

**Professor Sharyn Roach Anleu** has provided outstanding, significant, and sustained service to Australian sociology since her appointment to the Sociology Department at Flinders University in 1987 after completing her PhD at the University of Connecticut, supervised principally by Albert K Cohen and Myra Marx Ferree. She has a stellar record in the advancement of sociology in teaching and research and has remained committed to Australian sociology and the sociological imagination since her undergraduate days at the University of Tasmania. Sharyn is a highly regarded member of the sociological community in Australia and internationally and unequivocally demonstrates distinguished service to Australian sociology. The nomination below provides a snapshot of key accomplishments that demonstrate the exemplary quality of Sharyn's service.

Among Professor Roach Anleu's outstanding contributions is the innovative application of key sociological concepts, such as emotional labour, job satisfaction, professionalisation, gender and work/family conflict to a population – the judiciary – that has not previously been

studied sociologically. This builds on her earlier research on the social work and legal professions, especially her investigations on the entry of women into law. Sharyn's nationally and internationally recognised research contribution is the investigation of the everyday work of the judiciary, especially in the lower courts where nearly all cases are initiated and finalised. Her research focus is made possible by her distinctive combination of social science research methods, sociological concepts, and legal knowledge. This body of research has produced extensive empirical evidence on the judiciary as a profession, its everyday work practices, experiences, and attitudes, and articulates implications of these findings for foundational legal (and sociological) concepts such as impartiality/objectivity and legitimacy. This sociological approach represents a significant departure from the conception of the judge as a prestigious, eminent, somewhat mystical status and repository of law. Her enduring research interest has been on the intersection between the social and the legal; her research traverses sociology, socio-legal studies and law.

Sharyn's research is the benchmark for empirical investigation of the judiciary in Australia and has impact on national and international empirical research into courts and judicial work (eg Appleby et al 2019; Bergman Blix and Wettergren 2018; Booth 2016). Sharyn's research into emotion and judging, specifically framing judicial work as involving emotional labour, defines and continues to lead the field (see Maroney 2016). Her co-authored 2005 article is cited 199 times (as of 6 June 2022) in diverse journals – business, communication, criminology, cultural studies, dispute resolution, ethics, gender studies, law, management, social psychology, sociology, socio-legal studies, work and organisations – demonstrating the advancement of international appreciation of sociology in Australia through research and publications.

The culmination of this research stream is the publication of her book (co-authored with Kathy Mack) *Emotions and Judging: A Socio-Legal Analysis* (Routledge 2021). Professor Leslie J. Moran (University of London) writes in *Emotions and Society*, 2022 (online):

*Judging and Emotion* is a milestone in research that examines emotion in the practices of the judiciary ... It is a fitting testament to the pioneering research into the judiciary that Roach Anleu and Mack have undertaken over many years. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the interconnection between law, justice, the judiciary and emotions. It is an invaluable study of the skills and knowledge a good judge needs to have and to put to work in the courtroom.

Sharyn has had outstanding success in attracting Australian Research Council funding. She has been the lead Chief Investigator on three Discovery Projects, and a CI on two Linkage Projects attracting over \$1.5 million in ARC funding, plus Industry Partner financial and in-kind contributions totalling over \$3 million, and other smaller grant funding internal and external to Flinders University. She is currently a CI on a 2022-2024 Discovery Project: *Judges' work, place and psychological health: A national view* (DP220100585).

As a result of Sharyn's research and sociological perspective, there is considerably more interest among academics and judicial officers about the nature of judicial work and the judiciary as a profession. She is a named participant on a successful 2018-20 grant entitled: *Quality of Justice in Portugal* based at the Centre for Social Studies at the University of Coimbra, Portugal where she was a Visiting Professor in 2019. This invitation came from sociologists seeking to build on the research approach into the judiciary that she successfully pioneered. Sharyn has led collaborations with sociologists in Sweden (Professor Åsa

Wettergren, University of Gothenburg and Professor Stina Bergman Blix, Uppsala University), resulting in international publications on researching judges. A current collaboration with Professor Rosemary Hunter (University of Kent, UK) examines feminist judging in lower courts.

