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Division on Women and Crime

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January 22, 1992

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Charles DeWitt
National Institute of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Charles,

I am writing on behalf of ASC's Division on Women and Crime with regards to N.I.J.'s research policies and long term research agenda. The Division is 15 years old and has a stable membership of about 250 scholars and practitioners. It is committed to gender as a research focus and feminist analyses as an important conceptual framework. Thus both the research policies and agendas of NIJ are of utmost concern to our membership. At the same time the long research experience and knowledge of our members can provide an invaluable asset to your planning process. We want you to take advantage of our expertise.

Our primary concerns are:

1. The development of a non-exclusion policy for research subjects similar to that of NIH assuring women and minorities be included in the analyses of crime and justice.
2. The continued attention to and funding of research on Women and Crime as well as feminist analysis in the field of criminology and deviance.

I don't know how to best achieve this synergy between NIJ and the Division but I doubt it will happen as effectively if there is no direct contact. Therefore I'm suggesting as a first step that we talk or that I provide you with a list of Division scholars who would eagerly provide you input on mutual interests and issues.



TO: Lesley Primmer, Executive Director
Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues
2471 Rayburn Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

FROM: Carole Garrison, Director

DATE: January 29, 1992

SUBJECT: Caucus Activities - 1991

I want to start this memo by first congratulating and thanking your staff and the C.C.W.I. Most of us will not forget the photo of members of the "Caucus" marching over to support Anita Hill. All of us will benefit from your work.

The main issue I wish to raise refers to an extension of the NIH policy on inclusion of women in health research as well as encouraging women focused research. As chair of the Division of Women and Crime of ~~the Division of Women and Crime~~ of the American Society of Criminology, I have serious concerns about the lack of attention and low priority the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) given to research on women. The women and feminist scholars I represent feel strongly NIJ should promulgate similar regulations as were mandated for NIH through the WHEA provisions. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Charles DeWitt, NIJ for your information.

Unrelated to my primary concern but no less important is my personal support for the provision in HR3528 (EEA of 1991) to provide eligibility of less than half-time students for financial aid. In addition I and many colleagues urge you to look at the "REPAYMENT" of loans regulations. We support a repayment program based on salary levels as opposed to a flat rate. Women and minorities tend to get post graduate employment at much less salary than their white male counterparts. The current rates are clearly a regressive tax!

Finally I would like to urge that the caucus monitor the presidential "commission" to study women in the military. Two problems are already emerging. The D.O.D. is dragging it's feet implementing the repeal of the exclusion of women fighter plane pilots. The selection of members for the commission does not seem to suggest a fair and unbiased report will follow. As a member of the DACOWITS I'm very concerned about the composition of this commission.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. I can be reached at (216) 972-7396 or 762-7557 for further discussion or information.

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Felice Levine

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To: Chris Rasche
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From: Dr. Carole Garrison *Carole*

Date: February 10, 1992

Re: You

Boy--ain't life a "kick." When did you find out about the cataracts? Is there anything I can do? Motivate your committee etc.?

I sent and faxed you my message which I sent along with the T-shirt information on November 29th. I suspect that also went astray so here it is again.

LIMITED OFFER
50TH Anniversary Women in
Crime T-shirts L, XL, XXL
Please send \$10.00 for shirt,
postage and handling to:
Sarah Hall, ASC
Kinnear Road
Columbus, Ohio 43212

*Colors vary, XXL white only

My only news is that President Elect Del Elliot has offered us his suite in New Orleans for a continuing dialogue around Sexual Harassment. Did you get a report from Betsy Stanko on her survey?

Take care of yourself. We're thinking of you.

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

WHAT IT IS

- *Making unwanted sexual advances
- *Offering employment benefits in exchange for sex
- *Threatening reprisals if sexual advances are not accepted
- *Leering, making sexual gestures, displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, posters or cartoons
- *Making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs and jokes
- *Making graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, using sexually degrading words to describe an individual, writing suggestive or obscene letters, notes, or invitations
- *Touching, assaulting, impeding or blocking movement.

