



The British Academy of Forensic Sciences

Science and Justice

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Bush House, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS

“Miscarriages of Justice”

This meeting will explore the important topic of Miscarriages of Justice from a variety of angles. His Honour John Samuels QC was a circuit judge, and is now a Visiting Professor at Nottingham Law School with substantial experience of miscarriage cases. Louise Shorter is a journalist from Inside Justice, who has investigated many of miscarriage cases. Dr Ann Priston OBE is a forensic scientist and former President of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences. As a trustee and board member of Inside Justice she has extensive experience of the forensic opportunities of miscarriage of justice cases. Gisli Gudjonsson is a Professor of Forensic Psychology, who is the leading international expert on false confessions. Professor Bernice Andrews is a Professor of Psychology who has worked for both Defence and Prosecution in child sexual abuse cases, and is interested in the issues of memory that arise. Michael Kopelman is a Professor of Neuropsychiatry who has been an expert witness in a number of Appeal Court cases involving psychiatric issues. Gareth Peirce is Senior Partner at Birnberg Pierce Solicitors, who is famous for her work on the Birmingham Six and Guildford Four cases, but she has been involved in very many miscarriage cases ever since.

The event will be chaired by the President of the Academy

Dr Meng Aw-Yong



SPEAKERS

Professor Gisli Gudjonsson



Gisli Hannes Gudjonsson is an Emeritus Professor of Forensic Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience, King's College London, and a Professor in the Psychology Department at Reykjavik University. Prior to his retirement from King's College on 1st January 2012 he was the Head of Forensic Psychology Services for the Lambeth Forensic Services and Medium Secure Unit at the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust (SLaM). Professor Gudjonsson is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society and a registered practitioner (clinical and forensic) with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC). Professor Gudjonsson pioneered the empirical measurement of interrogative suggestibility and has published extensively in the areas of psychological vulnerabilities, false confessions and police interviewing. He has provided expert evaluation in a number of high profile cases, including the Guildford Four, the Birmingham Six, Judith Ward, Engin Raghip, Steven Miller, Donald Pendleton, Andrew Evans, Ian Lawless, and Raymond Gilmour. He has also testified in high profile cases in the USA, Canada, Norway, Iceland, and Israel.

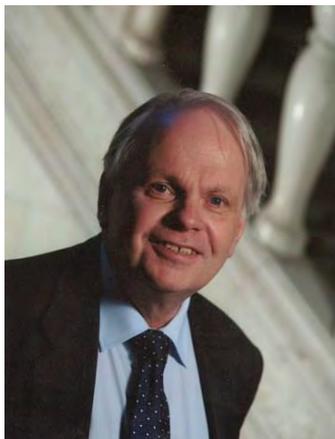
Professor Bernice Andrews



Professor Bernice Andrews is Emeritus Professor of Abnormal Psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London. The broad focus of her research has been on the consequences of stressful and traumatic experiences throughout the life-course. A significant component of this is the impact of trauma and life stress on memory. Her funded research has included enquiries into recovered memories in therapy, the nature of sexual abuse victims' memories, PTSD in violent crime victims, and delayed-onset PTSD in military veterans. Professor Andrews is an expert advisor to the National Crime Agency and provides expert testimony in defence and prosecution involving memory for traumatic events. She was a member of the British Psychological Society's Working Party on Recovered Memories, and provided advice on this subject to the Department of Health, and Broadmoor Hospital.



Professor Michael Kopelman



Professor Michael Kopelman is Emeritus Professor of Neuropsychiatry, King's College London (Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience), and formerly ran a Neuropsychiatry and Memory Disorders Clinic at St Thomas's Hospital, London. He has been co-editor/co-author of *The Handbook of Memory Disorders*, 2002; *Lishman's Organic Psychiatry*, 4th edition, 2009; and *Forensic Neuropsychology in Practice*, 2009. He is the immediate past-President of the International Neuropsychological Society; past-President of the British Neuropsychological Society, past-President of the International Neuropsychiatric Association, and past-President of British Academy of Forensic Sciences. His research is on all aspects of memory disorders, and he was a founder member of the Memory Disorders Research Society. He was awarded a Career Achievement award by the International Neuropsychological Society in 2013. He has given evidence in various high profile medico-legal cases, some involving previous miscarriages of justice.

Gareth Peirce



Gareth Peirce of Birnberg Peirce, Solicitors, is a leading human rights lawyer. She has represented the Guildford Four, the Birmingham Six, Judith Ward, the family of Jean Charles de Menezes, the Belmarsh detainees, Moazzam Begg and other Guantanamo detainees, as well as very many others. A fundamental part of her work (in defending clients and reopening wrongful convictions) has been to challenge misleading, false or inadequate scientific/expert evidence. She wrote on ['The framing of al-Megrahi'](#) following the Lockerbie bombing in the [London Review of Books](#) in 2009, and she was the author of ['Dispatches from the Dark Side: On Torture and the Death of Justice'](#) in 2010. Praised by Ludovic Kennedy as "the doyenne of British defence lawyers", who "refuses to be defeated in any case no matter how unfavourable it looks," she has been denounced by Michael Gove for idealism "that is motivated by a political agenda"!

