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## Welcome from the Co-Editors!

BY VANESSA GUTIÉRREZ & DR. AMY L. POLAND

Welcome to the latest issue of the **DivisionNews** – the Official Newsletter of the Division of Feminist Criminology!

We are excited to showcase the achievements of section members and news from around the American Society of Criminology.

We hope you enjoy the latest issue!



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& more!

Do you have a friend or colleague that just published a paper, won an award, or did something else that is fabulous? Encourage them to share with the rest of the DFCers.

Please send any updates to [julia.dillavou@psu.edu](mailto:julia.dillavou@psu.edu).

## New Jobs, Promotions, & Awards

**Stephanie Bonnes** was awarded the 2024 Society for the Study of Social Problems Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Scholarly Achievement Award and the 2024 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Victimology Section New Scholar Award.

**Kay Coghill** defended their dissertation in April and graduated in May with a Doctor of Philosophy in Media, Art, and Text. They were also awarded the 2024 Tristen Sloane Student Award by Virginia Commonwealth University and will participate in the Summer 2025 CUNY Graduate Center Open Education Publishing Institute for their *Misogynoir* in Digital Spaces Course (Fall 2024).

**Julia Dillavou** defended her dissertation, *Punishment Until Proven Guilty: Uncovering Mechanisms Of Racial Disparity In Pretrial Case Processing* in May and will graduate with her PhD in Criminology from Penn State University in August.

In collaboration with University of Missouri researchers, **Janet Garcia-Hallett** has received a \$2.8 million grant from Arnold Ventures to help transform how people live and work in four prisons. She was also awarded tenure, promoted to Associate Professor at the University of New Haven, and won the 2024 Outstanding Book Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.



Do you have  
news that you  
want to share?  
Let us know!

We love to  
celebrate the  
amazing work of  
our community  
members!

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## New Jobs, Promotions, & Awards (Cont.)

**Venessa Garcia** was promoted to full professor at New Jersey City University.

**Venezia Michalsen** was awarded tenure at Southern Connecticut State University.

## Articles, Books, and Book Chapters

**Stephanie Bonnes**. 2023. *Hardship Duty: Women's Experiences with Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, and Discrimination in the U.S. Military*. Oxford University Press.

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## Women in the Criminal Justice System: Pamela Elton

By Amy Poland

Introducing our latest feature article in this edition of the newsletter, we delve into a crucial and often overlooked aspect of the criminal justice system: the experiences of women within it. In this compelling piece, we shine a spotlight on the unique challenges, triumphs, and perspectives of women working at various levels of the criminal justice system. From law enforcement officers to attorneys, judges to corrections officers, we explore the complexities of their roles, the barriers they face, and the invaluable contributions they make. Join us as we uncover the stories, insights, and voices of these remarkable women, shedding light on their experiences and amplifying their impact on the justice system as a whole.

**Pamela Elton** worked with crime victims for over 25 years on both a local and federal level. She has a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Master's degree in Psychology with an emphasis in Crisis Management and Response. While she initially sought a career in play and art therapy, an opportunity to work with crime victims changed her career trajectory. When her sons were in school full-time, she began working part-time for the local sheriff's office to support victims of domestic violence. After working there for almost ten years, she applied for a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in victims services.



I recently sat down with Pamela to get her insights on her work in the criminal justice system over the past 25 years.

**What challenges have you faced as a woman working in this field, and how have you overcome them?**

Women are usually seen as the caregivers but for some reason many people think that this also means that women are too emotional or can't handle stress. Which is interesting considering its hard to be a good caregiver without being able to handle stress.

## Women in the Criminal Justice System: Pamela Elton (Cont.)



Women in the workplace are often seen as passive and if they are not passive, they are expected to take a passive role and let men handle the “tough stuff”. I think sometimes the men I worked with expected me to have a melt down or cry when faced with a traumatic case. Other times they thought I would take a passive role. What they saw was me as a ferocious supporter of my victims and their families. I would often stand toe to toe with law enforcement officers, attorneys, and the myriad of other professionals involved in the criminal justice system asking the tough questions to ensure that my victims were receiving the support, information, and resources they needed to assist them throughout the criminal justice process.