Sharyn's experience conducting multi-method research with the judiciary, and the value of sociological concepts to understand change and key challenges in judicial work in contemporary courts demonstrates distinguished service to the advancement of Australian sociology.

Further evidence of Sharyn's capacity to bring sociology to an interdisciplinary table is her collaboration with a scholar of literature and humour studies, Jessica Milner Davis (University of Sydney) on an edited, international collection entitled *Judges, Judging and Humour* (Palgrave, 2018). Authors are from law, sociology, and literary studies, from the USA, the UK, Brazil, Sweden and Australia. The Foreword is written by the Hon Michael Kirby, former justice of the High Court of Australia. In November 2022, she will co-convene a funded Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia workshop with Associate Professor Kate Rossmanith (cultural studies, Macquarie University) and Associate Professor Katie Barclay (history, Adelaide University) entitled: *Researching Emotion in and Around Law*.

Sharyn established the teaching of sociology of law and sociology of deviance at Flinders University. Sociology of Deviance remains one of the most popular upper-level undergraduate sociology topics at Flinders University. Her book *Deviance, Conformity and Control*, published in four editions, is a thematic analysis of the field, reports Australian data and is without peer in the Australian context. The publisher's website states: '*Deviance, Conformity and Control* has established itself as the authoritative Australian text for students of the sociology of deviance'. ([https://www.pearson.com/store/p/deviance-conformity-and-control/GPROG\\_A101703195889\\_learnerau-availability/9780733974472](https://www.pearson.com/store/p/deviance-conformity-and-control/GPROG_A101703195889_learnerau-availability/9780733974472)). Sharyn's expertise in the sociology of deviance has led to invitations to contribute chapters to several edited books, some of which have been published in several editions.

Her other areas of research and publication have included investigation of the intersections between law and medicine, especially regarding surrogacy and reproductive technology, the sociology of deviance, social control and regulation. In sum, over her career, Sharyn has published:

- 6 books (one published in 4 editions, another in 2)
- 45 book chapters (10 are in updated, new editions)
- 60 articles in peer-reviewed journals (plus translation of articles into Portuguese, Russian and Spanish)
- Since 2015 over 40 conference/workshop/seminar presentations
- 20 reports to courts and their judicial officers
- Her Google Scholar H index is 25, and she has 2246 citations (as of 6 June 2022).

Sharyn's accomplishments and contributions sociology have been recognised in honours and awards:

- 2006 elected as *Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia*.

- 2012 made a *Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor*, one of 14 in the inaugural cohort chosen without application. This award is ‘only made in exceptional circumstances’ to those of ‘exceptional eminence’ who have ‘made an outstanding contribution to ... scholarship and to Flinders University’.
- 2014 the *Outstanding Service to The Australian Sociological Association Award*.
- 2016 SAGE/TASA Best Paper Award for the *Journal of Sociology* for Roach Anleu, Sharyn and Kathy Mack (2015) ‘[Performing Authority: Communicating Judicial Decisions in Lower Criminal Courts](#)’ 51(4) *Journal of Sociology* 1052-1069
- 2019 the inaugural Flinders University College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences *Research Excellence Award*.

Sharyn has presented a wide range of invited presentations to national and international audiences, for example:

- On 16 June 2022 – Sharyn will present a Plenary Address: ‘Deconstructing Impartiality: Emotion in Sentencing’ to a conference on psychological mechanisms in criminal justice at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- In 2019 – she was invited and funded to participate in a workshop, entitled: Empirical Investigations into Courtroom Interactions in Contemporary Societies, held at the *Australian National University* in September; a seminar at the *Griffith Law Futures Scholarly Roundtable Series* in August; and a research lecture to the Department of Economics, Society and Politics, *University of Urbino* (Italy) in June.
- In October 2018 – she presented a public lecture at the University of Cardiff (Wales) entitled ‘Judging and Emotion’ during her time as a *Cardiff School of Law and Politics Visiting Scholar*. While at Cardiff, she also participated in a workshop on *Remorse and Responsibility Constructions of the ‘Ideal Defendant’*, the papers from which will become an edited book.
- In July 2018 –she gave an invited paper ‘Emotion Work as Judicial Work’, as part of the *Uncloaking the Judiciary: The Judicial Role, Style and Image* Colloquium at the Gilbert + Tobin Law Centre of Public Law, University of New South Wales, that is a book chapter published 2021.
- In 2017 – Sharyn gave the *Biennial John Western Public Lecture* entitled ‘The Human Judge: Between Craft and Profession’ at the University of Queensland, established in memory of the inaugural professor of sociology at the University of Queensland.
- In addition, Sharyn gave an invited keynote address at the 2015 *Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology* annual conference and was an invited plenary speaker at the *The Australian Sociological Association* annual conference in 2013 and in 2011 a public lecture sponsored by the *School of Law University of Strathclyde* entitled ‘Judges and Judging: Public Confidence and the Legitimacy of Law’.

