



**American Society of Criminology
Division on Feminist Criminology
ANNUAL REPORT
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Mission of the Division: The DFC facilitates and promotes research and theory development, pedagogical strategies, and curricular enhancement that strengthen the links between gender, crime, and justice. The DFC also recognizes the achievements of women as 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 theory and action workshops; specialty workshops and forums; numerous panels and presentations on gender, crime and justice; and an annual social.

List of officers:

Co-Chairs: Sarah Fischer (Marymount University) and Staci Strobl (Shenandoah University)

Co-Chairs-Elect: This position is vacant; however, at the date of this report, we have a special election in process to fill this position

Immediate Past Chairs: Shavonne Arthurs (Seton Hill University) and Samantha Gavin (St. Bonaventure University)

Vice-Chair: Sarah Rodgers (University of South Carolina)

Secretary/Treasurer: Katie Ratajczak (Sam Houston State University)

Senior Executive Counselors: Dana Radatz (Niagara University) and Danielle Slakoff (California State University- Sacramento)

Junior Executive Counselors: Veronica Gonzalez (University of South Carolina) and Aneesa Baboolal (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth)

Graduate Student Executive Counselor: Lexi Goodjohn (University of Nebraska Omaha)

Current membership figures: At the end of 2024, the Division of Feminist Criminology had 331 members; 92 student members and 239 members with active/other status. For 2025, the Division currently has 53 student members and 121 members with active/other status.

Recap of activities for the prior year: The executive board met several times over the course of 2024. The past and present co-chairs met at the annual meeting to facilitate a transition of leadership and to share the division's documents and operating procedures. The past co-chairs had the division's documents (e.g., board meeting minutes, committee descriptions, membership lists, etc.) compiled into a google drive which the current co-chairs are maintaining, adding to, and intending to pass along to future leadership.

In 2024, the board voted to permit the editors of *Feminist Criminology* to serve another term in accordance with division's by-laws, thus ensuring the continued quality of this successful journal (see section on "Feminist Criminology" in this report).

Our mentorship and student affairs committee successfully fostered mentoring relationships between early and late career faculty from different institutions (after a kickoff event at the 2023 annual meeting). These mentors and mentees met online throughout 2024.

Our newsletter *DivisioNews* was published online three times during the year. Committee meetings occurred online throughout the year (see section on "Committee activities").

The past co-chairs worked with award-donor Larry Siegel to determine the fate of *Feminist Criminology's* Siegel Award. This award was discontinued due to lack of funds by board vote, effective after 2024.

At the annual meeting in San Francisco, the division sponsored the following sessions:

- Feminism in Action: Surviving Tumultuous Times (roundtable)
- Incarcerated Women and Higher Education Programs (roundtable)
- From Classroom to Community: Criminology and Criminal Justice Internships (roundtable)
- Analyzing the Criminalization of Reproductive Strategies, Strategies and Resistance (thematic panel)
- Teaching Gender in the Classroom (workshop)

We also organized the following meetings in San Francisco:

- DFC General Business Meeting
- *Feminist Criminology* Editorial Board Meeting
- DFC Awards Ceremony and Breakfast
- DFC Social at SPIN (off-site bar)

Financial activity: The DFC has two accounts associated with it that are managed by ASC: The DFC operating account and the account associated with *Feminist Criminology*.

The DFC operating account: At the end of last year, the operating budget of the division had a positive balance of \$7,747. However, this positive balance could not overcome the reserves that ASC took out at the beginning of 2025 to cover awards and to preserve funds donors have given toward them. During 2024, due to rising costs and declining membership, the division inadvertently used a portion of the awards money to fund routine events at the annual meeting, including the social event and the breakfast meeting. During the first quarter of 2025, the division has accumulated revenue enough to balance the account and now has \$1,107. However, as a result of past spending, the operating budget is no longer as large as it has been historically. After such spending, significant efforts are being made to right-size the division's expenses in 2025 toward balancing it with realistic income projection given a situation of declining membership (over the past few years) particularly of non-student members who pay full price to join. The board is taking concrete steps including having voted for a slight increase to the ticket costs for our social event in 2025.

The Feminist Criminology account. This account ended the year with \$28,559. The account is used for the editors' stipend and also funds graduate awards. Ten percent (10%) of the proceeds from the journal are transferred for use in the DFC operating budget.

Social media: The division has a social media committee. In 2024, it was chaired by Ami Stearns (Coastal Carolina University) with the following members: Rimonda Maroun (Endicott University) Jennifer Cheek (Metropolitan State University of Denver), and Danielle Slakoff (California State University- Sacramento).

