



dpcc RACE AND JUSTICE SCHOLAR

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The Division on People of Color and Crime is a constitutionally endorsed group within the American Society of Criminology. The DPCC serves to bring together ALL who are dedicated to addressing the concerns and issues of people of color in the study of crime, justice, and the crime-processing system.



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Greetings from the DPCC Co-Chairs!

We have many updates since we met at the ASC annual conference last year. The DPCC welcomes newly elected DPCC Executive Board members Johnna Christian, Xia Wang, Henrika McCoy, and Janice Iwama. Dr. Christian was elected by the membership to serve a second term as vice-chair and Dr. Wang was elected to serve as secretary/treasurer. Drs. McCoy and Iwama were elected to serve as executive counselors, along with Nishaun Battle, who continues as Executive Counselor. The DPCC thanks outgoing board members Jason Williams (Secretary/Treasurer), Schannae Lucas, Mike Tapia (both Executive Counselors) for their service.

We wish a heartwarming congratulation to the 2018 DPCC award recipients Merry Morash, Nikki Jones, Allison Cotton, Nishaun Battle, and Beverly Guy-Sheftall! We are also happy to congratulate the winners of our two new graduate student awards: Asha Ralph,

the Helen Taylor Greene & Vernetta Young Graduate Fellowship, and Tri Keah Henry, the Norman White Outstanding Student Paper. See page 2 for more info on all of our award winners.

As you know, this year the ASC annual conference will be held in Atlanta! There are many exciting events to look forward to. First, the 2018 Symposium and Awards Luncheon will be held at Sweet Georgia's Juke Joint, 200 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303. This restaurant is within close proximity to the conference hotel. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, the founding director of the Women's Research and Resource Center and Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies at Spelman College, will serve as the keynote speaker for the luncheon. (Unfortunately, Xochitl Ververa, the Director of the Racial Justice Action Center, is no longer able to attend).

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The Lifetime Achievement Award

Merry Morash

Michigan State University



The Julius Debro Award

Allison Cotton

Metropolitan State University



The New Scholar Award

Nishaun Battle

Virginia State University



Norman White Outstanding Student Paper Award

Tri Keah Henry

Sam Houston State University



The Coramae Richey Mann Award

Nikki Jones

University of California, Berkley



Helen Taylor Greene and Vernetta D. Young Graduate Fellowship

Asha Ralph

Old Dominion University



Community Service Award Speaker

Beverly Guy-Sheftall



DPCC Meetings & Luncheon

DPCC Student Collective Mentoring Social:

Wednesday, November 14 from 7-9pm.
Big Kahuna's – 303 Peachtree Center Ave NE,
Atlanta, GA.

DPCC General Body Meeting:

Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 9:30-10:50am.
Marriott, International C, International Level

DPCC Awards Luncheon:

Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 12:30-2 pm.
Sweet Georgia's Juke Joint – 200 Peachtree St.,
Atlanta, GA.

DPCC Members may also be interested in a **Teacher Training** session for graduate students and junior faculty members, sponsored by the Division on Women and Crime and including several DPCC presenters. Friday, November 16, 8 am – 10:50 am. Preregistration required: ascdwc.com/asc2018_workshops.



Beverly Guy-Sheftall

Beverly Guy-Sheftall is the founding director of the Women's Research and Resource Center (1981) and Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies at Spelman College. For many years she was a visiting professor at Emory University's Institute for Women's Studies where she taught graduate courses in Women's Studies. At the age of sixteen, she entered Spelman College where she majored in English and minored in secondary education. After graduating with honors, she attended Wellesley College for a fifth year of study in English. In 1968, she entered Atlanta to pursue a master's degree in English; her thesis was entitled, "Faulkner's Treatment of Women in His Major Novels." A year later she began her first teaching job in the Department of English at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama. In 1971 she returned to her alma mater Spelman College and joined the English Department.

