

From the Division on People of Color & Crime Division Chair- person

Issues of justice and equity continue to plague people of color throughout our world. As scholars, we individually continue to work diligently to raise awareness regarding issues of race, ethnicity, color, and nationality in the study of

crime and criminal justice systems across the planet. However, what more can we do to collaborate our efforts and to be sure that our voices are being heard? We get highly motivated to do new

and bigger things when we congregate at the annual ASC meetings, but we need to find a way to sustain this



motivation that dies out soon after we have returned to our respective homes and are faced with the ongoing demands of our work and personal lives. While several

of us have already joined forces with others in the membership, I know we can do more.

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From the Editor



It is a privilege to serve as editor of Race and Justice Scholar, our Division Newsletter. It is also a great opportunity to pay it forward from someone who has benefited greatly from the support, advice, and helpful criticism of the members of the Division.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. Please send your announcements of honors, appointments, publications, etc. I am also looking for short articles, announcements of general interest (such as calls for articles or books, research opportunities, etc.). Your suggestions are also valued and I can send out a general call for comments that can be edited into an article.

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will go far to better acquaint graduate students of color with the academic culture and

challenging work agendas, I strongly encourage members to utilize the listserv to share with others those issues that arise in our social world that get our blood boiling, get us hot under the collar, and get us all atwitter. Seriously, though – and clichés aside – let us revitalize our passion for our shared intellectual interests by starting NOW! In this newsletter – organized by the new editor, Jerome McKean (Ball State) – several items will do well in rejuvenating our spirit to work in partnership. In addition to the astounding achievements made by several DPCC members, including ASC awards given to Todd Clear (Rutgers University), Robert Crutchfield (University of Washington), and Ruth Peterson (Ohio State University), Geoff Ward (UC Irvine) provides us with an affecting memorial to racial justice scholar Manning Marable, who departed our world too soon when he passed away on April 1, 2011, at 60 years young.

Together we can!

Hillary Potter

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other. As we approach the 2011 ASC meeting, I ask that each of us begin to seriously contemplate how we can work *together*. One undertaking we must consider is the incorporation and mentoring of our up-and-coming scholars. At the 2010 ASC meeting, University of Delaware graduate student Brian Starks organized a meeting among DPCC graduate students. Several criminologists-in-training attended the meeting to express their desire to have more opportunities for mentorship by senior members of the division. While this form of collaboration does not necessitate, for example, co-authorship on a paper, at the least, the professional advice provided during mentoring

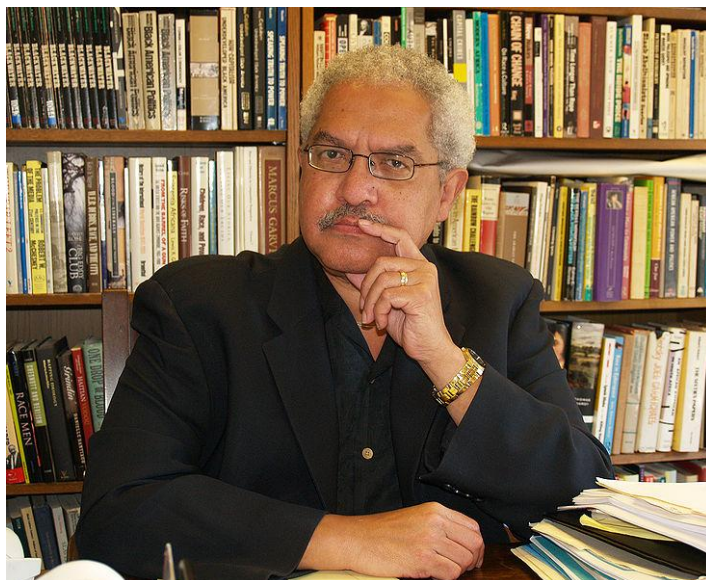
to promote their achievement in the field, whether it be in academia or a non-academic profession.

Beyond engaging with graduate scholars, we must begin to have serious conversations about how we are going to advance our work on race, ethnicity, justice, and crime. At the start, we should use the division's communicative media (e.g., listserv and Facebook group page) to brag about our own work, to pitch ideas, and to invite others to collaborate on research and publishing projects. As has been indicated on numerous occasions on the division's listserv, our interactions on the listserv are minimal regarding issues germane to race and crime. While, again, this is likely to be due, in part, to our

TOWARD RACIAL JUSTICE: IN MEMORY OF MANNING MARABLE

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Manning Marable in 2007. Source: David Shankbone, Wikimedia Commons, GNU Free Documentation License.

The community of scholars, civic leaders and activists concerned with racial justice lost a great man in the recent passing of Manning Marable. I had the fortune of getting to know Manning over the past ten years and want to share some personal thoughts about his contribution and legacy.