Professor Roach Anleu's commitment to sociology and her multidisciplinary expertise has been recognised through membership of Australian Research Council Advisory Committees:

- The Selection Advisory Committee for the Future Fellowships Scheme (2011)
- The College of Experts (2013-15, Deputy Chair SBE 2014, Chair SBE, 2015; 2019-2021 member of HCA panel)
- The Special Advisory Committee for the ARC Centres of Excellence (2015-16, Deputy Chair).

She was also chair of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) Panel A: (Sociology, Demography, Geography, Linguistics, and Management) and was a member of the Membership Committee and the Executive (2017-19). She was a member of other ASSA committees, including the Workshop Committee (2007-09) and the International Programmes Committee (2012-14). She is currently a co-convenor of the SA chapter of ASSA.

She has co-convened two successful workshops at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain (in 2013 and 2018), both resulting in special issues of the peer-reviewed journal: *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, of which she was a co-editor. She will co-convene a third workshop from 22-24 June 2022 with sociologists from the University of Coimbra, entitled: 'Empirical research with judicial professionals and courts: Methods and practices'.

Earlier in her career, Sharyn served as President (1997-98), Vice President (1995-96), Secretary (1993-94) and executive member (1991-1993) of The Australian Sociological Association. She chaired various committees, including the TASA Jean Martin Award Committee (1996, 1998), and was a member in 2017.

International interdisciplinary leadership includes being Vice President of Research Committee 12 (Sociology of Law) of the International Sociological Association and a member of the RCSL Executive Board (2018-22). She chaired the RCSL Podgórecki Prize Committee for outstanding achievement in socio-legal research (2021) and the Student Award Committee (2019). She was a member of the *Law & Society Association's Harry S. Kalven Jr. Prize Committee* for empirical scholarship that has contributed most effectively to the advancement of research in law and society and is a member of the *Law & Society Association's Programme Committee* for its international conference in Lisbon, Portugal 2022.

Sharyn's research standing and impact are also shown by key roles in the maintenance of scholarly standards across sociology, law and criminology. She regularly examines higher degree and honours theses for Australian universities, most recently for Melbourne University (2019), University of Queensland (2019) and Monash University (2018). She assesses manuscripts for a wide range of international journals, such as the *Journal of Sociology*, *Law & Society Review*, *Social Problems*, *Law & Policy*, the *Journal of Law and Society*, *Law and Social Inquiry* as well as for Australian law journals. She evaluates book proposals for major publishers including Routledge, Palgrave, Springer and SAGE. Sharyn was co-editor of the *Journal of Sociology* (2001-04), an Editorial Board member, (1997-2001, 2005-12) and a member of the National Expert Advisory Board (2021+). Her other journal activities include a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Sociological Review* (2002-06), the International Advisory Board of *Gender & Society* (2002-2016) and is

currently on the Board of the *Journal of Law and Society* (2018+) and the *International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy* (2012+). Sharyn is a member of the Centre of Law and Society Research Board (Cardiff University, Wales).

Professor Sharyn Roach Anleu has unequivocally demonstrated outstanding, significant and sustained service to Australian sociology during her career delivering scholarship of the highest quality and advancing international appreciation of Australian sociology. We thank the Committee and TASA for considering this nomination.

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