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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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Greetings from your DFC Co-Chairs!

We are honored and grateful to serve as your 2025–2026 Co-Chairs of the Division on Feminist Criminology. The DFC has long been more than just a professional organization—it is a community grounded in shared values of critical inquiry, mentorship, and collective care.

We are honored to share this space alongside so many scholars, teachers, students, and practitioners who are committed to advancing feminist perspectives in criminology and criminal justice.

At this moment, many of us are navigating uncertainty in our institutions and broader social and political environments. Across higher education and beyond, work grounded in equity, justice, and critical scholarship is being questioned or constrained in new ways. In times like these, communities such as the DFC matter even more.

Feminist criminology has always been rooted in solidarity—in standing together, supporting one another, and ensuring that critical voices across diverse identities continue to be heard.

A Letter from The Co-Chairs of the Division of Feminist Criminology (2025-2026)

We see the division as a space where members can find encouragement, collaboration, and connection. Whether through mentoring relationships, conference panels, committee work, or informal conversations, the DFC offers a place where scholars can share ideas, support one another's work, and continue pushing the field forward together.

Over the coming year, we hope to continue strengthening a sense of community. We are especially committed to creating opportunities that elevate emerging voices in the field while also learning from the wisdom and leadership of long-standing members who have helped shape feminist criminology. We also look forward to collaborating with other ASC divisions (through aspects such as a cosponsored social with DoV), supporting the work of our committees, and ensuring that the DFC remains a welcoming and supportive intellectual home for members across institutions, career stages, research traditions, and identities.

None of this work happens without the time, care, and dedication of our members. We are deeply grateful to those who serve on committees, mentor students, organize panels, review work, and contribute to the collective life of the division. The strength of the DFC comes from the relationships and solidarity among its members. As we move through the year together, we encourage you to stay connected, share your ideas, and reach out if you would like to become more involved in the division. We look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events and at the ASC Annual Meeting.

Thank you for being part of this community and for the work you do to advance feminist scholarship, teaching, and advocacy.

In solidarity,
Sami & Katy

Cook, Kimberly J. (2022). Shattered Justice: Crime Victims' Experiences with Wrongful Convictions and Exonerations. Rutgers University Press.

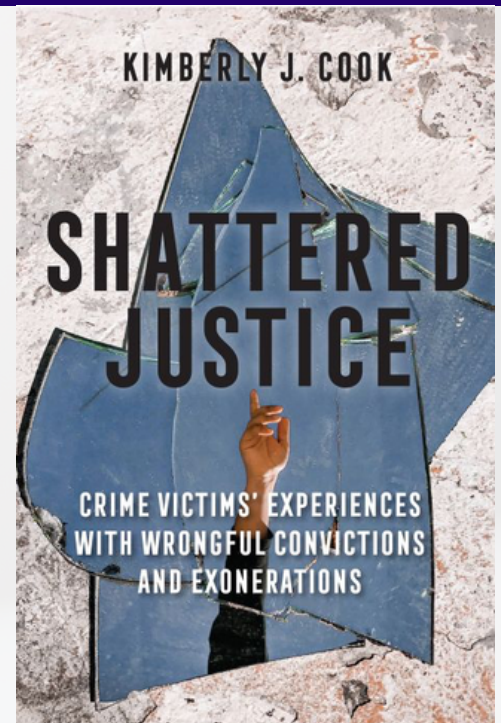
Reviewed By:

Walter S. DeKeseredy, Ph.D.

West Virginia University

What are the key indicators of a cutting-edge, feminist criminological book? Arguably, there are three, and the first is that it speaks to readers on numerous levels. Second, as my friend Dr. Claire Renzetti, Editor of the widely read and cited journal *Violence Against Women*, would say, many of such a book's pages are marked with ink, include margin notes, and are dog-eared. Dr. Renzetti maintains that, from her "*experience as a teacher, researcher, editor, and activist, this is usually the sign of a very good book – good not only because it makes an interesting read but, more importantly, because it is useful.*" Third, a book should present original, theoretically informed research on a topic that has received academic selective inattention. Undoubtedly, *Shattered Justice* meets these criteria, and I am sure you will agree.

Written by one of the world's leading experts on wrongful convictions, *Shattered Justice* directs our attention to both rape survivors' and homicide victims' families' experiences with the devastating trauma caused by violent acts, crime investigations and trials, and wrongful convictions and exonerations.