She has published a number of texts within African American and Women's Studies which have been noted as seminal works by other scholars, including the first anthology on Black women's literature, *Sturdy Black Bridges: Visions of Black Women in Literature* (Doubleday, 1980), which she coedited with Roseann P. Bell and Bettye Parker Smith; her dissertation, *Daughters of Sorrow: Attitudes Toward Black Women, 1880-1920* (Carlson, 1991); *Words of Fire: An Anthology of African American Feminist Thought* (New Press, 1995); an anthology she co-edited with Rudolph Byrd entitled *Traps: African American Men on Gender and Sexuality* (Indiana University Press, 2001); a book coauthored with Johnnetta Betsch Cole, *Gender Talk: The Struggle for Women's Equality in African American Communities* (Random House, 2003); an anthology, *I Am Your Sister: Collected and Unpublished Writings of Audre Lorde*, co-edited with Rudolph P. Byrd, Johnnetta B. Cole, and Guy-Sheftall (Oxford University Press, 2009); an anthology, *Still Brave: The Evolution of Black Women's Studies* (Feminist Press, 2010), with Stanlie James and Frances Smith Foster. Her most recent publication (SUNY Press, 2010) is an anthology co-edited with Johnnetta B. Cole, *Who Should Be First: Feminists Speak Out on the 2008 Presidential Campaign*. In 1983 she became founding co-editor of *Sage: A Scholarly Journal of Black Women* which was devoted exclusively to the experiences of women of African descent. She is the past president of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) and was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2017).



Author Meets Critic Sessions

Wednesday

Latina/o Criminology Panel 5: Author Meets Critics: Stick Together and Come Back Home: Racial Sorting and the Spillover of Carceral Identity

Wed, Nov 14, 2:00 to 3:20pm, Marriott, L504, Lobby Level

Author: *Patrick Lopez-Aguado*, Santa Clara University

Moderator: *Robert Durán*, Texas A&M University

Critics:

Nancy Rodriguez, University of California, Irvine

Cid Martinez, University of San Diego

Waverly Duck, University of Pittsburgh

Katherine Maldonado, University of California, Riverside

Author Meet Critics: Trapped in a Vice: The Consequences of Confinement for Young People

Wed, Nov 14, 3:30 to 4:50pm, Marriott, L406, Lobby Level

Author: *Alexandra Cox*, University of Essex

Moderator: *Avi Brisman*, Eastern Kentucky University

Critics:

Carla Shedd, CUNY Graduate Center

Geoff Ward, University of California, Irvine

Jo Phoenix, Open University

Latina/o Criminology Panel 6: Author Meets Critics: Protect, Serve, and Deport: The Rise of Policing as Immigration Enforcement

Wed, Nov 14, 3:30 to 4:50pm, Marriott, L504, Lobby Level

Author: *Amada Armenta*, University of Pennsylvania

Moderator: *Maria Beatriz Velez*, University of New Mexico

Critics

Marjorie Zatz, University of California, Merced

Ramiro Martinez, Northeastern University

Daniel Martinez, University of Arizona

Andrea Gómez Cervantes, University of Kansas

Events

ASC Presidential Plenary

What the Past and Present Teach us about Race, Racism, and the Challenges to Criminology

Thu, Nov 15, 11:00am to 12:20pm, Marriott, Salon A, Marquis Level

Authors:

Robert Sampson, Harvard University

Lawrence Bobo, Harvard University

Heather Thompson, University of Michigan

Presidential Justice Award and Presidential Address

Fri, Nov 16, 5:00 to 6:30pm, Marriott, Salon A, Marquis Level

Presidential Justice Award:

Ambassador Andrew Young

Presidential Address: Crime, Justice, & Inequality

Karen Heimer, American Society of Criminology

President / University of Iowa

Presidential Thematic Sessions

Revealing the Nexuses of Social Institutions, Cultures, Crime and Justice through Qualitative Analyses

Wed, Nov 14, 12:30 to 1:50pm, Marriott, A704, Atrium Level

Authors:

Vanessa Panfil, Old Dominion University

Sveinung Sandberg, University of Oslo

Michael Walker, University of Minnesota

Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice: The Consequences of Changing Social Institutions, Communities, and Cultures of Racism

Thu, Nov 15, 9:30 to 10:50am, Marriott, A706, Atrium Level

Authors:

Maria Velez, University of New Mexico

Ramiro Martinez, Northeastern University

Bill McCarthy, University of California, Davis

John Hagan, Northwestern University

Geoff Ward, University of California, Irvine

Author Meets Critic Sessions

Wednesday (continued)

