

# INTER-NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Greetings Colleagues,

Welcome to another issue of *Inter-News*! Given the many legislative initiatives targeting efforts of diversity, equity, and inclusion, both in the United States and abroad, we wanted to draw attention to these topics for our Summer Edition. Thus, you will notice a special color scheme of yellow throughout, the official color of inclusion!

***Please remember to vote to elect members of the DIC Executive Council who will serve from November 2023 to November 2025.*** Regular members, current on dues, should have received an email on July 31, 2023, notifying them that voting is open. ***The voting period is open until August 31, 2023.*** This issue includes information about candidates for Vice Chair who will become Chair in November 2025 (two nominees), for Secretary/Treasurer (single nominee), and for three Executive Councilors (four nominees).

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# NOTE FROM DIC CHAIR

**PHIL REICHEL, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO**



Dear DIC Colleagues:

Once again, the editorial team has prepared a timely and interesting newsletter! Our thanks to Editor-in-Chief, Jared Dmello, Associate Editor, Dragana Derlic, and Assistant Editor, Stuti Kokkalera for their hard work. The topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion are appropriate and are nicely highlighted by Kate Wild's "Research Note" and Kathleen Ratajczak's "Teaching Note." I think you will find both articles to be interesting reads.

The DIC Constitution and Bylaws (available [here](#)) identify seven officers to be members of the Division's Executive Council (EC): Chair, Vice-Chair, Immediate Past-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and three Executive Councilors. We hold elections every two years for five of those offices since the Vice-Chair becomes Chair after two years then the Chair becomes the Immediate Past-Chair. The current EC officers will complete their two-year terms at the conclusion of this year's business meeting in Philadelphia and the new officers will then begin their 2023-2025 term. As the Editors explain on the first page, ballots have been sent to Regular Members and the election portal will be open until August 31, 2023. The Nomination Committee has secured an outstanding slate of nominees and I encourage you to read each candidate's statement in this Newsletter, then cast your ballot.

The DIC will have a flyer in the ASC Annual Meeting Booklet (see later in this Newsletter for a preview) that highlights our sponsored panels/roundtables and our Pre-Conference Workshop.

*save the date*

2023 DIC Awards Luncheon & Business Meeting

Friday, November 17th (12PM-3PM)

Maggiano's Little Italy, 1201 Filbert Street

Registration available when signing up for the Annual Meeting!

# NOTE FROM DIC CHAIR CONT.

We are pleased to have identified five panels and three roundtables to receive that sponsorship and we encourage you to include these among the events in your calendar. In the online program, search <Sponsored by Division of International Criminology>.

The Pre-Conference Workshop, “Discovering New Approaches to Researching Transnational and International Crime,” will bring together scholars with different levels of experience and expertise in conducting international research. It will be divided into two sessions, with the first session including an overview of grants and fellowships, the IRB process, and data collection in international settings. The second session will allow participants to ask questions about their proposal. Experts will guide participants in developing strong research questions grounded in solid theoretical foundations and methods. The workshop, to be held on Tuesday November 14th from 12 to 4:00 p.m., will be co-facilitated by Popy Begum and Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich. Register at <https://asc41.org/events/asc-annual-meeting/asc-annual-meeting-workshops/>.

The various award committees are busy selecting the recipients for each of our awards. They will be presented at our Annual Award Luncheon to be held on Friday November 17th at 12:00 Noon at Maggiano’s Little Italy (across the street from the Marriott’s main entrance). The luncheon is always a well-attended event and provides a great opportunity to honor our awardees and to mingle with old and new friends. Please plan to stay at the restaurant for our annual business meeting immediately after the luncheon. Tickets are limited to 100 people (\$50 for regular members and \$30 for student members) and can be purchased on the conference registration portal under “Optional Special Events.”

Thanks for reading and I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia—especially at the awards luncheon!

Phil Reichel, DIC Chair

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# DIC ELECTION CANDIDATES

NOMINEE FOR VICE CHAIR (TO BECOME CHAIR IN NOVEMBER 2025)



## DR. BITNA KIM

My name is Bitna Kim. As a Professor at the College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University in Texas, USA, I have focused much of my work on multinational collaborations and comparative and cross-national subjects, as well as translational criminology and evidence/research synthesis. In my previous roles as an Executive Counselor (2017-2019), student paper competition chair (2018, 2019), membership committee (2015-2016), Freda Adler distinguished scholar award committee (2017-2018), nomination committee (2021-2022), and editorial board member of International Criminology, I have gained invaluable leadership experience within the ASC Division of International Criminology (DIC).

DIC has been an instrumental resource for me in terms of collaboration, intellectual exchange, mentoring, and professional development. Therefore, I am eager to give back to the DIC and would be honored to serve on the Executive Board as Vice Chair. If elected, I would continue the work of my predecessors in promoting diversity, inclusion, and broadening participation within criminology and the ASC, particularly by advocating for international scholars, graduate students, junior faculty, and minorities.

I recognize the responsibilities and dedication required to serve as Vice Chair of the DIC and am ready to commit my time and energy to this position. I would be grateful for the opportunity to represent you and the DIC, and I thank you in advance for your consideration and support

# DIC ELECTION CANDIDATES

NOMINEE FOR VICE CHAIR (TO BECOME CHAIR IN NOVEMBER 2025)



## DR. MARIJANA (MAJA) KOTLAJA

I am honored to be nominated for the position of DIC Executive Council Vice-Chair. I have been a member of ASC since 2017 and have been active in the DIC since the beginning. During that period, I have enjoyed serving on a variety of committees (i.e., Social Media Committee Member; Chair; Inter-News Newsletter Editor, Workshop Committee), Executive Councilor, as well as my latest role as the Secretary/Treasurer. I am currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and my research on international criminology focuses on making cross-cultural comparisons, investigating aggregate issues and juvenile delinquency. At present, I have collected household survey data in Belgrade, Serbia and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina on social experiences, behaviors and mental health outcomes of adults. These data collection initiatives have allowed me to present research in Spain, Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Japan, and the United Kingdom. In addition, I am currently working on a book titled, "A Global Perspective on Policing during the COVID-19 Pandemic" with collaborators Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovic, Jon Maskaly, and Peter Neyround (release date summer 2023). Should I be fortunate enough to be elected to this position I would work to maintain the DIC's positive reputation, encourage active participation by all DIC members, and try to find new ways to inform ASC members more broadly about DIC activities and opportunities.

