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THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Division on Women and Crime

Nominations for 1995 Division on Women and Crime Awards

The Awards Committee for the Division on Women and Crime invites nominations, including self nominations, for outstanding contributions to either:

- (1) the development of knowledge about feminist scholarship, gender issues, or women as offenders, victims, or professionals in criminal justice, or
- (2) the enhancement of women's status within criminology and criminal justice through contributions to professional organizations, academic institutions, and/or the criminal justice system.

At least two awards will be given each year:

- (1) Distinguished Scholar Award without eligibility requirements
- (2) Distinguished Scholar Award for which eligibility is limited to individuals who have held the Ph.D. for no more than 8 years.

In submitting your nomination, provide the following supporting materials: a letter evaluating a nominee's contribution, its relevance for the award, and a C.V. No nominee will be considered unless materials are available and arrive by deadline.

Send nominations and supporting materials by February 28, 1995 to:

**Joanne Belknap
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(Sent on CCW letterhead)

TO: Prof. Marvin Wolfgang Fax #215-898-6590
FROM: Prof. Nicole Rafter
19 January 1995
RE: Vollmer Award Nomination

I am writing to nominate **Dr. Dorie Klein** for the ASC's next Vollmer Award.

Dr. Klein is one of the country's outstanding criminologists, having single-handedly inaugurated feminist criminology with her now-famous 1973 article, "The Etiology of Female Crime." Thus it is remarkable that she should also be one of the main figures to carry criminology from the academy into criminal justice agencies and the community.

More than anyone I know, Dr. Klein has used criminological knowledge to further social justice, particularly in the areas of neo-natal health and drug policies. She has done so with a sensitivity to racial and ethnic differences from which we can all learn.

I won't send more detail because I know you will be receiving a copy of Dr. Klein's CV from other sources. I hope you will take this nomination very seriously and forward Dr. Klein's name to the ASC board.

Thank you for your attention.

TO: Prof. Susan Miler Fax # 815-753-6302
FROM: Nicky Rafter
19 January 1995
RE: Enclosed copy of my message to Wolfgang re Dorie & Vollmer
Award

Enclosed you'll find a copy of the ref. I just sent to Wolfgang.
Hope it fits the bill, Thank you so much for your hard work on
behalf of the Division and Dorie. Excellent nomination.

Cheers.

Actually, the fax won't go through to him. I'll try again in morning
& will also then mail hard copy.

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Dear Colleague:

Your nomination for an American Society of Criminology award has been received. It will be carefully considered.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Marvin E. Wolfgang
Chairman, Awards Committee
American Society of Criminology

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Please reply to:

Date: March 3, 1995

To: Division on Women and Crime
Executive Board, Committees and Task Forces

From: Lynne Goodstein

I am finally resurfacing following a month of bedridden bronchitis and tonsillitis, which followed a hellish fall semester. I know I must be feeling better, as I have started attending my aerobics class again! This is all intended to apologize for being so slow in getting back to you following the fantastic fall meeting of the ASC. So much happened there that it almost made my head spin. This memo is intended to recap the high points of the meeting, to summarize the work that various committees have set out for themselves, and focus on what we want to be adding or changing for next year's (this year's!) meeting.

Many people deserve much credit and praise for the wonderful work they did for the 1994 meeting. The Division was highly visible in many ways and hopefully provided both experienced and newer participants at the conference with both social and intellectual activities to attend and people to meet and share ideas.

1994 Meeting Summary

Before moving on the activities planned for this year, I want to take a few minutes to review some of our accomplishments at the 1994 meeting and to thank some of the people who worked so hard to make it such a success. The meeting was chock full of activities and programs sponsored by the Division or involving Division members. Participants were greeted in the Registration Desk area by the Division Table, organized so ably by Chinita Heard, co-chair of the Division's Outreach Committee. Chinita and her co-chair, Coramae Richey Mann, did a spectacular job of elevating the table to new heights this year. They involved large numbers of people in staffing the table and helping us to hawk our wares. The table, which was staffed daily for the duration of the meeting, netted \$1,055 in revenues!

