

Letter from the Editor

I would like to welcome all of our readers, journal contributors and editorial board to the newest edition of the *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Criminology*. The current edition represents the beginning of our fourth full year of publication. The January edition is actually a double issue, consisting of the regular January edition of *jtpcrim* along with a special edition focused on the role of evolutionary psychology and punishment. The special edition features an article by Russil Durrant and Tony Ward with commentary provided by Gregg Barak, Ed Gantt and Jeffery Thayne, Stuart Henry and David Buss.

Though it may come as a surprise to some of our readers to find a special edition of this journal dedicated to the topic of evolutionary psychology and punishment, particularly given the decidedly Continental Philosophical orientation of the editor, editorial board, readers and contributors, such an inclusion should not be seen as anything but an attempt to create a dialogue with other theoretical perspectives relative to the larger conversation of criminology, criminal justice and psychological practice. Admittedly, I was somewhat reluctant to feature such a topic for this journal for the simple reason that its focus and theoretical approach seemed well outside the scope what is regularly offered in the pages of *jtpcrim*. Now given that we are at the end of this process, I can say that my reluctance has given way to pleasant surprise.

The featured article, as well as the fine commentary that this piece has inspired, covers a great deal of intellectual ground and provides a variety of perspectives concerning the topic of evolutionary psychology and punishment. As one would expect from such a project, the commentaries reflect varying degrees of intellectual agreement and critical opposition to the ideas presented by Durrant and Ward. Regardless the specific theoretical position of the readers of these reflections, I am confident that our presentation here will be seen as both balanced and fair.

The regular edition of the journal includes a qualitative method piece exploring the presence of social control on public buses; along with a section dedicated to the publication of student scholars that will now be a regular feature in *jtpcrim*.

In closing, I would once again like to thank all of those who continue to make this project possible and who continue to send their scholarly work to this journal.

Sincerely,

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