Like many I imagine, I first met Professor Marable through the pages of his tour de force, *How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America*. The book was assigned in an undergraduate class I took at Hampton around 1991, and it is one in a handful of texts which inspired me to major in sociology, study race, and pursue racial justice. A decade later, having just completed my PhD, I had a chance meeting with Professor Marable, and spent the next two years working with him on one of his racial justice projects. The *Africana Criminal Justice Project* had just received funding, and he asked me to help coordinate the effort.

The background and ambitions of the *Africana Criminal Justice Project* (ACJP) say a lot about Manning's professional and political agendas, and skill in their pursuit. ACJP began as a reparations proposal, yet when private foundations replied that they would not fund a project on reparations, it was creatively re-crafted as an alternative restorative justice initiative, focused on the contemporary crisis of racialized mass incarceration.

The ACJP strategy was three-fold: 1) increasing engagement with issues of race and justice in the black studies, which has been oddly disengaged with this issue of such importance to the black world; 2) raising public awareness of mass imprisonment and its consequences, especially in communities most impacted; and, 3) developing oral and intellectual histories on crime and justice in the black experience, in essence, a collection of black American reflections on the problem of crime and meaning of criminal justice, historically and today. Manning envisioned drawing on these efforts to inform what he called a "black theory of justice...drawn from the collective expressions of black people over the past four centuries." The goal remains unrealized, but signs of the steps in that direction still remain on the project website

(Manning Marable, Continued)

(www.columbia.edu/cu/ccbh/acjp/index.html), itself a kind of memorial to Manning's ambitious and innovative quest for racial justice.

The world lost a man of great principle, vision, and spirit in the passing of Manning Marable. It was especially saddening to me, and I suspect others he lived and worked with in this most recent phase of his intellectual and political life, that he passed days before publication of the book based on what had become his life's work, "The Malcolm X Project." *The Malcolm X Project* (MXP) was another bold, innovative, and seemingly unbound endeavor. It consumed and energized Manning for over a decade and, like ACJP, symbolized his evolution as a public intellectual. MXP entailed far more than conventional historical research, including what seemed like cloak and dagger negotiations over protected secrets, a graduate research seminar, and eventual development of a multi-media learning environment bringing Malcolm X to life (www.columbia.edu/cu/ccbh/mxp/).

Our ACJP planning meetings were usually interrupted by fascinating if untimely updates on the daily adventures of the *Malcolm X Project*, where Manning would share some shred of new information, regret that he couldn't say more and, with his familiar grin, promised that the whole story would be revealed soon enough. This long-awaited whole story (or a version of it, perhaps) was recently published in his book *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*. The book is credited with reshaping the widely accepted narrative of Malcolm X, revealing a more flawed, complex character. Marable's portrait of Malcolm X, based on interviews and archival research conducted over more than a decade, is not of the iconic wax museum figure of strident black power, but rather, a normal, vulnerable, and remarkable human-being, who struggled with personal and social issues while becoming a movement leader. If this picture runs counter to the pop-cultural imagery (e.g., Malcolm in the window with his rifle), and the *Autobiography* so many of us were moved by, it is consistent with the human story, and real lives of other women and men who have shaped this nation and the world.

It turns out that MXP was not such a departure from ACJP, as both were concerned with problems of race, crime, and injustice. Marable's account of *Malcolm X* not only shakes the public memory of this iconic figure, but challenges this nation to address the question of government conspiracy in his murder. As federal and state governments, researchers, and civic leaders come to terms with the "crimes of the civil rights era," and lasting needs for truth and reconciliation, they will be challenged to confront Manning Marable's evidence of grave injustice in this case. So too will generations of academics, civic leaders, and social activists find inspiration in Manning Marable's extensive works and unfinished projects on the problems of racial oppression and domination, and the elusive praxis of racial justice.

MILESTONES

Jo-Ann Della Giustina, Bridgewater State University, received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Old Colony Correctional Center (Massachusetts) for her work involving Bridgewater State University students in several programs inside the state prison. Jo-Ann also earned tenure this year.



Helen Taylor Greene was appointed as Interim Dean of the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University.

DPCC Members Win ASC Awards:

Three members of the Division were honored by the American Society of Criminology for their distinguished records of scholarship and service to the profession. **Ruth Peterson** will receive the Edwin H. Sutherland Award, and **Bob Crutchfield** and **Todd Clear** were appointed as Fellows of the American Society of Criminology.

The Edwin H. Sutherland award is named after one of the most influential criminologists of the twentieth century, and is given to a scholar for "outstanding contributions to theory or research in criminology on the etiology of criminal and delinquent behavior, the criminal justice system, law, or justice."