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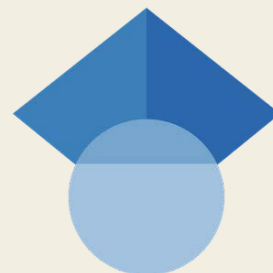


# DIC ELECTION CANDIDATES

## NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER



**PennState**  
Harrisburg



### **DR. JENNIFER C. GIBBS**

Thank you for considering me for the Secretary/Treasurer position of the oldest division of ASC. I currently am an associate professor of criminal justice at Penn State Harrisburg, where I serve as the program director of 7 associate, bachelor and master degree programs in both residence and online. At Penn State, I am fortunate to work with engaged students and colleagues, studying both policing and terrorism cross-nationally. I have published comparative research on terrorist attacks on police around the world, public attitudes toward police, and women's involvement in policing. In collaboration with the Penn State Justice and Safety Institute, I had the opportunity to work with Nigerian police officers as a co-PI on an IACP-US Department of State grant-funded law enforcement training.

I have been a member of the DIC for over a decade. I routinely volunteer for committees within the DIC, including the Student Paper Award Committee (2016, 2018, 2020-present), the Graduate Fellowship Award Committee (2019-2021) and the Distinguished Book Award Committee (2012-2013, 2015-2016; chair: 2012), as well as other committees in ASC (e.g., Program Committee, Teaching Award, Mentor Award, Gene Carte Student Paper Competition).

I am looking for additional opportunities to serve the DIC in more of a leadership role to contribute to the advancement of the division. As Secretary/Treasurer, I hope to continue to work toward detailed record keeping, fair elections and maximizing budget efficiency.

# DIC ELECTION CANDIDATES

## NOMINEE FOR EXECUTIVE COUNSELOR



### **DR. MEGHNA BHAT**

Meghna Bhat, Ph.D. is an independent gender and social justice consultant, interdisciplinary scholar and educator based in California. She earned her Ph.D. in Criminology, Law, and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) with a specialization in Gender and Women's Studies. Using a feminist criminological and sociological lens, Dr. Bhat's qualitative dissertation explored the gender differences in how the Indian diaspora defines and interprets representation of violence against women in Bollywood Indian Hindi films. She has 18 years of extensive work experience in diverse settings ranging from interdisciplinary research to anti-gender violence work with rape crisis centers and domestic violence agencies, from campus and community trainings, to narrative and culture change. Dr. Bhat's publications include a book chapter titled "Feminist Critique of the Representation of Motherhood and Masculinity in Bollywood Cinema: Implications of Gender Violence in the Indian Diaspora" in *Global Perspectives on Motherhood, Mothering and Masculinities* (ed, 2021), and co-authored a book chapter *Examining legal responses to sexual violence: a review of court systems in India* in the book *Crime and Justice in India* (ed., 2013). Pre-pandemic, she was involved with ASC in different capacities such as attending meetings and chaired the conference sessions. If elected for the Executive Counselor position for the ASC International Division, Dr. Bhat is excited to contribute her unique insights, research and work experiences, and skill sets as an independent criminology scholar to strengthen the visibility of international scholarship in criminology at ASC and create an inclusive, diverse and accessible space for networking and collaborations.

# DIC ELECTION CANDIDATES

## NOMINEE FOR EXECUTIVE COUNSELOR



### DR. MICHELE BRATINA

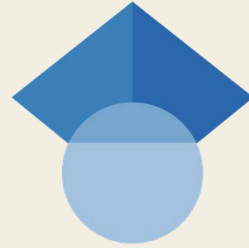
Dr. Michele Bratina is an Associate Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at West Chester University. She is a Past-President (2017-2018) of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences (NEACJS). Dr. Bratina is active in the Division of International Criminology (DIC), and previously served as Executive Counselor for the International Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science (ACJS) from 2016-2018. Currently, Dr. Bratina is the Region 1 Trustee for ACJS, and the Executive Board liaison for the United Nations NGO Committee. She also is a member of the Program Committee for the 2024 ACJS Annual Meeting, serving as chair for the subject area, Comparative and International Courts.

With James Fagin, she is co-author of *CJ 2019 & CJ 2022* (Pearson), and the author of *Forensic Mental Health: Framing Integrated Solutions* (Routledge). Dr. Bratina's research concerns comparative forensic mental health systems, crime and gerontology, and trauma-informed-care for justice professionals and the people they serve. Her research has appeared in *Abuse: An International Impact Journal* and *Salus: An International Journal of Law Enforcement & Public Safety*.

I am interested in increasing international membership and working collaboratively with the Executive Committee and Division members to enhance the visibility of ASC's Division on International Criminology. Technology facilitates our ability to communicate easily and enhances our knowledge and understanding of international research in our field. It also fosters greater student involvement. I look forward to meeting with researchers and practitioners and ensuring their representation and involvement in ASC. Thank you for your consideration!

