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Summary

Jo's primary research interest is the interface between the youth justice and care systems; more broadly her research includes alternatives to custody, such as remand foster care and restorative justice interventions; adolescent foster care; and the criminalisation of children and childhood. She is author of 'Youth Justice' (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015) and 'Care or Control? Foster Care for Young People on Remand' (BAAF, 2006). Jo was a member of the Prison Reform Trust's independent review of the over-representation of looked after children within the youth justice system, chaired by Lord Laming. Jo teaches across the BSc Childhood Studies, Criminology and Social Policy programmes within the School.

Biography

Jo originally joined the University of Bristol in 1998, after studying at the University of Southampton and the Scarman Centre at the University of Leicester. Whilst working as a Research Associate in the School for Policy Studies, she completed a PhD on the use of foster care for children and young people on remand. She was then employed as a Senior Consultant with a national crime reduction charity, working closely with the Youth Justice Board, supporting the implementation and evaluation of early intervention and prevention programmes and restorative justice interventions, before returning to the School for Policy Studies in 2009 as a lecturer.

Jo is the Director of Undergraduate Studies in SPS, and convenes a number of units across the BSc Childhood Studies, Social Policy and Criminology degrees, including Constructing Childhoods, Children and Young People in the Law and Youth Justice. She also contributes to postgraduate teaching, including the MSc Social Work, MSc Policy Research and MSc Public Policy, and postgraduate dissertation supervision.

Jo was a member of the Prison Reform Trust's Independent Review of Looked-after Children in the Youth Justice System, *In Care, Out of Trouble*, and wrote the accompanying literature review: *Risk, adverse influence and criminalisation: Understanding the over-representation of looked after children in the youth justice system*.

Teaching

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Jo would be interested in receiving applications for PhD study in relation to youth justice, including restorative justice approaches and early intervention programmes, looked-after adolescents, or the intersection of the care and justice systems.

Memberships

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