Network Updates

This year we continued to grow the membership and activity of the network. We now have over 110 network members and over 1000 follows on Twitter. Thank you to everyone who continues to engage with and share the network activities.

We launched the LTN YouTube channel – where you can find recordings of some of the seminar series as well as the newly introduced vodcasts.

https://www.youtube.com/@bsclearningandteachingnetw5157

Events

The LTN seminar were all held online this year. The online platform worked well, attracting a good turnout, and enabled people from across the UK and internationally to attend. We will continue to hold the seminar series online to enable as many people as possible to attend. Thank you to all members who presented at these events:

- Managing Difficult Conversations - 9th December 2022 - [Watch Recording Here]
- Creating Student Communities in Criminology - 31st March 2023 – [Watch Recording Here]

We were delighted to have a network panel at this year’s BSC Annual Conference at UCLAN on 29th June 2023, which was well attended at attracted a lot of new members to the network.

Blog posts

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our learning and teaching blog. We have published 3 blog posts this year, which can be found on the website https://bscltn.wordpress.com/guest-articles/

- Improving Student Motivation, Achievement and Engagement: Online Formative Assessment and Feedback. Dr Ruth Penfold-Mounce, University of York.
- What I’ve learnt (so far) from others about teaching criminological theory. Dr Carol Robinson, University of York.
- What is restorative justice pedagogy? A summary of resources for the British Society of Criminology Learning and Teaching Network. Dr Ian Marder, Maynooth University.
Talking Teaching with Criminologists Podcast

Talking Teaching with Criminologists continued throughout the year with 8 new episodes. Huge thanks to Helen Nichols, Anthony Charles and Jon Shute for hosting this great resource. All episodes can be found at https://anchor.fm/talkteachcrim/ and we advertise new episodes via our Twitter page @bsc_ltn. Please share the podcast within your own networks to anyone who may be interested. A list of all episodes can also be found on the LTN website https://bscltn.wordpress.com/ltn-podcast/ .

If you would like to take part in the podcast, please contact Helen (helen.nichols@hull.ac.uk) or Jon (jon.shute@manchester.ac.uk)

The National Award for Excellence in Teaching Criminology and Criminal Justice

Thank you for all the nominations for this year’s prize. The winners of this year’s Excellence in Teaching Criminology Prize are Professor Danielle McDermott, Dr Sarah Waite, Emma Tymon, Claire Vilarrubi and Andi Brierley of the Prisons and Custody Team at Leeds Trinity University. Their submission evidenced their use of integrative pedagogy to support the work, and the ways in which the module has facilitated the intensive development of ‘real world’ criminological knowledge.

Outstanding Contribution to the Scholarship of Teaching Criminology and Criminal Justice

This year we launched our very own network prize, in which only network members can nominate and be nominated. Congratulations to Dr Ian Marder, Maynooth University, for winning this year’s prize for his contribution to restorative justice pedagogy.

We will be announcing calls for nominations next year in the autumn.
Looking Ahead to Next Year

We will continue the podcast, blog and seminar series next year. Please get in touch with the relevant people if you would like to propose a blog, event or take part in the podcast:

- Events/seminar series: Sean butcher - s.b.butcher@leeds.ac.uk
- Podcast: Helen and Jon - helen.nichols@hull.ac.uk and jon.shute@manchester.ac.uk
- Blog article: Suzanne Young - s.young@leeds.ac.uk
- News items/communications: Gary Saunders - gsaunders@lincoln.ac.uk

If you have any requests of what activities you would like to see the network host (such as workshops, masterclasses, or information events) please get in touch with Sean or Suzanne.

We will also be relaunching the monthly Teach Meets, which we trialled in the Autumn semester. The teach meets are an informal space to meet other network members and chat about anything in relation to learning and teaching (ongoing projects, teaching challenges, new project proposals, outputs, presentations etc.). There will be no set agenda, just come along (virtually) if you can and meet some really nice people doing some fab work. An email with all the meetings dates will be sent in September.

We would also like to showcase learning and teaching publications by network members. Please can you send Gary gsaunders@lincoln.ac.uk anything you have published (reports/articles/books/videos etc.) relating to learning and teaching. We will upload these onto the publications section of the website.

Finally...

We wish you all a lovely, well-deserved, summer break when it comes and look forward to catching up in the new academic year.

Suzanne (Chair)