



**Job Reference Number:** UOS007546

**Job Title:** Research Associate (2 posts)

**Contract Type:** Fixed-term for 45 months

**Faculty:** Faculty of Arts and Humanitie

**Department:** Department of History, University of Sheffield  
Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, Liverpool University.

**Salary:** Post 1: Grade 7: £31,331 per annum (Liverpool)  
Post 2: Grade 7: £28,685 - £30,424 per annum pro rata (Sheffield)

**Closing Date:** 13th December 2013

### **Summary:**

We are looking for two highly motivated individuals to join our research team on the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) funded Digital Transformations project, 'The Digital Panopticon: The Global Impact of London Punishments, 1780-1925', a collaborative project between the Universities of Liverpool, Sheffield, Oxford, Sussex, and Tasmania. You will work as a Research Associate for 45 months, joining a team led by Principal Investigator Professor Barry Godfrey (University of Liverpool), and Co-Investigators Professor Robert Shoemaker (University of Sheffield), Professor Tim Hitchcock (University of Sussex), Dr Deborah Oxley (University of Oxford), and Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (University of Tasmania).

The project seeks to use innovative digital methodologies to investigate the penal outcomes of those convicted at the Old Bailey, by comparing imprisonment in Britain with transportation from Britain to Australia. The project will assemble large and complex bodies of criminal justice, genealogical and biometric data and use sophisticated visualisation and data-linking methodologies to map and analyse convict lives at both the collective and individual level. The project has seven research themes: Epistemologies; Voices of Authority; Penal Outcomes; Intergenerational Inequalities; Biometrics; Digital Dark Tourism; and Ethics and Digital History. In addition to a wide range of publications, project outputs include an electronic resource which will provide an integrated publicly available search engine for searching conjoined datasets containing life course data for 66,000 Londoners who experienced the two penal regimes. Technical work will be carried out at Sheffield's Humanities Research Institute.

As Research Associate you will undertake core duties on the project: checking the quality of archival documents which have been digitised, undertaking some manual transcription of archival documents, creating and checking semantic tags' in electronic datasets, analysing processed data, checking the outcomes of record linkage processes, and assisting in the researching, writing up and communication of project outcomes.

You will have a postgraduate degree (or equivalent experience) in a relevant subject area together with a good working knowledge of the criminal justice history from the late eighteenth to the early twentieth centuries. You will have archival research experience, be able to work with electronic datasets and online resources and have excellent communication skills.

One post-holder (1.0 fte) will be based at the University Liverpool and the other (0.75 fte) will be based at the University of Sheffield.

These posts are fixed-term for a period of 3 years, 9 months and are available from 1 January 2014 until 30 September 2017.

To apply for this job please [click here](#) and search for the job using the reference number provided or to view current vacancies and apply online please go to: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/jobs](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/jobs).

The project is also advertising three PhD studentships. For more information, please [click here](#): [www.sheffield.ac.uk/history/phd/funding](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/history/phd/funding) for information about the studentship in Sheffield (Convicts' Social and Spatial Worlds) and here: [www.liv.ac.uk/working/jobvacancies/currentvacancies/studentships/](http://www.liv.ac.uk/working/jobvacancies/currentvacancies/studentships/) for the two studentships in Liverpool (Digital Dark Tourism and Sentencing Practices at the Old Bailey 1780-1880).