

Institution: Queens University Belfast

Unit of Assessment: 20 - Law

a. Overview

Following a strong performance in RAE 2008, the School of Law at Queens University Belfast (QUB Law) has made significant strategic investment at both the senior and early career researcher level, expanded the post-graduate research community, increased funded research (including RCUK funding) and further developed its Research Impact Strategy. In the previous RAE, £2,282,000 research funding was secured including £348,000 from RCUK sources. In the current REF, research income over £3,400,000 has been secured, including over £950,000 from RCUK sources. In the previous RAE cycle 18 PhDs were awarded, in the current REF cycle, 51 doctorates have been awarded.

The School continues to work across four broad areas – human rights, criminology and criminal justice, regulatory governance and private law. In 2010 the School moved away from managing research through four research clusters based on these areas to a whole school approach in order to facilitate more collaboration between staff within the broader discipline of law. Research is managed by one Director of Research (**Wheeler**, then **McEvoy**). The Human Rights Centre and Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice have reverted to their previous role of promoting research in their respective fields and organising seminars and conferences and sustaining relations with local statutory, voluntary and civil society users in order to maximise research impact, as evidenced below and in RA3.

b. Research strategy

QUB Law has enhanced and developed the research support strategies that were in place for RAE 2008 to ensure that the School's vibrant research culture was maintained and enhanced. The School focused on improving performance in research grant income generation in an increasingly competitive environment (see further below). QUB Law has also developed a range of funding sources for doctoral students and improved completion rates by tightening supervision and progression processes. The research strategy has also included close research management and mentoring (including a formal system of peer reading of draft outputs) for all academic staff as well as support for disciplinary and interdisciplinary collaboration and contributions. A key underpinning principle of the School's strategy has been to recognise 'what we are good at' and to build on those existing strengths – all of which are reflected in REF outputs.

In the field of human rights and equality, at the senior level, **Harvey's** work on Budget Analysis and Socio-Economic Rights [REF 2], **Allain's** research on slavery [REF 2]; **Dickson's** two major monograph on the impact of the European Convention on Human Rights in Northern Ireland and the UK Supreme Court [REF 2], **McEvoy's** work on amnesties and lawyers [REF 2] and **McCrudden's** work on equality and the law/consociationalism intersection [REF 2] all speak to the QUB's longstanding reputation in this field. Moreover, the emergence of a range of younger scholars, for example **Bakircioglu's** monograph on self defence in international law [REF 2], **Mavronicola's** work on torture [REF 2] and **Schwartz'** research on rights discourses in divided societies [REF 2] – attest to the strength in depth in human rights scholarship in the School.

Criminology and Criminal Justice is an area where QUB Law has a long established tradition of strong scholarship in particular with regard to the desistance-reintegration axis, prisoners, ex-prisoners, the governance of security and the intersection between criminology, human rights and transitional justice. **Maruna's** work on desistance [Ref 2] has become a focal point of much national and international research, including a \$1.5 million call by the US Department of Justice to develop a pilot test of desistance focused practice based explicitly on 'Maruna's trans-theoretical model.' A competitive grant competition for The Second Chance Act Demonstration Field Experiment "*Fostering Desistance through Effective Supervision*" was also announced in 2011 using a randomized controlled trial program methodology, again to test the viability of **Maruna's** work being implemented in the UK. **McEvoy** has co-authored one monograph and a

series of articles [REF 2] and book chapters on politically motivated ex-prisoners in Northern Ireland, as has Jamieson (retired). In addition, **Ellison** has co-authored two monographs on policing in this cycle based on his local and international research, one on community policing and one on globalisation, police reform and development [Ref 2], **McAlinden** followed up her previous work on shame and sex offenders with a second monograph on grooming [REF 2] and **Russell** is developing a unique voice on theorising sexual violence using the work of Irigaray [REF 2].

In addition to building on existing strengths in human rights, criminology and criminal justice, transitional justice, public law, governance and private law, the School has supported new and innovative developments in the area of Law and the Emotions (**Conway**). With financial support from the School, **Conway** held two symposiums on Law and the Emotions, the first of which resulted in a special issue of the Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly. Other emerging fields include bioethics and the regulation of DNA (**Flear**). He was Co-Investigator on ESRC seminar series on the regulation of DNA (which resulted in a number of articles and an edited collection, see REF 2). **Martyniszewicz, Wardhaugh, al Attar** and **Xu** are part of an emerging group looking at governance issues in relation to property rights, international competition law, the World Trade Organisation and Intellectual Property, again reflected in their various REF 2 outputs. This compliments **Dawson's** established work on trademarks and the historical development of intellectual property law.