Author Meets Critics: Surviving Gangs, Violence and Racism in Cape Town: Ghetto Chameleons

Wed, Nov 14, 3:30 to 4:50pm, Marriott, L403, Lobby Level

Author: *Marie Lindegaard*, Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR)

Moderator: *Jody Miller*, Rutgers University, Newark

Critics:

Heith Copes, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Forrest Stuart, University of Chicago

Sveinung Sandberg, University of Oslo

Julie Berg, University of Glasgow



Thursday

Author Meet Critics: The Making of a Teenage Service Class: Poverty and Mobility in an American City

Thu, Nov 15, 9:30 to 10:50am, Marriott, L505, Lobby Level

Author: *Ranita Ray*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Moderator: *Jamie J. Fader*, Temple University

Critics:

Jody Miller, Rutgers University, Newark

LaTosha L. Traylor, California State University, Fullerton

Victor Rios, University of California, Santa Barbara

Author Meets Critics: Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry

Thu, Nov 15, 12:30 to 1:50pm, Marriott, M102, Marquis Level

Author: *Keesha Middlemass*, Trinity University

Moderator: *Michael Mitchell*, University of Texas Arlington

Critics:

Joanne Belknap, University of Colorado Boulder

Todd Clear, Rutgers University, Newark

Elsa Chen, Santa Clara University

Calvin Smiley, Hunter College

Events

Featured Thematic Panel (Organized by Division on People of Color & Crime)

Building A Black Criminology

Fri, Nov 16, 12:30 to 1:50pm, Marriott, International 5, International Level

Authors:

Shaun Gabbidon, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg

Katheryn Russell-Brown, University of Florida, Levin College of Law

Meda Chesney-Lind, University of Hawaii

James Unnever, University of South Florida

Sarasota-Manatee

Thematic Session

Celebrating 20 years of Black Women's Contributions to Criminological Thought

Fri, Nov 16, 8:00 to 10:50am, Marriott, Salon B, Marquis Level

Author:

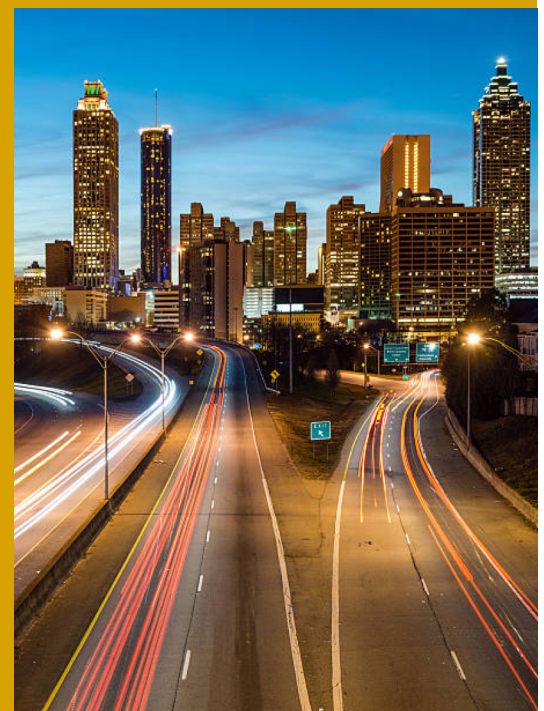
Delores Jones-Brown, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Vernetta Young, Howard University

Katheryn Russell-Brown, University of Florida, Levin College of Law

Helen Greene, Texas Southern University

Hillary Potter, University of Colorado Boulder



Author Meets Critic Sessions

Friday

Author Meets Critics: Building the Prison State: Race and the Politics of Mass Incarceration

Fri, Nov 16, 9:30 to 10:50am, Marriott, L406, Lobby Level

Author: Heather Schoenfeld, Northwestern University

Moderator: Ashley Rubin, University of Toronto

Critics:

Ashley Rubin, University of Toronto

John Major Eason, Texas A&M University

Christopher Seeds, University of California, Irvine

Hadar Aviram, University of California, Hastings

Mona Lynch, University of California, Irvine



Author Meets Critics: Everyday Desistance: The Transition to Adulthood Among Formerly Incarcerated Youth