We had much of interest to the ASC membership at the table this year. In addition to our still hot 50th Anniversary tee shirts and Division memberships, this year we displayed prototypes of the new Second Edition of the Teaching About Women in Criminal Justice and Criminology Curriculum Guide, edited by Christine Rasche and myself. This guide, which will be ready for distribution by April 15, stimulated a great deal of interest among participants and promises to be another winner-- both for all teachers of women and crime courses and for the Division. Chinita Heard has also prepared a useful flyer outlining all programs and panels at the meeting that might be of interest to Division members.

The whirlwind of Division sponsored events began Wednesday evening with a per-dinner party honoring Herman and Julia Schwendinger-- with a special surprise award and show of our appreciation for the many contributions of Chris Rasche, Vice-chair of the Division and editor of DivisioNews. The event, carefully planned by Susan Krumholz and Kathleen Gale, attracted over 125 people. The matter of an honoree for next year's Division social event was discussed, and by enthusiastic unanimity, Sarah Hall has been selected.

Our two business meetings, held at lunchtime on Thursday and Friday, were well attended and very busy. The format, two one-hour meetings held on two successive days, tried first at our 1993 meeting worked well again this year. This minutes will be included in the next issue of DivisioNews, so I will only review highlights.

The Division elected several new board members to take the place of those completing their terms. Those outgoing members had made important contributions to the welfare of the Division and now hopefully will enjoy an earned rest from administrative duties (though hopefully a short rest since we need their energy!). To replace Imogene Moyer in the position of Secretary Treasurer, Joanne Belknap was elected. Chris Rasche, outgoing Vice-Chair is being replaced by Nicole Hahn Rafter. One new Executive Counselor was elected, Chinita Heard to replace Coramae Richey Mann. She joins Nancy Wonders and Nancy Jurik, who are serving their second year as Executive Counselors. Congratulations to those elected for these positions and many thanks to all who ran! Also, thanks to Doris MacKenzie and Chris Sellers, co-chairs of the Nominations Committee, for organizing the elections.

One of the Division's traditional tasks has been to advocate for women to receive honors from the larger Society through being included on nomination slates, receiving ASC awards, and being appointed fellows of the society. This past year the Division was extremely successful in this part of its efforts. Under the able leadership of Sally Simpson and Susan Miller, 1993-94 co-chairs of the Awards and Fellows Committee of the Division, a number of women received awards from the Society, including Freda Adler being elected ASC fellow, Joan McCord received the Sutherland award, and Joan Petersilia received the August Vollmer award.

This year was the first year the Division instituted its own awards, which were announced at the second Division business meeting on Friday. It was a festive occasion when Meda Chesney-Lind and Kathy Daly were announced as the co-recipients of the Distinguished Scholar award and Susan Miller the recipient of the New Scholar Award. The recipients received beautiful engraved plaques in honor of their achievements. I would like to thank the Division Award Committee members, Zelma Henriques, Nancy Wonders, Drew Humphries, Helen Eigenberg, and Joanne Belknap for their hard work in developing and implementing the procedure for this important Division advancement.

According to Ruth Seydlitz and Nicole Hahn Rafter, co-chairs of the Division Mentoring Project, five matches between senior and junior scholars have been made and the project is going well.

Another issue that was brought up at the Division meetings was the possibility that of the Division formally sponsoring one edition annually of the American Journal of Criminal Justice. We have been asked to do this by the editors, and there seems to be sufficient interest among our membership. Some strategies for deciding who would be the editor were discussed, and at this point I have yet to nail down the details with the editors.

The excellent representation of the Division at the 1994 meeting would not have been possible without the hard work of many committee members. I would like to thank all who were involved in planning for the meeting, or in doing committee work on the Division's behalf. I also would like to thank the Executive Board from 1994 for their support, advice counsel, and hard work: Christine Rasche (Vice-chair); Imogene Moyer (Secretary-treasurer); Coramae Richey Mann (Executive counselor); Nancy Jurik (Executive counselor); and Nancy Wonders (Executive counselor). Thanks also goes to all the committee members who worked so hard on their assignments. The decision made during the 1993 meeting to pair more senior and more junior members as co-chairs of committees appears to have worked very well.