In longer established fields of research within the School, **Wheeler** has been joined by **O'Kelly** and an Early Career Researcher (**Hackett**) in the area of corporate governance. Their interest is in corporate social responsibility and corporate decision making structures (see REF 2). **Wheeler** and **O'Kelly** were principal investigators for an ESRC Seminar Series on 'reconceptualising the corporation' – some of the outputs from which are evidenced in REF 2. In the field of environmental law and sustainability, **Jack, Doran, Pesendorfer** are working with the Carnegie Trust and The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister to produce a blueprint for enhancing life-style choices and sustainable consumption in Northern Ireland and more widely. **Anthony** led an ESRC funded project on "the public interest" in UK courts (with **Morison**) [reflected in REF 2 outputs for both]. A workshop based on the research was addressed by the investigators, speakers from GB and North America and a judge of the UK Supreme Court. **Morison** was principal investigator on another ESRC project on the sociology of legal knowledge and the development of "important cases" – again resulting in a range of scholarly outputs. **Hickey** has extended his interest in the philosophical aspects of property and ownership to work closely with **Allain** on slavery [REF 2]. **Ramshaw's** interest in legal philosophy and post-structuralism saw her working on a Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI) Project "Improvisation, Community and Social Practice" (ICASP) in partnership with Centre de recherche en éthique de l'Université de Montréal (CRÉUM), Montréal, Québec, Canada, ultimately culminating in the publication of her monograph on the legal regulation of jazz musicians in New York [REF2]. Finally, **Capper** organised a workshop on the reform of libel law, speakers at which included senior practitioners and judges as well as academics working in the field and this resulted in an edited collection.

As discussed in REF 3a, another key element of the School's Research strategy during the REF cycle has been the design and implementation of a Research Impact strategy – in effect formalising longstanding support systems which have underpinned a rich tradition of engaged research at a local, national and international level. **Scruton** was given research leave, reduced teaching and no administrative duties to focus on the huge tasks of managing the research associated with the Hillsborough Independent Panel and being principal author of the report. **Allain** and **Maruna** were both given research leave to work on their respective interests in slavery and desistance from crime. **McEvoy's** case study on embedding alternatives to paramilitary punishment violence including being given permission by the University's senior management to speak directly to the Provisional IRA [then and now a proscribed organisation] when that organisation was still active. **Morison** was also facilitated in serving two terms as a member of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission which in turn commissioned **Wheeler, Dickson** and others to complete research on the challenges of securing a more representative Bench and upper Bar in Northern Ireland. The impact of some of this research has received

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significant recognition (see RA3). **McEvoy** was presented with an award by Community Restorative Justice Ireland in recognition of his 'outstanding contribution to the development of restorative justice in Ireland', **Maruna** won the inaugural Howard League Research Medal 'for excellence and impact on penal reform' in 2011 and **Scraton** was the winner of the QUB Vice-Chancellor's prize for impact against fierce competition from across the University and is shortlisted for the Times Higher Education Research Project of the Year award.

As well as the featured case studies, all staff are encouraged to use their research skills and experience to create impact in a broad range of local and international contexts. By way of illustration, during the current REF cycle, **Dickson** is an independent member of the Policing Board, **Harvey** served two terms as Commissioner on the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, **McEvoy** is Chairperson of Northern Ireland primary human rights NGO The Committee on the Administration of Justice and served as special advisor on policing to the Robert Hamill Public Inquiry; **Maruna** was appointed as Advisory Board Member of the NI Strategic Reference Group for the Community Safety Strategy, Department of Justice, Northern Ireland; **Morison** served two terms as a member of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission, and is a Board Member of the European Public Law Organisation and a Trustee of the Kuwait International Law School; **Ellison** was a Senior International Expert: Oversight of the Internal Security Sector program, Ankara Turkey; **McCrudden** served on the European Commission's Expert Network on the Application of the Gender Equality Directives and is a scientific director of the European Commission's network of experts on non-discrimination. **McEvoy** served as International Advisor to the President Commission on Demobilisation in Colombia and for the Qatar based Countering Violent Extremism Project; **Wheeler** was Panel Chair in Legal and Administrative Sciences of the Romanian version of the RAE in 2011.

