**Date:** October 19, 2011

**To :** ASC Executive Board

**From:** Brenda Sims Blackwell, Chair Division on Women on Crime

**RE:** 2011 Annual Report to the ASC Executive Board

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The following report details the work accomplished by and for the membership of the Division on Women and Crime (DWC) from November 2010 to the current date. An updated version of this report will was provided to the Board at the 2011 Annual Meeting detailed work finalized during this annual meeting.

It is noted that the following meetings and workshops occurred during the November meeting: two breakfast business meetings, the DWC Feminist Criminology Theory in Action Workshop, the Tenure Workshop (co-organized with the DPCC), the Joint DWC/DPCC Social, and the Feminist Criminology Editorial Board Meeting.

**A. Officers and Elections:**
Officers for the current term and their status include:

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| Chair: | Brenda Sims Blackwell (2009-2011 term, ending) |
| Vice Chair: | Amanda Burgess-Proctor (2010-2012 term, first year completed) |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Angela Gover (2010-2012 term, first year completed) |
| Executive Counselor: | Rebecca Hayes-Smith (2010-2012 term, first year completed) |
| Executive Counselor: | Helen Eigenberg (2010-2012 term, first year completed) |
| Executive Counselor: | Molly Dragiewicz (2009-2011 term, ending) |
| Executive Counselor: | Rebecca Block (2009-2011 term, ending) |
| Past Chair: | Venessa Garcia |

Elections for the following offices (Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Executive Counselors) are currently ongoing and concluded on Friday, October 22, 2010.

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| Incoming officers: | Chair: | Amy D'Unger |
| | Executive Counselor: | Claire Renzetti |
| | Executive Counselor: | Kate Luther |

**B. Standing Committees:**

**1. Committee on Committees and Positions:** This committee was Co-Chaired by Susan Caringella and Molly Dragiewicz, with support from Tiffiney Barfield-Cottledge and Becky Hayes-Smith as members. This committee made recommendations for future approaches of the committee in ensuring that our division is represented in the greater ASC. In the upcoming election it is noted that Joanne Belknap, past Division Chair, is running for ASC President.

**2. External Awards Committee:** The Co-Chairs for this Committee were Heather C. Melton and Jody Miller; Merry Morash and Stacey Nofziger completed the membership of the committee. In January 2011, nominations of DWC members for the various ASC awards were solicited from the general DWC membership using the listserv. Nominations were also solicited from the members of the External Awards committee. Members had multiple suggestions for nominations for multiple awards. In consultation with the External Awards committee members and the nominee, a letter of nomination for the Sutherland Award was put forward and six people were solicited to write strong letters of support—all of whom enthusiastically agreed to do this. The goal was to have nomination and support letters from both within the DWC as well as from the broader membership of ASC. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in this nomination. Additional nominations were unsuccessfully put forth by committee members for the book award, the article award, and for Beth Griffiths for the Cavan Young Scholar Award. On a positive note, Patricia Van Voorhis was identified and nominated for the August Vollmer Award—Pat Van Voorhis is the 2011 recipient of the Vollmer Award! Congratulations! Overall, we put forth extremely viable and deserving candidates for various awards and coordinated strong nomination and support packets. We were pleased to work on behalf of such deserving scholars. It should be noted that although not all division members, of the seven awards given out annually by ASC, women were the recipients of three of the awards.

2. **Internal Awards Committee:** This year's DWC Internal Awards Committee was co-chaired by Carrie Buist (Western Michigan University) and Emily Lenning (Fayetteville State University). Members included Jennifer Colanese, Kate Luther, Stacy Mallicoat, Lisa Murphy, David Nicholson, Megan McGhee and Michelle Miller. The committee began circulating the call for award nominations in July. David Nicholson posted the call on the DWC listserv on a bi-weekly basis, Michelle Hughes Miller and Kate Luther posted the call the ASC and DWC websites, and Stacy Mallicoat, Lisa Murphy, Megan McGhee and Michelle Miller solicited nominations from previous award winners via email. The committee received two nominations for the Distinguished Scholar award, one nomination for the Graduate Scholar award, one nomination for the Inconvenient Woman of the Year award, two nominations for the Lifetime Achievement award, five nominations for the New Scholar award, and two nominations for the Saltzman award. This brings us to a total of 13 nominations, which is 10 more than we received for the 2010 DWC awards. We believe that the new strategy of soliciting past winners via email is in part responsible for this success. As the timeline below indicates, the deadline for nominations was October 10th. By October 23rd (though likely sooner) the committee will provide Brenda Blackwell with the names of award winners so that she may purchase the plaques. Given the high number of award categories that have nominees, it is likely that most of the committee members will participate in writing and delivering award speeches at the DWC business meetings at ASC in November. Award winners were contacted and encouraged to attend the DWC meetings at ASC to receive their award and be recognized for their contributions to our organization and our field. The award winners are as follows: Candace Kruttschnitt – Distinquished Scholar Award, Joan Zorza – Saltzman Award, Kristin Carbone-Lopez – New Scholar Award, Natalie Sokoloff – Lifetime Achievement Award, Tara Richards – Graduate Scholar Award, Susan Sharp – Inconvenient Woman Award.

