

Professor Elizabeth Yardley

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Biography

Elizabeth joined Birmingham City University in September 2010 from the private sector, where she had worked as a social research consultant. During her time at BCU, she has helped further develop the long-established Centre for Applied Criminology and led the Centre through the Research Excellence Framework 2014. Elizabeth took up her role as Centre Director in September 2013 and was conferred the title of Reader / Associate Professor in March 2014. She is passionate about criminological research that is exciting, needs-led and meaningful both within and beyond the university. Her research is interdisciplinary and encompasses several other areas of the social sciences, notably media and communication studies and sociology. Her most successful research paper, Making Sense of 'Facebook Murder?', co-authored with Professor David Wilson, is an example of this approach. Upon publication, the research was reported across the world and is currently in the top 5% of articles tracked by Altmetric for the quality and quantity of online attention it received. As well as teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate Criminology programmes, Elizabeth is supervising 5 PhD students who are researching homicide and violent crime. In the BCU Extra Mile Awards 2014 she received the award for Academic of the Year. Elizabeth is a regular contributor to news and entertainment media, drawing on the cutting edge research conducted in the Centre for Applied Criminology to enhance public understanding of crime and criminal justice. Elizabeth has also launched a podcast series, called Crime Bites.

Areas of Expertise

Healthcare Serial Killers, Narrative Criminology, Television Crime Drama, Homicide, Female Serial Killers, Domestic Violence, Social Media Crime, Homicide and Violent Crime in 'Mediatized' Worlds

Affiliations

American Society of Criminology

Education

Aston University

Ph.D. Public Management

Aston University

B.Sc. (Honours) (First Class) Politics and Sociology

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