



Date: April 15, 2018
To: ASC Executive Board
From: Sheetal Ranjan, Chair
 Division on Women on Crime
RE: 2018 Mid-Year Report to the ASC Executive Board

The following report details the work accomplished by and for the membership of the Division on Women and Crime (DWC) from November 2017 to current date. An updated version of this report will be provided to the Board at the 2018 Annual Meeting detailing work finalized between April and November 2018.

I. Officers and Elections

Officers for the current term and their status include:

- Chair: Sheetal Ranjan (2017-2019)
- Vice-Chair: Carrie Buist (2016-2018)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Andrea Leverentz (2016 - 2018)
- Executive Counselor (Senior): Molly Dragiewicz (2016-2018)
- Executive Counselor (Senior): Meredith Worthen (2017-2019)
- Executive Counselor (Junior): Deena Isom (2016 - 2018)
- Executive Counselor (Junior): Dana Radatz (2017-2019)
- Executive Counselor (Graduate Student): Erin Cournoyer (2017-2019)
- Past Chair: Amanda Burgess-Proctor
- Webmistress: Amy D'Unger

II. Executive Council Update: The DWC has been very active the past few months. Conference calls, external meeting attendance, email votes and other activities have advanced the agenda and vision of DWC. These are documented below:

1. Conference Call - January 24th 2018: Executive council members

- a. Old business:
 - i. Archivist issues and privacy considerations were discussed. ABP will follow up with Christine Rasche who is handling it.
 - ii. Legislative session updates were discussed
- b. New business:
 - i. Feminist Criminology Editor. The executive board reviewed the applications. The vote was unanimous in support of Kristy Holtfreter, with strong enthusiasm for the other application.
 - ii. DWC Committees & Chairs were presented by Sheetal and approved by the EC
 - iii. Two new student poster awards (graduate \$250 and undergraduate \$125) based on Chris Eskridge's funding match were voted on; the awards will continue to be awarded as long as funds are available; Internal Awards committee will be charged with developing criteria, funds will be awarded starting Nov 2018; match funds will be solicited from the membership and external sources shortly.

- iv. Two new awards based on the request of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee (D&I) were discussed. Feminist Criminology supported the idea of awards for international scholars (minimum \$1000) and under-represented scholars from the US (minimum \$500) using FC journal funds for this purpose; the D&I Committee will be charged with developing the criteria, funds will be awarded starting Nov 2019.
- v. The executive committee agreed that having regular panels, alternative between a UN (internationally focused research) and Capitol Hill (domestically focused research) is a goal, and that there is value in these panels.
- vi. Financial Report: As of March 31st, 2018, DWC has a balance of \$42,402 and Feminist Criminology has a balance of \$69,738.
- vii. Member report: As of March 2, 2018, the DWC has 402 members.

2. Conference Call - March 7th 2018: Executive Council members & DWC Committee Chairs

- a. DWC members volunteer to serve on committees using volunteer sign up forms available on its website. Approximately 65 new members signed up to serve on various committees between November 2017 and now.
- b. Sheetal organized the committees based on the preferences and strengths of the volunteers and needs of specific committees.
- c. The committee chair conference call was newly established this year to unify the efforts of DWC and clarify the roles and responsibilities of chairs/co-chairs. All details of the various committees reside in online document at this [link](#) as well as the DWC website at this [link](#).
- d. AT the conference call:
 - i. The committees were charged.
 - ii. The chairs and co-chairs were presented the lists of their committee members.
 - iii. The role of each committee was discussed.
 - iv. Updates for each committee were provided.
 - v. Priorities and timelines were discussed.
 - vi. Opportunity for Q&A with the EC was provided

3. Event Attendance - March 23rd, 2018: John Jay's event 'Women in Law Enforcement'

- a. The above event was organized in celebration of Women's History Month
- b. Rosemary organized for DWC and Feminist Criminology to present at the event. The following members attended and spoke at the event:
 - i. DWC chair Sheetal Ranjan
 - ii. Feminist Criminology editor Rosemary Barberet
 - iii. Feminist Criminology special issue editor Cara Rabe Hemp
- c. The Feminist Criminology Special Issue: Women at Work in Criminal Justice Organizations co-edited by Cara E. Rabe-Hemp and Susan L. Miller was made live at the event and free access was provided to the attendees.
- d. The attendees included roughly 200 women law enforcement officers from around New York area including NYPD, FBI, UN-Police etc.

