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Welcome from the Co-Editors!

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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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A Letter from The Co-Chairs of the Division of Feminist Criminology

Staci Strobl, Ph.D. (L) & Sarah Fischer, Ph.D. (R)



Greetings from your DFC Co-Chairs!

We hope this newsletter finds you doing well. Thank you for your support of the DFC, its people, and its mission to support feminist pedagogy, research, and action. We are inspired to lead such a dynamic group of scholars, teachers, and practitioners as your 2024-25 Co-Chairs.

Ongoing events in Washington, D.C. and some individual states, have left many of us with questions about the future of higher education. Many institutions feel they are on unsteady ground with faculty and students targeted and budgets in peril. One may ask: where to turn? The answer is— to each other and our networks of support within the DFC.

With this in mind, our priorities for the division center around:

- Providing a supportive space for members as we navigate the current social and political realities;
- Advocating for feminist-based pedagogy, research, and activism;
- Increasing transparency as to the Division's undertakings;
- Having a visible presence at the ASC annual meeting;
- Collaborating with other divisions in the ASC; and
- Focusing on the long-term financial stewardship of the division.

A Letter from The Co-Chairs of the Division of Feminist Criminology (Cont.)

Staci Strobl, Ph.D. & Sarah Fischer, Ph.D.

Activities and initiatives around these goals will unfold as our term continues. Already we have supported the work of the Diversity and Inclusivity (D&I) committee to host the online forum we had on March 28 when members discussed the recent challenges to feminism, DEI, higher education, and academic research. We are also co-sponsoring a panel at the upcoming ASC annual meeting on “Critical Scholarship in the Current Times” with the Division on People of Color and Crime (DPCC) and the Division on Queer Criminology (DQC). This will be added to our regular array of DFC-sponsored panels and workshops.

Further, the Division’s journal, *Feminist Criminology*, continues under the leadership of two excellent co-editors, Vera Lopez, and Lisa Pasko, and has several exciting pieces of research in the pipeline that speak to our times. We are also working with the Division of International Criminology (DIC) on a proposal for a special issue of the *Journal International Criminology* about global feminist criminology.

However, our membership has declined somewhat in the last few years. We would like to remind everyone to make sure they have paid their dues for 2025 and to consider inviting colleagues, particularly junior faculty and graduate students, who may benefit from our networking opportunities and conference events.

We are grateful for our board’s and committees’ work as the division facilitates events and opportunities for our members. (We are looking for additional committee members in a couple of key areas, so do consider letting us know you would like to volunteer!). Finally, thank you to all our members—long-standing and new!--for your engagement with, service to, and support of the division.

Please drop us line with any thoughts, comments, or to volunteer for a committee: Staci Strobl ([sstrobl@su.edu](mailto:ssstrobl@su.edu)) and Sarah Fischer (sfischer@marymount.edu).

Best regards,
Sarah Fischer and Staci Strobl

Division of Feminist Criminology Student Paper and Poster Competition Winners

Veronica Valencia Gonzalez
University of California-Irvine
DFC Graduate Student Paper Award Winner

*Local Voices, Global Issues:
Re-examining IPV Definitions in Rural Michoacán*

Veronica Valencia Gonzalez's research centers on social justice, gender-based violence (GBV), and the enduring impacts of colonial legacies on Latinx populations. With a focus on intimate partner violence (IPV), victimization, colorism, and mental illness stigma, their interdisciplinary, qualitative, and community-engaged approach seeks to unpack the complex dynamics that sustain these issues. Veronica's work is informed by lived experiences, including growing up in rural agricultural communities and overcoming systemic barriers as a non-traditional student. Their research aims to develop culturally sensitive interventions that address the needs of marginalized communities.



