

**CURRICULAM VITAE – Dr Simon Harding, FRSA; Prof Doc; MA (Hons); MA Crim; MA MSHT; BTP; PG
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PROFESSIONAL/SPECIALIST EXPERTISE

Areas of academic or practitioner expertise include:

- **County Lines drug supply networks:** - their internal operations and group dynamics; internal methods of control and exploitation; cuckooing; localised dealing in host towns; control over runners/dealers; theory of county lines; violence arising from county lines
- **Drug Expert Witness:** – Role determination; quantification and valuation
- **Urban Street Gangs:** – gang theory, definitions, culture; gang evolution; UK gangs and US gangs; recruitment; internal gang dynamics; gang culture; affiliation; roles and criminal exploitation; internal sanctions and control; links to girls and wider family; revenge and retribution; weapons; territory.
- **Gang slang translation:** - translation and interpretation of gang slang used in phone, text and social media communications
- **Drill music translation:** – the role, purpose and outcomes of Drill music within a context of street gangs and violence; Drill translation and Interpretation.
- **Criminal activity associated with street gangs:** reasons for criminal behaviour; respect and status; moped crime; acid attacks; dog-fighting; knife crime and inter-personal violence
- **Weapons:** knives and firearms use; trafficking
- **Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking:** Assessment of role in CCE; cuckooing; trafficking; drug mules
- **Anti-social Behaviour:** types of ASB; youth dynamics; night-time economy; vandalism; criminal damage; youth violence

EXPERT WITNESS CASEWORK OVERVIEW - over 380 cases undertaken. Some are listed here:-

Key recent examples:

Case: Rex v Attwood

Instructor: EBR Attridge, 261 Lavender Hill, Battersea, London, SW11 1JD

Brief details/my role: Instructed by defence to report on urban street gangs in south London; gang dynamics, hierarchy, weapons, communication styles, imagery, signs, territoriality, postcodes, violence, gang colours.

Outcome: Gang related murder case in south London. Found not guilty of murder

Date: August 2024

Case: Rex v Ali

Instructor: MN Law, 102 Cranbrook Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 4NH Tel: 0203 915 6883 Mobile: 07900211352 Email: mnaqvi@mnlaw.legal

Brief details of case/my role: To write report on single defendant in a conspiracy case. All pled guilty excepting Mr Ali. Report covered drugs, S.45 MSHT. I was instructed by the Defence.

Outcome: Defendant found not guilty

Date: April 2024

Case: Rex v Yao

Instructor: Raj Law, 169 Tooting High St. London, SW17 0SY

Brief details of case/my role: This was a drug case centering on claims of exploitation and MSHT. I was instructed by the Defence.

Outcome: Case dropped as result of my report

Date: April 2024

2023 – 2024

- Jung & Co solicitors – R v R JB.– drugs, S.45
- EBR Attridge – R v JD - gangs
- MPS – Op Vanget - gangs
- GT Stewart – R v P. – Chemsex and Drug importation
- W. Mids Police – Op Cartwheel - gangs
- Commons Legal – R v SD – Albanian cannabis farming, S.45
- Amosu Robinshaw – R v MA – Murder, Gangs
- Forensic Healthcare Ltd – R vRP - Gangs
- Liberty Law – R v LJ – Drugs quantification
- South Yorkshire police – Op Figure Mike – Gang slang
- GT Stewart – R v KOD – Section 45
- Old Bailey Solicitors – R v MS – Drugs, Modern Slavery
- Hodge, Jones and Allen – R v GS – Pwits, S.45
- 36 Crime – R v NM - Gangs
- GT Stewart & Assoc; Defence. R v HH - S. 45 Pwits
- Graceland Solicitors; Defence. R v JH – Posses firearm/ gangs
- HJA; Defence. R v DE – posses ammunition
- Medway Police; Crown, Murder/Drill text translation
- Thames Valley; Crown R v MM;JI; - Gang slang
- MTC Solicitors; Defence, R v US - Review of drill tracks

