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His books include *Insanity and the Insane in Post-Famine Ireland (1981 and 2003), Police and Government: Histories of Policing in Australia (1994), Punishment in Australian Society (1997), When Police Unionise: the Politics of Law and Order in Australia (2002), JV Barry: a Life(2007)* and most recently (with Heather Douglas) *Indigenous Crime and Settler Law: White Sovereignty after Empire* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012), a study of the criminal law’s response to Aboriginal crimes of violence over the last two centuries. In 2013 he was awarded an ARC Laureate Fellowship (2013-18). ***Current research***My research focusses on the history of policing, punishment and criminal justice in modern Australia. The current focus is on the history of prosecution and the criminal trial in Australia. This project was awarded an ARC Laureate Fellowship in 2013 which supports a research team including myself as ARC Laureate Fellow, with Research Fellows Dr Amanda Kaladelfos and Dr Alana Piper, and PhD student Robyn Blewer. Further staff and students will be appointed in time, and we welcome expressions of interest from prospective students, from honours to PhD.*The project*: The criminal trial is the core of the Australian criminal justice system. It is the product of police investigation and its outcomes include the sentences of imprisonment that populate our prisons. Criminal trials have been taking place in Australia since the first days of settlement. The archives of the Australian states are custodians of their records, which are among the most complete in the world. The Prosecution Project will examine the history of the criminal trial in Australia. Its starting point is the digitisation of the registers of Supreme Court cases that are available in most jurisdictions in one form or other from as early as the beginning of settlement (eg the Western Australia register of indictments commences in 1830). From this base data, extended through use of other archival sources and supplemented by the National Library of Australia's 'Trove' digitised newspapers, researchers will be in a better position to analyse patterns of crime, prosecution and punishment over long periods of time, with more intensive archival studies of particular crimes, regions, eras, and legal and policing policies and practices. The project’s start and end dates of 1850-1960 will vary for jurisdictions according to the availability of records. The Prosecution Project is designed to offer two other outcomes for the longer term – a rich database of materials for the use of future researchers; and a database that can be used also by family, community and genealogical researchers and users.***Major publications******Books****Insanity and the Insane in Post-Famine Ireland*, London and New York: Croom Helm and Barnes and Noble, 1981; republished 2003, American Council of Learned Societies History E-Book(ed) *Policing in Australia: Historical Perspectives*, Kensington: UNSW Press, 1987. *Police and Government: Histories of Policing in Australia*, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 1994 *Punishment in Australian Society*, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 1997*When police unionise: the politics of law and order in Australia,* Sydney: Sydney Institute of Criminology Monograph Series No 15, 2002 *(*ed*.)‘The difficulties of my position’: the diaries of John Buckley Castieau 1855-1884,* Canberra: National Library of Australia (2004)*JV Barry: a Life,* Kensington: UNSW Press, 2007(with Heather Douglas), *Indigenous Crime and Settler Law: White Sovereignty after Empire*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2012 (with Ian Donaldson, eds), *Taking Stock: The Humanities in Australian Life since 1968*, Crawley WA: UWA Publishing  (2012)  ***Recent articles and book chapters (since 2008)***‘No longer a “workingman's paradise”? 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