Gemini Creason-Parker
Texas A&M
DFC Graduate Student Poster Award Winner

*Who are the “Special Victims” on Law & Order:
Special Victims Unit*

Gemini Creason-Parker is a PhD student and Diversity Fellow in Crime, Law, and Deviance at Texas A&M. She received her B.A. in Spanish and Sociology and B.S. in Criminal Justice from Northeastern State University. She also obtained her M.S. in Criminal Justice and M.A. at NSU. Her thesis was titled, *Especially Heinous’ and ‘Vicious Felonies:’ Deconstructing Possible Rape Narratives in ‘Law & Order: SVU.*



Division of Feminist Criminology Internal Award Recipients

Amanda Goodson

The University of Texas at El Paso

New Scholar Award

Amanda Goodson is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Security Studies at The University of Texas at El Paso. Her research centers on violence against women and system responses to crime victims. She is particularly interested in establishing collaborations with practitioners and community partners to assess and augment best-practices in responses to crime victims. She has produced technical reports, translational research summaries, presentations, and scholarly publications that have appeared in *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *Feminist Criminology*, and *Crime & Delinquency*, among others.



Nicole Rader

Mississippi State University

Distinguished Scholar Award

Dr. Nicole Rader is a Professor and the Department Head of Sociology at Mississippi State University. She studies the gendered nature of fear of crime, how public opinions about women's victimization are socially constructed, the consequences of such misinformation, and the ways the media inaccurately depicts both victims and offenders. She is the author of *Teaching Fear: How we Learn to Fear Crime and Why it Matters* (2023, Temple University Press) and coauthor of *Fear of Crime in the United States: Causes, Consequences, and Contradictions* (2014, Carolina Academic Press).

Her research has appeared in gender-focused outlets including *Feminist Criminology*, *Violence against Women*, *Sex Roles*, and *Women and Criminal Justice*. Her most recent fear of crime research is forthcoming or in press at *Victims and Offenders*, the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Psychology & Sexuality*, and *Deviant Behavior*.



Division of Feminist Criminology Internal Award Recipients

Deena Isom

University of South Carolina

CoraMae Richey Mann “Inconvenient Women of the Year” Award



Deena A. Isom is an Associate Professor of African American Studies at the University of South Carolina. She received her PhD in 2015 in Sociology with specializations in Criminology and Social Psychology from Emory University. Her research brings marginalized voices and lived experiences center to the understandings of the causes and consequences of negative and harmful behaviors and entanglement with the legal system through the advancement of criminological theory, critical perspectives, and intersectional methodologies. Her work has appeared in numerous outlets such as the *Race and Social Problems*, *Psychology & Sexuality*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Critical Sociology*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Social Science & Medicine*, and *Youth & Society*.

She is a University of South Carolina McCausland Fellow and Garnet Apple Award recipient as well as an Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Minorities and Women Section’s Becky Tatum Excellence in Scholarship Awardee and American Society of Criminology Division on People of Color and Crime’s Coramae Richey Mann Awardee for contributions to scholarship on race and justice. She is the author of the book, *Gratuitous Angst in White America: A Theory of Whiteness and Crime*, published in 2024 by Routledge. She is also the Editor of *Race and Justice: An International Journal*.

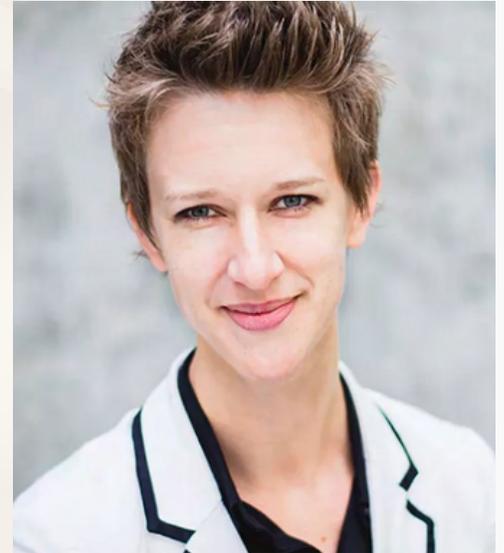
Division of Feminist Criminology Internal Award Recipients

Chris M. Smith

University of Toronto

Teaching and Mentorship Award

Chris M. Smith is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto. Her research examines gender, sexuality, and power through crime and violence dynamics in women's participation in organized crime, police violence, coercive control, and shifts in urban illicit markets.