These members have diverse backgrounds, including individuals of color and individuals belonging to the LGBTQIA+ community. The Committee divides its responsibilities throughout the year among the members. The duties include posting content on the Division's X/Twitter page, Facebook page, LinkedIn page, and Instagram account. The X page experiences the most engagement, as it has the highest number of followers and receives the most "likes" and re-posts.

The content that the social media committee posted to these social media sites in 2024 included:

- Job announcements in the field of criminal justice, criminology, and sociology. These job openings are copied from emails to the DFC listserv and re-posted from announcements tweeted by our followers.
- Any news items related to feminist criminology or gender and crime that may be of interest to followers.
- Excerpts from the quarterly DFC newsletter.

- Announcements of DFC internal award opportunities and winners
- Distributing requests or announcements as directed by DFC leadership or committees
- Member news

Related to the annual ASC conference held in San Francisco,, members of this committee attended DFC-sponsored meetings, in addition to some panels and workshops. They live-posted from them on DFC’s social media accounts.

Webpage update: Our division webpage is located at <https://ascdwc.com/> and was developed and is maintained using WordPress software. The design and content elements in general provide a sound structure for the division’s information; however, some elements remain a challenge, in particular making sure the information at all tabs is up to date. Because the division has had some difficulty in finding a consistent volunteer webmaster, board members have done their best to work with it to the best of their technical capacities. Although award and committee descriptions are up to date, dates and memberships are not. We plan to accomplish this in the next three months or so. We are also actively looking for a new volunteer webmaster to provide expertise and stable management over time.

Our listserv, which is open to anyone regardless of whether they are a DFC member or not, is a source of up to date information on awards, nominations, elections, annual meeting events, the newsletter and other information. Listserv users also post job announcements and share resources, such as access to academic articles.

Newsletter: *DivisioNews* is published three times a year by our newsletter committee, chaired by Amy Poland (St. Joseph’s University) and Vanessa Gutierrez (John Jay College of Criminal Justice). The newsletter is available on our webpage and on our listserv. It is also emailed to all members of the division.

The sections of the newsletter are:

- Spotlight on Activism
- Ask a Senior Colleague
- Book Review
- Employment & Funding
- Around the Divisions
- Member News
- Student Corner
- Teaching Tips

Committee activity: We had over a dozen standing committees that were active in 2024. DFC members are notable in their commitment to serving on committees and to collectively make the division a dynamic one through diverse efforts.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee: This group is responsible for outreach to and increasing the membership and participation of underrepresented groups within DFC. It also sponsors events online and at the annual meeting around D&I issues in academia in general as well as criminology. The Chairs of the committee are Samantha Kopf Apple (Bowling Green State University) and Eddie Shua Wei (University of Liverpool). During 2024, they presented the graduate student awards at our awards ceremony and their committee developed the format and plan for the DFC's D&I zoom open forum held in March of 2025.

External Nominations Committee: This committee works to identify and nominate DFC members for: (1) ASC Executive Board positions, (2) ASC committees, and (3) ASC awards in order to increase visibility and representation of the DFC in the larger ASC setting. The Chairs of this committee are Nickie Phillips (St. Francis College) and Nick Chagnon (University of Hawai'i Manoa). During 2024, members of this committee as individuals wrote nominating letters for the ASC book award and the teaching . It also reached out via listserv several times to solicit nominations for . Finally, this group met with the President-elect of ASC to inquire about nominations needed for their upcoming term.

Internal Awards Committee: **This group** coordinates the nomination and election of DFC members for DFC awards. Serving as the committee chair, Miltonette Craig (Sam Houston State University) and her committee writes the call for applications, reviews the applications, and reviews them and makes a decision as to the winners, and then forward that information to the DFC Chairs (for ordering the physical awards, e.g., plaques). In 2024, Dr. Craig presented the awards at the awards ceremony at the annual meeting.

Special Events Committee: This committee plans and coordinates annual social hour and business meetings and; facilitates development of other special events, as needed. This year and last, this committee was staffed by the DFC Co-Chairs and the Vice Chair. Last year, then-Co-Chairs and present-Vice Chair successfully held a social event at a San Francisco bar (with an open bar for two hours mediterranean hor d'oeuvres, and ping pong tables). They also organized a hotel-catered breakfast at the annual meeting. In late 2024, the current committee worked to identify funds (given a budget shortfall) to afford to host a social during the annual meeting in DC and toured 6 venues near the Convention Center in order to select the site. They also proposed to the board a fee increase for non-student members attending the social from \$25 to \$30. This motion passed.

