymouth, **BBC Radio Solent**, 20/12/17; Acid Attacks in Kent, **BBC Radio**

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**Kent**, 14/10/17; New proposals to address acid attacks, **BBC Radio Kent**, 14/10/17; Acid Attacks **BBC Radio London**, 12/10/17; Acid attack proposals, **BBC Radio London with Vanessa Feltz** 10/10/17; The rise of acid attacks, **Sputnik Radio**, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017; Stratford Acid attacks, BBC Five live 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017; Acid Attacks in Medway, BBC Radio Kent, 01/09/17; Acid attacks in Kent, **BBC Radio Kent**, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017; Acid attacks in Sussex, **BBC Radio Sussex**, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017; Acid attacks - **LBC** 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017; Acid attacks, **BBC Radio Kent** - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017; Acid Attacks in the UK, **BBC Radio Five live**, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017; Rise of acid attacks - **BBC London with Vanessa Feltz**, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017; Acid attacks in the UK - **BBC**

#### **Relevant external activities**

External Examiner – Uni.of Bedfordshire; Convenor of YJB Gangs Forum; Peer Reviewer for HO Ending Gang and Youth Violence; Gang Training - Home Start Barnet – April 2014; Middlesex Uni. Rep Barnet Community Safety Partnership Board 2012-17; Chair of Barnet Burglary Reduction Partnership 2013-17; Founding member - Advisory Group on Equalities to MPS: 1999 – ongoing role as Independent Advisor on Hate Crime & Equalities; The London Gang Forum, Houses of Parliament;

#### **Income raising Consultancy/ research**

Solicitors Reports, various. Training on Equalities & Diversity for LB of Camden, April 2011; Community Safety Inspector, Audit Commission, 2009 – 2011; Training on Hate Crime, Equalities and Diversity at Met Police College, Hendon 1999 – 2009; Monitoring & evaluation of 20 youth diversion projects; Safer Cities Projects - Crime Concern, 1996-99; Community Safety Audit – Southampton CCI, 1998; North Kensington City Challenge Consultation, 1993; Evaluation of Community Redevelopment Scheme, 1993; Community Safety Strategy - Bristol C.C. 1992; Community Safety Evaluations 1991-94; Resident Planning Conference in Moss Side, Manchester, 1991; National High-Rise Housing data-base 1990-92; Management reports on ASB 1991-94; Research into ASB, 1988-1995; Public consultation on Housing Mgmt - Peat Marwick, 1988-89;

#### **Consultancy role or KT**

Expert Reference Group (Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) HMICFRS 2017-2018; Liaison with Street Crime Action Team, (SCAT) and HO. Advisory Board on new Racial and Violent Crimes Unit set up at Scotland Yard following the nail bombings.

#### **Research grants and awards**

Over 25 years I played a central role in bidding teams and successfully securing over 50 separate grants. I devised, tendered, commissioned approx. 100 separate research projects from 1984–2015. I have managed fieldwork teams of 60 staff over 2 yrs in regional cities. Recent projects include: Diversity, JUST/2014/Action Grant, £470,000; Home Office, Evaluation of EGYV programme, £10,500; League Against Cruel Sports, UK Dog fighting - £20,000; Safer London Foundation, Empower evaluation – March 2014 - £29,000; Medway Council Consultancy on Gangs strategy, £5,500; Consultancy research into Gang crime in Tower Hamlets, Nov/ Dec 2018 - £12,000; MOPAC Gang Perceptions, £47,000, Nov 2020. LBR Crime research - £47,000.

Harding, S. (2012) *Unleashed: The Phenomenon of Status Dogs and Weapon Dogs*, was shortlisted for the British Sociological Association Phillip Abrams book prize in 2013 and for the British Society of Criminology book prize in 2013.

Harding, S. (2014) *The Street Casino: survival in the violent street gang* was awarded the Frederick Milton Thrasher Award for Superior Gang Research by the National Gang Crime Research Centre Conference in Chicago on 11/08/14.

#### **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

Harding, S. (2022) County Lines, Exploitation, Modern Slavery, in Andell & Pitts (2022) Palgrave Handbook of UK Gangs

Harding, S. (2022) Storming the Capital, in Densley and Pyrooz, (2022) *Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society*. OUP

Harding, S. (2020) County Lines: Exploitation and drug dealing amongst urban street gangs, Bristol University Press

Harding, S., Deuchar, R., Densley, J. (2020) Intro to Special Issue on Serious Youth Violence in UK, Youth Justice Journal

Harding, S. (2020) Getting to the point? Reframing narratives on knife crime, Youth Justice Journal, Sage.

