

## Editorial

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Dear Colleagues,  
Every few years the baton of Journal Editorship is passed on. Dr. Craig Bennell has served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal and as a Board member for the Society of Police and Criminal Psychology for several years. A noted scholar, Dr. Bennell has been exemplary in his efforts to improve the quality of the Journal, expand readership and increase new manuscript submissions worldwide. On behalf of our Board, I want to publicly thank Dr. Bennell for his leadership, scholarship and collegiality.

As your new Editor-in-Chief, I want to introduce Kimberly Secrist, Assistant Editor. Kimberly holds a Masters degree in organizational behavior and has many years of experience as an executive assistant and paralegal. She has tremendous organizational skills. Kimberly keeps the manuscript submissions

moving through our review process and meeting publication deadlines for Springer. Karla Emeno, an Assistant Professor at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, is our new Journal Book Editor. You are welcome to contact them or myself regarding manuscript and book reviews.

The Journal has moved to an annual four edition format to handle the increase in manuscript submissions and provide increased research on relevant topics. I highly encourage our Society members to participate in manuscript reviews. To this end, I am organizing a core reviewer data base that should reduce review time and make the submissions process more effective. If you have new contact information and/or additional key words to identify your areas of expertise, please email Kimberly. We value your input both as contributors and consumers.

We will continue our practice of publishing manuscripts dedicated to the theory, practice and application of psychological issues focusing on law enforcement, courts, and corrections. I strongly encourage submissions that embrace police psychology, criminal psychology, victimization, and victim-offender relationships. We seek scholarly work from professional practitioners, both in the United States and in international locations, who wish to make contributions to criminal justice and its various applications. As SPCP grows so does our Journal and thus our connection to the world. We want you to participate in that expansion of research, publication and recognized areas of expertise both within the United States and internationally. We look forward to hearing from you.

See you in Austin!

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