She is the author of *Syndicate Women: Gender and Networks in Chicago Organized Crime* (2019, University of California Press). She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on gender, sexuality, and crime. She has published papers with nine graduate students and has formally mentored more than 60 students across a variety of opportunities and roles outside of traditional classroom settings.



Anna Gjika

State University of New York at New Paltz

Book Award

When Rape Goes Viral: Youth and Sexual Assault in the Digital Age

Anna Gjika is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Program Coordinator of the Criminology Concentration at the State University of New York at New Paltz. Her research focuses on gender, violence, and technology, including the dynamics underlying image-based sexual abuse, the role of digital evidence in the investigation and adjudication of sexual violence, and the intersection of technology and social justice.

Division of Feminist Criminology Diversity & Inclusion Awards



**Nicole C. McKenna &
New Jersey Scholars for Transformative
Education in Prison (NJ-STEP)**
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Community Engaged Scholar Award

Nicole McKenna, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati (Criminal Justice), her M.S. from Arizona State University (Criminology & Criminal Justice), and her B.S. from Westminster College (Justice Studies).

Prior to her time at John Jay, she was a Post-Doctoral Research Associate at Rutgers University (School of Social Work). Her research to date has focused on gender, trauma, and alternatives to the juvenile legal system. McKenna has received awards for research and mentoring from Life Paths Research, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the University of Cincinnati.

As a scholar-activist, McKenna is engaged with multiple community associations and organizing committees focused on ending mass incarceration. New Jersey Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prisons (NJ-STEP) is an association of higher education institutions that provides educational programs and support for incarcerated individuals. NJ-STEP offers college courses towards degrees for students in prison and assists with their transition to college life upon release, including degree completion and employment support. The initiative primarily serves the correctional education sector and aims to facilitate the continuation of education for formerly incarcerated individuals in the community. It was founded in 2013 and is based in Newark, New Jersey.

Division of Feminist Criminology Diversity & Inclusion Awards

Kaelyn Sanders

Michigan State University

Clair Renzetti Domestic Travel Grant

Kaelyn Sanders is a Ph.D. Candidate (ABD) in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Using critical and intersectional frameworks, Kaelyn's research sits at the nexus of community supervision, reintegration, and inequality, and her dissertation research qualitatively explores digital inequality among Black returning citizens. Kaelyn's past research has been published in *Feminist Criminology*, *Crime & Delinquency*, and the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.



As a Ph.D. Candidate, Kaelyn has worked on program evaluation projects for community-based reentry and gun violence programs in the state of Michigan and serves as the graduate assistant for her program's Prospective Doctoral Student Recruitment and Retention Program Grant. In this role, she works to increase DEI in her graduate program by meeting with students at minority-serving institutions and assessing areas where current graduate students can be better supported.

She previously held a summer graduate research associate position at Arnold Ventures working on their pretrial justice team and interned at a local probation and reentry program in Lansing, Michigan.

Kaelyn is also a 2024 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Fellow, a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, and an alumni of The Ohio State University, where she received her B.A. in Sociology and Criminology.

Division of Feminist Criminology Diversity & Inclusion Awards



Ellen Van Damme

Aruna Jain International Travel Grant

Ellen received a PhD (2020), MA (2014) and BA (2013) in Criminology (KU Leuven), and an MA (2015) in Conflict & Development (Ghent University). Between 2013 and 2015 Ellen conducted research on gangs and youth at risk in Central America and South Africa. Ellen was a 2016-2020 PhD fellow of the Research Foundation-Flanders (FWO) at the Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC), KU Leuven. Ellen's PhD research concerned the role of women in and around gangs in Honduras, Central America.