1995 Executive Board

The 1995 Executive Board is comprised of the following:

Chair:	Lynne Goodstein (2nd year)
Vice-chair:	Nicole Hahn Rafter (1st year)
Secretary-treasurer	Joanne Belknap (1st year)
Executive Counselors	Chinita Heard (1st year)
	Nancy Jurik (2nd year)
	Nancy Wonders (2nd year)

1995 Projects and Activities

NOTE: PLEASE LOOK FOR YOUR NAME IN THE SECTIONS BELOW. ALSO PLEASE COPY ME ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO DIVISION WORK SO THAT I MAY KEEP COMPLETE RECORDS OF ALL ACTIVITIES.

Given the lateness of the date, many of you have already been hard at work on Division matters. We have a dynamite team of committee chairs this year, and I look forward to many accomplishments as a result of the energy of so many new and enthusiastic Division members who have stepped forward in leadership positions.

Awards and Fellows Nominations: Susan Caringella MacDonald and Susan Miller have already been hard at work arranging for nominations of women criminologists to be considered for the ASC awards and fellows positions for this year. Again, we were urged to mobilize lots of different people to write letters of support rather than simply sending Division endorsements for nominees. This is more complicated, but the extra work hopefully will be more effective.

Division on Women and Crime Award: The committee for this year's Award will be the same as last, except that ZoAnn Snyder-Joy will take Nancy Wonder's place. She will be joined by veterans Zelma Henriques, Drew Humphries, Helen Eigenberg, and Joanne Belknap (chair).

The announcement for nominations and supporting materials has already gone out; deadline for nominations is February 28, 1995. The text of the award was revised and passed at the business meeting in November and is now closely in keeping with the original text for the award that was passed at the 1993 meeting. There will still be two awards, one reserved for a person in the earlier stages of her/his career. I know that this committee has discussed the procedures in detail and has given itself plenty of time to do its work. Please let me know of anything you will need from me-- you seem to be well on your way!

Nominations: Chris Sellers has graciously agreed to remain as co-chair of this committee, to be joined by Carol Thompson. You are responsible for making nominations for the executive committee positions that will be vacated at the end of this year. These include: Chair, and two executive counselor positions. The elections take place in late summer/early fall. In addition to finding qualified persons to run for these positions, your committee is responsible for obtaining statements from each person on the ballot and for coordinating with Sarah Hall in getting the statements and ballots to all Division members. Please remember that I am counting on you to come up with the slate of nominees by late spring (ideally, you should have their statements by that time as well). Please contact me regarding your ideas for nominations-- I would like to give you my input before you make final decisions.

This committee is also responsible for making nominations for persons to run for ASC offices. We are talking about the 1996 slate, which I believe is decided sometime in spring 1995. We have been fortunate to have been well represented on slates in recent years; hopefully your committee will be able to nominate others who will be included in the next ballot. Again, don't hesitate to contact me with ideas or questions regarding these nominations.

Outreach Committee: Evelyn Gilbert has agreed to take over as Outreach Committee chair for this year, with Chinita Heard as her advisor (co-chair?). The activities that have historically been part of this position are as follows:

1. Planning for the Division table for the 1995 meeting. Chinita did an excellent job last year and is very knowledgeable about what is involved. Evelyn, please consult with her.
2. Preparing a list of panels for the 1995 meeting that highlights women, crime, and feminist issues.
3. Organizing the nightly Division dinners. These are dinners in which new members can sign up to go out to dinner with an older member "host" and a group of others. It did not work at this year's meeting, and I would like your committee to consider whether or not to try them again in 1995.

Student Affairs: Kathryn Scharborough has agreed to take over chairship of this committee from Mona Danner. This committee has historically organized panels for the meeting on issues of interest to student members. Kathryn, please consult with Mona for ideas, and you may have some new ones of your own to try. Please keep me posted on your progress.

Special Events: Debra Stanley will be assuming the position held for the past several years by Susan Krumholz, who deserves a rest after doing such an awesome job. Debra, please consult with Susan about timetables for arrangements. This year will be a special celebration, as we will be honoring Sarah Hall. I think the crowd will be bigger, and it will be necessary to schedule it at

a time that doesn't conflict with too much other stuff. I will be in touch in the next few days with the Chair of the 1995 meeting and will try to nail down times for this event. I am sure that many people would like to help in honoring Sarah. We thought a series of small speeches and some small gifts that told stories would be in order. Nancy Wonders said she'd help with some of the planning for Sarah's tribute, so please contact her.