c. People including:-

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

As in other law schools, there has been some staff turnover in the REF period. **McCrudden** was recruited from Oxford as a University 'transformational chair' – an institution wide recruitment strategy to attract the most internationally renowned researchers in their field. Other established professors took positions elsewhere – **Jackson** first as Dean at UCD then at Nottingham, **Sartor** at Florence and **Schabas** to Middlesex. Other QUB staff have also moved to more senior positions elsewhere - **Nolan** to a chair at Nottingham, **Obakata** to a chair at Keele, **Mallinder** from a Research Fellow at Queens in 2009 to a lecturer and now Reader at University of Ulster, **Kochi** to a senior lectureship at Sussex, **Yusef** to an senior lectureship at Strathclyde, **Doukas** to a Readership at Manchester. These promotional moves reflect the strength of mentoring and research career management within QUB Law. Others have either retired or left academia for personal or family reasons (**Jamieson, Glennon, Dowling**). Our staffing strategy has been to develop our own staff through internal promotion (an increase from eight to fourteen Professors in this REF cycle and a conscious decision to advertise and appoint only one external chair, **McCrudden**) and to recruit at a more junior level staff who would build on and enhance existing strengths. The school has also had a resolute retention strategy for staff it wished to retain. **Anthony, Anderson** and **Allain** were all promoted to Chairs, **McAlinden** and **Ellison** to Readerships and **Hickey** to a senior lectureship (having returned from Durham), and a number of other senior staff were retained despite job offers from other leading UK and US institutions. New Early Career researchers recruited have included **Hackett, Russell, Schwartz, Wardhaugh, Xu, Mavronicola** and **Martyniszyn** – whose outputs are included in REF 2.

Research in the School is closely managed and supported. For example, the School has an ongoing 6 monthly appraisal system which provides mentoring and advice on research targets, appropriate outlets, co-authoring strategies as well as monitoring performance. In addition, it is expected that all senior staff will review and comment on the publication drafts of early career researchers in their field. Staff are encouraged to 'road test' ideas through work in progress seminars, subject specific reading groups (in human rights, criminology, philosophy of law and corporate governance) and publication of draft papers in the School's SSRN series. The fruits of

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such processes are reflected in the final products of a range of REF 2 outputs for early career researchers [e.g. REF 2 outputs by **Russell, Schwartz, O'Kelly, Hackett**]

All new staff receive a generous 'start up' fund (£4,000) to be used for research purposes. Senior staff offer guidance on how to use this money to maximum effect. Probationary staff are also given lower teaching loads (usually 30% less). All academic staff receive a conference and training allowance of £750 per annum with additional funding being available on application to the Head of School. The School funds over and above this their attendance at one of the large UK Law conferences; SLS, SLISA, BSC, regardless of whether a paper is being given, so that staff can enhance and deepen their links with their subject community and its stakeholders. Academic staff are entitled to research leave every 6 semesters, although shorter periods of research stays in other institutions or unfunded fieldwork are also routinely facilitated. For example, short sabbaticals by **Anderson** in Mebourne and Griffith, **Hickey** in Harvard and Melbourne, **Harvey, Conway** at Fordham, **Allain** at Simon Fraser and **Ellison** at Texas were all expedited and resulted in their respective REF 2 outputs. The School also instituted a research 'visibility' strategy for all staff where-in staff at all levels are advised on appropriate profile benchmarks for their career stage with regard to outputs, outlets, research income, networks. These are reviewed at appraisal.

QUB Law mainstreams equality and diversity issues into the development of research careers. This has included full and active support and encouragement for all relevant leave and support arrangements, equality proofing and equality assessment of the work load model and providing strong support for equality initiatives at institutional level (including high rates of participation on relevant training programmes for senior managers and others). QUB Law was the only law school in the UK to participate in the UK-wide pilot project, run by the Equality Challenge Unit (ECU), to refine the SWAN methodology for AHSS purposes. Staff are normally afforded a lighter teaching load on return from maternity leave, e.g. **McAlinden** and extended leave and flexible working arrangements have been agreed to facilitate family circumstances [**Allain** and **O'Kelly**].

ii. Research students

The School has a dynamic postgraduate research culture. As noted above, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of doctorates awarded [from 18 in RAE 2007 to 51 in REF 2013]. An international student community drawn from e.g. USA, Canada, Israel, China, South Africa, Switzerland as well the UK and Ireland – have completed doctorates in a broad range of topics. A range of measures have significantly improved the School's doctoral recruitment and completion rates and enhanced the employability of QUB post-graduate students.