Ellen currently works as an individual consultant for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in El Salvador, for their 'Routes for Social Reintegration Project'. Within the same project I am employed as a professor by the University for Peace (Costa Rica), to teach seminars and workshops on 'Mapping of the person post-prison: Profile, risks, resilience', within the 'Training of Trainers in Capacity Development for Social Reintegration' course. Ellen also works as a postdoctoral researcher for the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) on a project on digital partner violence.

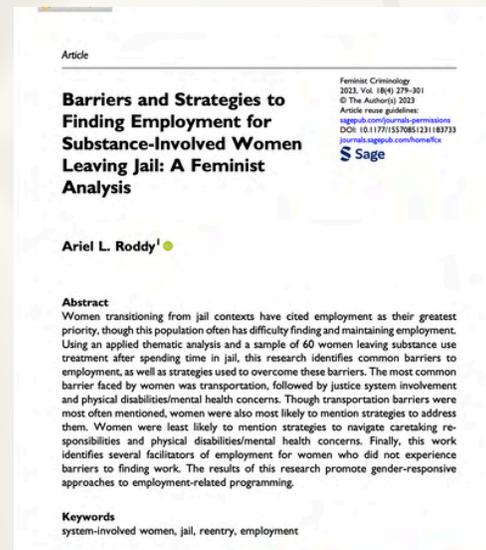
Ellen is specialized in qualitative and quantitative research methods and analysis, critical and feminist criminology, gangs, Central & South America, migration, and climate change and has experience with writing expert reports for migration cases.

Division of Feminist Criminology Dr. Helen Eigenberg Best Article of the Year Award (2023)

Ariel Roddy

Northern Arizona University

*Barriers and Strategies to Finding Employment for Substance-Involved Women Leaving:
A Feminist Analysis*



Women transitioning from jail contexts have cited employment as their greatest priority, though this population often has difficulty finding and maintaining employment. Using an applied thematic analysis and a sample of 60 women leaving substance use treatment after spending time in jail, this research identifies common barriers to employment, as well as strategies used to overcome these barriers. The most common barrier faced by women was transportation, followed by justice system involvement and physical disabilities/mental health concerns. Though transportation barriers were most often mentioned, women were also most likely to mention strategies to address them. Women were least likely to mention strategies to navigate caretaking responsibilities and physical disabilities/mental health concerns. Finally, this work identifies several facilitators of employment for women who did not experience barriers to finding work. The results of this research promote gender-responsive approaches to employment-related programming.

Division of Feminist Criminology Graduate Research Scholarship

Kathryn Tapp

Arizona State University

‘Drink Water and Walk the Track:’ The Intersection of Reproductive Health and Carcerality Interpreted Through a Radical Feminist Lens

Kathryn Tapp is an advanced doctoral student at Arizona State University’s School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Her research, grounded in radical feminist theory, explores the structural, systemic, and interpersonal violence experienced by women and girls in carceral settings, focusing specifically on the intersection of reproductive health and punishment. Through her work, she seeks to understand the gynecological needs of system-impacted women and girls to create evidence-based policy and programming. Moreover, she aims to examine how access to and the provision of reproductive healthcare in carceral settings interact with mechanisms of carceral control and punishment.



In recognition of her contributions, Kathryn received the 2023 Graduate Student Paper award from the American Society of Criminology’s Division of Feminist Criminology for her manuscript *For Men, by Men: Menstrual Victimization and the Weaponization of Period Products in Carceral Settings*, co-authored with Dr. Abigail Henson and published in 2024. She also spearheads the annual Bleed with Dignity Drive, an initiative to gather menstrual health supplies for system-impacted menstruators. Over four years, she has distributed over 107,000 period products across Georgia and Arizona, along with a menstrual health fact sheet she co-created with gynecologists. Currently, Kathryn collaborates with her community partner, Arouet—a nonprofit in Arizona led by system-impacted women that aids other system-impacted women in reentry. Alongside Arouet and local detention facilities, she is working to understand and address the reproductive health needs of women and girls who have experienced incarceration.