# DIC ELECTION CANDIDATES

## NOMINEE FOR EXECUTIVE COUNSELOR



### DR. JARED R. DMELLO

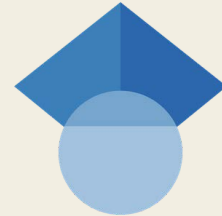
Jared R. Dmello, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Criminology at Sam Houston State University, a Research Associate at the Center on Public Security at Rutgers University, a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for National & International Security (Serbia), and a Research Member at the international Addressing Violent Extremism & Radicalisation to Terrorism (AVERT) Network housed at Deakin University (Australia). His work primarily focuses on covert networks, though he has extensive experience in a broad range of topics pertaining to criminology, security studies, and program evaluation. His research has been published in several leading journals, and he is currently the Principal Investigator on multiple grants. Dr. Dmello has engaged in leadership to the Discipline at varying levels, including serving as the President of the Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators and a member of various committees for ASC and ACJS. He has served on a variety of DIC Committees over the last six years, including: 1) Social Media, 2) Graduate Student Fellowship, 3) Membership, 4) Nominations, and 5) the *InterNews* Newsletter, of which he is currently the Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Dmello's years of experience in serving the Division will help inform continued contributions to the DIC through institutional knowledge along with ideas for continuing growth based on current initiatives.

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# DIC ELECTION CANDIDATES

## NOMINEE FOR EXECUTIVE COUNSELOR



### **DR. JANNE GAUB**

Janne Gaub is an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and earned her Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Arizona State University in 2015. Her research and teaching are primarily focused on policing, though she has recently taken a more internationally-oriented focus. In her research, she has collaborated on several projects with Canadian and Australian colleagues, emphasizing student coauthors. This work has centered on perceptions of police canine units, search and rescue units, and police misconduct. These projects used international samples (e.g., Canadian police officers; police departments in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia; and members of the public from Canada and the United States). She has also independently conducted interviews with police officers from the United States and Canada in researching police responses to the pandemic. She has served on the ASC Program Committee and as both an Executive Counselor and Vice Chair for the ASC Division of Policing. During her tenure on the Division of Policing executive board, she has worked to create several new awards for students (Outstanding Dissertation Award, Student Travel Award) and faculty (Teaching and Mentorship Award), further develop the division's social media presence, and plan and facilitate virtual forums for student members. As Executive Counselor for the Division of International Criminology, she would hope to increase collaborations across divisions and facilitate opportunities to broaden the global scope of Division members' research, teaching, and mentorship.

# RESEARCH NOTE

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION IN ACADEMIA: BANS EXPAND ACROSS THE US

BY: KATE WILDS, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS



Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) initiatives in higher education have been present for decades and have gained more visibility in recent years. They promote and seek to advance fair treatment, increase access to opportunities, and enhance college recruitment as well as retention of members of marginalized communities. These initiatives ultimately aim to foster an inclusive environment where students of all background as delineated by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, age, veteran status, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability feel welcome in all campus spaces (Surovell, 2023; Quinn, 2023; Lu, 2023).

Recently, DEI initiatives have come under scrutiny from conservative lawmakers, with forty bills introduced in twenty-two states so far in 2023 (see The Chronicle of Higher Education DEI Legislation Tracker, 2023). In their view, DEI policies compel students, faculty, and administrators to adhere to certain ideology, and requiring diversity statements in hiring and promotion decisions discriminate against candidates that express values that run counter to the principles of DEI, effectively requiring “political correctness loyalty oaths” (Paul & Maranto, 2021; Lu, 2023). However, diversity statements are not designed to simply declare beliefs and values, but rather ask about practical applications of contributing to diversity, equity, and inclusion in their classrooms (Lu, 2023). Unfortunately, this argument underlying the legislation is nothing new; it has long been propagated in conservative political discourse that higher education “indoctrinates” youth by pushing liberal ideology in classrooms (Zahneis & Supiano, 2023).

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Florida became the first state to restrict DEI initiatives and Texas followed suit, recently passing a law that bans DEI Offices, training, and diversity statements in state-funded colleges and universities (SB 17, 2023; Appleby, 2023). Lawmakers in the two states cited misuse of DEI initiatives, failure to advance diversity, and the desire to return academic institutions to a merit-based system (Mrema, 2023). This is a similar argument that was cited in the recent Supreme Court decision that repealed Affirmative Action (*Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College*, 2023).

The merit-based argument disregards the legacy of discrimination that contributes to inequities and inequalities in educational achievement and opportunity-- metrics that equate to "merit". Proponents of the ban have yet to cite any examples of their claims that DEI is being misused, and while students and faculty in opposition agree that enhanced oversight to ensure these programs are adhering to their stated goals is critical, complete removal sends an entirely different message (Yang, 2023; Beausoleil, 2023). Texas is already experiencing the effects of the legislation as faculty move to universities in other states and students express that the ban signals that Texas lawmakers value political ideology over the needs of students and ensuring their success (Rodrigues, 2023). Other faculty and academic administrators are remaining steadfast in their DEI efforts and call for innovative techniques and strategies that can advance the values and principles of DEI without violating the new laws (Lu, 2023). These principles are not simply about selection but rather ensuring a sense of belonging in the campus community.