I once had a domestic violence detective who could not handle working with anyone who was crying. The minute someone would start crying he called me to “handle it”. To him, I became known as nothing other than the “woman who had the tissues and could make someone stop crying”. It took a long time for him to realize that there is much more to supporting victims than just providing them tissues. One day I was in a city about an hour away attending a conference. One of our cases had a significant development and the victim was in his office crying hysterically. He kept calling my cell phone demanding I come and take care of the situation.

I explained to him that I was an hour away. I provided him some tips on how to deal with the situation until I got there. It was this situation that made him realize that I was on the same team as him and that I was a valuable member of the team not just someone to hand out tissues. I think the most valuable lesson I learned was to overcome the challenge of being a woman in the criminal justice field was to be a part of the team. I showed up, and in time I showed that my role on the team was valuable and important regardless of gender. I showed that my role could support all the other roles on the team to ensure a successful outcome for the people we served.

## Women in the Criminal Justice System: Pamela Elton (Cont.)

**Can you describe a particularly memorable case or experience that has shaped your perspective on criminal justice?**

It is difficult to choose just *one* memorable case that has shaped my perspective on criminal justice. I have worked many cases and every single case has brought me to one main perspective. That perspective is that it takes a team of dedicated people to ensure that the criminal justice system works.

Early in my career, I had a domestic violence case in which the victim had experienced so many years of total control by her husband that she lacked any self-sustaining skills. This victim had eight children, yet she did not know how to write a check, shop for groceries, pay a bill, call a doctor's office to set up an appointment, or how to put gas in her car. She had no self-esteem and was struggling to deal with all the different people who were trying to help her navigate her new life of trying to survive and raise eight children now that her abuser was in jail. Over the course of two years, each member of the criminal justice team worked to ensure that she and her children were safe and taken care of as well as ensuring that her husband was held accountable for the abuse.

This case showed me how important each member of the team is, and that the criminal justice system does not work unless each member of the team shows up and does their respective role to the best of their ability. Many years later this victim is now a successful victims rights attorney who has helped countless other victims of domestic violence navigate the system.

More recently, as a member of the FBI's victim services response team I responded to many mass casualty events. My role in these responses was to lead our team of Victim Specialists in coming together with other teams of professionals to provide support and the many resources needed by victims and families in the aftermath of these events.

Responding to these events continues to prove to me that the criminal justice system is all about teamwork. The goal of each member of a team in a mass casualty response is to act as a force multiplier. No one person or team can provide all the necessary support and resources needed. If numerous teams who have different roles come together, we can provide more comprehensive support and resources to victims of these traumatic events.

## Women in the Criminal Justice System: Pamela Elton (Cont.)

**In what ways do you think gender influences the dynamics within the criminal justice system, both in terms of the professionals involved and the individuals affected by it?**

I think gender influences the criminal justice system in *several* ways. One is the professionals in the field and the workplace environment. Historically, most professions in the criminal justice system have been male dominated, for example, in the U.S., law enforcement, prosecution and judiciary roles were dominated by men for a very long time. However, in my nearly thirty years in the system this has really started to change.

Now there are many more women working in the criminal justice system. In the beginning of my career, it was often challenging to be the only woman on the team. But now it seems as if there are more women on the team than ever before. In my experience in the victim services field there are typically more females than males. However, we are now seeing more males in the victim services field. One gender dynamic that I often see playing out in the criminal justice workplace is that women in the criminal justice workplace may be treated differently than men including sexual harassment and gender discrimination.

And often the criminal justice workplace is less inclusive and supportive than other workplaces. In my perspective, an additional influence that gender plays in the criminal justice system is the perception and stereotypes of who the offenders are and who the victims are. Historically, people believed that most criminals were male, and most victims were female. These perceptions were a large part of how both criminals and victims were viewed and treated by the system. These perceptions and stereotypes are changing and forcing the system into rethinking how they view and treat both offenders and victims.