4. Email Vote - March 30th, 2018: Teaching workshop, T-Shirts

- a. The EC voted to approve the design of a t-shirt to be used for promotional purposes at ASC 2018. Sheetal will work to get the costs and discuss with EC again about quantity and final design, colors etc. Chris Eskridge informed Sheetal that the t-shirts cannot be sold as a

fundraising activity. A fishbowl can be placed at the DWC Outreach table to collect donations.

- b. The EC voted to approve proposal for a Teaching Workshop put forth by the Teaching & Pedagogy Committee of DWC starting ASC2018. Feedback was provided to the committee on the framework for the said workshop.

5. Other Updates

- a. ***DWC Congressional Panel at Capitol Hill:*** Sheetal, Amanda & Rosemary are working together to organize a legislative session at the Capitol Hill. Sheetal has been in discussion with Chris Eskridge and Tom Blomberg in this regard. Sheetal has also reached out to COSSA and Amanda has reached out to CJRA. We will keep the ASC EC updated as this effort becomes more formalized and concrete.
- b. ***DWC Policy Session Series at ASC 2018:*** Sheetal was in touch with Natasha Frost of the ASC EC about policy sessions. She was informed that ASC will now have a new format and much fewer sessions. In the light of this new development and given the huge success of DWC's policy sessions in 2017, Sheetal proposed to the EC for DWC to hold its own policy sessions. These have been submitted to the ASC Program Committee and will be organized as a series called the ASC DWC Policy Sessions. Titles include:
 - i. *Women as victims:* Violence Against Women: Federal Prevention, Intervention & Research Efforts. Discussant: Sheetal Ranjan. Presenters include senior level staffers from NIJ, CDC & OVW
 - ii. *Women as practitioners:* A Special Issue of Feminist Criminology: Women at Work in Criminal Justice Organizations. Discussants: Cara Rabe-Hemp & Susan Miller. Presenters include authors from special issue of Feminist Criminology
 - iii. *Women as offenders:* Policies impacting incarcerated women. Discussant: Amanda Burgess Proctor. Presenters will feature a combination of researchers and practitioners discussing cutting-edge policy work happening at the state and federal levels to advance justice for currently and formerly incarcerated women.
- c. ***DWC Professional Development Series at ASC 2018:*** DWC will expand its offering at ASC to include two workshops. Both workshops will provide a certificate of completion to participants:
 - i. *Journal Manuscript Reviewer Training Workshop:* This has been held very successfully in previous years and will be continued by the current and past editors of Feminist Criminology
 - ii. *Teaching & Pedagogy Workshop:* This one is a new offering starting ASC 2018. The goal of this workshop is to offer an interactive and active workshop that teaches teachers to implement successful tools and effective teaching strategies.
- d. ***DWC Committee Sponsored Roundtable Series at ASC 2018:*** As a new effort starting this year, DWC is proposing to coordinate committee sponsored roundtables at ASC 2018. These roundtables are being hosted thematically based on the strengths of specific committees. Proposed titles include:
 - i. #SorryNotSorry: Using Newsletters as Modes of Promoting One's Work – Sponsored by the DWC Newsletter Committee
 - ii. Leadership in DWC & ASC – Sponsored by the DWC External & Internal Nominations Committee

- iii. Active Learning in the Criminology/Criminal Justice Classroom – Sponsored by the DWC Teaching & Pedagogy Committee
 - iv. Strategies for Success: Navigating the Criminology Classroom/Department as a Young Woman – Sponsored by the DWC Teaching & Pedagogy Committee
 - v. Managing Student Misbehavior in the Higher Education Classroom – Sponsored by the DWC Teaching & Pedagogy Committee
 - vi. Techniques for a Healthy Work/Life Balance – Sponsored by the DWC Teaching & Pedagogy Committee
 - vii. Integrating Criminological Research and Teaching – Sponsored by the DWC Teaching & Pedagogy Committee
 - viii. Facilitating Discussion/Techniques for Teaching Sensitive Topics – Sponsored by the DWC Teaching & Pedagogy Committee
 - ix. Flawed justice: When system responses fail victims/survivors and the community at large (and what we can do about it!) – Sponsored by the DWC Programming Committee
 - x. #RealCrimeData – Sponsored by the DWC Social Media Committee
- e. **DWC & FemCrim banners:** New banners were designed by Amy D’Unger for both FemCrime & DWC and were ordered using respective funds. These banners were first put to use at the JJAY event. These banners will regularly be used at Congressional sessions and other DWC sponsored events. See picture below.