To speak truth to the vitality of inclusion, the concluding statement is made by Dr. Yvette E. Pearson, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of Texas at Dallas:

*"According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, 40 anti-DEI bills were introduced in 22 states during the most recent legislative cycle. As of this writing, seven of those bills have been signed into law. Some public institutions in the states where these seven laws will soon or have already taken effect may face significant changes, with impacts ranging from eliminating programs and training to restructuring and outright dismantling of departments. This has resulted in a chilling effect that has permeated institutions of higher education around the country.*



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*The Supreme Court's decision to end the consideration of race in student admissions exacerbates this chilling effect. While UT Dallas does not consider race in admissions, institutions that do will have to alter their admission policies and practices. The widespread attacks on diversity, equity and inclusion deepen concerns about the future of higher education in the United States and beyond – who has access to degrees and careers, and for those of us from marginalized identities, whether or not we can feel safe and supported in our workplace and learning environments.*

*Despite all the challenges, I have hope that we will rebound from this—looking to examples in California and other states where Affirmative Action has been prohibited for years, we know progress can be made in many ways and will require strategy and intentional acts. At UT Dallas, we continue to strive to ensure that all members of our campus community are welcomed, treated fairly, supported and encouraged in their pursuit of excellence. With all the talent working in higher education today, I have no doubt that we will weather this storm.”*

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# TEACHING NOTE

## TRAUMA-INFORMED TEACHING & DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI)

BY: KATHLEEN RATAJCZAK, SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY



Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in higher education is quite the hot topic with several states successfully banning DEI efforts in both K-12 and higher education in the past year. The support of marginalized students in education is essential in increasing success and graduation rates. While many of the new bans of DEI do not cover course content in colleges and universities, the policies still have the danger of having a cooling effect on covering diversity related topics in the classroom. For many of our courses, DEI plays an important, if not central role. Which asks the question – how can we continue to incorporate DEI into our classrooms? I currently teach in Texas, one of the states that just recently banned DEI, and this is a question constantly on my mind. Even prior to the passing of SB17, I was hyper-aware of the ongoing dialogues in my state about DEI and I know students are aware too.

I find that trauma-informed teaching methods allows DEI in the classroom to be accessible and approachable for all students. Trauma-informed care (TIC) is an approach first developed in health professions to provide services to clients that acknowledges the impacts of trauma on behavior to reduce re-traumatization. TIC has been implemented in many fields and has a strong presence in the criminal-legal profession. Practitioners and researchers have identified six principles of TIC – (1) trauma acknowledgement, (2) safety, (3) choice, (4) collaboration, (5) trustworthiness, (6) empowerment, and (7) cultural and personal identity (Ratajczak & Wingert, 2023; Wood, 2015). Each principle works to reduce elements that cause a trauma response or create further trauma for individuals.

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We teach many topics that can be a trigger for our students who either have direct experience with the legal system and/or indirect experiences through their loved ones. When we focus on elements of DEI as a discourse in classes, we encourage discussions surrounding racism, sexism, as well as other systems of oppression and discrimination. Our students too have experience with these systems of oppression. Approaching the instruction of these elements with a trauma-informed lens will not only reduce re-traumatization but will also allow for increased concept mastery and engagement with the course content. Designing course content and assignments with a TIC lens is simpler than it may appear. Below I describe how I use *student agency and choice* to meet the TIC principles in a courses related to different forms of victimization.

***Student Agency and Choice:*** I find that providing students choice in their learning meets many of the principles at once, including safety, collaboration, and empowerment. I provide students choice in two primary ways: on content and format. I will often have a major assignment where students get to choose their topic of focus. This will allow students to avoid topics that may be especially difficult for them to tackle on a personal/emotional level and areas where disagreements may occur. Or, on the other hand, students may wish to focus on a topic that has personal significance for them. By affording them the choice you are not making that decision for them, but instead empowering them to choose in a way that promotes safety. For example, I have a final where student complete a film review. I have a quite a large list of films and other media for them to choose between. I also do this with group projects. In my family violence course, I have a module that examines how systems and the state participate in family violence. Students get to sign up for a topic to present on. Since each of the topics are hot button issues, the choice involved avoids push back but still encourages learning.



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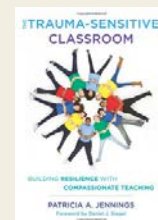
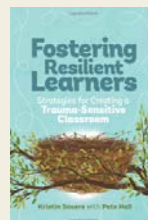
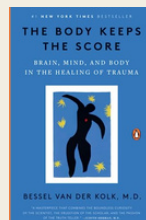
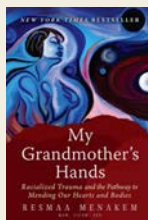
I also create options for choice in the format of assignments. I will sometimes ask students to make a choice on the format for the assignment itself, such as between a research paper or an infographic. I further provide them options of how to engage with the content if it is a particularly difficult topic. For example, in my victimology course we watch a few episodes from the Netflix show Unbelievable. This show portrays sexual assault in some difficult to watch scenes. I give my students choices for how to engage with the content:

- Choice One: come to class and watch it together.
- Choice Two: watch it on their own outside of class.
- Choice Three: read a research article instead.

These options promote safety but still require students to engage with the content.

I have found that focusing on trauma-informed teaching practices and providing options assists with DEI in the classroom because it provides a safe for all students, no matter their experiences and perceptions. It does not give any student a 'free-pass' to not learn challenging concepts, but instead provides safe and supportive environments for learning. When a student has a choice in how to learn, they feel involved in the process and are less likely to shut down. This approach is beneficial for marginalized students who may find some types of content and discussions to be triggers for a trauma response. The choice-informed approach further provides a safe space for students who may reject the need for this content to engage with course concepts and demonstrate learning.

To learn more, check out these books on understanding trauma and trauma-informed pedagogy in the classroom.

