

# **Professor Tim Grant**

**Professor of forensic linguistics at Aston University**

Birmingham, , GB

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## **Biography**

Professor Grant's main research interests are within the area of forensic linguistics. He has particular interest and expertise in forensic authorship analysis focusing on short form messages such as SMS text messages, Twitter posts and Internet Relay Chat. His recent publications have focussed on online sexual abuse conversations. Grant has also published broadly across forensic linguistics including work the linguistics of the police interview, the analysis of threatening communication and the pragmatics of non-verbal consent in rape cases. Professor Grant is one of the world's most experienced forensic linguistic practitioners and his case work has involved the analysis of abusive and threatening communications in many different contexts including investigations into sexual assault, stalking, murder and terrorism. In 2019, he was awarded an NCA Commendation for his part in the investigation that led to the arrest and successful prosecution of Matthew Falder. He has provided evidence for both prosecution and defence in criminal cases, in commercial arbitration disputes and in civil cases involving discipline and dismissal of staff and copyright infringement and plagiarism. Grant has assisted in designing and presenting police media appeals such as for the BBC Crimewatch programme. He has significant experience of working with press, TV and radio and his work has appeared in newspaper and magazine feature articles, on the BBC 1 OneShow and on the BBC Radio 4 Programme Word of Mouth. Professor Grant regularly speaks to wider adult and schools audiences at events such as Café Scientifique and the British Festival of Science.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Forensic Linguistics, Forensic Authorship Analysis, Online Sexual Abuse Conversations, Twitter, SMS

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## **Education**

**University of Birmingham**

PhD

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MSc Cognitive Science

**University of Birmingham**

BA Philosophy

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## **Accomplishments**

**Joseph Lister Award**  
2008

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