At the central level, graduate research students have access to facilities of the SRIF-funded Graduate Research Centre. All PG research students at QUB must complete a minimum of 30 days training during their doctorate in order to progress through differentiation and annual reviews to submission, QUB has developed a sophisticated Post-graduate Researcher Development Programme which is designed and delivered in line with the National Researcher Development statement and framework. A dedicated postgraduate training team delivers bespoke training in the QUB state of the art facilities within the PG student centre. A peer mentoring programme enables 2nd and 3rd year PG research students to support their first year peers. An on-line 'Personal Development Planner' tool has been also developed to assist students (in conjunction with their supervisors) to carry out an annual training and development needs analysis.

At the school level, efforts which have underpinned the dramatic improvement in doctoral recruitment and completion have included a more robust annual reporting mechanism; introducing double supervision as standard; the development of bespoke 'in house' training programmes aimed at the particular needs of law school students; an annual post-graduate conference; the provision of School funding for studentships, to attend conferences and a student e journal; co-authoring opportunities with senior staff; funded visits by major publishers to discuss the publication of thesis (including Hart, CUP, Palgrave, Edinburgh University Press and OUP); individual desk and computer provision; and sole office provision in final year. Research students can apply to the School for financial support for fieldwork costs in both international and domestic

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contexts. The School expects to spend between £5-10K per annum in this way. Students are encouraged to organise conferences around their work and invite leading national and international figures to take part. In addition to underwriting the costs of the conference itself the School also provides clerical and administrative support for such events. Events held have included topics in the area of refugee law and freedom of speech. An annual internal PG conference is organised by the School at which students present their work and receive feedback on it from School staff and invited guests. Phd students are encouraged to reflect upon the possibilities of impact arising from their doctoral work. They receive the same opportunities for training and support in this area as staff (see RA3).

Many of our doctoral graduates are now employed in either academic or policy positions: For example, as noted above, **Mallinder** is now a Reader at UU via a post-doc at Queens, **Conway** is now a senior lecturer in Kent, **Dinsmore** is lecturer at Kent, **Duggan** a senior lecturer at Sheffield Hallam, **Kheria** a lecturer at Edinburgh, **MBoge** is a lecturer at Leicester, **Cooke** is a lecturer at UCL, **Henry** is a lecturer at Hertfordshire, **Brunger** a senior lecturer at Canterbury Christ Church University, **McCann** is a lecturer at Northumbria and **Thompson** has a lectureship at Keele. **McConnachie**, **Payne**, **Dudai** and **Zinstagg** are post-docs at Oxford, Keele, Hebrew and Leuven respectively. Some individuals have been mentored through from PhD to staff positions at QUB such as **Moffat** (AHRC post-doc fellow, now a temporary lecturer). Others have returned to Queens having developed their career elsewhere. For example, **Hickey** is a senior lecturer (via Durham), **Hackett** is a lecturer (via Galway), **Schwartz** is a lecturer (via a post-doc at Queen's Canada), **Marshall** is now a lecturer in Education at QUB, **Lawther** (via a post doc at St Andrews) is now a lecturer in Sociology at QUB. Others work across the NGO policy world as well as in the public and private sector in Northern Ireland, Ireland and elsewhere.

The quality of some of the doctoral work completed at QUB has garnered significant scholarly recognition. Monographs produced from PhDs by **McAlinden** and **Mallinder** both won the BSC book of the year award in 2008 and 2009 respectively, and **Mallinder** also won the 2009 Hart SLISA Early Career Award. **Dwyer** (2008), **Lawther** (2011) and **Dudai** (2013) have all won the British Society of Criminology article of the year prize for the best sole authored article by a 'new' scholar drawing from their respective PhDs.

Given that the School is ineligible for ESRC doctoral studentship awards (as a result of devolution arrangements) it has been necessary to be innovative in creating funding for studentships. The School cross-subsidises studentships from other revenue generating activities. Five studentships, which include full fees and a generous maintenance stipend, are provided annually (including international fees for excellent candidates) and in addition the School provides top up funding for students who are initially self-funding. The School is also awarded, on average, three full PhD fees and maintenance studentship funded by the Department of Education and Learning (NI). Endowment income from, for example the Stephen Livingstone Scholarship fund, is also used to support a number of students at PhD and Masters level. Additionally, the School has combined with other Schools at QUB (for example, Biological Sciences, Politics, Geography, Modern Languages) to access central University funds available for interdisciplinary PhD research studentships.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