Fri, Nov 16, 9:30 to 10:50am, Marriott, M107, Marquis Level

Author: Laura Abrams, University of California, Los Angeles

Moderator: Michelle Inderbitzin, Oregon State University

Critics:

Shadd Maruna, University of Manchester

Joanna Shapland, University of Sheffield, UK

Beverly Crank, Kennesaw State University

Victor Rios, University of California, Santa Barbara

Author Meets Critics: Complicated Lives: Girls, Parents, Drugs, and Juvenile Justice

Fri, Nov 16, 12:30 to 1:50pm, Marriott, L404, Lobby Level

Author: Vera Lopez, Arizona State University

Moderator: Lisa Pasko, University of Denver

Critics:

Anthony Peguero, Virginia Tech

Joanne Belknap, University of Colorado Boulder

Rosemary Barberet, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Author Meets Critics: Policing Black Bodies

Fri, Nov 16, 2:00 to 3:20pm, Marriott, M107, Marquis Level

Author: Angela J. Hattery, George Mason University

Moderator: Earl Smith, Wake Forest University

Critics:

Danielle Rudes, George Mason University

Devon Johnson, George Mason University

Caitlin Kanewske, George Mason University

Author Meets Critics: Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color

Fri, Nov 16, 2:00 to 3:20pm, Marriott, L406, Lobby Level

Author: Andrea Richie, Barnard Center for Research on Women

Moderator: Jasmine Kelekay, University of California, Santa Barbara

Critics:

Allison Cotton, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Jennifer Ortiz, Indiana University Southeast

Delores Jones-Brown, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Nishaun Battle, Virginia State University

Hillary Potter, University of Colorado Boulder

Events

Documentary Screening

The Pushouts: A Film on the Crisis in Education for Marginalized Students of Color

Thu, Nov 15, 8:00 to 9:00pm, Marriott, Salon A, Marquis Level

The Pushouts interrogates crucial questions of race, class and power in the education system. It is a film about the work Sociologist Victor Rios conducted with a group of youths from Watts (Los Angeles). These young people had all been kicked out of school; his research team was trying to figure out a way to help them get back into school while pushing the school system to change the way they were disciplining kids. The film attempts to create a conversation about racial inequality in education by exposing the day-to-day experiences of marginalized young people. Racial inequality in education and reform in education cannot be understood without understanding how the punitive school policies impact the day-to-day lives of young people and how these young people's voices provide key insight on how we might change this system.

To view the trailer, please go to:

<https://www.thepushouts.com/>.

Discussants:

Victor Rios, University of California, Santa Barbara

Katie Galloway, Big Pictures



Victor Rios



Katie Galloway

THE PUSHOUTS

The Myth That Crime Rises as Prisons Shrink

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Charis E. Kubrin & Bradley J. Bartos - University of California, Irvine

Speaking on the subject of downsizing prison populations recently, criminologist Joan Petersilia distinguished between symbolic speechmaking, which is easy, and actual reform, which she called "about as easy as bending granite." Yet in recent years, actual reform may be the best way to characterize many of the changes that have occurred in America's criminal justice system.

California has been at the epicenter of these changes. In just a few years, the state has passed a series of legislative bills and ballot measures intended to reduce its massive prison population. One of them was Proposition 47, otherwise known as the Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative.

Approved by the voters in 2014, Prop 47 was controversial from the start. It downgraded the lowest-level non-violent drug and petty-theft crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. Critics warned that the measure would embolden would-be criminals as felony arrests throughout the state plummeted. After Prop 47 went into effect in 2014, lowering prison populations by 13,000, that controversy only escalated. Soon law-enforcement officials were calling for the measure to be repealed. They blamed rising crime rates on Prop 47.

But the science doesn't support the assertion that Prop 47 is to blame. We recently published [a study](#) that was the first effort to systematically evaluate Prop 47's impact on crime in California. Our research found that the proposition had no appreciable impact on crime in the year following its enactment. Specifically, it had no effect on rates of homicide, rape, aggravated assault, robbery or burglary. Larceny and motor-vehicle thefts did seem to have increased moderately after Prop 47 went into effect, but these results were both sensitive to small changes in our modeling and small enough that we cannot rule out spuriousness.