Mentoring and Student Affairs Committee: This group develops and implements strategies to recruit student members to the DFC; develops strategies to assess and support the needs of student members. In 2024, this group led the second year of their DFC mentoring program. They match young scholars with seasoned ones for mentoring throughout the year, with a kickoff event at the annual meeting for new mentoring partners. They also advertise this opportunity on the DFC listserv and the DFC newsletter. The co-chairs of this committee are Danielle Slakoff (California State University- Sacramento) and Sarah Murray (Northern Arizona State University).

Elections committee: This committee solicits nominations for DFC officers and facilitates the DFC election. Last year, they successfully organized our annual election of officers, including collecting candidate statements. They also ran a special election for Co-Chair when that position did not have candidates during the general election. Our elections also involve e-mailing all members their ballot access and analyzing results via Qualtrics. The chair of this committee is Laura Iesue (Sam Houston State University).

Teaching and Pedagogy Committee: This group organizes sessions on teaching at the ASC meetings, updates the division syllabus collection, and supports other committees with teaching-related issues. Last year, this committee successfully planned and organized a teaching workshop at the annual meeting entitled “Teaching Gender in the Classroom.” The chair of the committee was Shelli Clevenger (Sam Houston State University). The current chair role is vacant, but members of the board are working with the committee members to address this.

Social Media Committee: Please see the “Social media” section of this report.

Student Paper and Poster Awards Committee: These members solicit nominations and select the recipient of the DFC Student Paper Awards. In 2024, they established criteria and documents for two student poster awards (undergraduate and graduate). The Chair of this committee is Andia Azimi (Sam Houston State University). The awards were presented at the annual meeting in San Francisco last year.

Newsletter Committee: This committee is responsible for publication of electronic newsletter on behalf of DFC. Please see the section of the report entitled “Newsletter.”

Outreach Committee: This committee develops and implements strategies to recruit new members to the DFC. Last year, it developed strategies to assess and support the needs of existing members, noting that a slight majority of members are graduate students and early career faculty. The committee has discussed how to either attract new members later in the career or welcome back scholars whose membership may have lapsed recently. The balance of early and late career scholars is important. For example, the

Mentoring and Student Affairs committee had some trouble finding enough senior faculty to mentor students and early career faculty interested in the mentorship program. The co-chairs of this committee are Trisha Rhodes (University of Nebraska Omaha) and Renee Lamphere (University of North Carolina at Pembroke).

Programming Committee: This group organizes DFC panels, sessions, and events of interest for the ASC. In 2024, this committee identified and sponsored feminist criminology-related panels at the annual meeting and advertised them as a group to the ASC membership. The chair is Deena Isom (University of South Carolina).

Feminist Criminology Graduate Awards Selection Committee: The editors of *Feminist Criminology*, Lisa Pasko (University of Denver) and Vera Lopez (Arizona State University), organize this committee's work advertising, collecting and evaluating applications for the journal's graduate student awards. They presented the awardees and their awards at our awards ceremony at the annual meeting.

Division award update: the Division of Feminist Criminology gave several awards in 2024. *Feminist Criminology* gave the Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Gender and Crime to LaQuana Askew and *Feminist Criminology's* Graduate Research Scholarship went to Kathryn Tapp. Ariel Roddy won the journal's Best Article of the Year Award. Ellen Van Damme won the Division of Feminist Criminology's Aruna Jain International Travel Grant and Kaelyn Sanders won the Divisions Domestic Travel Grant Award. Deena Isom won the Division's CoraMae Richey Mann "Inconvenient Woman of the Year" Award. Nicole Rader won the Division's Distinguished Scholar Award and Anna Gjika won the Division's Book Award. Amanda Goodson won the Division's New Scholar Award. Gemini Creason-Parker won the Graduate Student Poster Award and Chris Smith won the Teaching and Mentoring Award. Nicole McKenna and New Jersey Scholars for Transformative Education in Prison won the Community Engaged Scholar Award.

Journal update: *Feminist Criminology*, the Division's journal, has strong readership. Sage currently publishes the journal five times a year. The journal's current editors are Lisa Pasko and Vera Lopez; their first term is up, but they have agreed to stay on as the journal's editors for another 3-year term. Currently, the journal has an average 62 day window to first decision, a 25 day window from acceptance to first publication, a two-year impact factor of 1.8 in criminology and penology journals, and a five-year impact factor of 2.8.

Division plans for the upcoming ASC meeting: The Division's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is hosting a lightning talk at ASC titled "Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education."

The Division is preparing a teaching workshop for the annual meeting.

The Division is sponsoring a roundtable on advancing from associate to full professor and another roundtable on technology-facilitated violence for the annual meeting in addition to other panels, roundtables, and research presentations.

Other Division activities and events of note: On March 28, 2025, the Division hosted a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Division forum that included leadership from the Division and the Journal. Both members and non-members of the Division were invited to attend and representatives from ASC's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee asked to join and attended.