Harding, S., Deuchar, R., Densley, J. McLean, R. (2018) A Typology of Street Robbery and Gang Organization: Insights from Qualitative Research in Scotland. *British Journal of Criminology*. (Online) DOI: [10.1093/bjc/azy064](https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azy064)

Harding, S., Deuchar, R., Densley, J. McLean, R. (2018) A Typology of Street Robbery and Gang Organization: Insights from Qualitative Research in Scotland. *British Journal of Criminology*. (Online) DOI: [10.1093/bjc/azy064](https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azy064)

Densley, J.; McLean, R.; Deuchar, R.; Harding, S. (2018) "Progression from cafeteria to à la carte offending: Scottish organised crime narratives" *The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*. Article ID: HOJO12304

Deuchar, R., Harding, S. McLean, R., & Densley, J. (2018) Deficit or credit? A comparative, qualitative study of gender agency and female gang membership in Los Angeles and Glasgow. *Crime & Delinquency*. First published August 27, 2018.

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Densley, J., McLean, R., Deuchar, R. & Harding, S. (2018). An altered state? Emergent changes to illicit drug markets and distribution networks in Scotland. *International Journal of Drug Policy* 58:113–120 (August 2018)

McLean, R., Deuchar, R., Harding, S. & Densley, J. (2018) *Putting the 'street' in gang: Place and space in the organization of Scotland's drug selling gangs*. *The British Journal of Criminology*, azy015, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azy015> 05/09/18

Irwin-Rogers, K. and Harding, S. (2018) The effects of gang involvement on pupil attitudes and behaviour: When two social fields collide, *British Educational Research Journal*, 44 (3). pp. 463-479. ISSN 0141-1926

Harding, S. (2016), From 'little flowers of the motherland' into 'carnivorous plants' youth crime in China, in *Global Perspectives on Youth Gang Behavior, Violence, and Weapons Use*, Pennsylvania: IGI Global

Harding, S. and Palasinki, M., (2016) *Global Perspectives on Youth Gang Behavior, Violence, and Weapons Use*, Hershey Pennsylvania: IGI Global

Nurse, A. & Harding, S. (2016) *Contemporary dog-fighting law in the UK*. *Journal of Animal Welfare Law*. p1-10.

Sanders-McDonagh, E., Neville, L., Goodman, A. Harding, S. Kowalska, A., and Rodriguez, S. (2016) *Safer London Empower Project Evaluation Report*, Safer London and Middlesex University: London

Harding, S. and Nurse, A., (2015) *Analysis of UK Dog Fighting, Laws and Offences*, Middlesex University

Harding, S. Chapter 4 - Aggressive Dogs and Public Image in Mills, D. and Westgarth, C. (2016) *Dog Bites: A multidisciplinary perspective on human-directed, aggressive behaviour of the dog*. Nottingham Uni Press

Harding, S. (2014) *The Street Casino: survival in the violent street gang*, Bristol: The Policy Press

Harding, S. (2014) *Unleashed: Phenomenon of Status Dogs & Weapon Dogs*, Bristol: The Policy Press (reprint)

Harding, S. (2012), 'Street Government: the role of the Urban Street Gang in the London Riots', in *The English Riots of 2011: A Summer of Discontent* (edited by Daniel Briggs), Waterside Press: Hampshire pp 193 - 215

Harding, S. (2013) 'Bling with bite – the rise of status and weapon dogs', *Veterinary Record* 173: 261-263

Harding, S. (2012) *Unleashed: The Phenomenon of Status Dogs and Weapon Dogs*, Bristol: The Policy Press

Harding, S. (2012) *The Role and Significance of Street Capital in the Social Field of the Violent Youth Gang in south London*. Doctoral Thesis for University of Bedfordshire

Harding, S. (2012) A Reputational Extravaganza? The role of the urban street gang in the riots in London, *Criminal Justice Matters*, Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, no 87, March 2012.

#### Official reports

- Cohen, R., Harding, S. Howard, E., Kofman, E. and Vacchelli, E. (2017) *Diversity: City Report*, Nottingham
- Harding and Cracknell, (2016), *Ending Gang and Youth Violence Prog: Independent Review*, Home Office
- Dog-fighting - 'Betrayal of Trust: The Tragedy of Dog Fighting', *League Against Cruel Sports*, (Dec 2015)
- ASB Strategy for London, (2005) GOL
- Islington Community Safety Strategy, (2002) LB of Islington
- Islington Crime Audit, (2001) LB of Islington
- Islington Community Safety Action Plan (1999) and Action Plan Review (2000), LB of Islington
- Street Robbery Publicity Campaign (1998-99), LB of Islington
- Hackney Crime and Disorder Audit, (1998) LB of Hackney
- Hackney Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy, (1999) LB of Hackney
- Hackney Street Robbery Prevention Plan (1998) Hackney Community Safety Strategy, (1997) LB of Hackney
- High Hopes: Concierge, controlled entry for high rise blocks, by SNU, London Stationery Office (1997)
- Crime Prevention on Council Estates, Dept. of the Environment, HMSO (1993)
- Hartcliffe and Withywood Community Safety Strategy, SNU, (1991)

#### Other forms of public output:

- Inventor of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) 1999.
- Safer Streets Campaign (1997-99), LB of Hackney