Examining the results of public policies like Prop 47 is difficult because we don't know what crime rates in California would look like had the policy not been enacted. We solved that problem by using a novel method that allows us to compare crime in California to a statistical amalgamation of other states, which we called "Synthetic California" -- states that, combined, had near-identical crime rates to California's in the decades leading up to Prop 47 but that did not enact Prop 47-style policies themselves.

...“proposition [47] had no appreciable impact on crime in the year following its enactment.”

Still unknown is whether Prop 47's effects are permanent, temporary, accruing or delaying, and our statewide analysis is unable to tease out which counties or cities may depart from our overall findings. But what's clear so far is that Prop 47 has not compromised public safety, even as it continues to lower California's prison population and has saved the state more than \$110 million in prison-related costs since 2016.

The steps taken in California are being closely watched by other states confronting their own challenges arising from prison overcrowding. These states are waiting to see whether California's large-scale prison-downsizing efforts will compromise public safety or whether they can look to reforms such as Prop 47 as a possible solution to replicate.

And there will be more to watch. Just last month, Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation making California the first state to eliminate cash bail for defendants awaiting trial. The measure's impact on jail populations around the state remains to be seen, but its impact on crime rates will certainly be tracked and analyzed in the years to come. With that kind of careful empirical analysis -- rather than alarmist rhetoric -- we can refine California's decarceration blueprint and provide better guidance to the rest of the nation.



Charis E. Kubrin is a professor of criminology, law and society at the University of California, Irvine. In addition to her work in peer-reviewed journals, Kubrin is a co-author of *Researching Theories of Crime and Deviance*, published in 2008, and *Privileged Places: Race, Residence, and the Structure of Opportunity* (2006). She is a co-editor of *Introduction to Criminal Justice: a Sociological Perspective* (2013), *Punishing Immigrants: Policy, Politics, and Injustice* (2012), and *Crime and Society: Crime, 3rd Edition* (2007).

In 2005, Kubrin received the Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award from the American Society of Criminology. In 2014, she received the Coramae Richey Mann Award from the American Society of Criminology's Division on People of Color and Crime. In 2017, she received the W.E.B. DuBois Award from the Western Society of Criminology.

Bradley J. Bartos is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California, Irvine. His academic research focuses on mass incarceration, sentencing policy and quasi-experimental designs for causal inference. Through his work with the Irvine Simulation Modeling Laboratory, Bartos has developed discrete-event population projection models for various criminal-justice and corrections systems in California.

Bartos is a co-author, with Richard McCleary and David McDowall, of *Design and Analysis of Time Series Experiments*, published in 2017. A companion text for that book is scheduled for publication in 2019.



Authors

Crime & Justice Summer Research Institute: Broadening Participation & Perspectives June 24-July 12, 2019

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The Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network's Summer Research Institute (SRI) is designed to promote scholarly success and career advancement among faculty from underrepresented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice. Faculty pursuing tenure in research-intensive institutions, academics transitioning from teaching to research institutions, and faculty members carrying out research in teaching contexts are encouraged to apply for the three-week intensive workshop held at the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University in Newark.

Funded by the National Science Foundation, the W.T. Grant Foundation, and the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University, the SRI is organized by Drs. Jody Miller and Rod K. Brunson. During the Summer Research Institute, each participant will complete an ongoing project (a research paper, grant proposal, or book proposal/manuscript) in preparation for publication submission or agency funding review. In addition, participants will gain information that will serve as a tool-kit tailored to successful navigation of the academic workplace.

The Summer Research Institute will provide participants with:

- Resources for completing their research projects;
- Senior faculty mentors in their areas of study and within the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network;
- Workshops addressing topics related to publishing, professionalization, and career planning;
- Travel expenses to Newark, NJ, housing and living expenses; and
- The opportunity to present their research at the 2019 RDCJN Workshop before a national audience of scholars.