“...It should be mandatory reading for all criminology and criminal justice undergraduate students because they need to be exposed to the hard realities of the legal process...”.

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Cook, Kimberly J. (2022). *Shattered Justice: Crime Victims' Experiences with Wrongful Convictions and Exonerations*. Rutgers University Press.

As Kimberly J. Cook correctly points out on pages 1 and 2, conspicuously absent from the bulk of the extant literature on wrongful convictions and exonerations “*is a systematic examination of the process and consequences of wrongful conviction and exonerations for crime victims whose lives are marred by violence, who depend on the system to redress that original harm and yet endure a process over which they have no control and little influence.*”

The 21 participants in Cook’s ground-breaking research are associated with fifteen different criminal cases. More specifically, she interviewed eight rape survivors and 13 homicide victims’ family members in seven murder cases. After reading about their violent experiences and reading their own accounts of three types of trauma briefly discussed later in this review, there were times when I felt that I personally knew these respondents due to Cook’s thick description and emphatic interviews. There were also moments in which I had to close her book and take a few minutes to cry. Though they offer important information about major flaws in the legal process, readers are repeatedly made aware that the interviewees are not just sources of information. They are real people who suffered in ways few of us can possibly imagine. Nonetheless, because of their resiliency, strength, and support of the nonprofit organization Healing Justice started by Jennifer Thompson and vividly described in Chapter 9, some are healing. I would be remiss, though, if I didn’t state that Cook’s research also played a significant role in their recovery by giving voice and helping to validate their experiences.

In my humble opinion, trauma, especially *tertiary trauma*, is the theme that stands out the most in this book, though some readers would beg to differ given the many other valuable contributions made by Cook’s book. She presents a grounded theory of this trauma and demonstrates that her respondents experienced, in her words, “*crippling, though misdirected, guilt and shame for their role in the wrongful convictions and/or a deep sense of institutional betrayal when the state produced this additional harm in their lives. It all resulted in compounded grief and persistent extreme anguish*” (p. 3).

Cook, Kimberly J. (2022). *Shattered Justice: Crime Victims' Experiences with Wrongful Convictions and Exonerations*. Rutgers University Press.

This is not the only type of trauma that Cook's respondents endured. For instance, she makes explicit that the violence that hurts them and their families constitutes primary trauma, and secondary trauma, like tertiary trauma, is a consequence of insensitive adversarial criminal justice processes. If you had little faith in the legal process before reading this book, you will have even less after immersing yourself in Cook's research.

What is to be done? Some critical criminologists assert that any reform measures are useless and that only a fundamental change from an inequitable society to one based solely on socialist and feminist principles is the solution. These progressives oppose short-term solutions because they believe that virtually all community-based strategies will be taken over by the state and turned into yet another mechanism to broaden the state's social control network. Kimberly Cook, on the other hand, in the spirit of *left realism*, offers a meaningful and practical pathway to what she calls "*healing, repair, and reform*." To be exact, she demonstrates that Healing Justice is an excellent model for effective restorative and transformative approaches. There is, though, much more to Cook's justice reform roadmap, and her paradigm is also heavily informed by her interviewees' ideas for systemic change. They are organized into three broad categories (prevention, mitigation, and reparations), and Cook vividly shows that repairing the harms documented by her research is, as she puts it, "*complex and nuanced; it is individual, systemic, and structural*." Moreover, she reminds us that "*The role of institutionalized sexism and racism play in the legal process must be addressed*" (p. 189).

There is much more to be said about *Shattered Justice*. Certainly, it is a monograph destined to become a classic piece of scholarship that did much to advance the study of wrongful convictions and exonerations. Yet, it is not only scholars, policymakers, and practitioners who should read this book. It should be mandatory reading for all criminology and criminal justice undergraduate students because they need to be exposed to the hard realities of the legal process documented by Cook. Further, they will quickly recognize that the current criminal justice system is a failure because, as noted nearly 40 years ago by peacemaking criminologists like Richard Quinney and Hal Pepinsky, it is rooted in the very problem it is ostensibly designed to eliminate – violence.

Division of Feminist Criminology Student Awards

Graduate Scholar Award

Jane Mahon, M.S.

University of Cincinnati

Jane Mahon is a third-year Criminal Justice PhD candidate at the University of Cincinnati. Her research interests focus on gender-based violence, sex trafficking, sex work, and victim service evaluation. Jane's dissertation explores how self-perceptions of victimhood among individuals in the sex trade change over time and how such perceptions influence access to services.