Curriculum Guide: Chris and I are pleased to say that we are about ready to put ourselves out of a job-- at least for the next few years. The guides, which were displayed in prototype at the 1994 meeting, should be ready for distribution before mid-April.

Mentoring Program: To my knowledge, Nicky and Claire are planning to continue with this project. Please let me know if you would like any help.

Task Forces: There was little discussion of the task forces at the 1994 meeting. The Women and Prison Task Force handed out the resolution concerning women and prison that was passed out at the 1993 meeting. Karlene Faith, Evelyn Gilbert, and Zelma Henriques are still involved. There are some steps that need to be taken before this resolution could be acted upon by the Society as a whole. If you want to try to follow up on this resolution, please check either with me or with one of the DWC members who are part of the ASC Executive Board (Meda Chesney Lind, Merry Morash).

Other Issues

The matter of better publicizing of the Division's mission and goals remains unresolved. Some have suggested the publication of a new brochure outlining these issues. This publication could then be mailed to the membership of the ASC. I would be delighted if something like this could happen. Anyone wanting to work with me on such a brochure, please let me know.

There was some talk about ways in which the Division could play a more active role in consulting with criminology/criminal justice programs nationally regarding issues of gender equity. In this year, I hope that we can at least continue to have conversations about models for such work, and perhaps organize a panel or meeting at next year's conference to formalize a plan. This plan might involve a funded conference to design a curriculum for this work.

There was also concern that the Division be as supportive as possible of the effort of ASC members to start a new division whose constituency would be criminologists of color. I would appreciate suggestions and offers of help in this regard.

Call for Participation

If there are division members who are interested in getting involved in any of the activities listed above, or initiating something new, please know that your energy is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Committee members, please encourage your friends and colleagues to get involved in Division activities.



March 15, 1995

Dr. Penelope J. Hanke
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Dear Dr. Hanke:

I received a message from James Hackler regarding your interest in participating on a task force or committee of the Division on Women and Crime. I understand that you have been trying for some time to become active in the Division. Sometimes it may seem like there is an "old girls" group who all know each other and are given all the attention and visibility. This is a difficult perception to counter, and we have been working hard, especially in recent years, to involve newer members and to increase the diversity of our active membership, but we still obviously have a ways to go. To the extent that you have not felt that an opening existed for you to become involved in the Division, I take responsibility and apologize. There are really a small group of people who are active in Division affairs at any one point in time, and we desperately need all the help we can get.

There is certainly much work that needs to be done in the present year. I would very much appreciate your efforts on any number of committees or task forces. Specifically, we could use your help on the Outreach Committee (responsible for involving new members in Division work, the outreach table at the annual meeting, organizing events for new members, etc.), the Student Affairs committee (some of the same tasks focused on students, organizing panels of special interest to students, etc.), or the Special Events committee (this year we will be honoring Sarah Hall and will be organizing speeches and a gift).


The other major item which no one is currently working on is the development of a new task force to do some public relations for the Division-- to let the ASC membership and prospective members know more about who we are and what we do. We could really use someone who would be willing to chair this task force and consider ways to spread the word about Division work.

Please let me know if any of these ideas interest you. I very much would appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Division, and

I believe you would find the efforts worthwhile, not only in getting something good done but also in establishing contacts with other wonderful Division members.

I hope to hear from you soon with your ideas about how you wish to become involved in Division activities. Feel free to call me at the above number or write to me at the above address.

Sincerely,


Lynne Goodstein
Chair, Division on Women and Crime

cc: C. Rasche
J. Hackler
N. Rafter

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**EVELYN GILBERT, PhD
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November 27, 1995

Professor Christine Rasche
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Dear Chris:

RE: DWC Committee Report(s)

I have enclosed a report from the Outreach Committee, as well as a report from the Women and Prison Task Force.

