

Letter from the Editor

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Greetings and welcome to Volume 43, Issue 2 of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*! This is an exciting time to assume the editorship per several positive interrelated developments. First, if you've not yet heard the good news – *AJCJ* has recently been selected for inclusion in the Social Sciences Citation Index meaning we finally have an impact factor. With this longstanding barrier out of the way, we are unleashed toward upward mobility as a journal of first choice for submission and realization of our publication's namesake. These goals are ambitious and change in journal prestige transpires over time, likely more than a single editorship, but there is considerable basis for optimism.

In conjunction with Associate Editors Julie Baldwin, J.C. Barnes, and Bryan Miller and with a mindset of building upon the nationalization of *AJCJ* set in motion by Immediate Past Editor Wesley Jennings, we have assembled a new editorial board comprised of outstanding and diverse scholars selected widely throughout CCJ and related disciplines. We've made an effort to secure folks with various theoretical and methodological orientations while attempting to include expertise on as many specialty areas as possible. Our prospects for ascent are further bolstered by the heavy flow of new manuscript submissions that enable selection of important and citable research. Another forthcoming development in part driven by this increased business will be an increase in the number of issues per volume from four to six, a change that should be implemented over the coming year and enable faster dissemination of new research. Related, we are currently identifying social media announcements of new articles toward optimal exposure.

The editorial office has been successfully transferred from Texas State to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of North Florida with strong College and Department support. Managing Editor Taylor Claxton has been running day-to-day operations with a strong sense of professionalism and is owed appreciation for helping to effect a seamless transition. We are also fortunate to have

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Katie Chabalko and Bill Tucker from Springer who have provided strong start-up support facilitated web-based training on the online manuscript management system, and contributing to our first editorial board meeting in New Orleans. While we will lose Taylor at the end of the academic year as she moves on to doctoral studies at the University of Nebraska Omaha, she will be staying on throughout the summer to train Stephanie Koskinen who will replace her beginning Fall semester. The *Journal* office will be open during most business hours Monday through Thursday during the academic year and on Tuesdays and Thursdays over the summer break. Last, we will have a fresh journal webpage up by the end of summer that will be interlinked with the Southern Criminal Justice Association and Springer.

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