In a successful effort to encourage higher quality research grant writing (particularly aimed at RCUK funders), in addition to the generic training provided by the University Research Office, experienced staff such as **Allain**, **McEvoy**, **Morison** and **Wheeler** have all been involved in providing regular and bespoke training on grant writing. In addition, **McEvoy** as Director of Research created a shared access point on the Law School website which has a range of successful and unsuccessful grants, referee's reports and feedback all of which is designed to encourage stronger bids from staff. In addition, senior staff such as **Allain** (with **Hickey**), **Harvey** (with Nolan and O'Connell, now chairs at Nottingham and Ulster respectively), **McEvoy** (Mallinder, now a Reader at Ulster), **Maruna** (with **McAlinden**), **Wheeler** (with **O'Kelly**) have all co-authored

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successful grants with less experienced colleagues with the specific intent of developing the skill sets of these scholars. The growth in confidence and skillsets amongst staff in grant-writing is evidenced by a number of staff both writing and securing major grants for the first time. For example, **Allain's** research on slavery was initially supported by his QUB 'start up package', developed into a British Academy grant, and subsequently secured AHRC funding (with **Hickey**) and a Leverhulme Research Fellowship. Staff who are working on preparing RCUK bids with colleagues in other HEIs receive financial support to either visit them or to host them in order to enhance the writing experience. **Conway, Flear** and **Ellison** have all been supported in this way. During the current REF cycle **Anthony** became a PI on his first RCUK grant (ESRC grant on public interest with **Morison**), as did **McAlinden** (with **Maruna** on an ESRC grant on sex-offender reintegration) and **Flear** on an ESRC seminar series on DNA governance. As noted above, more experienced scholars have continued to lead major funded research projects notably **McEvoy** completed a comparative AHRC project on amnesties (£305,000) and secured two new RCUK grants – an ESRC funded comparative study of lawyers in conflict and transition (£490,000) and an AHRC follow on funding project on amnesties, prosecutions and the public interest (£96,000). **Harvey** also led a major project on budget analysis funded by Atlantic Philanthropies (£243,000) and **Morison** (with **Anthony**) led an ESRC project on "important" cases (£52,000). **McCrudden** is also the holder of a three year major research fellowship funded by Leverhulme (£155,000) and co-investigator on a Nuffield Foundation grant on affirmative action in Northern Ireland. **Scraton's** work on the Hillsborough Panel was underpinned by a £260,000 grant from the Home Office. In addition staff at all levels have secured smaller British Academy grants (e.g. **Allain, Conway, Hickey, Ellison, Harvey**) as well as Leverhulme grants to support research leave elsewhere (e.g. **Allain, Anderson, Dickson**). The number of staff who have obtained external research funding in the current REF cycle has considerably increased from RAE 2008.

At the central level, as part of QUB's rolling five year strategic plan (2011-16), £205m has been invested in maintaining and enhancing the estate, with significant enhancements to the facilities for learning, research, service provision and the working for students and staff. In January 2013 QUB announced a 'Beyond' fund-raising campaign to raise a further £140m over next five years for projects which will increase and enhance the impact Queen's makes on society and the economy, locally and nationally. The newly built, at a cost of circa £40 million, McClay Library brings together wide-ranging library, computing and media services in a central location; the best features of a traditional library with the latest technology in open access computing centres. It has 2000 reader spaces and houses 1.2 million volumes. It won the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) sustainability award in 2010. The School receives an annual allowance from the University for the purchase of books and journals to which it contributes £10,000 annually. QUB has also recently announced plans for the development of a new law school building at the centre of the campus (replacing the old library building), the total spend for which will exceed £18 million. The building is scheduled for completion in 2015.

QUB has undertaken a major restructuring of its Research and Enterprise Directorate (RED) through reorganisation and investment. The Research Support Office supports the School in financial matters; preparing, administering and processing research grants at all levels. The University encourages research through centrally administered competitive conference and internationalisation funding. Schools and Research Institutes can apply for internationalisation funding to facilitate networks and strategic research up to a maximum of £10k for yearly action plans and £25k for two year action plans. This funding has supported some of the School's preparatory work for REF and a recent joint bid for 75K (with the School of Modern languages) for the development of a conference translation facility on campus in light of the large number of international conferences organised by the School (detailed below). The QUB Staff Development Unit also provides a wide variety of training and support for research staff at all levels, from leadership and management training for senior staff to bespoke career development programmes for Early Career Researchers and Research Contract staff. QUB has also been awarded an EU Human Resources Excellence in Research Certification (awarded January 2012) which links to the Concordat for the Career Development of Researchers and the QAA Code of Practice for Research Degree Programmes. This award acknowledges adherence to the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Management of Researchers.