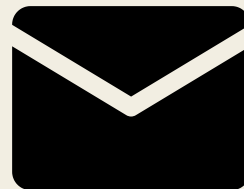
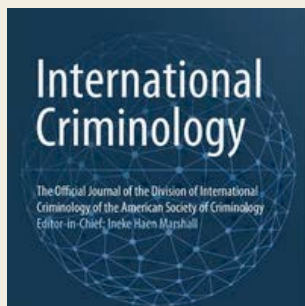


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# INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY

FROM: INEKE HAEN MARSHALL, THE EDITOR



A brief summer update about International Criminology (the official publication of the Division of International Criminology). I hope you already checked out Issue 1 (March) and Issue 2 (June) of Volume 3 (2023) to see the most recent scholarly developments in the areas of comparative, global and international criminology published by scholars from across the globe. The journal aims to publish a broad variety of scientific articles and policy essays, book reviews and thematic issues, and we continue to receive a steady stream of manuscripts for review by our much-appreciated peer reviewers (who even continue to provide their peer reviews during the summer months!). **I invite you to consider sending us your own work for consideration of publication in our journal!**

No doubt that book reviews are very helpful to stay abreast of the many novel developments in our fields. For example, check out Doris Schartmueller's recent review of The Puzzle of Prison Order: Why Life Behind Bars Varies Around the World, published by Oxford University Press (2020). This review explains how David Skarbek introduces readers to an original theoretical framework developed to not only understand but also explain and predict variations in prison social order across time and space, and how he breaks new ground by raising the conversation on governance inside prisons to the cross-national level. Or Nordic Homicide in Deep Time, published by Helsinki University Press (2022), reviewed by Katharina Krüsselmann and Marieke Liem, who discuss how the authors sought to test the applicability of theories on the patterns of homicide over time, and in doing so, question the universality of the most violent human behavior.

# INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY CONT.

**Consider contributing book reviews to the journal!** Especially, we would like to include books that are relevant for the Global South, but any recently published book that has relevance to comparative or international criminology and criminal justice is of potential interest to our readership. Contact our current book review editor: Thomas Akoensi at [t.akoensi@kent.ac.uk](mailto:t.akoensi@kent.ac.uk) in case you are interested in reviewing a book, or if you would like to suggest a particular book for review. Proposals for book review essays (combining two or three books in one larger review) are also welcome.

Thematic (or Special) Issues publish a number of high-quality manuscripts around a particular theme. These manuscripts follow the regular blind review peer process, but the guest editors often solicit and prescreen submissions. The following thematic issues are in process:

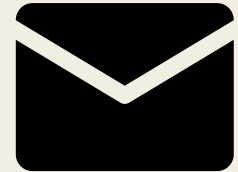
- From under the Shadow of the State: European Perspectives on Victim Participation in Criminal Justice (Guest Editors Robyn Holder, Griffith University, Nieke Elbers, Free University Amsterdam & Hildur Fjola Antonsdottir, University of Iceland)
- Contrasting Penal Changes: A Dialogue on Penalty between the Global South and the Global North (Guest Editors: Máximo Sozzo, National University of Litoral, Argentina and José A. Brandariz, University of A Coruna, Spain)
- Modern Slavery (Guest Editors David Gadd and Rose Broad, University of Manchester)
- Comparability and Measurement Invariance in Comparative Criminology (Guest editors Daniel Seddig, University of Cologne, Germany; Heinz Leitgöb, (Leipzig University, Germany) and Dirk Enzmann, University of Hamburg, Germany)

As always, feel free to send me an e-mail if you have any questions or suggestions!

It's heartening to see *International Criminology's* data-driven research being invoked in the mainstream press. For instance, in June 2022 an article in [The Michigan Daily](#) wove in findings from "[Executive Clemency During the Coronavirus Pandemic: A Global Analysis of Law and Practice](#)" and a piece from [The Conversation](#) cited and built upon "[COVID-19 Conspiracies, Trust in Authorities, and Duty to Comply with Social Distancing Restrictions](#)" - a relevant, resonant, *and* Open Access article that starred in 3 press articles, a blog post, a policy document, and 19 Tweets (and counting).

# DIC STUDENTS ON THE MARKET

CLAUDIA ODGERS ASCENCIO, THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



Claudia Odgers Ascencio (she/her) is a Ph.D. candidate in Criminology, Law, and Society at the University of Florida. Claudia's professional journey began as a psychologist in Chile, which inspired her interests in helping victims of violence. She completed her Master's degree in Forensic Sciences, specializing in Forensics and Penitentiary Psychology, at UAM (Spain). In Chile, she served as an expert witness for family and criminal court. She also worked as a correctional psychologist for almost eight years, which involved making assessments and interventions for individuals sentenced for different crimes. She further provided expert reports for the decision-making and oversaw the quality of other expert reports, case assessments, and interventions developed by practitioners in a semiprivate prison. Drawing on her experience as a practitioner, she is working on a dissertation to better understand how social support influences people to desist from crime in her home country of Chile. She is deeply interested in helping practitioners' decision-making in their daily practice. Claudia is looking forward to discussing members' reflections on her dissertation findings which she will present at the poster session at the ASC meeting in November.

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# DIC STUDENTS ON THE MARKET

## KATE WILDS, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS



Kate Wilds, MS, BA is a Doctoral Candidate and Graduate Teaching Assistant at The University of Texas at Dallas where she plans to defend her dissertation in Spring 2024. Her dissertation explores the rationale of increased police efficiency following cannabis decriminalization by looking at the impact of three cannabis policies on measures of police productivity using data from the Dallas Police Department. Kate's research focuses on evidence-based drug policies, drug use and dependence, and the history of national and international drug policy. She has also conducted research on topics such as mental health, intimate partner violence, music festival culture, and victimization. Kate currently has one paper under review with Substance Use & Misuse that examines the impact of cannabis policy on cannabis-alcohol substitution. Her love of learning has pushed her to obtain certifications in Program Evaluation, Graduate and Advanced Graduate Teaching, Drug Use, Drug Policy, and Health, and Emotional Intelligence for Academic Teams.