Graduate Student Paper Award

Amelia Roskin-Frazee

University of California, Irvine

Therapeutic Retribution: Progressive Prosecution, Feminist Narratives, and the Carceral State

Undergraduate Student Paper Award

Riley Fegley, & Yusra Haroom

The Pennsylvania State University

What Influences College Students' Perceptions of Sexual Assault?

Division of Feminist Criminology Diversity & Inclusion Awards

Clair Renzetti Domestic Travel Grant

Cristal N. Hernandez, M.A.
Sam Houston State University



Cristal (she/her) is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University (SHSU). She received a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice & Criminology in December 2020, and a Bachelor of Science in Victim Studies in August 2018 from SHSU.

Cristal's research broadly focuses on victimology and carceral studies, particularly among the Latinx community. She is the 2019 recipient of the Division of Victimology Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award from the American Society of Criminology, and her recent work has appeared in *Crime & Delinquency*, *Race and Justice*, and *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Division of Feminist Criminology Diversity & Inclusion Awards



Community Engaged Scholar Award

Lisa M. Carter, Ph.D.

Florida Southern College

Community Engaged Teaching: Collaborations with Pace Center for Girls-Polk

Some of my most rewarding career experiences come when I combine my love of teaching with my passion for community service. I enjoy designing assignments that provide meaningful educational experiences for my students through service-learning. I approach this aspect of my teaching through the principles of feminist pedagogy.

My service-learning assignments are designed to employ a variety of learning assessments and create opportunities for my students to engage in diverse learning experiences. Those that offer life lessons, center around issues concerning gender, are those experiences that excite me the most.

Over the last nine years, I have collaborated with *Pace Center for Girls-Polk* to develop meaningful educational and service-learning opportunities for students in my courses as well as members of student clubs I advise. In my *Women and Crime* course, students complete a project that allows them to volunteer with the center. Before beginning their volunteer work we discuss various factors, such as educational challenges and mental health needs that qualify the girls for enrollment at *Pace*. We also explore strategies to help students engage thoughtfully and prepare for a purposeful experience that connects their real-world observations with academic content.



My goal is to encourage students to think critically by applying the knowledge gained in the class to their active learning experiences, all while using a feminist lens to guide their understanding and strengthen their problem-solving skills. Through service, students may gain a deeper understanding of the routines and structure set by the teachers and staff at *Pace Center for Girls*. Volunteer tasks include assisting *Pace* girls with schoolwork, engaging with them during lunch, and/or supporting staff with various office and classroom needs. Through course assignments that incorporate collaborative projects and active learning activities centered on social issues affecting girls, I guide students in strengthening their communication skills, fostering empathy, developing leadership and mentorship practices. These experiences also broaden their understanding of community-based social programs, particularly those that emphasize holistic approaches and help them appreciate the value of comprehensive programming within their local communities.

The intersections of environmental and situational experiences of girls significantly impact individual behaviors, social interactions, and one's personal mental health and self-esteem. *Pace Center for Girls* offers a holistic, strength-based, and gender-specific set of programs that addresses the needs of girls and offers support for successful educational and social experiences. These practices are essential in diverting girls from negative influences that may hinder their abilities and accomplishments. It is because of *Pace's* emphasis on supporting and nurturing girls that I continue to have students complete course projects at the organization.

In addition to my teaching-related collaborations with *Pace*, I have given a presentation at the annual *All About Girls Summit*. For this event, I conducted a workshop titled *Feminist Pedagogy and Student Engagement Beyond the Classroom*. In this workshop, I discussed the use of feminist pedagogy in the discipline of Criminology. I demonstrated the application of teaching strategies designed to examine the causes of female criminality, experiences of females involved with the criminal justice system, and essential gender-specific needs for treatment and programming. I presented literature that addressed the intersections of environmental and situational experiences of girls and women and the impacts on their behaviors and mental health. To close the workshop, the participants and I conversed about strategies to prepare college students to engage and interact with at-risk girls during service-learning projects.

Specifically, we formulated topics to present for classroom discussions and brainstormed ways to develop community collaborative course projects to be centered on the issues and needs of girls.

