

I would like to begin by welcoming everyone to the newest edition of the Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Criminology. Vol. 2(2) represents the end of our second year of publication and we are definitely looking forward to the future. Our readership has grown continually over the last eighteen months and we fully anticipate that trend to continue as the journal becomes better known to the community of scholars within criminology, criminal justice and offender treatment. In November, we will be introducing the first volume in our special edition series, which will focus on the ethical challenge of solitary confinement for mentally ill inmates. Featured in this edition will be an article by Heather Bersot and Bruce Arrigo titled, *Inmate Mental Health, Solitary Confinement, and Cruel and Unusual Punishment: An Ethical and Justice Policy Inquiry*. Included in this special edition will be commentary from scholars from a variety of related disciplines who will provide a critique of the featured article. A second special edition is planned to be published in March and will focus exclusively on the work of graduate students in criminology and criminal justice. I have invited Heather Pruss of Indiana University and Roger Schaefer of Washington State University to guest edit this edition of the journal.

I would also like our readers to be advised that the publication date for all editions of the journal will now be the last Friday of January and the last Friday of July. The change is intended to provide a better consistency for

the publication schedule and greater ease for the readers to be more aware as to when new content will appear on the journal page.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you involved with the journal from the editorial board, to the reviewers, to the authors, to the readers, and the top notch technical support that has made this journal possible. . As I stated above, the readership of the journal has greatly increased over the last eighteen months, with very impressive growth over the last twelve months. What makes these increases so significant is the fact that our growth must be attributed solely to you and the word of mouth support you all have provided in helping get the word out about jtpcrim. Given that I do very little advertising (in fact I think we have placed one add with ASC) it is very satisfying to know that many of you think enough of this publication to encourage others to join are small but growing community of kindred spirits.

Thanks again for all of your support, and enjoy our newest edition of jtpcrim.

Sincerely,

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