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Professor Sharpe joined Keele in 2004. Prior to her appointment at Keele she taught and researched at Macquarie University, the University of Sydney, the University of Western Australia, the University of East London and the LSE. She has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Sydney, McGill University, Montreal and Lund University, Sweden.

Professor Sharpe' s primary research interests lie in the areas of Social and Legal Theory, Legal History, and Gender, Sexuality and the Law. She is the author of *Foucault's Monsters and the Challenge of Law* (London: Routledge, 2010) and *Transgender Jurisprudence: Dysphoric Bodies of Law* (London: Cavendish, 2002).

Her study of transgender and the law is the first book-length critical treatment of the subject area. In her most recent book, Foucault's Monsters, she develops her interest in law's production of outsiders by providing a theoretical and historical analysis of the legal category monster.

Alex is happy to supervise postgraduate research students in the areas of Social and Legal Theory and Gender, Sexuality and the Law. She would especially like to supervise PhD students keen to explore medicolegal issues surrounding transgender/Intersex. A variety of PhD funding possibilities are available at Keele.

Alex is currently supervising the following PhD students:

Robyn Emmerton, 'Transgender People, Prisons and Human Rights' (Faculty funded scholarship) (2013 -)

Stella Coyle, 'Competing Rights: Sexuality, Religion, Identity and Equality' (GTA School funded scholarship) (2012 -)

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