For the past three years, I have had the privilege to work with the planning committee for *Pace's* annual *Ladies Night Out* event. The event celebrates *Women's History Month* and serves as a fundraiser for the organization's Polk County location. I have invited my students to volunteer to do research and write questions for the Women's History trivia game, the evening's feature event. In addition, I have contributed to securing sponsorships from local businesses and collected donations to support the event's needs. For me this work has been extremely rewarding; the funds raised are essential to continuing the mission of *Pace*. I want to express my appreciation to the teachers and staff at *Pace Center for Girls-Polk*. I am grateful for their support and providing a place to foster my students' learning and advocacy. I also want to acknowledge their enthusiasm and commitment to girls' education. They set a brilliant example for all educators.

If you would like to learn more about Pace Center for Girls visit:
<https://www.pacecenter.org/>.

About Dr. Lisa Carter

Dr. Lisa Carter completed her Ph.D. in Criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is a Professor of Criminology in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Florida Southern College. She regularly teaches Corrections and Rehabilitation, Victimology courses, as well as directs internships for the Criminology major. She chairs and teaches courses for the Women and Gender Studies program at the college. Her research interests include female criminality, corrections, and reintegration. She is the Co-Editor of *Female Offenders and Reentry: Pathways and Barriers to Returning to Society* and *Punishing Gender Past and Present: Examining the Criminal Justice System across Gendered Experiences*. She has co-authored the second edition of *The Decision-Making Network*. Regarding her service, Dr. Carter has Co-Chaired and served as a mentor for the Division of Feminist Criminology's Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program. Additionally, she is the current Chair for the ACJS Corrections Section and serves as an Executive Counselor for the ACJS Minorities and Women Section.

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

Katie M. Edwards, Emily E. Camp, Tiffani N. Luethke, Ramona Herrington, LaVonne Roach, Maggie Bertsche, Precieuse Trujillo, India Rose Carter-Bolick, Natira Mullet, & Diana Than.

"We All Have Power": Using Photovoice to Document Challenges and Strengths of Lakota Women With Histories of Incarceration



This photo includes (from left to right) Precieuse Trujillo, Mona Herrington, and Katie Edwards



The authors represent a multidisciplinary, community-engaged team working at the intersection of criminal justice, violence prevention, and community healing. Central to this work is the leadership of Lakota women, whose lived experience, cultural knowledge, and community leadership guide all aspects of the research. The team includes academic researchers, community partners, and students. Together, they focus on addressing incarceration, interpersonal violence, and systemic inequities affecting Indigenous communities. Using community-based participatory action research, they aim to amplify the voices of Lakota women and advance culturally grounded, strengths-based approaches to justice and healing.

Division of Feminist Criminology Professional Awards

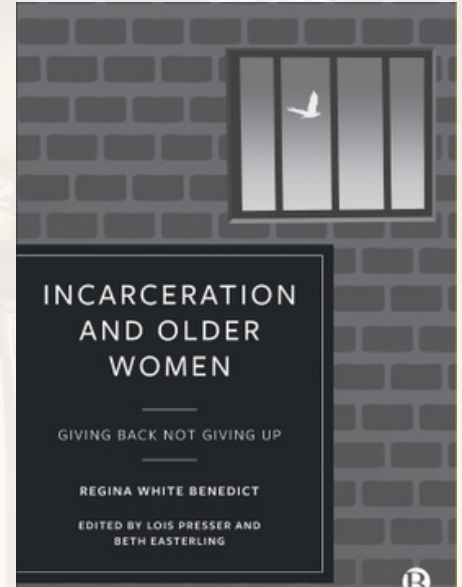
Book Award (Posthumous)

Regina White Benedict, Ph.D.

Maryville College

Incarceration and Older Women: Giving Back Not Giving Up

The Book Award (established in 2017) is given annually for a book, published within three (3) calendar years preceding the year in which the award is made, that makes the most outstanding contribution to feminist criminology.



New Scholar Award

Danielle Slakoff, Ph.D.

California State University, Sacramento

The New Scholar Award recognizes the achievements of scholars who show outstanding merit at the beginning of their careers. Outstanding merit may be based on a single book or work, including a dissertation or a series of theoretical or research contributions to the area of women and crime.

Teaching and Mentorship Award

Stacie Merken, Ph.D.

Indiana University, South Bend

The Teaching and Mentorship Award (established in 2024) recognizes an educator who demonstrates excellence in teaching and mentoring, one who inspires and empowers others through modeling and the development of their leadership skills, and/or who demonstrates dedication to the advancement and growth of others' educational and/or career endeavors.

