

MEET THE RESEARCH TEAM



Dr. Jeanine Webber

Project Director

Jeanine Webber is currently an Associate Dean in the School of Social and Community Services at Humber. She is also a Regional Vice-President of the International Community Corrections Association. Jeanine has completed program evaluation projects within “real world” community settings. Her research interests include program evaluation studies, community policing, social justice, correctional intervention programs, and crime prevention. Prior to joining Humber, Jeanine worked in multiple settings within the field of corrections and as a Researcher within a community-based Children’s Mental Health Center conducting program evaluation research. In 2016, Jeanine was awarded Humber’s Research Excellence award and the J. Bryan Riley Meritorious Service Award in recognition of her contributions to the community corrections field. She has a B.A. in Social Development Studies from the University of Waterloo, an Honours B.S.W. from York University, a M.S.W. and a Ph.D in Social Work from the University of Toronto.



Dr. Alyssa Ferns

Associate Director

Alyssa Ferns is a professor for the Honours Bachelor of Social Science - Criminal Justice program at Humber. She received her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Guelph, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Carleton University, where she studied in the Police Research Lab. She has worked as a program coordinator and taught a range of courses within the CJ and the Police Foundations programs. Her research interest spans over three areas: (1) factors that influence police use of force decision making (e.g., stereotypes, environmental cues, etc.), (2) program evaluation for police-related initiatives (e.g., community policing), and (3) the effectiveness of certain teaching techniques and creating an engaging classroom.

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Dr. Doug Thomson

Researcher

Having extensive academic experience in sociological and criminological research, Doug Thomson has presented his original work at academic conferences in Canada, UK, South Africa and the USA in topics ranging from homicide patterns in South Africa to innovative uses of technology in tertiary education in Canada. A published author and lecturer with over 25 years' experience in lecturing and conducting both qualitative and quantitative research studies.



Professor Samantha Brown

Researcher

Samantha Brown is a professor at Humber, cross-appointed to teach in both the Police Foundations Diploma and Criminal Justice Degree Program. She has 15 years of policing experience in the GTA, working in Criminal Investigations, Media Relations and Uniform Patrol. Samantha has completed her Master's degree in Public Policy, Administration and Law from York University and is currently completing her Juris Doctor in Law at Osgoode Hall Law School. A published author who has conducted research into police organizational culture, the under-representation of women in policing and mandatory charge policies relating to domestic violence investigations.



Professor Michael Gamble

Researcher

Michael Gamble is a professor at Humber, specializing in contemporary policing issues in Canada. His academic background includes a Masters of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Niagara University, New York. His professional background includes 10 years of teaching a wide variety of policing topics at the diploma and undergraduate degree levels, supported by 32 years of policing experience in the Greater Toronto Area. Michael has a keen interest in community policing initiatives and issues.