

Dr Kate Fitz-Gibbon is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Monash University, member of the Monash Gender and Family Violence Research Program, and a Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Law and Social Justice at University of Liverpool. Kate completed her PhD at Monash in 2012. Kate has been a visiting scholar in the Centre for Criminology at Oxford University (2013), The Faculty of Law at University of Auckland (2015) and the School of Justice at Queensland University of Technology (2015).

Kate conducts research in the area of family violence, legal responses to lethal violence, youth justice and the effects of homicide law and sentencing reform in Australian and international jurisdictions. This research demonstrates a strong commitment to improving legal responses to violence against women and reforming homicide laws across Australia and internationally.

Kate has demonstrable experience completing empirical research, a strong track record in ensuring the policy impact of her research and proven success in translating innovative research into timely high quality publications. Since 2010, Kate has completed over 300 interviews with members of the Australian, UK, American and Canadian criminal justice systems and relevant practitioners, demonstrating her commitment to stakeholder consultation and ability to engage key stakeholders in research.

The findings of Kate's research have been published in high impact criminology and law journals and presented at national and international criminology conferences. Kate's 2014 sole-authored book, *Homicide Law Reform, Gender and the Provocation Defence: A Comparative Perspective*, was cited in a 2015 judgment of the High Court of Australia, demonstrating the high quality of her contribution to the field.

Kate has advised on homicide law reform reviews in several Australian jurisdictions. In recognition of her contribution to reform and policy influence, Kate's research has been cited in numerous Australian and New Zealand law reform reports, particularly in the area of homicide law and family violence, including by the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence, New Zealand Law Commission, Commonwealth of Australia Constitutional Affairs References Committee, Tasmanian Law Reform Institute, Parliament of South Australia, Parliament of Victoria, NSW Legislative Council and Victorian Department of Justice.

Kate has received funding to support her research from the Australian Research Council, Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS), Victorian Women's Trust and the Victorian Legal Services Board. In 2015 Kate was awarded the prestigious Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to examine innovative and best practice legal responses to the prevention of intimate homicide in the UK, United States and Canada.

Kate has also completed research consultancies for the Department of Health and Human Services (2016), Peninsula Health (2012) and Office of Police Integrity (2010). In 2016 Kate was a member of the Monash family violence research team contracted by the Department of Health and Human Services to review family violence risk assessment practices in Victoria, the findings of which are currently being used by the Department to inform redevelopment of the Victorian family violence risk assessment and management framework.

Beyond academia, and through governance roles and media engagement, Dr Fitz-Gibbon has demonstrated a commitment to contribute to the not for profit sector and to use her research findings to inform the community of important public policy issues relating to gender, violence against women and the law. In 2016 Kate was appointed as a member of the Victorian Government's Expert Advisory Committee on Perpetrator Interventions and also sits as a member of the Monash City Council Gender Equity Advisory Committee. Previously Kate was Chair of the Barwon Centre against Sexual Assault (CASA) Governance Board and a member of the Step Back Think Board of Directors. As Chair of Barwon CASA Kate was pivotal in negotiating the merger of Barwon CASA with Minerva, a specialist family violence service in the Barwon region. This merger aligns both organisations with the recommendations of the Royal Commission in Family Violence and ensures a holistic response can be provided for women and children experiencing family and sexual violence.

Kate has received several awards in recognition of her contribution to law reform debates and leadership in Australian early career research, including the 2016 Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Future Leader Prize, 2016 Monash Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research by an Early Career Researcher, 2014 Australian Financial Review and Westpac 100 Women of influence Awards ('Young Leader' category) and the 2013 Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology New Scholar Prize.

Qualifications