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# Division on Women and Crime

December 9, 1992

Dr. Stephen E. Brown  
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Dear Dr. Brown:

Meda Chesney Lind forwarded to me a copy of a letter written to Charles Wellford by Al Blumstein concerning The Criminologist. As chair of the Division on Women and Crime, I want to congratulate you for your decision to feature Betsy Stanko's piece on sexual harassment in our field in such a central location in the newsletter. Despite Dr. Blumstein's statement that "the only piece of news relating to the society is an article about the upcoming... meeting, and that is buried on page 10," Betsy Stanko's article about sexual harassment could not be more related to the society. Indeed, virtually every professional association is currently attempting to come to terms with sexually discriminatory norms among members, and there is no reason to expect that the American Society of Criminology would be any different. Convention behavior, as illustrated in the U.S. Air Force's recent Tailhook incident, can embody some of the most egregious forms of sex discrimination. Given that one of the major functions of the ASC is to sponsor an annual meeting, it would seem wise to publicize these sensitive issues to the largest audience possible, as you did in publishing the article in The Criminologists.

Thank you for your recognition of the importance of this issue. You should be congratulated, not chastised, for your decision.

Sincerely,

  
Lynn Goodstein  
Chair

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## ivision on Women and Crime

December 8, 1992

Dear Meda:

Thanks for your note and the enclosures. I appreciate your taking the time to write the letter to Steve Brown. Al Blumstein's comments about Betsy's piece are insensitive and insulting to both the women ("the only piece of news relating to the society is an article about the upcoming ... meeting..." -- spare me!) and to the editor of The Criminologist.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter I wrote to Brown. Given that Al's mostly out of the picture now, I don't know that there is anything else we should or need to do.

Take care and hope you have some fun over break. How is women's studies going?

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Lynne,

I got a strange fax from Mac Klein about board "concerns" about the Criminologist. After asking for a copy, I got this letter from Blumstein which had been forwarded to Brown.

I also enclose a copy of the letter I wrote to Brown. I guess this is to be our life, huh.

Hoping things go well with you -

Best,

Meda

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October 1, 1992

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Dear Chuck:

I just got my copy of the September-October issue of The Criminologist. It highlights many of the concerns I have expressed to you about that publication.

It is identified as the "Official Newsletter of the American Society of Criminology", but the only piece of news relating to the Society is an article about the up-coming New Orleans meeting, and that is buried on page 10. That full-page article should more properly appear on the front page to advertise the Society's upcoming meeting in order to encourage people to attend.

Instead, we find a long article filling all the rest of the issue reporting on the results of a survey - one that has not been very well executed at that - that is intended to urge the ASC to take some policy actions on the basis of the results. In this case in particular, the newsletter ignores the official action taken by the Board at its last meeting - which the editor did attend. I raise this point to highlight the need for some ASC policy guidance to the editor of our "official newsletter."

Aside from those two articles, I believe the entire remainder of the issue consists of advertisements and reprints of official notices and advertisements. These are all of good general interest, but I think that we should want more than that from our newsletter. Many of our members, for example, would be interested in some details about the winners of our various awards. They are people we can be proud of and whose accomplishments we should make more of.

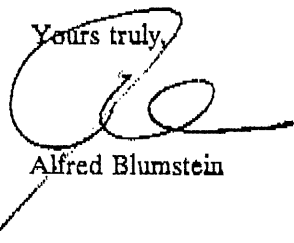
I'm not sure where the policy setting mechanism of our "official newsletter" belongs, but I do not believe that it should be left to the editor alone. There are appropriate roles in the first instance for the Vice President, who is the designated officer responsible for publications. Other roles might be taken by the Board in terms of setting some desired policy and procedures for implementation that might involve the President and the Vice-President. My impression is that we currently leaves this totally in the hands of the editor, to whom we seem to give no external policy guidance.

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Dr. Charles Wellford  
October 1, 1992  
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I think that the editorial policy regarding our newsletter is an important issue for the Society to address in order to maintain its own internal integrity. I would like to ask you and your Editorial Committee to come to the New Orleans meeting with some recommendations on how we can most effectively make The Criminologist a more effective and useful "official newsletter" of the ASC. I would hope that those issues could be addressed and agreed upon before the new editor is appointed so that there is no misunderstanding of the terms of the appointment.