Kate has five years of experience as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in both Sociology and Criminology and Criminal Justice courses. She is currently teaching an undergraduate course on Media & Crime and has previously taught Introduction to Criminology, Advanced Criminal Justice, and Youth Crime & Justice. Her teaching philosophy emphasizes building meaningful connections and ensuring open dialogue with her students, and actively seeks feedback from students to ensure their success in the course. She believes these values have helped to foster active engagement in learning, and an ability to respectfully express diverse views in the classroom. Finally, Kate has an extensive record of seeking out opportunities for service to the discipline at conferences, her university, and the surrounding community.

Kate is seeking a tenure-track assistant professor position in Sociology or Criminology and Criminal Justice at a R1 or R2 university, as well as postdoctoral opportunities, particularly those that emphasize research on evidence-based drug policy. She plans to be available for employment in May 2024 and is willing to relocate.

# IN MEMORIUM

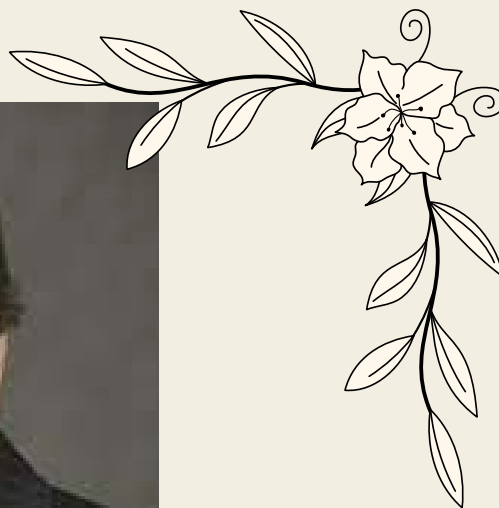
**WILLIAM F. MACDONALD**



It is with great sadness that the Division of International Criminology informs of the passing of Professor William F. McDonald, Emeritus Professor and Former Chairperson, Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences, Georgetown University; and Co-Director, Institute of Criminal Law and Procedure at the Georgetown University Law Center Professor. His expertise was in crime and the administration of criminal justice. He taught and published widely on these issues in their many aspects including victims, undocumented immigrants, police, prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, pre-trial processes, sentencing, globalization and international cooperation. His scholarship on crime and the administration of criminal justice covers virtually all dimensions of those topics including victims, undocumented immigrants, police, prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, pre-trial processes, sentencing, globalization and international cooperation. His two recent areas of interest were: the immigration-crime-justice nexus and transnational law enforcement cooperation. Major publications include: *The Criminal Victimization of Immigrants*, (2017); *Immigration, Crime and Justice*, (2009); *Crime and Law Enforcement in the Global Village*, (1997); *Plea Bargaining: Critical Issues and Common Practices* (1985); *The Defense Counsel* (1983); *Plea Bargaining with J.A.Cramer* (1980); *The Prosecutor* (1979); *Criminal Justice and the Victim* (1976); *Immigration, Crime and Justice* (2008).

# IN MEMORIUM CONT.

## WILLIAM F. MACDONALD



For excellence in scholarship related to victims of crime, he was awarded the Stephen Schafer Award of the National Organization of Victim Assistance in 1979. Formerly on the faculty of Florida State University, he earned his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley in 1970. In the same year he joined Georgetown University's Institute of Criminal Law and Procedure at the Law Center as a Senior Researcher and began teaching a course in the Sociology Department which had just been established. Subsequently that appointment was expanded into a tenure tack position as the Department grew. His courses included: criminology; sociology of criminal justice; methods of social research; social statistics; social stratification; 19th and 20th century American civilization; and introductory sociology. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to the Netherlands, a Vocational Rehabilitation Administration fellowship and two Visiting Fellowships to the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice. He was either the principal investigator or a senior research participant in research projects awarded to Georgetown University for a total of about \$2 million. Bill contributed his expertise, sound judgement and positive outlook to the ASC DIC in a variety of positions on the Executive Board. His international scholarship was an inspiration to many, and he will be dearly missed.

# BOOK CORNER



**FORTHCOMING (OCT. 2023):**  
**NEUROLAW IN THE COURTROOM**  
**COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON VULNERABLE**  
**DEFENDANTS**

**EDITED BY HANNAH WISHART & COLLEEN BERRYESSA**

This collection presents a comparative perspective on interdisciplinary issues that fall under the emerging field of Neurolaw. The chapters embrace distinct procedural and evidential issues in the courtroom for vulnerable defendants, such as immature defendants, mentally disordered offenders and unfit to plead defendants, through a neuroscientific lens. This view is informed by worldwide analyses from legal academics, philosophers, and legal practitioners. The work brings together interdisciplinary and leading perspectives to discuss the use and relevancy of neuroscience at trial, and how the use of neuroscience is currently benefiting and impacting vulnerable defendants in global criminal trials. As such, the book builds upon and adds to the existing literature in this field by providing a comprehensive coverage of the intersection between these disciplines for vulnerable defendants in the courtroom. Key issues covered include: vulnerable defendants and the pre-trial process; the trial process; the use of neuroscience as expert evidence at trial; and vulnerable defendants, neuroscience and mitigation of sentence. Through original exploration presented by contributors from both academia and practice, the book will be of interest to academics, researchers and policy-makers working in the areas of Criminal Law and Procedure.

