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The BSC's monthly interview with the great, the good and the... hoping for greatness

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shiny things and golden-era hip-hop (and re-centering victim/survivors in criminology of course).

Which book that you haven't read do you most want to read?

I love fiction and always have a giant stack of 'to be read.' I recently discovered Olga Tokarczuk and have been saving *Flights* for my upcoming holiday. Eagerly awaiting Douglas Stewart's next work.

What criminological/academic work are you involved in at the moment?

I'm currently Project Lead on the Women's Online Wellbeing project funded by CHANSE/NORFACE. We're an interdisciplinary consortium of researchers from Northumbria, Southeast Technological University, Ireland; Orebro University, Sweden; University of Lleida, Spain, and the Polish Academy of Sciences. Together we're looking at women's experiences of digital violence (image-based abuse, harassment, misogyny), including prevalence, impact (including on particularly vulnerable populations), policing and support. Our website is: <https://www.womensonlinewellbeing.co.uk>

What would you have done if you hadn't become a Criminologist?

I wish they had told us jobs like 'food critic' and 'travel writer' were things when I was a kid.

And finally, please share the Criminological book, album and luxury item you would take to your desert island.....

Book – *Does Crime & Punishment count?* (Ed. Sure does!)

Album – it's gotta be either Tribe Called Quest *Midnight Marauders*, or Outkast *ATLiens*

Luxury Item – cold beer and/or G&Ts

Read more about Stephanie's work here:

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Stephanie joined Northumbria as a Senior Lecturer in Criminology in July 2020. Prior to this she worked as a criminology lecturer at Edinburgh Napier University and completed both her PhD and a British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Edinburgh. Stephanie's research is victim focused with particular interest in psychological aspects of victimisation, victimisation surveys, victim labelling, victim experiences of reporting crime and the criminal justice system, violence against women including digitalised/image based violence, vicarious trauma and post-traumatic growth. Her research has been funded by Scottish Government, the British Academy, the ESRC and CHANSE/NORFACE. She is a member of a number of working groups focusing on victimisation, including the European Society of Criminology working group on Victimology, the British Society of Criminology Victim's network and Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network, and is a member of the EU Cost Action Cultures of Victimology. Stephanie is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce. She is currently ESRC PI and overall Project Lead for the CHANSE/NORFACE funded project Women's Online Wellbeing (WOW): a European Examination of Digitalised Violence Against Women, in collaboration with colleagues from Orebro University, Southern Technological University, Leida.



BSC Hate Crime Network & BSC Victims Networks Conference

4 June 2026

A conference by the BSC Hate Crime Network & BSC Victims Networks: Online hate, harm and victimisation: Emerging challenges for research and practice.

This one-day conference aims to examine the perpetration and impacts of online hate and hostility. The event is targeted at academics, postgraduate researchers, policymakers, practitioners, professionals, and other interested individuals.

Date & Time: Thursday, 4 June 2026, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Location: Northumbria University

Format: Hybrid (In-person and Online via Microsoft Teams).

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Where is home?

Originally Canada, but next year marks my 20th(!) anniversary in Scotland.

How did you become a Criminologist?

By way of psychology and forensic psychology, and eventually Edinburgh Law School.

Who/What inspires you?

My friends, my family, all the amazing women in my life.

What advice would you give to your undergraduate self?

UBC lecturers/professors also frequent Wreck Beach. Be warned.

What is your greatest fear?

I feel like WW3 is a fairly rational fear to have at this point.

What are you most passionate about?

All the best things in life –Travel, good food, wine, art, books,

What do you hope to do next?

We're already working away on expanding the WOW project to look more in-depth at how digitalized violence is affecting women's engagement in public life and politics.

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Dr Marian Duggan - University of Kent & BSC Publications Chair