| Date(s) | Task(s) |
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| July 30th | begin posting calls for nominations on the listserv (bi-weekly), the DWC website, the ASC website, and the Criminologist (we need one volunteer for each of these posting jobs), solicit nominations from previous winners |
| October 10th | deadline for nominations (sent to Emily) |
| October 13th | nomination materials will be sent to the committee for voting |
| October 18th | deadline for committee members to submit their votes |
| October 18th-21st | discussion if "tie-breakers" are necessary |
| October 23rd | final list of winners to Brenda to purchase plaques |
| Month prior to ASC | write speeches for winners (the co-chairs usually write these but if there are several awards given we will divide this up among members as well) |

**4. Newsletter Committee Report:** The Newsletter Committee is chaired by Amy V. D'Unger, who also serves as Editor of the Newsletter. The chair/Editor is responsible for compiling all information from the associate editors and putting it online. Associate Editors for 2010 (who are volunteers) are involved as follows: Tara Richards (Member News), Lisa Bostaph and Rebecca Maniglia (Ask a Tenured Professor), Kristin Carbone-Lopez and Lizzie Seal (Book Reviews), Alesha Durfee, Jordana Navarro, Nicky Smolter, and Meredith Worthen (Graduate Student Corner), Sarah Brightman and Amanda Burgess-Proctor (Outreach Committee Reporting), Alana Van Gundy-Yoder and Venezia Michalsen (Member Profiles), and Molly Dragiewicz (Employment and Funding).

The primary duty of this committee is to create and maintain the DWC online newsletter, named "DivisioNews," or SARAH (after ASC administrator Sarah Hall). The newsletter is released three times per year, in spring, summer, and fall. See below for a more detailed publication schedule for 2011. In 2011, material submission were identified for the Spring (2/14/2011), Summer (6/22/2011), and Fall (10/7/2011) Editions, which were, respectively, made available on-line on the following dates: February 21, 2011, June 29, 2011, and October 11, 2011. The URL for SARAH is www.hts.gatech.edu/dwc, and all available past editions are archived on this site.

Significant accomplishments are noted for this committee, who solicits and publishes news and announcement from members, provides confidential review of questions and advice through the Ask and Tenured Professor column, solicits and publishes book reviews, identifies and provides information helpful to graduate students, provides information regarding outreach, profiles random members to promote interactions within the membership, identify and post job and funding opportunities for members, and provide additional information as relevant to the membership.

**5. Special Events Committee:** The Special Events Committee is chaired by Amy V. D'Unger; members include Kate Luther, Jessica Hodge, Jordana Navarro, and Alesha Durfee. This committee worked to ensure that the two business meetings were appropriately planned and worked in conjunction with the DPCC to plan and organize the DWC/DPCC Joint Social.

This year we have been faced with significant financial challenges, so we decided to decrease the budget form previous year's events. Based on average ticket sales of approximately $3,000 in previous years, we decided to cap the DWC/DPCC Joint Social budget at $3,000 (in contrast to the $6,419.94 spent on the 2010 social in San Francisco). In addition, we decided to limit the total budget for the two breakfast meetings to $3,000 (in contrast to the $5,132.20 spent on the 2010 breakfast meetings in San Francisco).