**In your experience, what are some common misconceptions about working with crime victims, especially as a woman?**

When I first started working with crime victims, I was told on several occasions that “A woman’s place is in the home”, not working with crime victims. I also heard from law enforcement officers that I should “Let the men handle catching the bad guys” and once they caught the bad guys the victim will be okay. Or in other words, there is no need for victim assistance because the only the thing the victim needs is for the bad guy to be caught.

## Women in the Criminal Justice System: Pamela Elton (Cont.)

Initially a misconception was that I hated all men because most of the victims I worked with were women who were victimized by men, which must mean that I hated men. Another common misconception I heard about women working with crime victims is that they are “bleeding hearts” and are only good for “handing out tissues and teddy bears”.

### How do you ensure that the voices and needs of women and marginalized communities are heard and addressed within victim support services?

Throughout my career I have had the opportunity to work with many victims from marginalized communities. My initial job at the FBI was to manage all our Victim Specialists in Native American communities. I ensured that victims in these communities were provided with culturally competent services. To do this, it was necessary for us to engage with each community we were working with as every Native American community is different and had different cultural practices and needs. Not only did we engage with the communities we served but we also ensured that we hired additional victim assistance staff with diverse backgrounds. I have also had experience dealing with many different victim populations such as elder abuse

victims, teenagers who were trafficked for sex and migrant workers who were trafficked for labor. Each population required a great deal of research and education to provide me with the best information and approach to ensure their specific needs were met. In my current role I support FBI employees who have been victims of any form of harassment or misconduct in the workplace. With nearly 40,000 employees the FBI is a very diverse workplace with different backgrounds and communities. It is important that I educate myself on any issues or concerns that may be present for each employee I deal with to ensure I am providing appropriate services to them.

### What advice would you give to other women who are considering a career in victim advocacy or support services?

While an education in criminal justice, psychology, or social work, is important, receiving specialized education and training on victimology, trauma informed care, crisis intervention, victims’ rights, compassion, and cultural competency is necessary to be a successful victim service provider. Keep up on current research, laws, and trends in the field. Take advantage of professional growth opportunities, conferences, and workshops.

## Women in the Criminal Justice System: Pamela Elton (Cont.)

Ensure you develop strong communication skills. This helps when working with victims, assists you in collaborating with your many criminal justice, and with community partners. Listen to hear not to respond. Be compassionate but build good boundaries with the victims you work with. Don't internalize their experience as your own. Don't take work home with you. This will assist you in being able to leave work at work and provide you with better work life balance.

Seek a mentor who has been doing victim assistance for a while when you start. Seek support from peers in the victim services field. Know when you are burnt out and may need professional care and support. It's ok to ask for support. Be good to yourself. Once you lose your passion for providing victim services it's time to move on. I've seen many people continue to work in the career once they are no longer passionate about it. At that point they are not providing effective support for victims and just burning themselves out further.

Victim services can be a tough but rewarding career! I can't think of a better way to have spent nearly 30 years of my life!

**We invite Division of Feminist Criminology members to actively participate in shaping the narrative for our next story on women working in the criminal justice system.**

**Do you know a remarkable woman working within the criminal justice system whose story deserves to be heard?**

**We're eager to continue amplifying diverse voices and perspectives!**

**Please don't hesitate to reach out with your recommendations for women to be interviewed or topics to be explored further as well as any interest in writing a future story of women working in the criminal justice system.**

## Division of Feminist Criminology Student Poster Competition: Call for Nominations

The **Division of Feminist Criminology (DFC)** of the American Society of Criminology invites submissions for the 2024 Student Poster Competition. The graduate student winner will receive \$250.00, and the undergraduate student winner will receive \$125.00. For submissions with multiple authors, the award money will be divided among co-authors.

### Deadline

Posters should be RECEIVED by the committee chair by September 20th, 2024.

### Eligibility

Any undergraduate or graduate student who is currently enrolled or who has graduated within the previous semester is eligible. Note, any co-authors must also be students, that is, no faculty co-authors are permitted. To document eligibility, every author/co-author must submit proof of student status. This eligibility proof may be in the form of a letter from your department chair or an unofficial transcript.