Yours truly,



Alfred Blumstein

cc: Christy Visher  
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November 27, 1992

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Dear Dr. Brown,

I have just received a copy of Al Blumstein's letter expressing some concerns about *The Criminologist*. As the Vice President-elect, I was not able to participate in the Board's discussion of the newsletter. I would, therefore, like to express my own thoughts about the decision to print Betsy Stanko's survey of the members of the Women and Crime Division of ASC on the topic of sexual harassment.

I was extremely pleased that this important article appeared in *The Criminologist*. The survey results are consistent with other such surveys (e.g. the Thorpe and Glaser study of women in clinical psychology), and they signal a significant problem within our profession. It is my understanding that a longer version of the Stanko piece will appear in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, which also speaks to its importance. When Stanko's preliminary results were presented to the Division's membership at last year's meeting in San Francisco, the response of those in attendance was so intense that we had to schedule a follow-up meeting in then President Hagan's suite to continue the discussion. These sessions also formed the basis of a one day seminar, organized by a student member of ASC, on the topic at the SSSP meetings held later that same year, and at this year's meeting of the ASC in New Orleans yet another session on the topic was scheduled.

At the ASC Board meeting that I did attend, there was considerable discussion of the need for ASC to focus on issues of interest to our younger members, if the organization is to grow. These members are much more likely to be female. A recent survey of the ASC membership found, for example, that women comprised a majority of our members under the age of

36 (a figure that excluded students). Members of ASC under 25 (presumably students) were also far more likely to be female. It is extremely important, then, that the organization address the interests and concerns from those who will be its future. Clearly, the Stanko study addresses a problem of considerable magnitude for women in our profession. I was pleased to see it published in our newsletter, and I wanted to convey this to you.

I am also pleased to report to you that the board, at its meeting following the conference, passed unanimously a strong statement condemning sexual harassment within our organization. This, too, is a step in the right direction.

Best Regards,

Meda Chesney-Lind, Ph.D.  
Director

cc: Del Elliot, President, ASC  
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December 28, 1992

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Dear Dr. Goodstein:

Jury Gerber and I have assumed the editorship of *The Criminologist*. We are interested in including information on a regular basis regarding the divisions within the association.

We unexpectedly inherited the January/February issue at the ASC meeting in New Orleans--we had thought that we would begin with the March/April issue; therefore, we have been very occupied getting the first edition ready and did not have time to contact the division chairs previously.

I would appreciate it if you would send information for the March/April issue concerning the Division on Women and Crime. Information regarding the 1992 meeting in New Orleans, including any awards, the number who attended the luncheon, and so forth would be helpful. Also, it might be of interest to the membership to know how many members belong to the division, as well as information on the growth and development of the division. A list of the officers might also be included. We would welcome anything that you think should be included in *The Criminologist*. The deadline for the March/April issue is February 1.

We would also appreciate it if you would provide information concerning the Division on Women and Crime for future issues of *The Criminologist*, including information regarding the 1993 meeting.

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Dr. Lynne Goodstein  
December 28, 1992

The primary factor which motivated Jurg and me to apply for the editorship was the fact that the Board of Directors wanted to add a Book Review section to *The Criminologist* as we believe that this will make an excellent contribution to the association. Any books which you might recommend for review would be appreciated. Also, you may want to consider organizing the review of a selection of books on the subject of Women and Crime which could be published as a special book review edition.

Sincerely,

A rectangular grey box redacting the signature of Raymond H. C. Teske, Jr.

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TO: Kay Billingsley

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February 3, 1993

Kay Billingsley  
The Criminologists  
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Dear Ms. Billingsley:

Thank you again for calling me with the FAX number so the Division on Women and Crime can contribute to the next issue of The Criminologist. Here is our entry:

The Division on Women and Crime was a strong presence at the New Orleans meeting this past fall. Just in numbers alone, with 321 members the Division constitutes a large bloc within the American Society of Criminology. While members may not always agree on every detail of policy positions, there is a shared commitment to: 1) increased visibility of women in all aspects of society activities and 2) the continued advancement of research and scholarship on women and gender issues as they relate to crime, justice, and the criminal justice system.

Over the past two years the topic of sexual harassment has occupied the attention of many Division members. Betsy Stanko has contributed significantly to raising the visibility of this issue in the Society through her research on sexual harassment among members of the ASC (published in a past issue of The Criminologist) and her leadership in holding Division-sponsored informal discussion sessions on sexual harassment at ASC meetings for the past two years.