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The Law School itself also provides resources to underpin its research culture. As noted above, research student scholarships are provided from School reserves. In addition, again from School reserves, the School recently appointed a specialist IT officer to assist with a range of tasks including Research Grant outputs and dissemination (e.g. the design of research project websites, bespoke project apps etc). In 2008, the School introduced an annual conference competition (£3-5,000 per annum) wherein staff submit bids to host conferences in their area (discussed further below). The School gives both the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Human Rights Centre an annual budget of £3,000, much of which is spent on organising a regular seminar series vis an average of 8-10 seminars a year involving external speakers. Prominent criminologists who have addressed such events include Maureen Cain, Adam Crawford, Andrew Goldsmith, Penny Green, the late Barbara Hudson, Peter Manning, Pat O'Malley, Laura Piacentini, Tony Platt, Paul Roberts, Jonathan Simon. With regard to Human Rights seminars and events, speakers at these have included Kevin Bales, Christine Chinkin, David, Kinley, Robert McCorquodale, Alistair Mowbray, Sir Nigel Rodley, Peter Rowe, Philip Sands, Dinah Shelton. In addition to this the School has a general seminar series. Cumulatively the School hosts two external speakers a week in term time.

The School marks and celebrates success in research by funding a launch for each new monograph and selected edited collections. Books by **Allain, Anthony, Dickson, Flear, Harvey, Hickey, Jack, McAlinden, McCrudden, McEvoy** were all launched at Queens. In addition, the School has supported book launches at other venues (e.g. **Dickson** House of Lords, **Anthony** Bar Library, **Flear**, The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies). Such launches see authors, publishers and research participants (where appropriate) invited to discuss with an invited audience the themes arising from the work. This places recognition of high quality research productivity and success at the centre of the life of the School.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

Staff are involved a diverse network of collaborative work with both lawyers and criminologists at other institutions in the UK and internationally, and with scholars working across a range of other disciplines. The School has a well-developed internationalisation strategy in line with the University's broader commitments commitment in that sphere. A senior professor (**Morison**) is Director of Internationalisation and reports on the status of links and relationships as a standard agenda item to both the Senior Management Team and the School Board.

To support continued international and national collaboration, in 2009 the School introduced a 'Senior Visiting Scholar Scheme' funded from its commercial activities. This scheme, which costs £12,000 per annum to include stipend, travel and accommodation, invites a world leading scholar to spend 3-4 weeks at Queens, give a public lecture and a series of seminars as well as spend time in organised mentoring of Early Career Researchers and research students. Senior scholars on this scheme have included Jonathan Simon, Diana Shelton, Pat O'Malley, Mel Dubnik, David Kinley and Peter Manning. A number of these scholars have also been keen to 'put something back' in terms of contributing to the School. Simon served as external examiner for two PhD students (McConnachie and Dudai) and included a number of staff in a prestigious edited collection. Dubnik, originally a visiting Fulbright Fellow, co-authored a successful ESRC grant with Wheeler and has also contributed to seminars and co-hosted workshops and conferences, and continues to work with **O'Kelly**, focusing on accountability in public administration and governance.

Staff are encouraged to take advantage of those international networks for research leave. For example **Allain** has been a Visiting Fellow at ANU, University of Melbourne and at Ottawa. He was also made an Extraordinary Professor within the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria. **Anderson** held a fellowship from the Australian Research Council's as well as a Leverhulme Trust Study Abroad Fellowship to fund a sabbatical at the Centre of Excellence for Policing and Security at Griffith University. **Ellison** was a visiting scholar at Texas State. **Harvey** and **Conway** spent a semester as visitors at Fordham. **McCrudden** spends a period of time every year as the William W. Cook Global Law Professor at Michigan. **Ramshaw** was a visiting scholar at Manitoba, **Scraton** has been a visitor at Sydney and Amherst, **Morison** was a visiting Research

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Professor at Sim (the Human Rights Institute at Utrecht) and **Wheeler** has been a visiting scholar at UNSW, Australia and Waikato, NZ where she is an adjunct Professor of Law.

