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Division on Women and Crime

American Society of Criminology

November 25, 1991

Please reply to: Dr. Carole Garrison

Mr. Timothy Flanagan
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Dear Tim,

"Relevance and rationality" seems to be the perfect theme for a plenary on the Criminalization of Pregnancy. It is certainly relevant and like its sister issues of abortion and domestic violence seems to elude rationality! New Orleans is the perfect setting given Louisiana's restrictive and draconian abortion laws.

It is an emerging Criminal Justice issue and area of research. It has important public policy implications. It is an issue the Division of Women and Crime want ASC to recognize, validate and collaborate on.

Being the new Division Chair I'm not sure how plenaries happen but would like to work with you to make this one happen in 1992. Please get back with me with your ideas, comments, suggestions. We can "seize the moment" together.

Sincerely,

Carole Garrison

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December 17, 1991

Dear Felice:

I'm writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the Public Policy Committee at the ASC.

First, let me clear up the loose ends from the San Francisco meeting:

I spoke to Jeff Fagan about the Public Policy Committee's work, he expressed a provide some expertise, so all you need to do is call him, if in fact the Committee sets up some sort of task force;

Enclosed you will find, 1) the Horger, Brown, Condon paper which is the basis of the deterrence argument for criminalization of pregnancy issue, 2) the description of Linda Gordon's efforts in Los Angeles, 3) the material from the Dec. 6th meeting in Manhattan, "Talking About Women and Crime: A forum for researchers, practitioners, and policy makers."

Second, I've taken the liberty to write for the ASC conference papers on issues related to criminalization of pregnancy. I'm enclosing a copy of the letter that went out along with a list of the people it went to. I'll forward papers as they come in.

January is rapidly approaching, and with it, the Committee will be meeting (via conference call) to begin reviewing the evidence. I know you've circulated the papers from the 1990 ASC meetings, and perhaps even the papers from your own session at this year's meeting. If you would like to talk before that meeting, I've listed my home phone below, I'll be available during January. After the meeting, please let me know what happened. We spoke about identifying gaps in the literature, and I expect that the 1991 papers will be helpful.

attention
Carol

maybe a note
or call to
Felice on
what's on

or what's happening,
what will be
happening would
be appropriate!

Drew

The last point concerns the ASA and public presentation of sociology. I realize that your meeting has come and gone, but in the future, please feel free to quote me to the effect that ASA needs one way to place important research findings on the Science Pages, etc. across the country.

If you need to reach me over the winter break, I'm at 609-354-1765 (home) or 36 Roberts Ave. Haddonfield NJ 08033. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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cc Carol Garrison



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January 14, 1992


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Dear Professor Garrison:

Thank you for your letter of November 25 in which you suggest a plenary session on the criminalization of pregnancy for the 1992 American Society of Criminology meeting. I certainly agree with you concerning the relevance and importance of this issue for the Society. I will be working with Dean Blumstein to establish the plenary sessions for the 1992 meeting and will certainly suggest this plenary to be sponsored by the Division on Women and Crime for his consideration.

Again, thank you for your suggestion and I will be back in touch with you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Timothy J. Flanagan
Dean and Professor

TJF/kb