If I can provide you with additional information, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Evelyn Gilbert, PhD

Enclosure

xc: Nicole Rafter
Lynne Goodstein

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 27, 1995

From: Karlene Faith
Chair, Women in Prison Task Force

To: Division of Women and Crime

RE: 1995 Annual Report

This year the Task Force (myself, Evelyn Gilbert, Zeima Henriques, Joan Crowley, Becky Tatum) engaged in activities supporting the Decarceration resolution. These activities were suggested by Joan Petersilia when she chaired the ASC Policy Committee.

- At the 1995 Annual Meeting task force members conducted a roundtable, "Women in Prison--Is it Time for Decarceration", on Saturday, November 18. The session was well attended and sparked lively discussion among attendees.
- The resolution passed by the Division at the Phoenix meetings was announced in the (Fall 1995) DivisioNews.
- The resolution was read at the ASC Business meeting on Thursday, November 16. The resolution was then to be presented to the ASC Executive Board (Saturday, November 18) at which time it would be assigned to the ASC Policy Committee. The Policy Committee must report back to the ASC Executive Board. If the report out of the Policy Committee is favorable, the resolution shall be sent to the membership for a vote.
- A proposal for a special issue of the American Journal of Criminal Justice focusing on women and incarceration was submitted to Chair Goodstein (see Attachment).
- Evelyn Gilbert has agreed to take over as Chair of the Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,

Karlene Faith

AJCJ SPECIAL ISSUE PROPOSAL

submitted by
Task Force on Women in Prison

The Division on Women and Crime continues its advocacy for a national policy of alternative sentencing for women in prison. The centerpiece of this advocacy is a Decarceration resolution. The resolution seeks to improve the quality of life for women serving time and to limit carceral alternatives to violent offenders. The resolution passed by the Division and submitted to the Executive Board at the Phoenix meetings reads as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASC SUPPORTS ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS. THE OVERREPRESENTATION OF HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED GROUPS IN NORTH AMERICAN CARCERAL FACILITIES, THE PERVASIVE EVIDENCE OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL, PHYSICAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE AMONG PRISONERS, THE SOCIAL COSTS OF SEPARATING PARENTS FROM THEIR DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AND DISCRIMINATORY SENTENCING PRACTICES ALL POINT TO A NEED TO CHALLENGE THE PERPETUATION OF IMPRISONMENT RESPONSES TO NON-VIOLENT ADJUDICATED OFFENDERS. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES BE DEVELOPED AND EXPANDED FOR THE EXPLICIT PURPOSES OF

- (1) REDUCING THE NUMBERS SENTENCED TO PRISON,
- (2) GENERATING MODELS OF DECARCERATION WHICH ADVANCE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL EQUITY, AND
- (3) PROVIDING ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TREATMENT.

The proposed articles for a special journal issue will focus on the status and experience of women incarcerated for violent and nonviolent crimes both in the U.S. and internationally.

- I. Research-based
 - A. Criminal Justice System response
 1. violent crimes
 2. nonviolent crimes
 3. family violence
 - B. Crime prevention/reduction
 1. carceral alternatives
 2. non-carceral alternatives
 - a. nonviolent crimes
 - b. domestic violence
 - C. Family issues
- II. Theoretical Issues
 - A. Criminal etiology
 - B. Criminalization of gender
 - C. Legalization of institutional sexism

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 27, 1995
From: Evelyn Gilbert
Chair, Outreach Committee
To: Division on Women and Crime
RE: 1995 Annual Report

The Committee (myself, Chinita Heard, and Becky Tatum) managed the Outreach Table at the Annual Meeting in Boston. The Table was open for business and staffed from Wednesday to Friday by Division members.

On display at the Table were both editions of the Curriculum Guide (and Order forms), Sexual Harassment Bibliography, t-shirts, bookmarks, ASC and Division Membership forms, DWC member book flyers, DivisioNews, 1995 Program highlights and Division brochure.

During the conference, 10 Curriculum Guide(s) were purchased, 8 t-shirts were sold, and 9 memberships were processed. The Table collected \$350. The t-shirts that were sold represented to last of the quantity. Interestingly, a number of people wanted to purchase a t-shirt after they had sold out.

Zina McGee of Hampton University has agreed to take over as Chair of the Outreach Committee and I will be happy to serve as co-chair.

The Committee wishes to thank members for their support.

Respectfully submitted


Evelyn Gilbert, PhD