



Editors' Introduction

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Dear Comrades and Colleagues,

It is a pleasure and an honor to assume the reins of E-I-C of *Critical Criminology: An International Journal* for the next three years. We take over from the highly impressive and capable stewardship of our colleague Avi Brisman who has guided the journal to new heights. As Avi has reported, the number of manuscripts being submitted is at an all-time high, while the impact factor (not that we are sycophants of such positivistic evaluations) has increased significantly. It is fair to say that the journal is extending its reach throughout the field, attracting a wider range of authors from across the globe, while continuing to publish on an array of topics that few other academic periodicals can match. In the present historical moment of global corporate capitalism as its inherent contradictions continue to drive the world from one crisis to another, the insights and knowledge from those practicing in the field of critical criminology have never been more necessary or prescient. Whether we are addressing the war machines that rain death on our most vulnerable populations, the Covid pandemic that exposes our deepest inequalities, the “bodies of armed men” that impose the racial and social order of the state, or the threats of climate change that portend an end to life on earth, a critical lens through which to see crime and social harm has never been more essential.

Thus, we call upon all our readers to continue to support and contribute to the journal as they develop their respective criminological praxes, and we welcome any ideas, comments or feedback that you might have. We pledge to do our best to expand the journal as an open and lively forum to pursue and extend urgent debates of the day, an effective pedagogical tool to be plied in both undergraduate and graduate classrooms and as a space where our theories, analyses and methods work to sharpen our differences with those who practice a social scientific orthodoxy in an effort to maintain its hegemony. As we embark on a new period in the journal's history, we are committed to ensuring greater author diversity, supporting contributions from the Global South, encouraging Associate Editors with area specialities, introducing a “notes from the field section” and improving our social media presence.

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Finally, we are grateful for Randy Myers's dedicated service to the journal and would like to welcome Jennifer Ortiz as the new Book Reviews Editor.

In solidarity,

David C. Brotherton and Jayne Mooney.

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