# BOOK CORNER



**FORTHCOMING IN 2024:  
ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK ON GLOBAL COMMUNITY  
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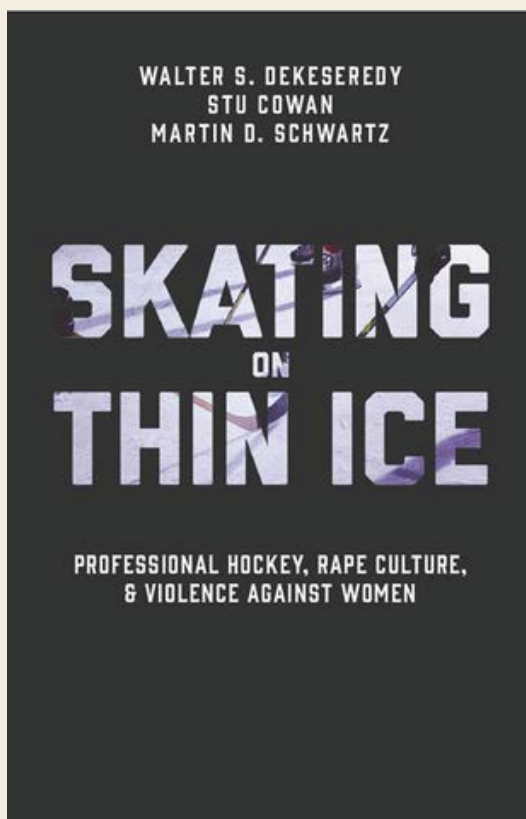
This forthcoming Handbook includes profiles of the community corrections systems in 20 countries representing each global region, along with 7 analytic chapters presenting comparative research on a range of community corrections issues:

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7. Grand Challenges: Reflections on the Future of Community Corrections

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Why is it that professional sports, and notably hockey, remain a bastion for rape culture and violence against women? What are the conditions that allow a culture of toxic masculinity to persist despite awakenings elsewhere in society? What is the path forward, and how do we make officials, coaches, and athletes accountable?

Drawing on decades of award-winning sociological research and sports journalism, Walter S. DeKeseredy and Martin D. Schwartz along with veteran sportswriter Stu Cowan find answers to these questions in *Skating on Thin Ice*.

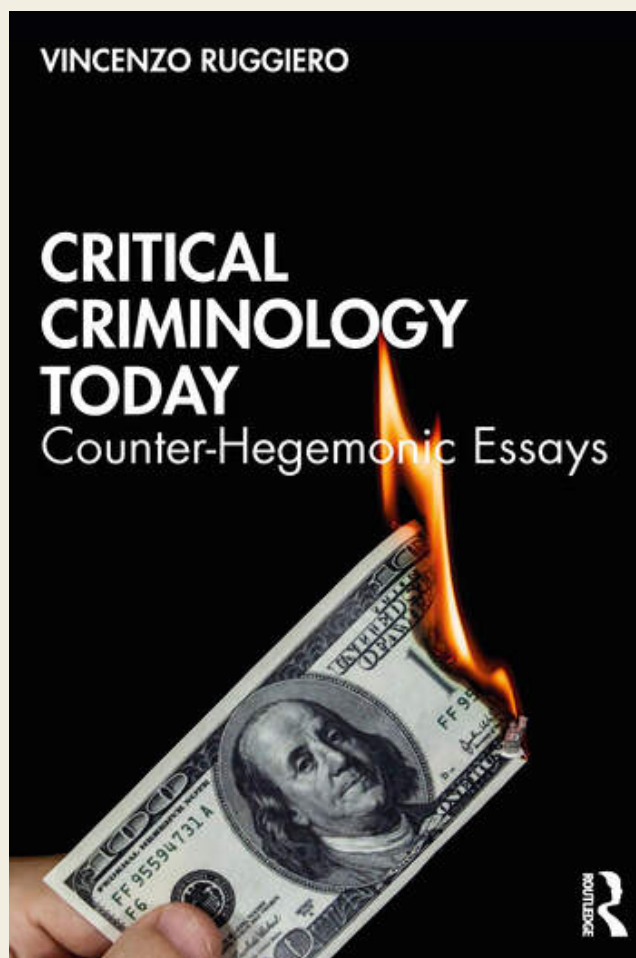
The book examines the abusive, misogynistic, racist, and homophobic behaviours found in professional hockey and explains the larger societal forces that perpetuate and legitimate these harms. Confirming a recent federal government inquiry into Hockey Canada's handling of sexual assault allegations, the book reveals that young men enter the NHL and other revenue-generating hockey leagues already trained and primed to treat women as objects – and often to commit violent acts against them. Rooted in the authors' work in the sports world as well as their work with activists and governments, *Skating on Thin Ice* doesn't just highlight the problem of hockey and rape culture, it also provides collaborative solutions for fixing it.

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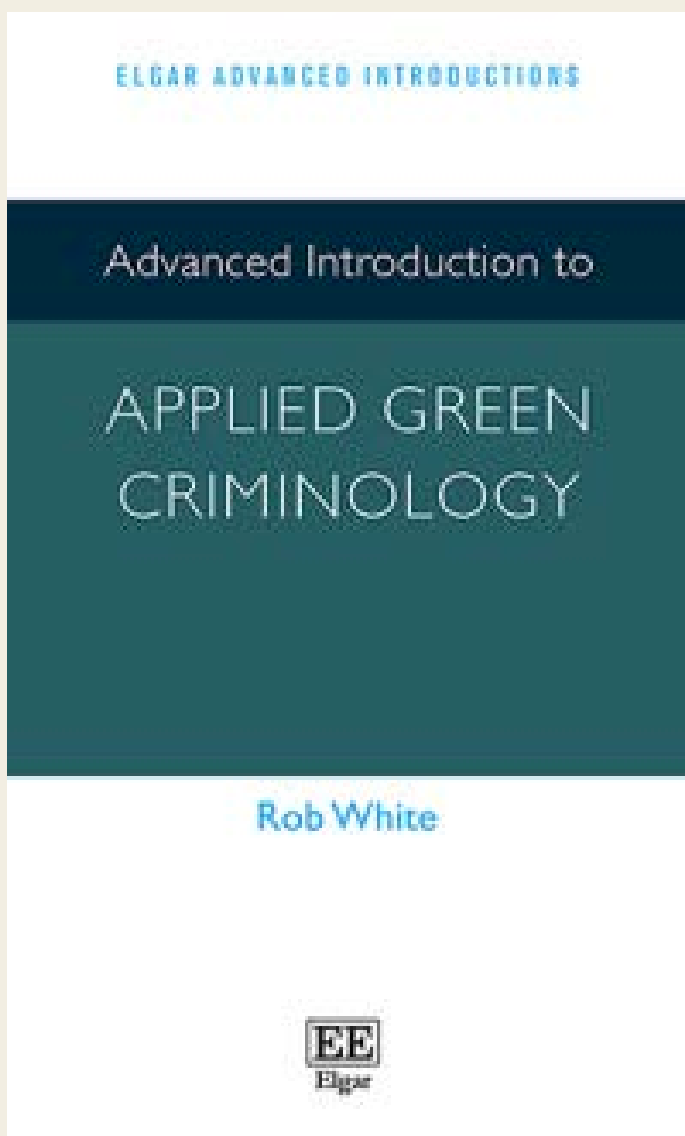
This brief examines proactive steps police can take to lessen the potential for disaster, improve preparedness for disasters that do occur and enhance our ability to respond to and recover from them. Featuring several countries across the globe as case studies, it illustrates the predictability of various natural and manmade disasters and the need of the local police organizations to develop contingency plans to save lives and structures. With disaster losses and the human toll reaching staggering rates, and even more destructive events projected for the future as the climate shifts, there is a need for action by police and the local communities together. This volume offers a proactive plan that needs to be put in place for future crises, based on the projected predictability of reoccurring events. The brief can serve as a template for other countries and police task forces that have and will face similar crises situations in the future.