Louise Shorter



Louise Shorter is a former BBC journalist who founded the miscarriage of justice charity *Inside Justice*. Her interest in miscarriage of justice cases began in earnest in 1998 when she joined the BBC's long-running investigative TV series *Rough Justice*. She spent 16 years at the corporation working almost exclusively across a range of criminal justice programmes in both radio and television including Radio 4's *Law in Action* and Radio 5 Live's *Crime Desk*.

In 2010 Louise secured charitable funding to launch *Inside Justice*, an investigative unit which assists prisoners who claim they are entirely innocent. The unit has received, to date, 1100 applications. As Director, Louise leads a small team of caseworkers who review applications and present suitable cases to an exemplary *pro bono* Advisory Panel of experts, allowing deserving prisoners to access expert help which they would otherwise be unable to reach.

In 2016 the work of the unit was featured in the BBC Two TV Series *Conviction* which filmed the work of *Inside Justice* investigating one murder case. Series Two will be aired in the summer of 2018. Additionally, Louise was Producer on a BBC *Panorama* in 2014 and a BBC Scotland *Investigates* TV documentary in 2011, both about an *Inside Justice* case.

Louise is currently engaged in a part-time Law by Research Masters Degree at Queen Mary, University of London. The idea for the research was inspired by casework experience which identified inconsistent practice, by police forces across England and Wales, in the retention of physical material post-conviction.



Dr Ann Priston OBE, FCSFS



Dr Priston obtained a joint honours degree in Biochemistry and Physiology in 1967 and a doctorate in biochemistry in 1970, both from Bedford College, London. During her early career she worked on DNA synthesis in the Nobel Prize winning team at Kings College London and at the University of Pennsylvania.

She joined the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory in 1970, dealing with offences against the person and eventually specialising in the examination of textile fibres. For 10 years she concentrated on cases involving mainland PIRA activity. She holds 14 commendations for dedication, professionalism and presentation in court and was awarded a Commissioner's Commendation for her contribution to the investigation into terrorism on the Greek mainland over the last 30 years. Ann became President Elect of the FSS in 2008 and led the team preparing for the Society's Golden Jubilee celebrations which included a visit by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal. Ann took over as President in 2009 and oversaw the Society's transition to a Chartered body by the granting of a Royal Charter from Her Majesty's Privy Council. She was also responsible for the High Court Judge, the Honourable Mr Nigel Sweeney, becoming the Society's first Patron.

HH John Samuels QC



John Samuels QC was a deputy High Court Judge for 16 years before his appointment as a full-time Circuit Judge in 1997; and became Chairman of the Criminal Committee of the Council of Circuit Judges, where he pioneered liaison between the Council, Ministers and their officials. Between July 2005 and September 2015 he was a judicial member of the Parole Board. He became a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 1990; and has been involved in the provision of Inn education (as an accredited advocacy trainer and otherwise) for over 20 years. In retirement he has continued his interest in education and criminal justice issues. In 2012 he was appointed a Visiting Professor at Nottingham Law School. He founded the Lincoln's Inn Pupillage Foundation Scheme in 2003 (now about to complete its 27th programme); and is the recently-retired Chairman of the Criminal Justice Alliance. He is President of the Prisoners' Education Trust; a former Trustee of the Howard League for Penal Reform; is the Board member for England & Wales of the International Association of Drug Treatment Courts; and is Vice President of UNLOCK, the National Association of Reformed Offenders; of Tempus Novo; and of the Association of Members of Independent Monitoring Boards. He is a Patron of Prisoners' Advice Service. He has recently joined the Advisory Panel of Inside Justice, investigating miscarriages of justice.





Science and Justice: Miscarriages of Justice Agenda

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Bush House, King's College London,
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0900 Tea & Coffee, Registration

0945 Welcome and Introduction by the
President Dr Meng Aw Yong

CHAIR Professor Keith Rix

1000 The Psychology of False Confessions Professor Gisli Gudjonsson

1040 Child Sexual Abuse Issues Professor Bernice Andrews

1120 Psychiatric cases involving Miscarriages of
Justice Professor Michael Kopelman

1200 Miscarriages of Justice – Legal Aspects Gareth Pierce (Birnberg Peirce
solicitors)

1240- Lunch
1330

CHAIR Tracy Alexander

1330 Inside Justice Ms Louise Shorter

1410 Can Misunderstanding lead to Miscarriage Dr Ann Priston OBE

1450 The Politics of the Wrongful Conviction HH John Samuels QC

1530 Panel discussion All Speakers

1600 Closing remarks by the President





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