III. Activities of the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
Constitution & Bylaws

No report at this time.

Diversity & Inclusion

Have been charged with developing criteria for the *International Scholar Award* and the *Graduate Student Award*. No other reports at this time.

External Nominations

Works to identify and nominate DWC members for: (1) ASC Executive Board positions, (2) ASC committees, and (3) ASC awards in order to increase visibility and representation of the DWC in the larger ASC setting. In 2018, DWC nominated members for ASC awards, ASC committees, and is currently soliciting executive committee nominations. It has already three members for ASC EC positions. List of all DWC nominations for 2018 are in Appendix at end of this report.

Graduate Scholarships (Feminist Criminology & Siegel)

This year the deadline for submissions for both scholarships was extended to April 1st, 2018 (instead of March 1st in previous years). There are 28 submissions (last year we had 15 submissions) for the *Feminist Criminology* award and 22 submissions (last year we had 11 submissions) for the Larry J. Siegel award. Materials for the completed applications will be reviewed shortly.

Internal Awards

No report at this time.

Internal Nominations

Sarah Koon-Mangin volunteered to serve as Internal Nominations chair. She facilitated the 2017 DWC elections and will do so again in 2018.

Newsletter

The DWC newsletter continues to be published under editor Jordana Navarro. The newsletter archive can be found at this link: <http://ascdwc.com/newsletter/>

Committee Interaction: The committee met formally three times: June 2017, October 2017, and March 2018. These meetings were to prepare for the upcoming editions in Summer, Fall, and Spring. Aside from these interactions, the committee would hold ad hoc meetings as necessary, which was very rare.

Issues and Ideas Discussed: The newsletter's section editors function relatively autonomously. In other words, they are charged with creating a pertinent idea, if warranted, to structure their section around. For example, "teaching tips" is always geared towards current controversies in teaching and how to mitigate challenges faced within the classroom. In other sections, however, it is very straightforward what content is produced: employment section.

Work Completed: Since the last report on this committee, three new editions have been released that have highlighted work across the Division. Moreover, the newsletter has expanded to include new sections aimed at increasing communication across divisions beyond DWC (e.g., Around the Divisions). We continue to highlight the accomplishments of the DWC as well as provide information to uplift all members both within the classroom and outside of it.

Forthcoming Plans and Activities: The committee's next edition will be due in the Summer of 2018. Moreover, the committee is hosting the following roundtable at ASC:

Title: #SorrynotSorry: Using Newsletters as Modes of Promoting One's Work

Abstract: Substantial research has called attention to the differences by which academics across genders engage in self-promotion - particularly in the area of self-citations. Within academia, gaining recognition within the national and international landscape is often tied to advancements in professorial rank and, thus, promotion (by self or by others) is important. In this roundtable, we

discuss the importance of overcoming the tendency to not call attention to one's work - or to disclaimer that behavior as somehow "wrong" (e.g., "excuse the shameless promotion").

Moreover, we discuss how to leverage newsletters to call attention to many works at once, which can further aid in promotion of junior and senior colleagues alike.

Challenges & Requests: At this time, the newsletter committee is not experiencing any challenges. While there were several vacancies in sections, these were recently filled, and we have ample participation from across the membership.

Outreach

The outreach committee is developing strategies to recruit new members to the DWC; developing strategies to assess and support the needs of existing members. For 2018, the committee will coordinate goal-oriented recruitment drives to expand, diversify and internationalize the DWC membership.

Programming

The co-chairs have confirmed members interest in working with the DWC Programming Committee. Amanda Goodson attended the phone conference with the DWC Executive Board and other committee chairs and shared the information with Alison. Given the short time frame from committee development to the panel abstract due date, the Programming Committee will be developing and submitting abstracts for thematic roundtable sessions for the 2018 ASC conference. Potential topics include:

- “Navigating through life after the crime: Victim/survivor reflections”
- “Flawed justice: When system responses fail victims/survivors and the community at large”

The deadline for roundtable submissions is May 11, 2018. We would like to have roundtable abstracts submitted by end of April. The committee will gather information from the DWC membership and the preliminary program on additional panels/roundtables of interest for inclusion in the app. Establish a

Timeline:

- April: call for participation in roundtables and submit roundtable abstracts
- May/June: request DWC related sessions/panels
- July/August: organize a list/create flyers
- September/October: advertise events

Social Media

The DWC Social Media Committee is responsible for disseminating information on the DWC Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn pages. Examples of information shared include job postings, grant opportunities, relevant news items, conference-related communications, and newsletter tidbits.

