

## DR. MARIA SAPOUNA – CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Employment History

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- June 2013- present                    **Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, School of Social Sciences, University of the West of Scotland
- Jan 2012- May 2013                    **Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, School of Education and Social Sciences, University of Central Lancashire
- PhD Supervisor to Una Barr on the topic of “Women Offenders on the Road to Desistance”
- Mar 2009 – Dec 2011                    **Senior Research Officer**, Justice Analytical Services, Scottish Government, UK
- Responsible for conducting, managing and quality assuring quantitative and qualitative research in the fields of Offender Management, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Duties included undertaking rapid evidence assessments, disseminating research evidence to external and internal stakeholders, building links with academics, the voluntary sector and local government.
- Aug 2010 – Aug 2012                    **Visiting Research Fellow**, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick, UK
- Using the Edinburgh Study of Youth Transitions and Crime to analyse environmental determinants of resilience to victimisation.
- January 2007- Feb 2009                    **Research Fellow**, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick, UK
- Responsible for the day-to-day management of a large longitudinal study investigating the effects of a virtual reality intervention on peer victimisation. Duties included the design of research instruments, data collection and analysis and dissemination/writing up.

November 2008 – Feb 2009 **Part-time Lecturer** in Criminology, Department of Social and Community Studies, Coventry University, UK

## Education

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- Jun 2012 – present **PG Cert in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**, University of Central Lancashire, UK
- Nov 2003 - May 2007 **PhD in Criminology**, Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences, Athens, Greece  
Title: “Bullying among Greek Primary and Secondary School Children”  
Supervisor: Antonios Maganas, Professor of Criminology
- Sep 2002 - Jul 2003 **MPhil in Criminology**, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, U.K.  
  
Thesis: “Incarcerated mothers and their children”  
  
Supervisor: Alison Liebling, Professor of Criminology
- Sep 1998 - Sep 2002 **L.L.B. (Hons) Law (Distinction)**, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece

## Other Research Posts

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- Nov 2006 - Mar 2007 **Key Expert** for Greece on the EU-funded Daphne project “Protecting women from the new crime of stalking: A comparison of legislative approaches within the European Union”.

## Publications

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Chiou, V., Zissi, A., **Sapouna**, M., Xanthacou, Y. & Kaila, M. (in press) An empirical investigation of problem solving training among preschoolers in Greece, *International Journal of Early Years Education*.

Chiou, V., Zissi, A., Xanthacou, Y., **Sapouna**, M. & Kaila, M. (in press) A school-based intervention of mental health promotion in Greece: First year’s empirical findings. *Psychology* (in Greek).

**Sapouna**, M. (2014). Bullying. *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York: Springer.

**Sapouna**, M. & Wolke, D. (2013) Resilience to bullying victimisation: The role of individual, family and peer characteristics. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 37(11), 997-1006  
doi: 10.1016/j.chiabu.2013.05.009

**Sapouna**, M., Bisset, C. & Conlong A.M. (2012) *What Works to Reduce Reoffending*. Edinburgh: Scottish Government. [www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0038/00385880.pdf](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0038/00385880.pdf)

- Sapouna, M.,** Wolke, D., Vannini, N., Watson, S., Woods, S., Schneider, W., Enz, S. & Aylett, R. (2012) Individual and social network predictors of the short-term stability of bullying victimization in the UK and Germany. *British Journal of Educational Psychology*, 82, 225-240. (Impact factor = 1.6; 11/44 Psychology, Educational).
- Wolke, D. & **Sapouna, M.** (2012). A virtual intervention using intelligent agents to reduce bullying victimization: A collaborative interdisciplinary European project. In A. Costabile & B. Spears (Eds). *The Impact of Technology on Relationships in Educational Settings*. London: Routledge.
- Vannini, N., Enz, S., **Sapouna, M.,** Wolke, D., Watson, S., Woods, S. Dautenhahn, K. Hall, L. Paiva, A., André, E., Aylett, R. & Schneider, W. (2011) "FearNot!" A computer-based anti-bullying-program designed to foster peer intervention. *European Journal of Psychology of Education*, 26(1), 21-44.
- Sapouna, M.** (2010). Collective efficacy in the school context: Does it help explain victimisation and bullying among Greek primary and secondary school students? *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 25 (10), 1912-1927 (Impact factor = 1.5; 6/31 Criminology & Penology).
- Sapouna, M.,** Wolke, D., Vannini, N., Watson, S., Woods, S., Schneider, W., Enz, S., Hall, L., Paiva, A., Andre, E., Dautenhahn, K. & Aylett, R. (2010). Virtual learning intervention to reduce bullying victimization in primary school: A controlled trial. *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, 51(1), 104-112. (Impact factor = 4.4; 3/53 Psychology, Developmental).
- Watson, S., Vannini, N., Woods, S. Dautenhahn, K., **Sapouna, M.,** Enz, S., Schneider, W., Wolke, D., Hall, P., Paiva, A., Andre, E. & Aylett, R. (2010). Inter-cultural differences in response to a computer based anti-bullying intervention. *Educational Research*, 52(1), 61-80.
- Sapouna, M.** (2008). Bullying in Greek primary and secondary schools. *School Psychology International*, 29(2), 199-213.
- Wolke, D. & **Sapouna, M.** (2008). Big men feeling small: Childhood bullying experience, muscle dysmorphia and other mental health problems in bodybuilders. *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*, 9, 595-604.
- Laura de Fazio & Modena Group on Stalking with M. **Sapouna** and others (2007) *Protecting women from the new crime of stalking: A comparison of legislative approaches within the European Union*. University of Modena.