2022 - 2023

- MPS; Crown. R v BM - Gangs
- MPS; Crown. R v Operation Campres - full Gangs report
- IMK & Partners; Defence. R v AR - Cannabis weight
- HP Gower; Defence. R v MA - Drugs Algorithm
- SBG Solicitors; Defence. R v DF - CCE, Pwits, S.45
- IBB Law; Defence. R v RP - Gang-related violence
- MN Law; Defence. R v KA - CCE, pwits, S.45
- Powell, Spencer & Partners; Defence. R v RV - Gun possession
- Tank Jowett Ltd; Defence. Rex -v- AS - S.45 pwits
- OB Law; Defence. R v KC - Albanian driving under coercion
- IBB LAW; Defence. R v B - Conspiracy, Drugs Algorithm
- Sansbury Douglas; Defence. R v BC - S.45 PWITS
- Old Bailey Law; Defence. R v BG - PWITS, S.45, gangs
- Old Bailey Solicitors; Defence. R v AQ- PWITS; S.45; Mitigation
- Tildens Solicitors; Defence. R v MM - S.45 and pwits
- Macauley Smith Ltd; Defence. R v AJ – Drugs Algorithm
- Amosu Robinshaw; Defence. R v RP - Pwits
- Old Bailey Solicitors; Defence. R v C, Gangs, Jamaican Importation of cocaine; S. 45
- ACA Law; Defence. R v MM - S.45 pwits
- MPS; Crown. OP HALKIRKA PART 2 - Gang and drill and Comms
- ACA Law; Defence. R v MK Gangs, drugs and Modern Slavery
- Hodge, Jones & Allen; Defence. R v ML - Gang, Drill, social media
- ACA Law; Defence. R v YB- Gangs, robbery, weapon good conclusion
- Tildens Solicitors; Defence. R v LT - Pwits Class B; possess crim property
- Blackfords; Defence. R v SBA - Homicide, Gangs, drugs, Drill
- Abrahams Law; Defence. R v IJ – PWITS, S.45; NRM

- Faradays Solicitors; Defence. RLM - PWITS. Assess role
- Edward Fail Bradshaw & Waterson; Defence. R v C and NB - Drugs Algorithm
- EBR Attridge; Defence. R v KWD - Gangs; Drill; PWITS
- Powell, Spencer and Riordan; Defence. R v LV - PWITS, S.45 Slavery
- Hollingsworth Edwards; Defence. R v FH - PWITS Class A, Newton Hearing; Drugs Algorithm
- Saunders; Defence. R v IC 2023 - Pwits
- Morgan HAS Solicitors; Defence. R v JB - PWITS - cannabis
- Forensic Access; Defence. R v JM - Possess bladed article
- Liberty Law; Defence. R v KW PWITS; possess cash and weapon
- SMQ Legal Services; Defence. R v KB – Cuckooed; S.45, pwits S.45
- Tuckers Solicitors; Defence. R v MH - Pwits S.45
- MTC Solicitors; Defence. R v DF – possess firearm; Drugs, firearms, S.45
- GT Stewart Solicitors & Advocates; Defence. R v HE - S.45 Pwits
- Stokoe Partnership Solicitors; Defence. R v DM - Newton hearing – PWITS, Drugs Algorithm
- ACA Law; Defence. R v ED - PWITS. S.45; Gangs
- GT Stewart Solicitors; Defence. R v CO - S.45
- MTC Solicitors; Defence. R v MM - PWITS. S.45
- Forensic Access; Defence. R v KM – PWITS; knife
- Tuckers Solicitors; Defence. R v HM – PWITS; gangs, S.45,
- Kalber Struckley & Company; Defence. R v SD - Drill / gang slang
- Morgan HAS Solicitors; Defence. R v B&M - Conspiracy re cannabis
- Ewings & CO; Defence. R v AI - Newton Hearing. County Lines Algorithm Calc.
- JD Spicer Zeb; Defence. R v FH - Albanians; S.45; firearms, debt bondage, burglary
- MTC Solicitors; Defence. R v DF – firearm; Drugs, S.45
- Tildens Solicitors; Defence. R v RDW - Fraudulent car purchase
- MTC Solicitors; Defence. R v DM - S.45 Mod Slavery
- Sakhi Solicitors; Defence. R v BP - Phone text messages
- Saunders; Defence. R v ZK - Firearms
- Stokoe Partnership Solicitors; Defence. R v JB - Conspiracy and PWITS
- Tildens Solicitors; Defence. R v AM - PWITS
- Tildens Solicitors; Defence. R v SR - S.45, PWITS
- Murray Hughman; Defence. R v A- Gangs and Drill
- LLOYDS PR; Defence. R v O - Gangs and Drill
- Saunders; Defence. R v IC - Drug Supply
- Saunders; Defence. R v DJW - Exploitation County Lines

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualification or award: MA
- Subject details: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Awarding body: St. Marys University, Twickenham, London
- Date awarded: 2024

- Qualification or award: Professional Doctorate
- Subject details: Youth Justice
- Awarding body: Vauxhall Centre for the Study of Crime, Uni of Bedfordshire
- Date awarded: 2012