Ask a Senior Colleague

Amy L. Poland
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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

Janet Garcia-Hallett is a recipient of the *Professional Excellence Award* from the New Haven Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc, and the 2026 *Martin Luther King Vision Award* from the University of New Haven.

Deena A. Isom was promoted to Full Professor.

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

Rosemary Barberet and **Dawn Beichner-Thomas** co-authored a written statement (E/CN.6/2026/NGO/52) that was published in the *70th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Official Documents*. The statement aligns with the CSW70 focus: ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls. It offers insight on both enduring and emerging barriers to justice for women and girls, and outlines pathways toward inclusive, transformative, and gender-responsive justice systems. The statement is available at <https://docs.un.org/E/CN.6/2026/NGO/52>.

Dawn Beichner-Thomas: August 28, 2025 – Invited participant/global expert – UN Women's 7th Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders' Forum – Zanzibar City, Tanzania, "*Building Women Survivor-Informed Approaches to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Violence Through Strategic Partnerships*."



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

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Division of International Criminology (DIC) Call for Applications: Editor-in-Chief

The Division of International Criminology (DIC) of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) invites applications for the position of **Editor-in-Chief** of *International Criminology*, the official journal of the Division. The anticipated start date is **January 1, 2027**. *International Criminology* publishes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship in international, comparative, and transnational criminology and criminal justice. The journal welcomes theoretical, empirical, conceptual, and methodological contributions from criminology and related disciplines, with a strong commitment to global perspectives and the inclusion of scholarship from underrepresented regions. Published by Springer, **the journal was recently indexed in Scopus**, reflecting its growing scholarly visibility and impact.

The Editor-in-Chief provides intellectual leadership for the journal, oversees all editorial operations, and guides its strategic development in collaboration with the publisher and the DIC Executive Council. Responsibilities include managing the peer review process, appointing and coordinating editors and editorial board members, ensuring ethical and timely publication practices, and promoting the journal within the international scholarly community.

The appointment is for a three-year term, renewable once. Applications proposing co-editorship arrangements will be considered; however, the annual editorial stipend (\$2,000) is awarded to one individual and will be divided in the case of co-editorship. Institutional or departmental support (e.g., a designated graduate assistant, course release, or administrative assistance) is strongly preferred.

Minimum qualifications include tenure at the rank of Associate Professor or higher (Full Professor preferred), demonstrated expertise in international or comparative criminology, prior editorial or academic leadership experience, and active membership in ASC and the Division of International Criminology at the time of application.

Application materials include:

- A curriculum vitae
- A statement of editorial vision (up to 1,000 words)
- Confirmation of ASC and DIC membership
- A letter of institutional support (e.g., from a department chair or dean), outlining available support for the editorship

Applications and inquiries should be submitted electronically to:
asc.dic@gmail.com.

Submission deadline: May 15, 2026

Serving as Editor-in-Chief of *International Criminology* is a distinguished opportunity to shape the future of international criminological scholarship and to lead a journal of increasing global significance.

Division of International Criminology



Division of Rural Criminology

Beyond the City: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Crime, Justice, Security and Society in Rural Contexts. Rural Criminology and Its Intersectionalities

14–15 September 2026

Faculty of Law, University of Białystok (Poland)

Rural criminology is a rapidly developing field within contemporary studies on crime and safety. It offers new perspectives on phenomena occurring outside urban centers, highlighting their distinct social, cultural, and spatial dynamics. Current research emphasizes the importance of integrating legal, sociological, geographical, and environmental perspectives in the study of rural life.

This conference is pioneering in the Polish context. For the first time, it will address in a systematic and interdisciplinary manner the issues of crime, victimization, justice, and security in rural settings, linking them to broader social transformations, the structure of rural communities, and the functioning of local support institutions, non-governmental organizations, and public services.

The event will provide a platform for presenting empirical research and theoretical analyses, including topics such as marginalization, access to public services, barriers to justice, environmental security, and the resilience of rural communities to crises. It will also foster the exchange of knowledge and experiences between researchers and practitioners from Europe, the United States, and other regions of the world, addressing issues at the intersection of criminology, sociology, law, geography, and rural studies.

We invite:

- Criminologists, sociologists, legal scholars, geographers, anthropologists,
- Researchers working on rural areas, public policy, safety, and social services,
- Representatives of support institutions, NGOs, and public services,
- Individuals interested in violence, crime, marginalization, social exclusion, migration, and environmental crime,
- Practitioners working at the intersection of social assistance, prevention, and local safety.

