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# IAAP DIVISION 10 - PSYCHOLOGY, LAW & ETHICS

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Division 10 Members,

On behalf of the committee, we welcome you to the first newsletter of 2025. As we step into this new year, let us collaborate, push boundaries, delve into uncharted territories and support one another in turning ideas into impactful solutions.

Here's to a productive and inspiring year ahead!

### Member research

Board members **Alfred Allan** and **Colin Tredoux** questioning the use of live identification parades in South Africa:

#### *Identification parades in South Africa — Time for a change?*

Colin G Tredoux, Ryan J Fitzgerald, Alfred Allan & Alicia Nortje  
South African Law Journal, Volume 141 Issue 1, p. 84-111  
<https://doi.org/10.47348/SALJ/v141/i1a5> (published in 2024)



#### **Alfred Allan**

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His research areas and interests encompass several key topics. He focuses on corrective interaction, specifically examining apology, forgiveness, and reconciliation. He is also interested in understanding the norms that regulate the professional behavior of health professionals. His work extends to the study of violent and sexual offending, as well as the role of apology within health care settings. Additionally, he investigates and defines constructs used in professional ethics.



#### **Colin G Tredoux**

Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town



His background and research interests span several areas. In psychology and law, he focuses on all aspects, with particular attention to eye-witness research, legal decision-making, and the detection of deception. In social psychology, his interests include contact theory and social influence. Within cognitive psychology, he specializes in face recognition.

## Ryan J Fitzgerald

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His areas of interest include law and forensic studies.

His research focuses on psychology and law, particularly in the areas of eyewitness identification, face recognition, memory, and meta-analysis.



## Alicia Nortje

Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town



She is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Psychology at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Her research interests include eyewitness memory for multiple perpetrators, the upper limits of memory for unfamiliar faces, and associative memory. She also explores computational models of human memory, particularly for faces and people, as well as eyewitness statements.

### The Article - *Identification parades in South Africa — Time for a change?*

Identification parades are a critical tool for obtaining eyewitness evidence of identity. In these parades, witnesses view a lineup of individuals, including the suspect(s) and innocent fillers, and are asked to identify the perpetrator(s) of a crime, with the understanding that the perpetrator(s) might not be present.

In South Africa, corporeal (or "live") parades are mandatory unless there is a valid reason to use an alternative, such as a photographic parade.

The review examines the rules governing identification parades in South Africa and compares them with practices in other countries, many of which have moved away from live parades. They evaluate empirical studies testing the "live superiority" hypothesis, which suggests live parades offer advantages over photographic or video-based alternatives. However, the evidence does not clearly support this hypothesis, even though dynamic facial cues can sometimes aid identification.

They also consider the substantial logistical and financial challenges of conducting live parades. Given these difficulties, they argue that it may be time to reconsider the reliance on live identification parades in South Africa. However, any shift away from this practice should be accompanied by a comprehensive review of legal frameworks to ensure alternative methods are fair and uphold the rights of the accused.

The following part is dedicated to the co-author of the presented article, **Patrizia Patrizi** - our Italian representative for ICAP 2026.

## Restorative Justice

The concept of restorative justice entered modern criminal justice literature and practice in the 1970s, though its principles, practices, and ethos trace back to ancient civilizations. During this period, many criminologists began to critically assess the effectiveness of the criminal justice system as we understand it today, with some identifying a crisis and advocating for a shift away from punitive approaches and toward alternative models.

This sparked a surge in

restorative justice scholarship

and the global implementation of

practices under this framework,

particularly in countries like

Australia, Canada, New Zealand,

the United Kingdom, and the

United States.



### ***Use of restorative justice and restorative practices in prison: a systematic literature review***

Lucrezia Perrella, Ernesto Lodi, Gian Luigi Lepri & Patrizia Patrizi

Rassegna Italiana di Criminologia, XVIII, 1, 69-82

<https://doi.org/10.7347/RIC-012024-p69> (published in 2024)

### **Patrizia Patrizi**

University of Sassari

In 2014, she launched Italy's first restorative justice program in Nuchis-Tempio Pausania, now the country's first "Restorative City." As Scientific Lead at the University of Sassari, she developed the 'Co.Re.' model, inspiring similar initiatives in cities like Lecco. Her work has resulted in the Restorative Service in Tempio Pausania, the book *La giustizia riparativa* (second edition, 2024), and a Master's program in Restorative Justice. She has trained professionals nationwide, consulted for Caritas Italiana, and led projects across Italy. In 2021, her team delivered restorative justice training for penitentiary staff, while she continues to research and collaborate on related topics and contribute to national and international discussions.

### **The Article - *Use of restorative justice and restorative practices in prison: a systematic literature review***

This study reviewed research on restorative justice (RJ) and restorative practices (RP) in adult and juvenile prisons, focusing on their application and outcomes. A systematic review of 11 English-language studies published between 2010 and 2023 was conducted.

The most common practices were circles (n = 9), victim-offender mediation (n = 4), and restorative conferences (n = 3). These practices improved conflict management, problem-solving, relationships, and social-emotional skills. The findings highlight RJ and RP's potential for conflict resolution and rehabilitation but call for further research on their impact and challenges.

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## Aspiring researchers, don't miss this out!

Students and early-career psychologists, plan ahead for the opportunity to [showcase your research in the next Early Career Marathon](#) that is expected to take place in **February of 2026**. You can anticipate the following timeline: **June 2025 - Open abstract submission, August 2025 - Close abstract submission, September 2025 - Acceptance notification** and **November 2025 - Video presentations due**. [Participation criteria](#):

- Must be a current [IAAP member](#) in good standing. [Join IAAP!](#)
- Less than 10 years after your last obtained degree or no more than 10 years of professional experience ([current students welcome](#)).

Keep an eye out for precise information on the IAAP site: <https://iaapsy.org/meetings/>

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## Upcoming events



**iIIRG in Conversation Webinar:**  
***The reality of Investigative Interviewing in Nigeria***  
**Wednesday, 12th February, 2025**  
4pm Abuja / 3pm London / 10am New York

[Register Here](#)

Participation and viewing of the **2025 Early Career Marathon: Integrating Research and Practice**

*24 hours of Applied Psychology from around the world*

**February 22-23, 2025**

An event dedicated to young psychologists and early career psychologists. Chosen participants will present a brief summary of their research, reviewed by leading psychologists from across the globe. Presentations and reviews will be shown during a 24-hour marathon with time for questions and answers. The marathon will start on Saturday, February 22 at 9:00 AM London and end Sunday, February 23 at 9:00 AM London. Awards will be given for the top two presentations chosen by the Executive Committee and the top three presentations overall, voted on by IAAP members.

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**2025 Annual Conference of the  
American Psychology-Law Society**  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
March 13-15, 2025

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**2025 APS Festival of Psychology**  
Australian Psychological Society (APS)  
Queensland, Gold Coast, Australia  
May 16-18, 2025



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**Annual Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law 2025**  
*Technological advancements and application in legal psychology*



**EAPL 2025**

**Vilnius, Lithuania**  
August 5-8, 2025

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If you have any information, news, or upcoming conferences you'd like to share in the newsletter, please send it to Lara Maria Pezzicoli (lara.pezzicoli@student.um.si).  
The next edition will be published in the second half of the year.

Until next time!



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