## Reports

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- Deuchar, R. & **Sapouna, M.** The Impact of Renfrewshire Council's Whole System Court Support Service for Young People Under 18. Final report submitted to Renfrewshire Council in May 2014.
- Sapouna, M.** Evaluation of Dramatic Change. Interim report submitted to Lancashire Probation Trust in July 2013.
- Sapouna, M.** The Effectiveness of the Preston Early Intervention Strategy for Young People Involved in Antisocial Behaviour. Final report submitted to Preston Police in November 2012.

## Conference Papers

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**Sapouna, M. & Wolke, D.** (29<sup>th</sup> June 2012) FearNot! A virtual learning intervention designed to reduce bullying victimisation in primary schools. Paper presented at the *COST International Conference on Cyberbullying*, Paris, France.

**Wolke, D. & Sapouna, M.** (18-22<sup>th</sup> August, 2009). "Social networks and short-term changes in victimisation". Paper presented at the *14<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Developmental Psychology*, Vilnius, Lithuania.

**Sapouna, M.** (2-5<sup>th</sup> September, 2008). "School level influences on bullying perpetration and victimisation among Greek primary and secondary school students". Paper presented at the *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology*, Edinburgh, UK.

**Sapouna, M. & Wolke, D.** (6-7<sup>th</sup> November, 2007). "FearNot! A computer based intervention to reduce bullying among primary school children". Paper presented at the *International Congress Phenomena in Juvenile Delinquency: New Penal Forms* organized by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, Seville, Spain.

**Sapouna, M.** (26-29<sup>th</sup> August, 2006). "Bullying and victimisation among primary and secondary school children in Greece: The influence of age, gender and other individual characteristics". Paper presented at the *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology*, Tuebingen, Germany.

## Grants

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June 2014 – present	Scottish Prison Service; Design a Professional Qualification for the Scottish Prison Service, £46,240
May 2014 – present	Lancashire Constabulary; Evaluation of AVERT, £3,000
Jan 2013 – present	Lancashire Probation Trust; Evaluation of Dramatic Change, £5,000
Jan 2013 – Dec 2015	European Commission; Criminal Justice Action Grant; Assessing Vulnerable Victims, €224.472
Sep 2012 - Oct 2012	European Cooperation in Science and Technology, COST ISO801; Cyberbullying: coping with negative and enhancing positive uses of new technologies, in relationships in educational settings, Knowledge Transfer Grant, €660
Sep 2012- Jun 2016	Greek Secretariat of Research and Technology; Inequalities in mental distress; Social conditions, agents and professional ideologies, Principal Investigator: Zissi Anastasia, University of the Aegean, €210,000
Nov 2003- Nov 2006	Greek National Scholarship Foundation, PhD scholarship award €16,200

## External roles

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Reviewer for the following journals: *Criminology*, *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, *European Journal of Criminology*, *Aggressive Behaviour*, *Child Abuse and Neglect*, *Journal*

*of Interpersonal Violence, Pediatrics, British Journal of Educational Psychology, European Psychologist, Exceptional Children, Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*

Reviewer for *Sage and Routledge criminology publications*

Reviewer for *the ESRC First Grants Scheme*

**IT and analysis skills:**

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Excellent use of Microsoft Office (ECDL Certified) and of analysis packages such as SPSS, HLM (Hierarchical Linear Modelling), AMOS (SEM analysis), G\*Power, NVivo