Special Events

The special events committee will be working to identify a venue for the DWC Social and also securing pricing on the breakfast throughout this summer as they move toward the annual meeting date. Once they identify a venue and get some pricing, they will reach out to provide updates and provide details on options to secure the space and menu.

Mentoring & Student Affairs

Develops and implements strategies to recruit student members to the DWC; develops strategies to assess and support the needs of student members. Will establish a mentoring program with the overarching goal of diversifying and internationalizing the DWC membership.

Meeting: The Mentoring and Student Affairs committee has not met, but has been in contact via email.

Sarah and Sue attended the larger DWC Chairs meeting virtually.

Summary:

Diversity Recruitment Task

- The committee has been working with the Outreach committee in order to review last year's meeting program and identify potential DWC members in order to increase diversity within

the division.

- We have identified 37 potential members so far, but continue to work on this task.

Mentoring Program Application Materials

- The committee has exchanged ideas via email; tentative forms are in progress.
- Action/Response Needed from DWC:
 - What is the exact charge and/or mission statement for the Mentoring & Student Affairs Committee?
 - Last year's form suggests that mentoring should focus on a particular year-long project; is this still the case?
 - What format(s) or venues will/can be available at the ASC meetings to provide gatherings between mentors and mentees?
 - What location or format is available for an online application?

DWC Sponsored Roundtables

- Committee members have been invited to serve as discussants on DWC panels organized around the issues of mentorship and student affairs, as well as teaching and pedagogy
- Any interested members will be forwarded to the appropriate contact on either the Teaching and Pedagogy committee or the Programming committee

Student Paper Awards

No report at this time.

Teaching & Pedagogy Committee

The committee submitted and had accepted three roundtables for the 2017 annual meeting.

1. Humanizing Criminal Justice: Strategies for Encouraging Students to Think Beyond the Crime
2. Teaching Queer Criminology
3. Managing Alternative Facts in the Classroom

Committee plans to submit at least six teaching related roundtables for the 2018 meetings by May 7. They solicited the DWC listserv on April 10th for discussants. Almost all of the roundtables have reached capacity.

1. Active Learning in the Criminology/Criminal Justice Classroom
2. Strategies for Success: Navigating the Criminology Classroom/Department as a Young Woman
3. Managing Student Misbehavior in the Higher Education Classroom
4. Techniques for a Healthy Work/Life Balance
5. Integrating Criminological Research and Teaching
6. Facilitating Discussion/Techniques for Teaching Sensitive Topics

In order to meet the committee's broader goal of reaching a wider audience than solely the individuals who are able to attend the roundtables, the committee will continue to assemble resource packages at each of the roundtables. These packages will be comprised of summarized written notes from each of the roundtables as well as a list of links, citations, assignment descriptions, and other materials mentioned during the roundtables. The goal is for these to become available on the DWC "Links and Resources" page. This year the committee also decided to offer a Teacher Training Workshop. We submitted a proposal to the DWC executive board that was approved, with suggestions. The committee made the suggested changes and responded to the reviewers. We have created a sub-committee within the Committee on Teaching and Pedagogy to plan and implement the Workshop.

Communications Sent: Email communication has been on going in the committee since March 15th. We have had one conference call, but most activity has taken place over email. We will plan another conference call to discuss the proposed organization of teaching related resources over the summer.

Activities Planned: Chairs of the roundtables organized by the committee will collect and assemble materials for the roundtable resource packages (notes, syllabi, resource links, and materials) during the annual meeting. Roundtable chairs will submit all information to the chair by mid-December, so it can be sent in digest to the DWC website coordinator. We will also collect resources from the Teacher Training

Workshop to submit to the DWC website, Links and Resources page. The Committee plans to host a Teacher Trainer Workshop every year if it is successful this year.

Planned Committee Actions: Our goal is to continue to expand the reach of the committee. While we have a plan in place to make materials and discussions accessible from the roundtables organized by the committee this year, future plans include soliciting submissions to update the syllabus database and helpful resources Google doc and the DWC webpage. We will work alongside the Newsletter committee to help with social media solicitation for teaching materials in addition to the listserv. We have created an email address specifically to collect teaching resources, DWCteachingPedagogy@gmail.com.