### Poster Specifications

Posters should be of professional quality and must be about, or related to, feminist scholarship, gender issues, or women as offenders, victims, or criminal justice professionals. Submissions must conform to the American Society of Criminology poster guidelines. Posters should display relevant literature, data, methods, theoretical work, policy analyses, and/or findings in a poster format that is visually appealing. Posters should encourage questions and discussion about the material.

Research displayed on the poster may not be published, accepted, or under review for publication at the time of submission.

### Submission

Posters and proof of eligibility must be submitted to the committee chair by the stated deadline. Submitters must prepare the poster for blind review; all identifying information (name, affiliation, etc.) should be removed from the poster itself and posters should then be submitted as a PDF file or PPT file. In the email subject line, students should include identifying information and indicate whether the submission is to be considered for the graduate or undergraduate competition.

## Division of Feminist Criminology Student Poster Competition: Call for Nominations (Cont.)

### Judging

Members of the poster competition committee will evaluate the posters based on the following categories:

- Content is relevant to feminist scholarship;
- Makes a contribution to the knowledge base;
- Accurately identifies any limitations;
- Analytical plan was well developed;
- Clarity/organization of poster was well developed;
- Poster is visually appealing;
- Poster encourages questions/discussion about presented material.

### Notification

All entrants will be notified of the committee's decision no later than October 18th. We strongly encourage winners to attend the conference to receive their award.

**Committee Chair: Andia M. Azimi, Ph.D.**

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### Poster Specifications

Papers should be of professional quality and must be about, or related to, feminist scholarship, gender issues, or women as offenders, victims, or criminal justice professionals. Papers must be no longer than 35 pages including all references, notes, and tables; utilize an acceptable referencing format such as APA; be type-written and double-spaced; and include an abstract of 100 words or less.

Papers may not be published, accepted, or under review for publication at the time of submission.

### Submission

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## Ask a Senior Colleague

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**Do you have any tips on setting realistic goals, prioritizing work and/or relaxation, and managing time and projects with an unstructured schedule in the summer?**

**Any resources you have found helpful would be greatly appreciated as well and will be passed along in the newsletter.**

A successful summer, just like a successful semester, requires structure and support as well as a plan. Below are a few suggestions from members and online resources for having a productive and restorative summer.

- Set realistic goals for the summer and break them down into actionable tasks.
- Work backwards to schedule tasks to complete your goals over the summer.
- Be consistent & reward yourself throughout the summer for completing tasks and reaching goals.
- Teach summer courses.
- Create a summer reading list.
- Include a review of courses or even individual lectures that you want to revise.



**What advice do you have for pre-tenure faculty on making the most of their summer with regard to teaching and scholarship as well as preventing burnout?**

## Ask a Senior Colleague (Cont.)

- Practice self-care & be kind to yourself.
- Make rest a priority. When you are scheduling the rest of your tasks for the summer, don't forget to schedule downtime as well.
- Slow down and take care of your physical health.
- Find a creative outlet.
- Learn something new.
- See friends you might not have seen for a while.
- Plan for meals during the semester and consider other ways you can set yourself up for a productive fall semester.

The **National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)** comes highly recommended by a number of members. The NCFDD has specific recommendations for a productive summer that include:

- Create a strategic/semester plan for your summer that lists your projects, all the tasks associated with each project, and then place them in the week in which you will do them.
- Each week create your weekly plan. The Friday or Sunday before each week review your strategic plan and decide which task you're going to do in which time block each day.
- Write at least 30 minutes every day Monday through Friday and set timers to get started and to stop. Attach a reward if needed to each writing session or each week. While 30 minutes is not enough to complete a paper. It is enough to "just get started" and I always found that once started it was easier to keep going.
- Find or create an accountability community of support.

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## Ask a Senior Colleague (Cont.)