Suggested Thematic Areas:

- Crime and safety in rural communities,
- Domestic and gender-based violence in rural contexts,
- Organized crime and illegal markets in peripheral areas,
- Environmental crime, green criminology, wildlife crime,
- Marginalization, social exclusion, access to public services, and barriers to justice,
- Environmental security, natural hazards, and rural community resilience,
- New theoretical and methodological approaches in rural and crime research,
- The role of support institutions and local organizations in responding to social problems and crises in rural areas,
- Rural communities: structure and social change (sociological perspective).

Conference Fee:

- 550 PLN / 130 EUR / 150 USD
- The fee includes: participation in the conference, lunches, coffee breaks, and a conference dinner on 14 September 2026. Accommodation is not included.

Language: English

Contact: All inquiries should be directed to Dr. Emilia Jurgielewicz-Delegacz (e.jurgielewicz-delegacz@uwb.edu.pl).



SAVE THE DATE!

More details coming soon.



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Division of Experimental Criminology



Division of Health & Disability



Division of Queer Criminology



Division of Historical Criminology



Division of Policing



Division of Rural Criminology



Feminist Criminology Special Issue

“The 40th Anniversary of the Division of Feminist Criminology: Reimagining Feminist Criminology for the Future”

Call for Abstracts

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Description of the Special Issue

- This special issue emerges at a pivotal moment marked by rapidly shifting sociopolitical dynamics surrounding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), intersectionality, and anti-racism. Across many national contexts, these frameworks have become the subject of intensified political contestation, institutional retrenchment, and, in some cases, overt backlash. As protections are weakened and critical scholarship is increasingly scrutinized, feminist criminology is called upon not only to defend its intellectual commitments, but also to critically interrogate how these broader developments reshape research, teaching, and institutional practice.
- Drawing on key themes that surfaced during the Diversity & Inclusion Committee’s Open Forum in March 2025 and the subsequent roundtable on “Teaching Criminology in a Challenging Period” in November 2025, this special issue situates DEI, intersectionality, and anti-racism within the lived realities of contemporary academic life. Crucially, it moves beyond reductive understandings of these frameworks as compliance-oriented policies or administrative checklists. Instead, it conceptualizes them as interrelated and dynamic critical frameworks that illuminate power, inequality, and resistance.

- Building on these foundations, the special issue seeks to honor the Division of Feminist Criminology's 40-year history of intellectual activism and community building while simultaneously charting future directions for the field. It asks how feminist criminology can remain responsive, courageous, and inclusive in an era of heightened polarization and institutional precarity. By centering DEI, intersectionality, and anti-racism as constitutive dimensions of the field, this special issue reaffirms their enduring significance and pushes the conversation forward.

Open Call Themes

- DEI-Centered Research, Structural Inequities, and Inclusive Justice
- Intersectional Frameworks in Practice
- Anti-Racism, Resistance, and the Carceral State
- Borders, Migration, and Transnational Justice

Abstract Submission

- We invite the submission of a 500-word abstract in a Word or PDF document, accompanied by a short author biography of no more than 100 words for each contributor.
- The abstract should clearly outline the proposed article's focus, theoretical framework, and key contributions, while the biography should briefly highlight authors' academic backgrounds and relevant research interests.
- All correspondence will be conducted through the Diversity & Inclusion Committee's official account (dfcdiversityinclusion@gmail.com).

Timeline

- Abstracts Due: April 30th, 2026
- Abstract Decisions: May 31st, 2026
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NIJ FY25 Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women

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NOFO page - <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2025-172572>

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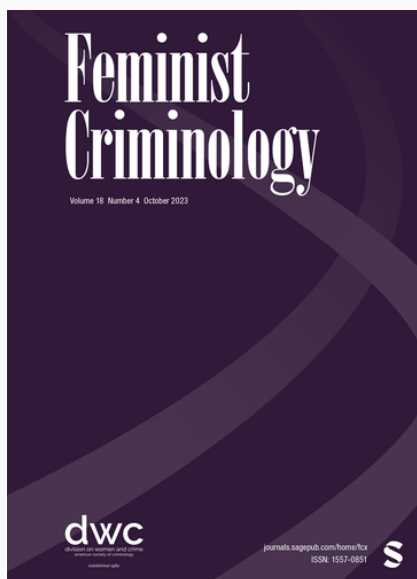
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