Division of Feminist Criminology Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Gender and Crime

LaQuana Askew
Old Dominion University

*Examining Access, Outcomes, and the Lived Experiences of Black Women:
Improving Racial Equity in Adult Drug Treatment Court*



LaQuana N. Askew is a 4th year Doctoral Candidate in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University. She specializes in racial justice, specialty courts, Black Feminist Theory, and program evaluation. Her research aims to shed light on the erasure and barriers to reentry faced by Black women, while providing solutions tailored to their specific needs and experiences.

In her dissertation, *Examining Access, Outcomes, and Lived Experiences of Black Women: Improving Racial Equity in Adult Drug Treatment Court*, LaQuana highlights the voices of Black women and seeks to understand what is effective and what requires improvement in drug treatment court from their perspectives to balance evidence-based practices with the consideration of Black women's unique needs and resilience, once system-involved.

Ask a Senior Colleague

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Do you have a question you would like answered by your senior colleagues about teaching, research, service or other areas of academic life?

Send them to poland@gmail.com and I will use them in a future issue of the newsletter.

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 DFC.

Please send any updates to feministcrimnews@gmail.com.

New Jobs, Promotions, & Awards

Elaina Behounek was awarded the *Excellence in Service Award* at Middle Georgia State University.

Stephanie Bonnes was the recipient of the *2024 American Sociological Association's Sex and Gender Section Feminist Scholar-Activist Award*, and the *2024 Society for the Study of Social Problems Crime and Justice Division Scholarly Achievement Award*.

Walter S. DeKeseredy gave the 53 Pitirim Sorokin Lecture at the University of Saskatchewan on February 13, 2025.

Molly Dragiewicz was promoted to full Professor in the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Griffith University.

Samantha Gavin was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

Veronica Valencia Gonzalez is the recipient of the *Latinx Studies Section Dissertation Award*, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), 2025 Awarded for their dissertation titled *Global Influences, Local Realities: Unraveling Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Michoacán*, which examines the interaction between international and local understandings of intimate partner violence (IPV) in a rural Latin American context, highlighting the socio-cultural factors shaping IPV and the need for locally adapted interventions.



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

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

DFC CO-EDITORS

New Jobs, Promotions, & Awards

Kelsey Kramer graduated in December with a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University and successfully defended a doctoral dissertation titled *Establishing Fat Criminology: Assessing the Impact of Body Size on Criminal Court Outcomes*.

Rachel Lovell was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at Cleveland State University.

Kate Luther was awarded the *Faculty Excellence Award* in Teaching at Pacific Lutheran University.

Michelle Hughes Miller will become Chair of the Department of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies at the University of South Florida in August 2025.

Mackenzie Niness defended a thesis titled: *The Wisdom of the Formerly Incarcerated: The Experience of Women in Correctional Programming*, towards earning a Master's in Criminology.

Innovative Teaching, Community Impact, and Other Accomplishments

Rosemary Barberet and **Dawn Beichner-Thomas** co-authored a written statement (E/CN.6/2025/NGO/55) that was published in the 69th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Official Documents.

The statement aligns with the CSW69 focus: the review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA) and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. It argues that the full realization of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the commitment to gender equality requires a critical examination of the challenges that impede the implementation of the BPfA, including those related to the situation for women and girls involved in criminal legal systems as victims/survivors, detained or incarcerated persons, and workers in law enforcement, defense and prosecution, the judiciary, prisons, prisoner re-entry, victim services, and peacebuilding. Available at: <https://docs.un.org/en/E/CN.6/2025/NGO/55>

Innovative Teaching, Community Impact, and Other Accomplishments (Cont.)