After roundtables have been submitted and the Teacher Training Workshop has been coordinated, we will start to organize the tasks of updating the Teaching Resources that are circulating among members, on the DWC website, and on various Google Docs. We plan to compile all these materials by subject and brainstorm a more user-friendly way to retrieve these resources through Website Links & Resources page.

Timeline: February 1: Connect with the committee to discuss suggestions for the year. March 1: Organize sub committees: Teaching Training Workshop—identify facilitators, Teaching Links and Resources. March 15: Gather committee suggestions for roundtable ideas. Identify section organizers for syllabus, assignment and resource collection. April 1: Solidify roundtable ideas with abstracts. Solicit participants from the DWC listserv. March 30: Submit mid-year progress report to DWC executive committee. April 20: Deadline for DWC to notify the committee their intent to serve as discussants. If roundtables are not filled, solicit participants from broader audience. May 1: Notify roundtable participants of their acceptance on DWC CTP roundtable. May 5: Submit roundtable abstracts and participants to ASC Submission Portal. Submit Teacher Training Workshop abstract with facilitator names. May 7: Call for syllabi, assignments, and resources from the DWC listserv. Collect throughout the summer and distribute to website. September 1: Reconnect and organize syllabus, assignments, and resource collection. October 1: Reconnect with roundtable chairs and discuss expectations for submission of notes from the roundtables. Submit updates to the DWC web page manager. Update the Google doc. [Our plan is to make all materials available on the DWC webpage this year.] December 15: Submit notes/syllabi/resources from roundtables to be added to Teaching Links and Resources DWC page

DWC Website

The DWC website is maintained by Amy D’Unger. The Role of the DWC social media committee in the context of the DWC website was clarified in recent communications. The DWC webmistress is an ex-officio position and was voted so in previous years.

DWC’s website is extremely well maintained and up to date at all times thanks to Amy’s longstanding efforts. The website has info emails that land in the webmistress and DWC chair’s inboxes.

Amy responded to the ‘web-hosting’ survey sent out by Nicole of ASC and is in support of new combined efforts across divisions proposed by ASC. ***DWC highly recommends that ASC use Amy’s extensive knowledge and experience as a resource for its new efforts in website hosting, planning, design etc.***

Appendix – External Nominations Committee

DWC members nominated candidates for these American Society of Criminology Awards for 2018:

Awards
ASC Fellows
Herbert Bloch Award
Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award
Michael J. Hindelang Book Award
Mentor Award
Outstanding Article Award
Sellin-Glueck Award
Edwin H. Sutherland Award
Teaching Award
August Vollmer Award
STUDENT AWARDS
Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship Award

The DWC also submitted volunteers for these American Society of Criminology Committee volunteers for 2018-2019

Award Committees
1. Herbert Bloch Award Committee
2. Ruth Shonle Cavan Award Committee
3. Fellows Committee
4. Michael J. Hindelang Book Award Committee
5. Mentor Award
6. Outstanding Article Awards Committee
7. Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship Award Committee
9. Sellin-Glueck Award Committee
10. Edwin H. Sutherland Award Committee
11. Teaching Award Committee
12. August Vollmer Award Committee
Standing Committees
1. Collaborative Research Initiatives Committee
2. Constitution and Bylaws Committee
3. Crime and Justice Research Alliance
4. Diversity and Inclusion Committee
5. Ethics Committee
6. Finance Committee
7. Liaisons to Related Societies (see options)
8. Long Range Planning Committee
9. Membership Committee
10. Mentoring Committee
11. Nominations Committee
12. Policy Committee
13. Publications Committee
14. Student Affairs Committee
15. Student Awards Committee
16. Teaching Committee
17. Workshop Committee

Program Committee	Area Chairs
	Gender Domestic violence
	Antisocial Behavior/Delinquency Psychological Perspectives
	Cybercrime Pedagogy in Crim/CJ
	Victimology Domestic violence
	Critical criminology
	International/ Comparative
	Routine Activities/ Situational Perspectives
	Police technologies Police authority/accountability
	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency
	Cybercrime victimization Active Learning in Crim/CJ
	Media and Crime/Crime and Popular Culture
	General Strain Theory
	Patterns and Trends in Victimization