

## TODAY'S PUBLIC LECTURE

# Making public policy: An outsider's perspective

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**Monday 19 March 2012** 5.30 - 6.30pm followed by light refreshments

**Molonglo Theatre**, JG Crawford Bldng #132, Lennox Crossing, ANU

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# Making Public Policy An Outsider's Perspective

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# James Q Wilson

## 1931 – 2012

- We are “... people who thought it hard, though not impossible, to make useful and important changes in public policy”
- “If mankind had depended on intellectuals to invent the family, it would have died out in two generations.... If we depend on them to solve the problems of the family, we will die out in one generation”
- On the efficacy of his analysis of “Broken Windows”, “people misstate what the change was. They say [Bratton, NY’s Commissioner of Police] adopted the “broken windows” theory. Well, I’m not sure he did, and if he did, I’m not sure it made much difference to the crime rate. What he really did, his fundamental contribution, was to persuade the police that your job is not to make arrests. Your job is to prevent crime. You will not be rewarded for having more arrests, but for bringing down crime. That was the fundamental change”.

# Making Public Policy

- The articulation of ideas and proposals intended to shape the affairs of state  
AND
- The process of putting these into action

**Goldman Sachs exec Greg Smith a 'man of integrity'**

IAN KENNEDY

# The Unmasking of Medicine

A SEARCHING LOOK AT HEALTH CARE TODAY





The Death of Socrates





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# Mr Killingsworth's death

*BBC Radio, 19/8/1977*

Mr Killingsworth was a psychiatrist in Southern California. He had a progressive lung disease. He had become permanently dependent on a respirator. After consistently struggling to stay alive, he decided that he wanted to die. He was assessed by a psychiatrist and judged to be lucid. He asked for the respirator to be turned off. His physician said it would be easier for Mr Killingsworth, and him, if he injected him with a high dose of morphine instead and gradually turned the respirator down. He duly did this and Mr Killingsworth died.

Here is part of my interview with the physician:







# The Context of the Bristol Inquiry



The Bristol  
Royal Infirmary  
Inquiry



# PURPOSES

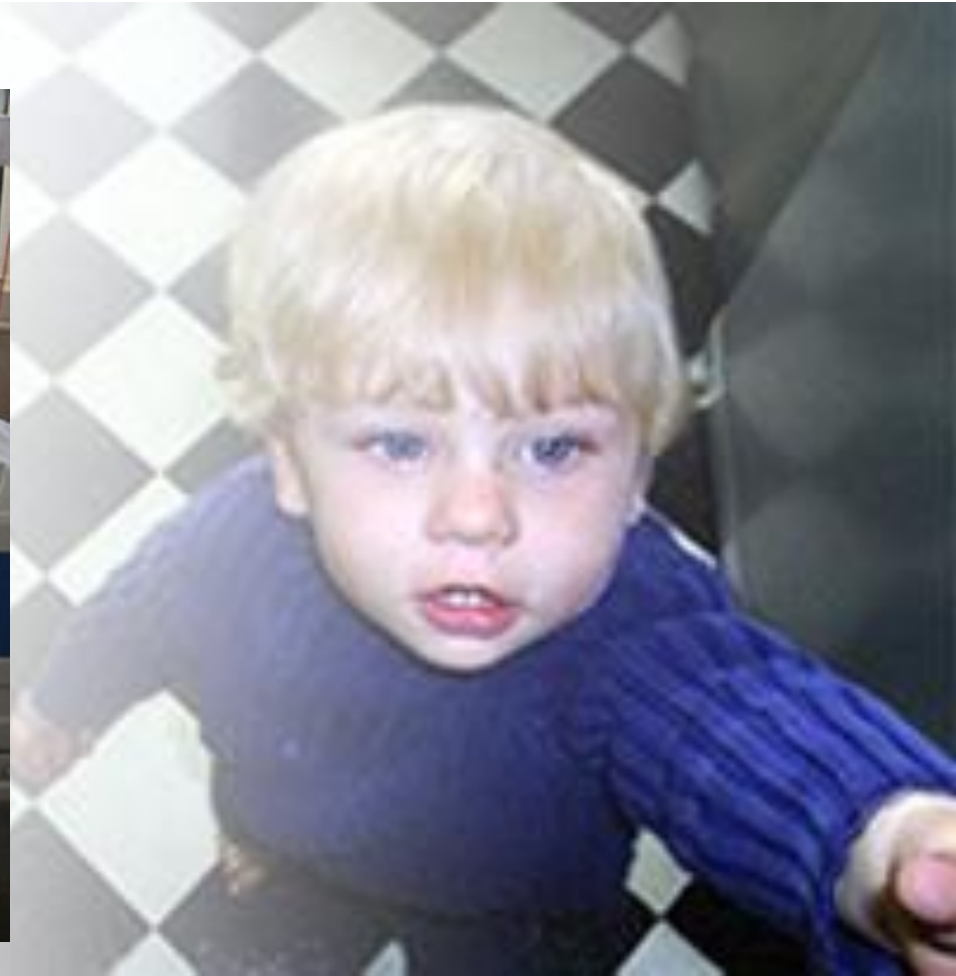
## MY APPROACH

- TRUTH
- CATHARSIS
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- HEALING
- LEARNING
- PRESCRIBING

# Fundamental Basis of Inquiry

- Human Factors Analysis
- Systems Approach - how people behave in complex systems
- “the performance of organisations must be understood in terms of the complex interaction of factors which, only when taken together, explain success or failure. ... whatever the temptation to focus on the actions of individuals and to seek to blame someone when things go wrong, it is as important to pay attention to the system(s) in which those individuals find themselves.”
- To understand is to learn is to prevent







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## UPCOMING PUBLIC LECTURE

# Measuring the results of research investments

**Dr Julia I. Lane**

Program Director, Science of Science and Innovation Policy  
US National Science Foundation (NSF)

**Thursday 22 March 2012** 12.30 - 1.30pm with a light lunch provided

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