Dawn Beichner-Thomas and **Rosemary Barberet** co-authored a written statement (E/CN.6/2024/NGO/103) that was published in the 68th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Official Documents (March 2024). The statement, which highlighted the feminization of poverty, acknowledged the pervasiveness of violence against women and girls worldwide and how it was exacerbated by the Coronavirus pandemic. It also discussed the many intersections of poverty and violence that shape women's involvement in criminal legal systems worldwide. Available at: <https://docs.un.org/en/E/CN.6/2024/NGO/103>

Dawn Beichner-Thomas (Illinois State University), **Sheetal Ranjan** (Montclair State University) and **Rosemary Barberet** (John Jay College of Criminal Justice - CUNY) organized four NGO CSW parallel events at the 69th session Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, cosponsored by the ASC DFC, The World Society of Victimology, the International Sociological Association and Criminologists without Borders. These all featured reflections on the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and many will be featured in an upcoming special issue of *Current Sociology*.

The panels were titled:

- *Feminist Approaches to Justice: A Reassessment of the Beijing Platform for Action*
- *Feminist Approaches to Justice: Violence Against Women and Girls in War and Peace*
- *Feminist Approaches to Justice: Beijing+30 and Justice for Women and Girls*
- *Feminist Approaches to Justice: Beijing+30, Women, and Criminal Legal Systems*

The panels featured research from scholars from Europe, North America, South America, MENA, and Asia, some of whom are DFC members. This is the 6th time Dawn Beichner-Thomas, Sheetal Ranjan, and Rosemary Barberet have organized these parallel events, attracting by now nearly 100 international feminist researchers to share their results with the large civil society community that attends the CSW every year, both in person and virtually. For the first time this year, an ASC President (Katheryn Russell-Brown, Northeastern University) provided opening remarks.

Innovative Teaching, Community Impact, and Other Accomplishments (Cont.)

Ellen Van Damme founded Field Research Coaching, a consultancy that trains and coaches academics and professionals working on sensitive topics and in challenging environments. Field Research Coaching was created out of a need for a more personalized and in-depth training on what to expect when embarking on a research project and how to deal with the many unpredictable challenges you will encounter along the way. Universities and other research institutes are increasingly confronted with burned-out and traumatized researchers. Receiving the right training and coaching will help to navigate these challenges. More information: <https://fieldresearchcoaching.com/>

Michelle Lyttle Storrod and **Ellen Van Damme** founded the Fieldwork Buddy Network. Whether you're just starting out or have years of experience, this network is for anyone conducting field research. We created the Fieldwork Buddy Network as a space to connect, ask questions, share experiences, and, most importantly, ensure no one feels alone in the field. Want to stay updated on future Fieldwork Buddy Network meetings, as well as Field Research Coaching workshops and activities? Sign up for the newsletter here: <https://fieldresearchcoaching.com/>

Venezia (Venice) Michalsen. *Intersectional Feminist Criminology: A Critical Companion to Theory and Research.* Coming July 2025 from UCPress. ISBN: 9780520380295. Coming out this summer! If you teach Criminology but you spend too much time correcting your textbook's androcentric, heteronormative, racist, abelist norms, please consider this book as a companion. Michalsen's book adds an intersectional feminist critical perspective, matching typical Introductory to Criminology textbooks chapter by chapter. <https://www.ucpress.edu/books/intersectional-feminist-criminology/paper>

Michelle Hughes Miller. (2024). *Criminalizing Motherhood and Reproduction.* Taylor & Francis. ISBN 9781032696737. Taylor & Francis turned Miller's 2020 Guest-Edited Special Issue of *Women & Criminal Justice: Regulating Motherhood and Reproduction* into a book! Several chapter authors from the edited book include other DFC members including **Ebonie Cunningham Stringer** (Ch 2), and **Jason M Williams** (Ch 3). <https://www.routledge.com/Criminalizing-Motherhood-and-Reproduction/Miller/p/book/9781032696737?srsltid=AfmBOoodSvazfDcxVYIWXligWC4KeFLmQXZep2EeZg56-veyqUEVOwO1>

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Rachel E. Lovell, B. Kennath Widanaralalage, & Danielle N. Sabo. (In press). Examining male sexual violence and victimization using previously untested sexual assault kits (via the SAK Initiative): Part 1, male victims. *Journal of Criminal Psychology*.
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Do you have a friend or colleague that just published a book and might consider a review published in *DivisioNews*?

