Notes

1 Doing Gangs Research


2. Contrast, for example, the arguments presented in the following publications:


3. For a detailed and personal account of the methods and approaches I have used over the years in undertaking youth gangs research, see White, R. (2011) ‘The Challenges of Doing Collaborative Research’, in L. Bartels & K. Richards (eds) *Qualitative Criminology: Stories from the Field*. Sydney: Federation Press.


2 Gangs and Identity


16. See, for example, Gordon’s typology of diverse youth group formations in Canada (note 7 above).

### 3 Groups and Networks


**4 Fluidity and Continuity**


5 Gangs and the Transnational


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6 Indigenous Gangs and Family


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