It was also recommended to join the NCFDD as an individual member if your university is not an institutional member. If you can't afford an individual membership on your own, then join with others to purchase a membership and watch the 10 course skills webinars together. There are hundreds of other webinars that are also valuable, including webinars on teaching, administration, getting your book published, working as a person of color or an LGBTQ+ person, dealing with difficult people, dealing with conflict, and many more. The 10 core skills are valuable for finding peace as well as productivity during any semester. You can also search [higherred.com](https://higherred.com) for articles by NCFDD founder, KerryAnn Rockquemore explaining the core skills.

**What advice do you have about expanding writing horizons beyond academic outlets and diving into popular forums such as blogs, Medium, Substack, popular magazines or newspapers or novels).**

**I'd love to hear about your experiences if any of you have tried this. How did you approach it? Any tips or insights you could share?**

**Looking forward to hearing your thoughts! You can submit them any time by [filling out this form](#).**

**NEXT ISSUE: FALL 2024**

## Special Issue of Violence Against Women: Gendered Violence, the State and the Individual. A Legal and Historical Approach.

Guest editor: Sara Delmedico, University of Bologna

*“As most of the victims, Manuela was rendered invisible.”* With these words, Judge Ricardo Pérez Manrique concluded his concurring opinion in the case *Manuela et al. v. El Salvador*, discussed before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and ended with the judgment of November 2, 2021. By providing a platform for interdisciplinary and international dialogue, this special issue aims to explore the various dimensions of gendered violence and the State’s role, thus illuminating the many invisibles, such as Manuela.

The notion of gender refers to a combination of characteristics fluctuating across time and cultures and revolving around identity and the image of one’s own self: it is *“a complexity whose totality is permanently deferred”* (Butler, 1990) and which varies across and within societies. Gendered violence may be experienced by anyone and is rooted in discrimination, inequality, and the idea of heteronormativity as the “natural” status quo. By uncovering gendered violence and the ambiguous societal and statal approaches that have led it to be considered a tolerable component of life until recent times, this special issue examines how and if violence, in its different forms and through its various means, is an expression of power and control over bodies and minds and affects health. In this context, the State has a critical role in combating, eradicating, and preventing, but also in perpetrating and perpetuating violence.

This special issue encourages an evaluation, and reevaluation, of state obligations in protecting rights, preserving values, and achieving social justice through a gendered perspective, and aims to feature insights from diverse geographical areas, while also providing a comparative analysis of the State’s role in different cultural and political contexts.

## **Special Issue of Violence Against Women: Gendered Violence, the State and the Individual. A Legal and Historical Approach. (Cont.)**

Articles may address a wide range of topics related to gendered violence and the role of the State, including, but not limited to:

- Gendered violence and legal frameworks
- Law enforcement and judicial responses to gendered violence
- Policies addressing gendered violence
- Gendered violence and the impact of cultural and societal norms
- Gendered violence and intersectionality
- State, education, and awareness in preventing gendered violence
- Gendered violence, the State, and the influence of technology and social media
- State and social support systems and services
- International perspectives on and responses to gendered violence

**Please send your proposed title and an abstract of your paper (100 words or less) together with a short bio by October 31, 2024, to [sara.delmedico.2023@gmail.com](mailto:sara.delmedico.2023@gmail.com).**

Authors will be notified about the acceptance of their proposals on November 30, 2024. Invited authors must submit their manuscripts to Dr. Delmedico by March 31, 2025. They will then be sent out for peer review.

Manuscripts should be in Times New Roman, 12-point font and double-spaced (2.0). They must follow the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th edition), and should not exceed 35 double-spaced pages (US Letter 8x11 inches), inclusive of all sections (i.e., abstract; main body; endnotes, if any; references; tables and figures, if any).

## **Towards the Democratization of Knowledge and Practice in Criminology and Criminal Justice: Global Perspectives and Local Realities**

We are pleased to invite submissions for a special issue in the **International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice (IJCACJ)**. This special issue will explore new frontiers in international crime, justice, and/or global criminology. The IJCACJ is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes original, theoretically engaged, empirical, or applied research in criminal justice and criminology that informs scholars and policymakers around the globe.