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What survives of the notions, principles and values of critical criminology? Faced with contexts that could not be more dramatically different to those fostering critical approaches to crime and its control, what is left of the radical theories and practical initiatives that characterized it in the 1970s? This book argues that critical criminology today can be reimagined if new concepts are elaborated, which bring academic efforts close to the practices of social movements. Building on an original collection of anti-hegemonic essays focused on specific criminological areas, including femicide, organized crime, drug use, punishment, state-corporate terrorism and financial crime, this book identifies the radical potential inherent in the choice of areas, topics and variables that critical criminologists can address today. In discussing concepts of distance, power, mercy and troublemaking, this book considers the relationship between critical criminology, social justice and activism. An accessible and compelling read, this book will appeal to all those engaged with critical criminology, sociology and cultural studies.

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The Advanced Introduction to Applied Green Criminology provides a comprehensive overview of interventions and practices that contribute to environmental protection. Topics include crime prevention, environmental regulation and law enforcement, environmental forensics, greening of criminal justice institutions, and social activism. Underpinning these topics is the notion of eco-justice, which focuses on environmental justice (humans), ecological justice (ecosystems) and species justice (non-human animals and plants).

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## THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS INITIATIVE

Co-directed by James M. Byrne and Faye S. Taxman, continues to document global developments in the area of community corrections . For the latest information and research on community corrections systems operating in each global region, visit: [www.globcci.org](http://www.globcci.org). Members of the Global Initiative have edited the forthcoming Routledge Handbook on Global Community Corrections, which is currently in production and will be released in 2024.



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Mélanie-Angela Neuilly presented on the "Classification of Suicide and Methods to Address Sources of Bias" as a discussant at a public workshop titled Approaches to Improve the Measurement of Suicide in Law Enforcement in the United States organized by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Committee on National Statistics held between April 25th-26th, 2023. The program information and recording is available here: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/04-25-2023/approaches-to-improve-the-measurement-of-suicide-in-law-enforcement-in-the-united-states-a-workshop>

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## Call for abstracts & papers! "Comparability and Measurement Invariance in Comparative Criminology"

*International Criminology* welcomes the submission of abstracts and manuscripts for consideration for a new special issue on "Comparability and Measurement Invariance in Comparative Criminology," which will be Guest-Edited by [Daniel Seddig](#) (University of Cologne, Germany), [Heinz Leitgöb](#) (Leipzig University, Germany), and [Dirk Enzmann](#) (University of Hamburg, Germany).

Comparative criminological studies across nations, cultures, or time require that the phenomena being studied are comparable. The comparability of not-directly-observable criminological constructs, measured by multiple indicators (e.g., self-control, morality, attitudes and intentions toward committing, perceived risk of arrest and sanctions, legal cynicism, fear of crime), can be assessed by testing for measurement invariance (or differential item functioning) before proceeding with comparisons of construct characteristics. In addition, non-invariant measurement properties can themselves be the subject of investigation to improve measurement instruments and survey designs.

This special issue aims to include substantive and/or methodological studies that contribute to the following areas of comparative criminological research:

- Measurement invariance testing of criminological constructs across groups or time
- New developments in measurement invariance testing methods (e.g., invariance alignment, Bayesian SEM, regularized estimation)
- Assessment of non-invariance and its causes using, for example, multilevel SEM, clustered mixture MGCFA, visualization techniques, decomposition techniques
- Survey methodological approaches and developments that are applied before data collection involving, for example, rating scale and survey mode choice, cognitive pretesting, web probing, cross-cultural scale adoption, and translation methods

### Key dates

If you are interested in submitting an article to the special issue, please send an abstract documenting the main research questions, design of the study, and proposed analyses (maximum 500 words) to [dseddig@uni-koeln.de](mailto:dseddig@uni-koeln.de) before **August 31st, 2023**. The decision and invitation to submit a full paper will be communicated by the **end of September 2023**. Full papers are due by **March 31st, 2024**. Publication of the special issue is planned for **December 2024**. The Guest Editors welcome contact with prospective submitters prior to formal submission.

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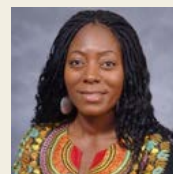
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