As is evidenced below, staff have been involved in the production of a large number of edited collections, either edited in collaboration with scholars from elsewhere, or containing contributions from a wide variety of international and national scholars. These have included; **Allain** *Legal Understanding of Slavery: The Historical to the Contemporary* (2012, OUP); **Anthony and Morison** (with Auby, *Science Po Paris* and Zwart, Utrecht) *Global Values in Administrative Law* (2011, Hart); **Capper** *Modern Defamation Law; Balancing Reputation and Free Expression* (2012, Queens University Belfast Press); **Flear** (with Farrell, Monash; Hervey, Sheffield, Murphy, Nottingham) *European Law and New Health Technologies*. (2013, OUP); **Dickson** (with Blom Cooper and Drewry, Westminster) *The Judicial House of Lords 1876-2009* (2009, OUP); **Harvey** (with Juss, Kings) *Contemporary Issues In Refugee Law* (2012, Edward Elgar) and **Harvey and Schwartz** *Rights in Divided Societies*, (2012, Hart); **Maruna** (with Hayward, Kent and Mooney John Jay NY), *Fifty Key Thinkers in Criminology* (2010, Taylor and Francis): with (Farrall, Sheffield; Sparks, Edinburgh and Hough, Birkbeck) *Escape Routes: Contemporary Perspectives on Life After Punishment* (2011, Routledge); **McCrudden**, *Human Dignity* (2013, Oxford University Press); **McEvoy** with McGregor, Essex *Transitional Justice from Below* (2008, Hart); **Scraton** (with McCulloch, Monash) *The Violence of Incarceration* (2009, Taylor and Francis); **Wheeler** (with Campbell and Mulcahy) *Changing Concepts of Contract* (Palgrave Macmillan 2013). Staff have also edited a range of journal special issues on diverse topics including **Harvey and Schwartz**, Bills of Rights, **Flear** (with Farrell, Monash, Hervey, Sheffield and Murphy, Nottingham) Superstewardship and Public Health and **Ramshaw** (with Howlin now UCD and Brennan now Essex) Bench and Bar: The Disappearance of Britain - all in the *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly*. **Flear** also edited a special issue of the *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law* and **McEvoy** and Dudai (Hebrew) (2012) Human Rights and Armed Groups, *Journal of Human Rights Practice*; **Ramshaw** co-edited an issue of the *Australian Feminist Law Journal*.

Many staff serve on the editorial boards of national and international journals. **Anderson** is Editor of the *International Sports Law Journal*. **Wheeler** is Editor of the *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly*. She is also on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Law and Society*, *Law and Critique*, *The Company Lawyer*, *Law in Context* and the *Griffith Law Review*. **Allain** is on the Editorial Board of the *Irish Yearbook of International Law* and the *African Human Rights Law Journal*. **Anthony** *Revista Curentul Juridica* and is *NI Rapporteur of European Public Law*; **Dickson** *Human Rights Law Review*; **Harvey** *Human Rights Law Review*, *European Human Rights Law Review*, and is Case Editor for *International Journal of Refugee Law*; **Jack** *Environmental Law Review* and the *Web Journal of Current Legal Issues*; **McEvoy** *Criminology and Criminal Justice*, *Contemporary Justice Review*, *Social and Legal Studies*, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*; *Transitional Justice Review*; *International Journal for Crime and Justice*; **Morison** (*Journal of Law and Society*; *European Journal of Law and Technology*, *the European Review of Public Law* and *the International Journal of Public Law and Policy*; **Maruna** *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*; *Contemporary Justice Review*; *Crime, Media, Culture: An International Journal*; *European Journal of Probation*; *Journal of Criminology*; *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling*; *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*; *Health & Justice*; *Legal and Criminological Psychology*; *Probation Journal*; *Punishment and Society*; *Restorative Justice: An International Journal*; *Theoretical Criminology*; *The Open Criminology Journal*; **Ramshaw** *Australian Feminist Law Journal* **Russell** *Feminist Legal Studies*; **Scraton** *Statewatch*; *Current Issues in Crime and Justice*; *the Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*.

A number of senior staff are Series Editors for the publication of monographs in their field. **Harvey** is Series Editor of *Human Rights Law in Perspective* (Hart); **McCrudden** is Joint Editor, *Law in Context Series* (Cambridge University Press); **McEvoy** is Series Editor, *Transitional Justice* (Routledge) **Wheeler** is on the editorial board of the Palgrave Macmillan *Socio-legal Studies Series*. **Dawson** is on the advisory board for Four Courts Press as is **Wheeler** for the *Palgrave Macmillan Corporate Law Series*.

