

Statement from the Editor

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I would like to welcome all of our readers to the July edition of the *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Criminology*; this issue includes a special edition of the journal, which features three student articles. We intend to retain this feature and hope to be able to publish at least one graduate student article per edition. It is important to note that these student submissions should reflect the general theoretical perspective outlined in our mission statement. We created this journal with the sole purpose of providing a space for those alternative voices in criminology, criminal justice and offender treatment, who often times find it difficult to get published in more traditional and mainline academic journals. I feel that this same opportunity should be extended to graduate students as well.

To help better support this new aspect of the journal, I have invited Roger Schaefer, Washington State University and William Mackey, Indiana State University, to participate as co-editors of the student section of JTPCRIM. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of those who submitted student articles for possible publication in the student edition of the journal, all those who provided peer reviews and a specific thanks to Heather Pruss and Roger Schaefer, who agreed to guest edit this edition. I would particularly like to thank Heather, who was instrumental in the very beginning of this process by helping to point this project in the right direction. Given that student articles will now be a regular feature of each edition, submissions will be accepted at any time and if accepted for publication, will generally appear in the very next regular edition of the journal.

We have also added a new e-mail address to better accommodate the facilitation of the journal submission and peer review process, along with providing better communication between the journal and its authors, editorial board and most importantly, our readership that continues to grow. All submissions and journal inquiries should be sent to Roger Schaefer or William Mackey at dp@jtpcrim.org. All inquiries will be responded to promptly and each concern appropriately addressed. Individuals, who wish to do so, may also contact me directly at david.polizzi@indstate.edu, but all article submissions should be sent care of either Roger or William.

We will also be publishing in the not too distant future, a special edition of the journal, which will feature an article by Russell Durrant & Tony Ward titled, *The Role of Evolutionary Explanations in Criminology*. As we have in the past with such editions, we will also invite a group of scholars from different disciplines to provide commentary on the ideas presented in this article. I anticipate this to be a lively exchange given the incongruence between evolutionary perspectives on crime and the more general focus of this journal, which is committed to a variety of postmodern perspectives. The authors will also be provided the opportunity to respond to these commentaries in the next regular edition of the journal, which will likely be Vol. 4(2), July 2012.

In ending, I would simply like to thank those who continue to support the journal and continue to see it as a viable publishing alternative in criminology, criminal justice and

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offender treatment. Though we continue to solicit articles from established authors in the field, we also encourage nonsolicited articles and book reviews that reflect the general mission of this publication.

Thank you again for your continued support.

David Polizzi, Editor