Please send inquiries and book submissions to Sarah Franklin: sf39@email.sc.edu.

Call for Books & Reviewers

Your next book could be featured in the *DivisioNews*!

We invite authors to submit recently published books for review in an upcoming issue. Books should align with the scope of feminist criminology, exploring topics such as gender and crime, women in the criminal justice/legal system, victimization, and feminist theory. This list is not exhaustive.

Individuals interested in conducting book reviews are welcome. If you have expertise in feminist criminology and a keen eye for insightful analysis, we encourage you to express your interest.

Authors who have a specific reviewer in mind are welcome to include this information in their submission. Reviews submitted for publication in the *DivisioNews* may not be published elsewhere.

We look forward to your contributions!

NOTE: We seek an **Associate Editor for Book Reviews** to collaborate with Sarah in this endeavor. If you're interested or want to learn more about this role, please email feministcrimnews@gmail.com.



Do you want to see your book in a future issue or are you looking to review a recent publication?

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Feminist Criminology Special Issue on “Scholar-Activism in Feminist Criminology” Call for Abstracts

Guest Editors: Jane E. Palmer, Ph.D., M.S.W. (Associate Professor, Department of Justice, Law & Criminology, American University) and Valli Rajah, Ph.D. (Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, John Jay College, C.U.N.Y.)

In this special issue of *Feminist Criminology*, we seek empirical, theoretical, or conceptual articles that demonstrate the roles and impacts of scholar-activism and community-engaged research or teaching during turbulent times. Articles in this issue will center the praxis of social justice-oriented scholarship and applied research within feminist criminology.

We seek manuscripts that:

- demonstrate concrete examples of scholarship, activism, or community-led partnerships that resulted in community, policy, or legal changes for/with affected marginalized or minoritized groups;
- reflect on the challenges of scholar-activist and community-engaged research and teaching in the current era, and offer strategies to overcome obstacles;
- center intersectional and anti-racist praxis in feminist criminology;
- incorporate and demonstrate impacts of feminist, anti-racist, inclusive, equity-oriented, or anti-carceral pedagogy in the classroom or degree programs;
- interrogate what it means to be a scholar-activist or community-engaged researcher, especially in turbulent times;
- reflect on, critique, and offer solutions to combat academia’s reluctance to embrace scholar-activism and community-engaged research (e.g., Institutional Review Board timelines and expectations, the tenure- and promotion process, or other structural challenges that add barriers to conducting community-based, participatory, or related research);
- contribute to a research agenda related to the next wave of anti-racist, intersectional, feminist criminological scholarship; or
- that integrate public criminology, survivor criminology, activist criminology, queer criminology, critical criminology, abolitionist perspectives, anti-carceral feminism, or convict criminology perspectives.

Final manuscripts will be 7500 words or less (inclusive of figures, tables, & references).

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About the Guest Editors:

Jane E. Palmer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Justice, Law & Criminology in the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, DC. Her research interests include community-based participatory research, help-seeking, community-based responses to harm, anti-carceral responses to violence, and ending gender-based violence. From 2020 – 2021, she was the lead organizer of a virtual forum on “Anti-Racism and Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology and Academia,” and in 2022, she was the co-guest editor of a special issue on the forum’s topics in Race & Justice.