In addition, the vibrant research culture at Queens and its contribution to the various research

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specialisms within the School is further evidenced by the plethora of conferences, symposia, seminar and post-graduate events which have been held during the current REF period. The School hosts a number of major annual lectures, namely the McDermott Lecture, the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice Annual Lecture and the Annual Stephen Livingstone Lecture on Human Rights. Speakers at these events have included Justice Rosie Abella, Dame Rosalyn Higgins, Attorney General Northern Ireland John Larkin, Baroness Hale, former Presidents of Ireland Mary McAleese and Mary Robinson; Stephen Tierney, Lord Kerr, Murray Hunt, Michael O'Flaherty and Dame Anne Owers. Nearly 200 seminars and invited lectures took place in the School over the REF cycle and over 30 conferences were organised. These reflected the wide variety of legal and criminological research conducted across the School. Conferences focused on issues as diverse as Aging; Amnesties; Bio-Ethics; Community Safety; Corporate Governance; Dealing with the Past; 'Dark Figure' of Crime; Devolution; Economic and Social Rights; Ex-prisoners and Peace-making; Human Trafficking; Human Dignity; Law and Emotions; Major Legal Cases; Prison Abolition; Prosecutions and the Public Interest; Sustainable Development; Travellers Rights; Truth Recovery; Risk; Slavery.

While some of these events are funded from research grants which include support for the organisation of conferences or symposia (**Allain** and **Hickey's** conference on Slavery [AHRC], **McCrudden's** interdisciplinary conference on Human Dignity [Nuffield]; **McEvoy's** conference on amnesties [AHRC] and prosecutions and the public interest [AHRC]; **Morison** and **Anthony's** Global Administrative Law workshop in Paris [British Academy] and conference on "Important Cases" [ESRC]. In other instances conferences and symposia have been organised using School funds as detailed above. Staff at the School have also organised major disciplinary conferences, most recently in 2012, the Commonwealth Lawyers' Association Property Law Conference 2012 (**Wheeler**) and in 2013 the Critical Legal Studies Conference (**Ramshaw**, **Russell** and others). The School provided £14,000 for the latter conference as well as £5,000 for the Socio-Legal Studies Annual Post-graduate Conference in January 2012.

Staff are also involved in a range of different scholarly bodies. **Dawson** served as academic advisor to the Frank Knox Fellowship (Harvard) Program; **Maruna** is Chair of the Northern Ireland Branch of the British Society of Criminology (BSC) and chaired the BSC Committee on the REF. **Morison** is a trustee of the Hamlyn Trust, a director of the European Public Law Organisation and a Trustee of KILAW Kuwait International Law School. In addition to these broad range of collaborative relations and networks, the research quality and research profile of some of its staff is evidenced by significant peer recognition:-

McCrudden is a Fellow of the British Academy. **Morison** and **Wheeler** have been elected to membership of the Royal Irish Academy. **McEvoy** and **Wheeler** are members of the Academy of Social Sciences. **Wheeler** served as Chair of the Socio-Legal Studies Association 2002-2011, on the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences (2008-) and served as a panel member of two previous Research Assessment Exercises. **Harvey** is a member of the REF 2014 Law sub-panel and Chair of the REF Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel. **Dickson** served as President of the Irish Society of Comparative Law (2009-2012) and **Dawson** is a former President, Irish Legal History Society 2009-2012. **McEvoy** and **Morison** are members of the ESRC Peer Review College, **Wheeler** was a member of the ESRC Research Grants Board 2005-2010 and **Morison** is a member of the peer review college of the AHRC. Early career staff have achieved some notable milestones already; **Martyniszyn** is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies, Loyola University Chicago and an Associate Member of the Centre for Antitrust and Regulatory Studies at the University of Warsaw and **Wardhaugh** won the prize for best paper at the 2013 SLS conference in Edinburgh. As noted above, **Scruton** was awarded the QUB Vice Chancellor's Impact prize in 2012. **McCrudden's** book on Public Procurement and Equality was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the American Society of International Law in 2008. **McEvoy's** article 'Beyond Legalism' was awarded the Socio-Legal Studies Association Article of the Year award in 2008, and another article 'What Did the Lawyers Do During the War' was awarded the same prize in 2012, and an honourable mention by the US based Law and Society Association.