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She is a member of the research team that is led by Professor Kate Warner, which has been funded by the Criminology Research Council to conduct a Jury Sentencing Survey over the period 2007-2009. The study aims to develop a new survey approach that can be added to the existing suite of public opinion survey methodologies, to identify a better way of measuring informed public opinion about judges and sentencing and to use the survey results to assist policy makers to improve confidence in the criminal justice system.