The Division has also been actively involved in advocating for the passage of an ASC policy on sexual harassment. Under the stewardship of Division Chair Carole Garrison and Acting Chair Lynne Goodstein, a new policy on sexual harassment was proposed, deliberated, modified, and finally approved by the ASC board at its November meeting. This policy states that the ASC "condemns sexual harassment in any form" and goes on to specify two types of sexual harassment: 1) unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors when those requests or advances are in any way associated with current or potential professional opportunities or decisions in ASC activities; and 2) conduct that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment that interferes with an individual's participation in ASC activities.

The New Orleans meeting was also the site for the second Women and Crime luncheon, sponsored by the Division. Well over one hundred tickets were sold to this increasingly popular event. Attenders were fortunate to hear a keynote speech by the President of Planned Parenthood of the State of Louisiana who shared chilling stories of the struggles Louisiana women have waged to support women's rights to obtain family planning information and safe and legal abortions.

Several Division members have made a commitment to move forward with a revision of the popular curriculum guide for courses focusing on women and gender issues in criminology/criminal justice. The guide, edited by Merry Morash and published in 1988 by the Division, is becoming rapidly outdated. Later on this spring, members of the ASC will receive a call for submissions to the new guide. The quality of this new edition will depend upon the quality of the submissions we receive, so we urge all members to consider sharing information about your classes that focus on or are inclusive of gender issues.

The Division's executive board approved a plan for organizing Division meetings differently for the upcoming 1993 meeting in Phoenix. The changes, which will be described in greater detail in an upcoming issue of The Criminologist, are designed to encourage greater diversity within the Division and facilitate the involvement of new, and younger, members.

In addition, Division members are hard at work on a variety of projects, committees, and task forces, including the following:


Committees: Fellows, ASC Awards, Division Awards, Nominations, Outreach, Special Events, Student Affairs,

Task Forces: Lesbian, Women and Prison, Women of Color, Non-University Research, Sexual and Other Harassment, Public Policy.

If you are interested in working on any of these issues, please contact Lynne Goodstein, (814) 466-0930, and she will refer you to the committee/task force chair.

Again, Kay, thanks for including this article in The Criminologist.

Sincerely,

  
Lynne Goodstein  
Director

NEWS FROM THE DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

by Lynne Goodstein

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION OF CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY

by  
Hal Pepinsky

I'm chairing the Critical Criminology division (DCC) these next two years. We have our own newsletter, "The Critical Criminologist," which contains a number of fine essays in addition to our news. I'd encourage people who don't already get it to subscribe, and for that matter to join the division. Normally that is where I will continue to write myself. Meanwhile, the editors of *The Criminologist* were nice enough to go out of their way to ask me to write something for the general membership. I appreciate the chance to tell you about some interrelated initiatives we are taking with the other two ASC divisions--the Division on Women and Crime (DWC) and the Division on International Criminology (DIC). DWC chair Lynne Goodstein, DIC chair Gary LaFree and I have been working together, particularly on the program for next October's meeting in Phoenix. ASC President Del Elliott and Program Chair Marcia Chaiken have been marvelous about working with us. **Please advise Marcia of final program changes, as in adding names, by April 15 to go on the preliminary program.**

We are moved by a common sense that our annual meetings could use more coherence. We tend to go off to our isolated bits of the hundreds of sessions at the meeting, and scarcely have an opportunity to talk across specialities and perspectives about any general issues, let alone about the theme of the meeting. Del Elliott and I were among those who pushed a decade ago on the Executive Board to facilitate the creation of divisions and one happy consequence is that within divisions the meetings have taken on greater coherence for our members. I belong to all three divisions,

and I am well aware that in each there is a substantial group of ASC members who attend division-sponsored sessions and meetings together, and who in the process build a criminological dialogue among themselves. In all divisions we're encouraging more of the same; members are encouraged to organize sessions, and for that matter as we say among ourselves in the DCC, to infiltrate other sessions so that we don't talk only to ourselves.

This meeting we're going a big step further, building to an interdivisional plenary, "Responding to Violence" (in keeping with the theme of the meeting), which Marcia and Del are working on scheduling for Saturday. In fact, Marcia is thinking it might be good to have the plenary Saturday afternoon formally to end the meeting, closed by a Native American elder of spiritual adviser.