**6. Website Committee:** Christina DeJong both chaired this committee and maintained the DWC website on a continual basis throughout the year. Committee members providing additional input and assistance for this committee included: Becky Hayes-Smith, Bessie W. Hutchins, David Nicholson, Amanda Burgess-Proctor, Amy D'Unger, and Danielle Rousseau. During the 2009-2010 year a review of other systems on which to maintain the website was conducted to determine if recommendations should be made to change systems and/or service to improve ease of website maintenance. Recommendations for change were made at the meeting to authorize the development of a website for improved service upon committee recommendation and review.

In 2010-2011 the website committee took on several projects to increase the online presence of the DWC. First, a new web page was created that is more user-friendly and allows novice users to make changes and updates; thus, expert knowledge of HTML is not necessary to maintain the page. The membership vote to claim the URL http://ASCDWC.com for the new page ensured that "ASC" appear first in the name to indicate that the Society is the main organization, with the DWC as a "Division." Second, a Facebook page was created to highlight events and articles of interest to DWC members. The URL is http://www.facebook.com/ascdwc, matching the URL of the new web page. Finally, Christina DeJong continued to maintain the DWC listserv, which is a key method of communication for members.

**7. Outreach Committee:** This committee was Co-Chaired by Sarah Brightman and Kelly Faust; David Nicholson, Jennifer Hartsfield, Forrest Rodgers, Amanda Burgess-Proctor, Nishanth Visagaratnam, Betsy Swart, Carrie Buist, Cassandra Reyes, and Bessie Hutchins also served as members. The outreach committee has primarily worked to prepare the Division table for this year's conference. This will include sending requests for individuals to sign up to work at the table and preparation of the materials, such as fliers. The committee had also had a discussion about replacing the DWC ribbons with buttons or pins because the DWC members have said they think the ribbons hang too low. The other problem is that the ribbons are now several years old and do not adhere well. The committee decided to put this off another year and we are planning to get buttons or pins to celebrate the Division's 30$^{th}$ Anniversary at the 2012 meeting. The committee also worked to coordinate the new member book raffle and will be soliciting books from division members to raffle off at the business meetings. Finally, the committee has been brainstorming a way to give away the remaining travel mugs that did not sell in past years.

**8. Student Paper Awards Committee:** Angela Gover and Lisa Murphy co-chaired this committee and members included: Tara Opsal, Allison Foley, Fay Williams, Kelly Faust, Tammy Garland, Brett Johnson Solomon, Ruth Fleury-Steiner, and Gwyn Hunnicut. The

committee worked to solicit and receive papers for both the undergraduate and graduate student paper awards. This year 17 graduate students papers and 3 undergraduate papers submitted for the DWC Student Paper Competition. During Spring 2011 we received the names and emails of individuals who had signed up for the Student Paper Competition committee. We began advertising for the competition in June 2011. The competition announcement was posted numerous times to the DWC listserv and was advertised in the *Criminologist* as well. The advertisement was also posted to the Face Book pages for the DWC and the Victimology Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The committee also relied on their own scholarly networks to pass along information about the competition and encourage submissions.

Each paper was blindly assigned to 2 committee reviewers. Each committee member reviewed 3 papers in total. The exception to this was that the Co-Chairs of the committee also reviewed the three undergraduate papers, in addition to their three assigned graduate student papers. The paper with the highest average score was deemed the winner in both categories (graduate and undergraduate).

The papers were judged on the following merits on a 1-10 scale, for a total value of 50 points (1 being the lowest; 10 being the highest): content is relevant to feminist scholarship; strong contribution to the knowledge base; accurately identify any research limitations; analytical plan well developed and clarity/ organization of paper. The committee is currently in the process of tallying the scores from committee reviewers. Winners will be notified prior to the 2011 conference.

**Graduate Student Paper Competition:** Andrea Nichols. "Feminist Advocacy in Community Based Responses to Domestic Violence: An Examination of Feminist Identities, Ideologies and Practices."

**Undergraduate Student Paper Competition:** LarQuette Cheree Smith. "Do Racial Pathways Exist? A Look at the Juvenile Justice System through the Lens of Female Delinquents."

