

Biographies

Cherie Appleton

Cherie Appleton is a qualified social worker, trainer, educator, researcher and manager. Cherie has 30 years experience and involvement in the development and delivery of community and statutory social services in New Zealand, United Kingdom, and the Philippines. Cherie is currently the Manager of Child Youth and Family's Learning and Development Unit North delivering a range of training products and education support services based in Otahuhu Auckland.

John Arnold

Inspector John Arnold has been a member of Tasmania Police since 1982. He has worked throughout the State in a number of specialist and varied areas. As a member of the Safe at Home project team, he in partnership with others was responsible for researching, developing and implementing a risk assessment process for operational police attending family violence incidents as well as developing a framework for conducting safety audits and safety plans to ensure the ongoing safety of family violence victims. He is currently in charge of a uniform and marine enforcement division on the east coast of Tasmania and completing a Masters of Policing at the University of Tasmania.

Leon Bakker

Leon Bakker holds a PhD in Psychology gained while a research psychologist for the Department of Corrections. He has extensive experience in the area of risk prediction and Correctional programme development. He has been involved in the Towards Wellbeing Suicide Consultation and Monitoring Programme for Child Youth and Family since July 2004. He also has extensive experience in programme evaluation and development of outcome frameworks for evaluation and monitoring. He works as a consultant psychologist with several government agencies covering the spectrum of social services.

Annette Beautrais

Associate Professor Annette Beautrais is Principal Investigator with the Canterbury Suicide Project at the Christchurch School of Medicine & Health Sciences. She has conducted research on various aspects of suicidal

behaviour since 1991 and written research papers and reviews about suicide. She works collaboratively with a number of international suicide research and prevention centres. She is currently first Vice President of the International Association for Suicide Prevention and Co-Editor-In-Chief of CRISIS, the journal of the International Association for Suicide Prevention.

Marie Connolly

Marie Connolly, PhD, holds the position of Chief Social Worker within the New Zealand government. Previously she was Associate Professor and Director of the Te Awatea Violence Research Centre at the University of Canterbury. Her research interests include child and family welfare and in particular participatory practice with families in child protection. She is the author of a number of articles and books in her area of scholarship, including *Effective Participatory Practice: Family Group Conferencing in Child Protection* (1999) and *Culture and Child Protection: Reflexive responses* (2006). She has a social work background in statutory child welfare.

Ann Craig

Ann Craig is a qualified and registered social worker with 20 years social work experience in both community and statutory social work. Ann was a Care and Protection social work supervisor for eight years prior to joining Child Youth and Family's Learning and Development Unit in Auckland. Ann is a senior trainer at the Unit with special interest in Risk Estimation, Social Work Supervision and Professional Dangerousness.

Mike Doolan

Mike is Senior Fellow at the Social Work Department of the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, and has an extensive practice background in child protection, child welfare and work with young people who offend. He has assisted with family group conference development in England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden and Israel. He has published in the fields of: family group conferences; kinship care; violence in society; child homicide; and youth justice. Mike holds a Master of Social Work (Distinction)

Maree Inder

Maree Inder has been involved as a Clinical Advisor for the past five years on the Towards Wellbeing Suicide Consultation and Monitoring Programme

for Child Youth and Family since its inception in 2001. In addition, she works as a Research Fellow for the Dept of Psychological Medicine, Christchurch School of Medicine, in a Psychotherapy for Bipolar Disorder study. She is also doing her PhD exploring the developmental impact of Bipolar Disorder. Prior to this Maree has worked for number of years in both adult and child and adolescent mental health fields as a clinician and a manager. She has also been involved in teaching and training in the mental health area. Marie has a Masters in Health Science as well as a Diploma in Social Work.

Peter Matthewson

Peter Matthewson has 25 years social work practice experience in fields including mental health, corrections, working with perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual abuse, and child care and protection, in both statutory and non-government agencies. He is currently a senior social worker in the adult community mental health service, Canterbury District Health Board, Christchurch. He holds a Master of Philosophy and post-graduate Diploma in Social Sciences, in social policy and social work, from Massey University, New Zealand.

Ken McMaster

Ken McMaster has worked at the cutting edge of intervention work with men who are violent and men who sexually abuse. He is known for his innovative practice ideas and the ability to translate theory into practice. Ken has published two books on men's violence towards women and contributed chapters to several others. He has held positions as a member and chair of the Family Violence Advisory Committee, established to provide the Minister of Work, Welfare & Income Maintenance with independent policy advice on matters related to government initiatives in the family violence arena. He was a founding member and past chair of Stopping Violence Services. Ken was responsible for writing the Men's Programme Regulation for the Domestic Violence Act (1995). He has worked as a part-time lecturer in social work at Canterbury University and is now involved full-time with Hall McMaster and Associates Ltd as project manager, writer of materials and principal trainer. Ken has a Masters Degree in Social Work.