This special issue invites scholars and practitioners to address areas related to 1) knowledge formation derived from social problems faced by individuals, communities, and institutions in under-researched contexts; 2) the logistical barriers to international research; 3) comparative applied research across criminal justice systems and non-criminal justice institutions; 4) the applicability of foundational concepts and methods in criminology and criminal justice internationally, particularly in non-western jurisdictions.

**We welcome conceptual, theoretical, and empirical manuscripts, including but not limited to the following:**

- Positioning traditional and contemporary theories to explain a broader range of crime and victimization in local, virtual, transnational, and international contexts.
- Revitalizing prior approaches and/or applying fresh perspectives to discourses of globalization that position marginalized jurisdictions, communities, and people at the center of the investigation.
- Integrating theories of Global North and Global South perspectives on crime and justice in expanding knowledge practices and formations.
- Illustrating the best practices and research methodologies in theorizing and testing country-specific and crime-specific models advancing crime control and crime prevention initiatives.
- Focusing on cross-national comparative research, including but not restricted to:

## **Towards the Democratization of Knowledge and Practice in Criminology and Criminal Justice: Global Perspectives and Local Realities (Cont.)**

- Exploring novel international crime data sources.
- Going beyond traditional data sources and assessing the reliability of open sources.
- Deploying qualitative, quantitative, and/or mixed methods to underexplored international research settings.
- Building comparative longitudinal models and experimental designs to study international crime and justice.
- Exploring how intersectional research in international settings could enhance theoretical explanations in criminology and criminal justice.
- Engaging global and local organizations and stakeholders at all stages of research to produce knowledge and improve policy practices.

### **Submission Guidelines:**

- **Full Manuscript Submission Deadline: February 15, 2025.**
- **Please submit your manuscript on the journal's website:**  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=rcac20>

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**Join us in contributing to advancing international criminology by submitting your work to this special issue.**



## Division of Cybercrime

The **Division of Cybercrime** has a new website!  
<http://ascdivisionofcybercrime.org/>.



## Division of Communities and Place

Learn more about the **Division of Communities and Place**!  
<https://communitiesandplace.org/about/>.



## Division of Queer Criminology

Learn more about the **Division of Queer Criminology**!  
<https://queercrim.com/>.



## Division of Historical Criminology

The **Division of Historical Criminology** is a new division!  
Follow them @HCriminology on X for all the latest news.



## Division of Policing

The **Division of Policing** has been expanding their social media presence. Follow them @ASCPolicing on X. Here you will find research opportunities, crowdsourcing for teaching and research content, as well as some recent initiatives for student-centered content.



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## About the Division of Feminist Criminology & DivisionNews

The DFC—the largest division in the ASC—is a group of scholars that works to facilitate and promote research and theory development, pedagogical strategies, and curricular enhancement that strengthen the links between gender, crime, and justice.

The DFC recognizes the achievements of students and professional scholars in the study of criminology through its annual awards programs. To encourage networking and interaction among academics, researchers, practitioners, and students, the DFC provides a variety of opportunities for professional and social interaction including:

- feminist their and action workshops;
- other specialty workshops and forums; and
- numerous panels and presentations on women, gender, crime, and justice.

**We encourage you to check out the newsletter and all the amazing resources that it provides.** Archived issues go back to 2014 and can be accessed via the “Newsletter” item in the drop-down menu on the DFC website: <https://ascdwc.com/divisionnews/>.

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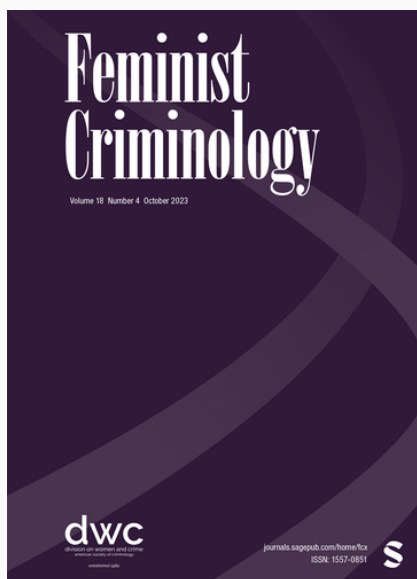
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## Feminist Criminology

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