**9. DWC Officers' Nominations Committee:** Jennifer Hartman chaired this committee, which had as members Helen Eigenberg and Angela Gover. Nominations were solicited in mid-September by sending an announcement to all members who had paid their dues, as well as an email to the DWC listserv, and DWC facebook page. Candidates were nominated by others or self-nominated. Open positions for 2012-2014 included Chair and two Executive Counselors – one an early stage career selection, and one a later stage career selection. The following candidates were nominated and agreed to run: **Chair**: Amy D'Unger; **Executive Counselor:** Christina DeJong, Callie Rennison, Claire Renzetti; **Executive Counselor** (representing untenured or at an early career stage): Krista Gehring, Kate Luther. An email was sent out via Survey monkey in mid-September to all members who had paid their dues. We allowed 15 days for people to submit their votes (voting opened 10/9 and closed 10/24/11). Three reminder emails were sent. We had a 44% response rate. This rate may be reflective of the fact that for the second year in a row we used an online process to conduct the nominations (note, in 2010 the response rate was 42%). Of note, 22% opted out (that is, declined to vote). Use of survey monkey allowed us to make sure (1) only 1 person voted per IP address; and (2) we were able to send reminders to only those individuals who had not yet voted. Election results produced Amy

D'Unger as the new Division Chair, with Claire Renzetti and Kate Luther as incoming Executive Counselors.

**10. Student Affairs Committee:** This committee was co-chaired by Aubrey Jackson and Jennifer Colanese; membership was comprised of Jennifer Hartsfield, Forrest Rodgers, Devon Thacker, Tammy Garland, Lisa Murphy, Melencia Johnson, Danielle Rousseau and Jennifer Fraser. In May 2011, the Student Affairs Committee solicited volunteers for a division-wide mentoring program. In total, 32 responses were received. The committee subsequently paired up the mentors and mentees according to interests and current career positions. We will also organize a diner get-together for the mentors and mentee to meet in person during the annual ASC meeting.

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**C. Ad hoc Committees**

**1. Ad Hoc Syllabus Collection Committee:** This committee was comprised of Kate Luther and Allison Foley (co-chairs), Molly Dragiewicz, Tara Opsal, Devon Thacker, and Fay Williams. This year we completed the teaching resource guide for the division. We gathered a total of 23 syllabi (some syllabi were gathered during the 2010-2011 academic year) and a film recommendation list from division members. Based on the syllabi that we gathered, the collection was divided into five categories: Women, Crime & Justice, Domestic Violence, Victimology, Special Topics, and Research Methods. Each committee member was charged with reviewing a portion of the syllabus collection and contacting the specific authors to double check that they were still interested in contributing to the collection. The collection was distributed to the division via the listserv on November 15, 2011.
At the upcoming ASC meeting, we also hope to discuss two questions:

1) Will our syllabus collection (or a section of it) be part of the larger ASC Teaching Committee Syllabus Collection?

2) Is there a need for a permanent DWC teaching committee?

**2. Ad hoc Bylaws Committee:** During the DWC Business Meeting II in 2010 it was determined that a By-Laws review and update was needed and an ad hoc committee was created to conduct this review, with the charge to ensure that the Divisions By-laws remain consistent with the greater ASC By-laws and to make recommendations for changes, if such changes were determined to improve the conduct of DWC business. Heather C. Melton served as chair of the original committee, with the following members: Molly Dragiewicz, Christina DeJong, Amy D'Unger, Susan Krumholz, and Chris Rasche. Membership discussed recommended changes at the 2010 Annual meeting and Chris Rasche took the lead this year to ensure that the document appropriately reflect these discussions and recommended changes. The clean by-laws have been submitted and were provided to the membership prior to and at the 2011 Annual Meeting via the listserv and posting on the website.

**3. Ad hoc 30 Year Celebration Committee:** Susan Sharp is Chairing this two year ad hoc committee put in place to prepare for our 30th anniversary celebration. The membership of the committee is comprised as follows: Emily lenning, Carrie Buist, Sara Brightman, Amy D'Unger, Cassandra Reyes, Allison Foley, Stacy Mallicoat, Claire Renzetti, Venessa Garcia, Natalie Sokoloff, and Susan Krumholz. Committee members have worked to brainstorm potential celebratory ideas. Additionally, the committee and Division Chairs will meet with Robert Agnew to discuss how to address the achievements of the DWC in the upcoming year.

**D. New Business**

New business conducted at the business meetings during the annual ASC Meeting will be drafted and included in an updated report to the ASC Board at the end of the meeting period.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brenda Sims Blackwell*