FEDERAL & STATE LAW

There are two types of sexual harassment recognized by federal and state law:

1. **QUID PRO QUO** - In these situations, the harasser makes his or her demands for sexual favors a condition for future employment, or for benefits during employment

2. **HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT** - In these cases, the unwelcome sexual conduct "unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance" or creates an "offensive hostile, oppressive and intimidating workplace". That conduct can constitute environmental sexual harassment even when the employee does not lose her job or face other economic hardships.

(From the ACLU of Southern California pamphlet "Sexual Harassment: What to Do")





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Carole Garrison
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Dear Dr. Garrison:

Thank you for your letter presenting the views of the Division on Women and Crime of The American Society of Criminology. Let me take this opportunity to describe how women's issues are included in the work of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).


First, NIJ is committed to a balanced research program that devotes attention to women's issues in the study of criminal behavior, victimization, and the operations of the criminal justice system. Female subjects are routinely included in NIJ studies, where appropriate and feasible. For example, NIJ is directing the design of a major longitudinal study of human development and criminal behavior which will involve 11,000 subjects with equal numbers of male and female subjects. This study is being coordinated by Dr. Felton Earls of the Harvard School of Public Health and data collection is to begin next year. As another example, NIJ's Drug Use Forecasting Program, which is one of seven indicator systems for measuring illegal drug use in the United States, includes female arrestees in 21 of the 24 sites.

Second, in March, NIJ will release the 1992 Research and Evaluation Plan which will contain several solicitations directed at women's issues, including studies of criminal justice treatment programs for female drug offenders and probation and parole programs for female offenders. Other solicitations are not directed specifically at female subjects but applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that include female subjects. However, NIJ does not support or favor any theoretical perspective over another. Award decisions are based primarily on the utility of the proposed project for criminal justice policy and its feasibility (technical merit and practicality).

Third, female scholars and criminal justice professionals are routinely included in our peer review panels which recommend proposals for research and evaluation grants, they are involved in the review of final reports, manuscripts, and NIJ publications, and they frequently serve on advisory boards which discuss ongoing research in a particular topic area with NIJ staff.

NIJ has been in the forefront of research on such issues as domestic violence, child abuse, and incarcerated female offenders which are of particular interest to your community. I encourage your membership to consult our research and evaluation plan when it becomes available and submit proposals which address the concerns of the Division on Women and Crime in their research designs. The Program Managers who are responsible for the particular solicitations would be happy to discuss ideas for specific research projects.

Sincerely,



Charles B. DeWitt
Director

March 16, 1992

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Copy*

The Honorable Joseph Biden, U.S. Senate

Dear Senator Biden,

I would like to take this opportunity to request your support in requiring the Office of Justice Programs (O.J.P.) to adopt an explicit policy and mandate on inclusion of Women in Criminal Justice research as well as encouraging women--focused research (similar to the National Institute of Health).

Despite protestation's to the contrary, I have serious concerns about the lack of attention and low priority the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) gives to research on women and to women researchers. As Chair of the Division of Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology I have been in contact with N.I.J. encouraging them to both voluntarily promulgate such a policy and to include more senior women scholars on research review-panels. To date the response has been a carefully worded and polite reply describing how women's issues are included in the work of NIJ. While these efforts are laudable, they are not sufficient and on-balance do not ameliorate the imbalance of research focus, women researchers and women grant reviewers.

Perhaps you and your committee can exercise some influence in this area. Unfortunately the positive direction in which NIJ is proceeding is simply too slow. This slowness is not explainable by any legitimate barriers but by an underlying insensitivity or resistance to the nature of the problem and the scope of the remedy. Whether conscious or unintentional, the consequences are the same. An explicit mandate and external accountability can serve as a effective impetus to move things along at a more responsible pace.

Thank you for your attention and support. If you desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carole Garrison, Chair

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Office of Justice Programs

Professional Conference Series

April 10, 1992

FYI

Ms. Carole Garrison
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The University of Akron
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Dear Ms. Garrison:

As mentioned in Mr. DeWitt's letter, the Institute for Law and Justice will be handling the logistics for this meeting as part of our responsibilities under the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Professional Conference Series contract.

The conference will be held on May 12, 1992, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Arlington Hotel, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, 703-525-1234. We will make your hotel reservations for arrival on May 11 and check out on May 12. Your hotel bill (room and tax only) will be billed directly to us.