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Abstract Submission:

To be considered for the special issue, please submit the following in a Word or PDF document to femcrimscholaractivismissue@gmail.com by April 15, 2025:

- An abstract of the proposed manuscript (500 words or less)
- A paragraph describing the manuscript’s connection to the special issue theme (250 words or less)
- Author short biographies (100 words or less)

Timeline:

April 15, 2025: Abstracts due

May 15, 2025: Acceptances sent

August 31, 2025: Full manuscripts due

September 1, 2025 – November 15, 2025: Peer review period

February 1, 2026: Revised manuscripts due

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Policing: An International Journal

Call for papers: Police Response to Violence Against Women



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Interdisciplinary and wide-ranging in scope, *Policing: An International Journal (PIJPSM)* covers the latest research on all topics relevant to policing that focus on theory, policy, and/or practice. Policing is a generalist journal, and one that provides readers with a truly global and comparative perspective.

Police Response to Violence Against Women

This special issue seeks to address contemporary challenges, highlight unexplored areas, and identify innovative police responses to violence against women across the world. While there is an established academic literature on violence against women, the issue remains prevalent and unresolved despite initiatives from the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and country specific responses. The World Health Organization estimates 1:3 women worldwide have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence. Violence against women continues to have serious implications for public health and human rights across the globe. This special issue explores police practices across different countries and cultures, highlights universal challenges, and identifies successful strategies.

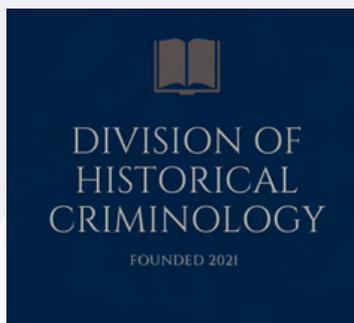
Submission Information

- Opening date for manuscript submissions: 1 June 2025
- Closing date for manuscript submissions: 1 October 2025
- Submissions to PIJPSM are made using ScholarOne Manuscripts: Registration and access is available at: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/pijpsm>
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Division of Historical Criminology

DHC has launched their new journal, the **Journal of Historical Criminology** (<https://journalofhistoricalcriminology.pubpub.org/>). DHC helped establish the journal along with colleagues at the British Society of Criminology, the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, and the European Society of Criminology.



Division of Rural Criminology

The **International Journal of Rural Criminology** published a special issue in December titled **Rural Victimization: A Trauma-Informed Approach from a Global Perspective.**

Division of Queer Criminology



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About the Division of Feminist Criminology & DivisioNews

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/divisionews/>.

Join the Newsletter Committee!

The Newsletter Committee is responsible for publication of electronic newsletter on behalf of DFC. This committee is suitable for either graduate students or faculty members/practitioners. Work is periodic throughout the year, with the publication of three editions (spring, summer, fall).

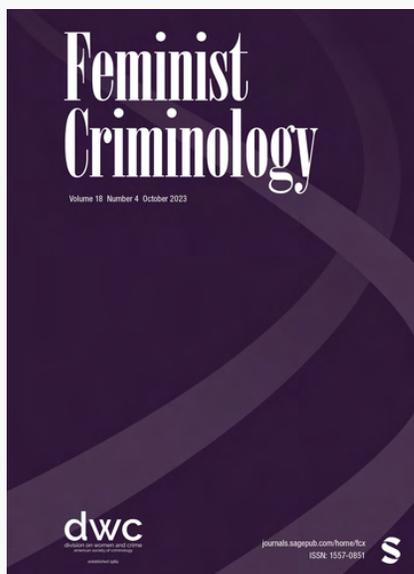
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Feminist Criminology

Feminist Criminology (FC), published five times a year, is an innovative journal dedicated to research related to women, girls, and crime within the context of a feminist critique of criminology. The official journal of the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology, this international publication focuses on research and theory that highlights the gendered nature of crime. [View full journal description](#). This journal is a member of the [Committee on Publication Ethics \(COPE\)](#).

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Membership in the DFC is open to any member of ASC in good standing. Members can join the Division for just an additional \$15 per year, or \$25/year for those members who are tenured or financially able. Membership remains just \$5 for students. Members enjoy free access to the Division's journal, *Feminist Criminology*. The ASC/DFC membership application can be found [here](#). You can also view a copy of the [DFC Constitution & Bylaws](#).

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