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Plymouth Law School is honoured and delighted to be able to headline this issue of the *Plymouth Law and Criminal Justice Review* with the 22nd Pilgrim Fathers lecture delivered by Lord Dyson, Master of the Rolls, on the theme of 'The Globalisation of Law'. His focus on the internationalisation of the law in relation to the status of refugees and migrants is particularly apposite and of significant contemporary relevance. We are also very pleased to include an article from Hamish Anderson, partner with Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, underpinning a seminar he delivered to students taking the Company Law module on the law relating to insolvency. Visiting researcher, Kate Gleeson, from the Law school at Macquarrie University, who also works with the SOLON team, explores the influence of the great jurist Fitzjames Stephen on the modern law relating to abortion.

This issue also features a number of contributions resulting from the Law School's involvement in the annual ESRC Festival of research building on the poster exhibition held at Plymouth City Library in 2014. The theme this year was to promote public engagement with research related to sustainability and 10 members of the school along with Rob Giles from the Faculty IT support unit and work based learning second year law student Dale Teobald created an exhibition at Plymouth City Museum entitled Plymouth Past: Sustainable Future. The team produced a number of posters, activities, quizzes and a film on three aspects of sustainability: cultural, social and environmental. Our former research fellow Dave Cox from Wolverhampton University has contributed a report on the event and Dale, Judith Rowbotham and Kim Stevenson have written pieces about the research underpinning their posters on, respectively, an unusual court-martial at Devonport and women's suffrage in Plymouth and the South West. John Kirkhope continues his revealing insights into the darkest and privileged recesses of the Duchy of Cornwall in his second of two articles published in the *Review*. Two of our doctoral students in Criminology and Criminal Justice studies, Arta Jalili Idrissi and Katie Pratt, also report on the current progress of their PhD research.

The academic year 2014/2015 saw a set of fantastic results for both Law and Criminology and Criminal Justice students, with a very healthy number of students attaining a first class degree as well as achieving a first class mark for their dissertation. Hence this issue includes more student articles than previously as it would have been unfair to raise the threshold bar any higher.

In law, Jonathan Ward won The Gard and Co Solicitors Prize for the Best Law Graduate producing the best dissertation on property law rights, described by the external examiner as 'an intellectually challenging' thesis. There was considerable interest in themes relating to international and European law in this year's submissions including Hamish Tye's topical analysis of the legal position relating to Julian Assange's claim of 'diplomatic asylum' and Cara O'Donoghue and Bobbie Ryan's work on European Competition law. Anna Parsons' reminds us of the consequences caused by the current limitations on civil legal aid funding and Abigail Saunders assesses the legal responsibilities of animal owners. Finally, second year law student Rhianna Greenley recounts her experience at the National Law Live event.

Likewise, in Criminology and Criminal Justice the range of topics was extremely interesting, covering issues relating to policy and practice, particularly in relation to domestic abuse, where students explored issues relating to service provision and the take up of such services,

as well as changes in funding. Other students examined issues relating more to 'deviant' behaviours. Two students, Gemma Henderson and Patrick Allen, were awarded prizes as Best Student and Best Criminology Student respectively, in addition to their brilliant results. Within this edition of the Review, we have also included work based learning reports as well as a report by Louise Hall, who in addition to her first class honours degree, won the Devon and Cornwall Police Award for the Highest Achieving Student in the Certificate of Knowledge. We have been extremely pleased with the hard work and motivation that our students have shown in attaining these very well earned results.

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