Devon L. L. Polaschek

Devon is a senior lecturer in criminal justice psychology at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Her research interests include (a) offence

processes of rapists and violent offenders, (b) cognition and cognitive-experimental methods with sexual and violent offenders, (c) theories of serious criminal behaviour and (d) rehabilitation programme evaluation. She is also a research consultant to the National Violence Prevention Unit at Rimutaka Prison, near Wellington. Devon has a doctorate as well as a Diploma in Clinical Psychology.

David Riley

David Riley is currently Director of the Department of Corrections, Psychological Service. A graduate of Canterbury University, David conducted initial post-graduate research in the area of illegal drug use which engendered a wider interest in criminal and illegal behaviour. He has worked for most of his professional life for the Department of Corrections as a psychologist, and more recently has managed the Service. David's main interests are in the area of effective treatments, particularly for violent and sexual offenders, and the assessment and prediction of dangerousness.

David counts as his major accomplishments the development and implementation of intensive group-based treatment programmes for violent and sexual offenders in New Zealand prisons, the development of a comprehensive risk assessment process including the assessment of psychopaths which is used throughout the Psychological Service, and the development of a computerised measure of reoffending risk which guides resource allocation in the Department of Corrections.

David has published papers in professional journals in the area of offender assessment and treatment both locally and overseas, and regularly lectures in the area of psychology applied in a criminal justice setting.

Martha Robson

Martha Robson is a registered psychologist in Tasmania specialising in the field of Family Violence. The Family Violence Offender Intervention Programme in the Department of Justice (which she coordinates) provides a state wide service assessing offenders to determine their risk of reoffending and their suitability to participate in treatment programmes also provided by the unit. Previous to the current role Martha has enjoyed working with the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service, the West Australian (WA) Department of Justice (offender programmes branch), as an EAP provider and consultant, and with the WA police force as a uniformed officer. It was in this role as the Domestic Violence Officer in the Kimberley region of WA that she was first introduced to her area of interest.

Alex Skelton

Alex Skelton has lived continuously in Wellington since being born in Lower Hutt 55 years ago with the exception of the obligatory 2 year overseas experience. Being a creature of habit he has worked for the Psychological Service of The Corrections Department for the past 26 years. For the first 22 of those years as a psychologist and the past four years he has been employed as a Senior Policy Advisor. He is happily married to Dianne.

Jim Vess

Dr Jim Vess received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Ohio State University in 1985. He spent most of the next 18 years at Atascadero State Hospital in California, a 1,200 bed maximum security forensic treatment facility, where he served as a treatment unit psychologist, family treatment coordinator, Assistant Program Director, and Senior Supervising Psychologist. His final position at Atascadero was as the director of Evaluation and Outcome Services. He is currently a senior lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington. His research and professional publications are primarily in the areas of assessment and treatment outcome evaluation for forensic mental health and sexual offender populations.

Arthur Wells

Arthur has an academic background in English and Religious Studies and taught in universities for 13 years. Now a social worker at the Family Mental Health Service in Christchurch, he counsels men individually, works with couples and families and co-leads a group called “Men Relating” with a focus on respectful relationships and parenting. He was a member of the first training group for facilitators for stopping violence programmes set up in 1986 by Ken McMaster, and has continued in this work for 16 years. Arthur is married to Elisabeth who works in research design at the Christchurch School of Medicine and they have two adult children who are involved in jazz and environmental science. He is active in Quakerism and Zen Buddhist meditation, both of which support his work for non-violence.

Nick Wilson

Nick has been working as a Clinical Psychologist for Corrections Psychological Service for the last ten years. His current role is as a senior advisor with responsibility for the provision of specialist training and research in the area of risk assessment. He has carried out extensive research into the area of risk

assessment involving youth and adult offenders, with violent and sex offences, using actuarial and structured interview assessment measures. Nick is also involved in piloting intensive treatment programmes for high risk rapists and violent psychopathic offenders. He has been involved in designing a revised structured decision making process for the New Zealand Parole Board, as well as training board members in risk assessment procedures. Nick is also the current clinical leader of the Departments specialist risk assessment team. Nick provides specialised training in New Zealand and Australia on the assessment of criminal psychopathy and has lectured extensively on forensic risk assessment issues. Nick has a Doctorate as well as a Diploma Clinical Psychology.