

**ANNUAL REPORT ON
THE DIVISION ON CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY**

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INTRODUCTION

There is ample evidence that critical criminology is much stronger than it was when Ian Taylor, Paul Walton, and Jock Young published their path-breaking book *The New Criminology: For a Social Theory of Deviance* in 1973. For example, the American Society of Criminology's (ASC) Division on Critical Criminology (DCC) has 304 members (as of March 17, 2008), many of whom are based at schools, government agencies, and other institutions outside of the U.S. Moreover, with aid of 30 thirty editorial board members from around the world and the Spring Publishing Company, the DCC publishes *Critical Criminology: An Editorial Journal*, and the DCC publishes a quarterly electronic newsletter titled *The Critical Criminologist*. A website maintained by Ken Mentor (www.critcrim.org) is also an important source of information for DCC members and others interested in empirical, theoretical, and political work done by critical criminologists.

The DCC is one of only five divisions of the ASC and overlaps with three of the ASC's strongest divisions: the Division on Women and Crime, the Division of International Criminology, and the Division on People of Color and Crime. The main objective of this report, then, is to provide the ASC with an overview of DCC activities that have occurred during the past year.

NEW DCC EXECUTIVE BOARD

The DCC's new Executive Board includes the individuals listed below. All of them were elected during October 2007 and serve in their respective capacity for a 2-year

term. Thus, each officer during this cycle serves from November 2007 until November 2009.

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END OF YEAR FINANCIAL DATA

As of January 28, 2008, the DCC had \$2,636. This figure will increase markedly in the next few years because members have agreed to raise membership dues for all non-students. Note that students are not required to pay for their subscription to *Critical Criminology* and I assume that this policy will remain in place for a long time.

DIVISION AWARDS

Each year at the annual meetings of the ASC, the DCC gives several awards to members who have made important contributions to their field. The 2007 award winners are as follows:

Undergraduate Student Paper Award (1st place): Carrie George, Northeastern University.

Undergraduate Student Paper Award (2nd place): Holly Pelvin, University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

Graduate Student Paper Award: Ashley Demyan, University of California, Irvine.

Critical Criminologist of the Year Award: Barbara Perry, University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Gregg Barak, Eastern Michigan University.

STATUS OF CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

Critical Criminology is based at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's (UOIT) Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Police Studies. Dr. Shahid Alvi is the Editor-in-Chief and UOIT gives him ample office space and a student assistant to help him perform his duties. Dr. Mark Israel is the Pacific Rim Editor and Joanna Goodey is the European Editor, and they have helped increase the visibility of the journal and its subscription list.

The journal is widely read and cited, and Springer officials continue to be pleased with the large number of articles downloaded from its site. Moreover, Springer personnel continue to express much satisfaction with the quality of the manuscripts published and the competence of the Editorial staff.

PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

The DCC intends to increase its visibility and membership. Further, more discussions and meetings about the DCC's relationship with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Section on Critical Criminology are scheduled and the outcome of these exchanges will be shared with the DCC Executive.

To be expected, DCC members will also be very active at the 2008 annual meetings of the ASC. Most members will present papers, chair panel sessions, and/or be involved in other important conference activities. Moreover, the DCC will host another social at the conference and all members of the ASC are warmly invited to attend.

The DCC is, by no means, a parochial group. Most of the members belong to other ASC Divisions and publish in a wide variety of refereed journals, including those deemed by many people to be “mainstream” or liberal. Consider, too, that DCC members routinely serve on the editorial boards of major journals such as *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, and *Crime and Delinquency*. Certainly, DCC members are key parts of the broader academic criminological community.

CONCLUSION

The DCC continues to be financially stable, has a strong membership base, and produces a dynamic scholarly journal. In addition, Dr. Bruce Arrigo (former DCC Chair) has done much over the past two years to increase the DCC’s visibility and standing at the annual meetings of the ASC and elsewhere. Indeed, there are dozens of other examples that could be provided here of how the DCC and its members have contributed to the ASC and criminology in general. People seeking more information about the DCC and its efforts are encouraged to contact Dr. Walter DeKeseredy at walter.dekeseredy@uoit.ca or at (905) 721-8668, ext. 3410.