- Qualification or award: Post Graduate Certificate
- Subject details: Higher Education
- Awarding body: Middlesex University, London
- Date awarded: 2013

- Qualification or award: MA
- Subject details: Criminology
- Awarding body: Middlesex University, London

- Date awarded: 1999
- Qualification or award: Chartered Diploma
- Subject details: Marketing
- Awarding body: University of London
- Date awarded: 1991
- Qualification or award: Bachelor of Town Planning
- Subject details: Town Planning
- Awarding body: South Bank University
- Date awarded: 1988
- Qualification or award: MA (Hons)
- Subject details: Geography
- Awarding body: Edinburgh University
- Date awarded: 1983

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- Course name: Expert Witness Training
- Course detail: Foundation course by The Academy of Experts
- Date attended: July 2021
- Course name: Expert Witness Training
- Course detail: Understanding Law and Procedure Rules, Academy of Experts
- Date attended: June 2021
- Course name: Expert Witness Training
- Course detail: Into Court by The Academy of Experts
- Date attended: July 2021
- Course name: ArcGIS and geo-mapping
- Course detail: Home Office training on crime mapping
- Date attended: 2007 -08
- Course name: Qualitative research/research ethics - Home Office
- Course detail: Various – Home Office
- Date attended: 2001 -2008
- Course name: Accredited trainer in Crime Reduction/Community Safety
- Course detail: Crime Reduction College, Yorks: Home Office
- Date attended: 2004

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences	Member 2024 - present
National Expert Witness Agency	Member 2024 - present
Expert Witness Institute	Full Member 2024 - present
Independent Drug Expert Alliance	Member 2024 - present
National Expert Witness Agency	Member 2023 -present
The Market Research Society:	Member 1988 – present;
British Society of Criminology:	Full Member 1998 – present;
The Centre for Crime & Justice Studies:	Member 1998 – present;
British Sociological Association:	Member 2012 – present;

American Society of Criminology:	Member 2012 - present ;
Australian Society of Criminology:	Member 2012 – present;
European Society of Criminology:	Member 2013 – present;
Society for Study of Social Problems:	Member 2014 – present;

Director/ Trustee

- Growing Against Violence, (G.A.V.) 2014 – 2021; Associate Director: The Institute of Community Safety 2014 - 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Authored published books:

Harding, S. (2020) *County Lines: Exploitation and drug dealing amongst urban street gangs*, Bristol Uni. Press
 Harding, S. (2014) *The Street Casino: survival in the violent street gang*, Bristol: The Policy Press
 Harding, S. (2014) *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

Books edited:

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

Chapters in edited books:

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 D. Briggs), Waterside Press: Hook, Hampshire pp 193 - 215

Refereed articles in Academic Journals:

Harding, S., Deuchar, R., Densley, J. (2020) Special Issue on Serious Youth Violence, *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)
 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*.
 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*. August, 2018.
 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. *British Journal of Criminology*, Sept. 2018
 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.
 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: p 22-23.
 Harding, S. (2008) The Prevent Strategy and National Indicator 35, (2008) *Safer Communities*, Vol. 7 Iss: 4,
 Sanders-McDonagh, E., Neville, L., Goodman, A. Harding, S. Kowalska, A., and Rodriguez, S. (2016) *Safer London Empower Project Evaluation Report*, Safer London/Middlesex University.
 Harding, S. & Nurse, A., (2015) *Analysis of UK Dog Fighting, Laws and Offences*, Middlesex Uni.

Official public reports:

- Cohen, R., Harding, S. et. al.(2017) *Diversity:City Report*, Nottingham
- Harding and Cracknell, (2016), *EGYV Programme: Independent Review*, Home Office
- *Anti-social Behaviour Strategy for London*, (2005) GOL

- Islington Community Safety Strategy, (2002) and 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); Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy, (1999)
- Hackney Street Robbery Prevention Plan (1998); Hackney Community Safety Strategy, (1997)
- High Hopes: Concierge, controlled entry in high rise blocks, Dept. of Environment by SNU London (1997)
- Crime Prevention on Council Estates, Dept. of the Environment, HMSO (1993)
- Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Safety Strategy, SNU, (1991)

Other forms of public output:

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

Editorships:

- Guest editor – Youth Justice Journal - Editorial for Youth Justice Special guest Edition on Gangs, Group Offending and Serious Youth Violence 2019; Associate Editor, Safer Communities Journal, 1999 – 2021

Expertise and Advisory Role:

- Mopac Violence Reduction Advisory Group (2020-21)
- Mopac Crime Plan Advisory Group (2020-21)
- Mopac Matrix Community Reference Group (2019-20)
- MPS Matric Review (2020)
- Victims Commissioners Roundtable (2019-20)
- Advised MPS on Trident Gang Matrix and HMICFRS to SOCA Expert Ref. Group 2017-2019
- Developed expertise on street gangs, county lines, Acid attacks and Moped crime.
- Evidence to Home Affairs Select Committee on Serious violence, House of Commons - 19/03/19
- Reviewer on Cold Cases - 58 sudden suspicious chemsex deaths for MPS, (2018 – 2019)
- Research consultant on Bangladeshi gangs in Tower Hamlets (2018-19) and 2021
- Advisor to LB of Newham re Gangs Scrutiny (2019-2021)
- Consultant to Medway BC Integrated Gangs Taskforce on their gang strategy (2019-2021)
- Advisor to HMICFRS Serious Organised Crime Group on police measurement of County Lines, gangs,
- Advisor to NCA, HMICFRS, Home Office, IPCC, Number Ten, MPS, MOPAC
- Advisor to Office of Rt. Hon. Stephen Timms MP - East Ham re the Offensive Weapons Bill
- Advisor to Home Office Serious Violence Strategy.
- Advisor to Office of Rt.Hon Ann Coffey M.P. re County Lines and sexual exploitation

CAREER HISTORY

Current Roles:

- Employer's name/address: **St. Marys University, Twickenham**
- Dates From: Sept. 2024 – Sept 2025
- Position held: **Professor of Criminology and Sociology**
- Nature of responsibility: Currently Module Leader for Organised Crime and Issues on Contemporary Society.

Also: Director of Criminology Services Ltd; Director of National Centre for Gang Research Limited

Previous roles:-

- Professor of Criminology at University of West London, (UWL) Ealing, London (2017 – Feb 2024)
- Senior Lecturer (2011-Oct 2017) Middlesex University, Hendon, London, NW4 4BT

- Consultant (2009 – 2011) Re-solve Crime Consultants Ltd PO Box 63460
- Assistant Director of Community Safety, (2005 – 2008) L. B. of Lambeth, 205 Stockwell Rd, London
- Regional Crime Advisor – (2001 – 2005) Home Office, London.
- Community Safety Manager, (1999 – 2001) L. B. Islington, Town Hall, Upper Street, London
- Community Safety Co-ordinator, (1996 – 1999), L.B. of Hackney, Town Hall, London
- Assistant Co-ordinator, (1996 – 1999), Hackney Safer Cities Project, Mare St. London.
- Consultant, (1995 – 1996) Ekos Ltd. St. George's, Studies, Glasgow
- Assoc. Director, (1994-95) Kaleidoscope, Children's & Youth Research, PWA Assoc. London
- Associate Consultant, (1991 – 1994) Safer Neighbourhoods Unit, London,
- Project Manager, (1989 – 1990), HSG Consultants, Copthorne, Sussex
- Researcher/ Project Manager/ Lecturer, (1986 – 1991) South Bank University, London

OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS

Over 300 Professional Speaking engagements

Research grants and awards

Played central role in bidding teams securing over 50 separate awards/grants totaling £1,170,000, including,

- Mopac – Cannabis and Violence (2021)
- Mopac Gang Perception Study, (2020)

Awards

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

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 11th August 2014.

Awarded Academic Staff Member of the Year for the Law School at Middlesex Uni. as voted by students, (2017).

Media Experience Examples:

- 150+ Live Broadcast media appearances
- 56 Recorded interview Broadcasts
- 200+ Press Interviews and citations
- 200+ News bulletins mentioning Dr Harding's research
- 70+ National media citations
- 50+ International media citations

Advisory

- MPS Trident Matrix Review group, MOPAC, (2018)
- MOPAC review group for MPA Matrix, (2018)
- Cold Case Forensic Review of sudden deaths caused by GHB, London Metropolitan Police, (2018)
- Expert Reference Group - SOC HMICFRS (2017-2018)
- Street Crime Action Team, (SCAT); HO unit re Street Crime. Borough Street crime reports (2002-2005)
- Advisor to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on their current research into ASB, (2004-05)
- Provided training for Voluntary Sector organisations in Hackney and Islington, (1996-2001)
- Represented GOL on Crime Forum of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (2002-04)
- Adviser to City of London on crime/business issues as their Regional Crime Advisor, (2001-04)
- Advisory Board on Racial and Violent Crimes Unit at NSY following the nail bombings, (1999)