<http://www.asc41.com/awards/SutherlandAward.html>

Past award winners include Frank Cullen, Nicole Rafter, David Farrington, Robert Sampson, Albert K. Cohen, Marvin Wolfgang, Ron Akers, Travis Hirschi, and Richard Quinney.



Ruth Peterson (Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, 1983) is Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Criminal Justice Research Center at Ohio State University. Her research focuses on community conditions and crime, racial and ethnic inequality in patterns of crime, and the consequences of criminal justice policies for racially and ethnically distinct communities. With Lauren J. Krivo, Peterson co-authored *Divergent Social Worlds: Neighborhood Crime and the Racial-Spatial Divide* (Russell Sage Foundation 2010). With Lauren J. Krivo and John Hagan, she was the co-editor of *The Many Colors of Crime* published by New York University Press (2006). She is also the co-organizer (with Lauren Krivo) of the Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice-Network and its Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute: Broadening Perspectives and Participation. Peterson is a member of CJRC's Spatial Crime Research Working Group. [From the Ohio State University website <http://cjrc.osu.edu/people/Peterson.html>]

Fellows of the American Society of Criminology are selected by the Executive Board, which has stipulated that "The honorary title "Fellow" recognizes persons who have made a scholarly contribution to the intellectual life of the discipline, whether in the form of a singular, major piece of scholarship or cumulative scholarly contributions. Longevity alone is not sufficient. In addition, a Fellow must have made a significant contribution to the field through the career development of other criminologists and/or through organizational activities within the ASC." <http://www.asc41.com/awards/fellows.html>

Todd Clear is Dean of the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice. He received his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from SUNY-Albany in 1977. He has been especially active in promoting the concept of community justice and has authored or co-authored numerous publications in this area, including *Imprisoning Communities: How Mass Incarceration Makes Disadvantaged Neighborhoods Worse*, and *Community Justice* with Eric Cadora. Todd served as President of the American Society of Criminology from 2008-2009, and received the Herbert Bloch Award from the Society in 2007. Todd has also served as President of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Robert Crutchfield is Professor and Chair of Sociology at the University of Washington. He received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt in 1980. He is the author of the forthcoming *Work Matters: Jobs, Labor Markets and Crime*. He has done extensive research on race, social stratification, crime and justice. Currently, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Sentencing Project.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY DPCC MEMBERS

James Unnever & **Shaun L. Gabbidon**, *A Theory of African American Offending: Race, Racism, and Crime*. Routledge, 2111. <http://www.tandf.net/books/details/9780415883580/>

Helen Taylor Greene & Shaun L. Gabbidon, *Race and Crime: A Text Reader*. Sage, 2011. <http://www.sagepub.com/books/Book235142>

Nikki Jones, "Something Smells Like a Pig, You Say? *The Public Intellectual*, May 2, 2011. <http://thepublicintellectual.org/2011/05/02/if-it-smells-like-a-pig/>

James E. Hendricks, **Jerome McKean**, & Cindy G. Hendricks, *Crisis Intervention: Contemporary Issues for On-Site Intervenors*, 4th Edition. Charles C Thomas, 2010. <http://www.ccthomas.com/details.cfm?P ISBN13=9780398079468>

Natalie Sokoloff & Susan Pearce, "Far From Charm in Charmed City: Immigration and Intimate Partner Violence in Baltimore." *Women and Criminal Justice* (forthcoming).

Natalie Sokoloff & Amanda Burgess-Proctor, "Remembering Criminology's 'Forgotten Theme': Seeking Justice in U.S. Policy Using an Intersectional Approach." In Mary Bosworth and Carolyn Hoyle, *What is Criminology?* Oxford University Press, 2011. <http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199571826.do>

Natalie is now Professor Emerita after forty years of teaching at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

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Threat Perceptions: The Policing of Dangers from Eugenics to the War on Terrorism by Saran Ghatak.

Forensic Science in Court: Challenges in the Twenty First Century by Hon. Donald Shelton.

Effigy: Images of Capital Defendants by Allison M. Cotton.

Punishment for Sale: Private Prisons, Big Business, and the Incarceration Binge by Donna Selman and Paul Leighton.

State Criminality: The Crime of All Crimes by Dawn L. Rothe.

Racial Profiling: Research, Racism, and Resistance by Karen S. Glover.

Perverts and Predators: The Making of Sexual Offending Laws by Laura J. Zilney and Lisa Anne Zilney.

The Prisoners' World: Portraits of Convicts Caught in the Incarceration Binge by William Tregga and Marjorie S. Larmour.

To read more about these books, here is a link:

<http://www.rowmanlittlefield.com/Catalog/MultiBook.shtml> click on series, then on sociology and anthropology, then Issues in Crime and Justice.

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