Plenary speakers will be reporters from four sets of two town meetings each--one set sponsored by each of the three divisions, and one sponsored by the local arrangements committee. The town meetings will be scheduled on Thursday and Friday. The local arrangements and division chairs will each recommend a convenor/reporter for the town meetings, and notify Marcia and Del in time for the preliminary program who their choices are, and who they agree themselves will chair the plenary. For the DCC I'm asking Charisse Coston to be our convenor and reporter.

The first of the two town meetings will be devoted to "issues of violence." The second will concentrate on "responses to violence." The reporter will summarize those discussions at the plenary.

In addition, Mick Hallett at Arizona State University has already undertaken to work with local arrangements Chair John Hepburn and local arrangements committee/DCC steering committee member Nancy Wonders at Northern Arizona University, to put together at least two additional sessions which will be scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday, featuring local practitioners and activists to ground our discussion of responding to violence in local problems. Marcia too has been working closely with the local arrangements committee, where among other things she is trying to arrange for a Native American opening ceremony, perhaps at the outset of a Wednesday afternoon plenary. The panels will be tied to field trips to be announced--a little broader in scope than the standard ASC prison tours. Mick has assumed responsibility for giving program information on the local arrangements sessions and tours to Marcia and Del.

Together, these sessions offer us a chance to take stock of where we stand as a body of criminologists across diverse spectra. You don't have to have paid your \$5 division dues to particulate; we want to act as a catalyst to bring ASC meeting participants together in common dialogue. Please join in.

As the first old man to chair a division in the first decade of their existence (or am I the second?), I can with some distance express admiration for how much life divisions are bringing to the society. We criminologists are a small enough group for me to be well aware that the young turks in the division are viewed with some suspicion and distrust, which I think is ill-founded. My predecessor as

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DCC chair, Susan Caringella-MacDonald, worked long and hard with other division chairs to get recognition and respect from officers and executive board members of ASC. There is a pending request from division chairs that they be made ex-officio members of the board, which has met resistance.

I'm an anarchist who believes in formalism only as a last resort, and I have the agreement of my steering committee and of Lynne and Gary to hold our proposal in abeyance to see whether we cannot be granted ex-officio status as a matter of informal courtesy. Del Elliott has no problems with this approach. He welcomed Lynne and me to sit and speak at the board meeting last November in New Orleans, and he now writes me:

I will be formally inviting the Division chairs to attend the Tues. evening meeting [in Phoenix] and make brief reports. I will also recognize the chairs if they want to comment on issues before the board.

Great! That's all we wanted to begin with. I for one will try not to abuse the privilege. As long as succeeding ASC presidents act in the same spirit, our proposal for formal ex-officio recognition can safely remain on the table. I see no reason for executive board members not to welcome us or any ASC member who goes to the time and trouble to sit in the open board meetings and offer constructive input. That offers board members ideas and perspectives they might not otherwise think of among themselves, and keeps the board and rank-and-file membership in contact.

I have a request to lay now before the president-elect, Jerry Skolnick. We would like to institutionalize the practice of having each division chair recommend a representative to the annual meeting program committee. For continuity's sake, I'm recommending Charisse Coston--convenor/reporter for this fall's plenary--to be the DCC representative to the 1994 program committee. I'd ask on behalf of the divisions that the three division representatives and the local arrangements chair form a program subcommittee to carry on the coherence we're trying to build into this fall's program. I look forward to working with you, Jerry, on this and other matters.

I'd like generally to encourage ASC members to get involved in division life. My own participation has made ASC life a lot richer for me. It happens in the DCC that I have a raft of committee appointments to make. Please join the division if you haven't already, and let me know of your interest. I'll hold off on further appointments until April. We keep talking in the

division about how we want to "involve new blood," and you're it. Also, our newsletter, "The Critical Criminologist," has a 100 percent acceptance policy for submissions of reasonably short length and coherence, and editors Walter DeKeseredy and Brian MacLean keep asking for submissions.

My thanks to the editors of *The Criminologist* for this opportunity to report to you. If you want to contact me, I'm in Criminal Justice, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405 USA, tel. (812) 855-1450 (office), 855-9325 (mess.), 339-4303 (home), 855-5522 (FAX), and on BITNET--PEPINSKY@IUBACS. I look forward to hearing from you.

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The Section on  
CRIME, LAW AND DEVIANCE  
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### Section Nominations/Elections

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