Please call Ann Lyons at Peele Travel, 1-800-966-6800 to make your airline reservations. Your airfare will also be billed directly to us.

A staff member will be on-site at the conference to provide reimbursement forms for other travel-related expenses and to answer any logistical questions.

Please contact Lisa Cowan or myself by April 20 to let us know if you will be attending the meeting.

Sincerely,



Michael S. McCampbell
Training Director

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Washington, D.C. 20531

April 10, 1992

Ms. Carole Garrison
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Dear Ms. Garrison:

I am pleased to send to you personally a copy of the National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation Plan: 1992. This Plan incorporates your ideas from the Research Focus Groups held in San Francisco at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting on November 22 and in Washington, D.C. on December 16.

At those meetings, we received a number of suggestions to strengthen and focus NIJ's research and evaluation plans more effectively. The primary issue raised was to develop NIJ research and evaluation activities into a long-range plan. The Introduction to this year's Plan discusses the framework for such a long-range strategy and describes four goals that will shape this plan. We will also be sending you a draft matrix that would focus our research efforts, prepared along the lines of our meetings.

Following our sessions, NIJ invited Professor Albert Reiss, Jr. to assist us as Special Advisor for Research. In this capacity, Dr. Reiss reviewed and revised the introductory statements to the program areas and each of the solicitations in the Plan. He is also assisting us in developing NIJ's five-year research and evaluation plan.

In the Research Focus Group meetings other issues were raised which we have also addressed in this year's Plan. A few examples:

- o Suggestion: Need to expand opportunities for research creativity.
Response: After each solicitation, the Plan includes a statement encouraging alternative methodologies. The Priority Topics sections (inviting proposals in the general program areas) were expanded and included in all program areas.
- o Suggestion: Maintain objectivity in research and evaluation solicitations, and avoid suggesting a particular direction for the research.
Response: All solicitations were carefully reviewed with this issue in mind. In addition, the OJP Policy Statement for each program area was separated to avoid the appearance of research direction.

- o Suggestion: Need for improvement of the policy and research context of the solicitations and program areas.
Response: Introductory statements were added to each program area and each solicitation included a detailed policy and research background statement.

- o Suggestion: Need for greater attention to research on women and crime.
Response: Two solicitations specifically address these issues: "Management of Special Populations: Female Offenders" and "Criminal Justice Drug Treatment Programs for Female Offenders."


- o Suggestion: Need for NIJ involvement in Homicide Working Group.
Response: NIJ has designated a staff member, Dr. Pamela Lattimore, to be the liaison to this group. NIJ is also prepared to provide assistance to this effort.

To carry out the consensus achieved at our meetings with you, we have also engaged in a reorganization at NIJ. To this end, I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Christy Visser has been appointed to the position of Deputy Director in the Office of Criminal Justice Research.

As a follow up to the meetings last fall, I would like to meet with you again to discuss your reactions to this year's Plan and to explore topics and issues that NIJ should consider including in next year's research and evaluation Plan. We have scheduled the next Research Focus Group meeting for May 12 at the Hyatt Arlington Hotel, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, (a suburb of Washington, D.C.), from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Institute for Law and Justice is handling logistical arrangements for this meeting and one of their staff should be in touch with you shortly.

Again, thank you for your contributions to NIJ's Research and Evaluation Plan: 1992 and I look forward to discussing it with you on May 12.

Sincerely,



Charles B. DeWitt
Director



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Dear Professor Garrison:


I am pleased to send to you personally a copy of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Research and Evaluation Plan: 1992. This document is the result of an extensive planning process which involved policymakers and researchers interested in a variety of substantive topics.

This year's Plan supports research and evaluation in a number of areas that are important for your organization and its mission. Five solicitations request proposals on specific issues that are related to women and crime:

The Management of Special Populations: Female Offenders
The Management of Special Populations: Sex Offenders
Justice System Processing of Child Abuse Cases
Criminal Justice Drug Treatment Programs for Female Offenders
Evaluating the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

I encourage you and your membership to help NIJ build a solid basis of knowledge on these issues by responding to this Plan. In the coming year, NIJ will be developing a five-year research and evaluation plan, and I will be in contact with you as to how your organization may help us in this process.

Sincerely,


Charles B. DeWitt
Director