Completed applications are due by Friday February 15, 2019. To download the application form, please see:
<https://rscj.newark.rutgers.edu/rdcjin/summer-research-institute-sri/apply-to-sri/>

The Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network promotes research and related initiatives that investigate the implications of crime and justice processing on democratic participation. Informed by currents of history, cutting-edge crime and justice research, unfolding world events, and the collective interests and capabilities of participants, Network members collectively undertake research and related initiatives on issues of citizenship and democratic participation at the intersections of race, crime and justice; and promote racial/ethnic democratization of the academy.

Please direct all inquiries to: rdcjin@scj.rutgers.edu

Member Publications

Recent Publications

Novich, M., & Garcia-Hallett, J. (2018). Strategies for Balance: Examining How Parents of Color Navigate Work and Life in the Academy. *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research*. Volume 13: The Work-Family Interface: Spillover, Complications, and Challenges (pp. 157–184).

Garcia-Hallett, J. (2018). Pregnancy and Postpartum Life Behind Bars: What's Present and What's Missing in *Orange is the New Black*. In S. Jackson and L. Gordy (Eds.), *Caged Women: Incarceration, Representation, & Media*. New York, NY: Routledge.

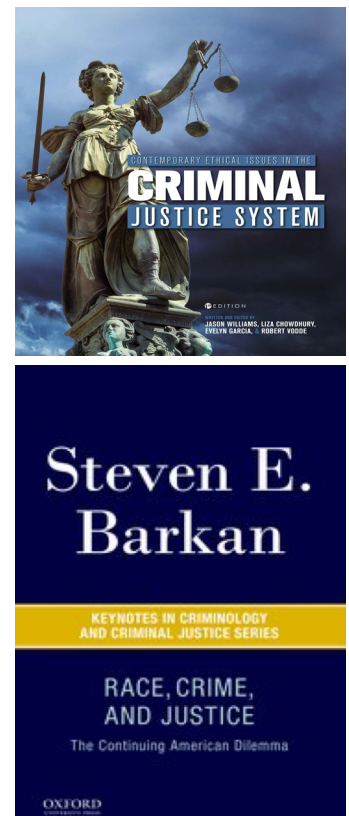
Recent Books

Dr. Jason Williams and Dr. Liza Chowdhury have co-authored and edited a new book (along w/ other colleagues) with Cognella. See [link](#) for additional information.

Steven E. Barkan. Interim Chair at the University Of Maine Department Of Sociology has a [new book](#) (2018). *Race, Crime, and Justice: The Continuing American Dilemma*. New York: Oxford University Press. \$16.95.

Grants

Nishaun T. Battle, PhD was awarded a 3 year \$500,000 grant with The U.S. Department of Justice. She is the Co-PI, along with Dr. Kimberly Boyd, Professor of Psychology. The award is for the BJA Stop School Violence and Mental Health Training Program.



Greetings from the DPCC Co-Chairs (Continued)

Tickets are going fast! Please be sure to purchase yours: \$35 for members and \$30 for students!

Second, there are several Presidential plenaries, thematic sessions and panels, author-meets-critic sessions that focus on issues of race and crime. Some highlights include:

- DPCC-organized thematic panel, "Building a Black Criminology," with Shaun Gabbidon, Katheryn Russell-Brown, Meda Chesney-Lind, and James Unnever
- Presidential thematic session, "Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice: The Consequences of Changing Social Institutions, Communities, and Cultures of Racism," with authors: María Vélez, Ramiro Martinez, Bill McCarthy, John Hagan, and Geoff Ward.
- Presidential plenary, "What the Past and Present Teach us about Race, Racism, and the Challenges to Criminology," with Robert Sampson, Lawrence Bobo, and Heather Thompson.

- A screening of "The Pushouts: A Film on the Crisis in Education for Marginalized Students of Color," followed by a discussion with Victor Rios and Katie Galloway.

Please see page 3-5 for dates and times for these sessions, as well as a host of other panel and author-meets-critic sessions. We hope you will be able to attend as many of these sessions as possible!

Third, the Student Collective Mentoring Program will have a social on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, from 7-9pm. The social will take place at Big Kahuna's, which is located at 303 Peachtree Center Ave, Atlanta, GA 30308. Come mingle with students and faculty and enjoy free hors d'oeuvres!

We thank all of our DPCC members and officers for your fabulous work!

Jennifer Cobbina and Andrea Leverentz,
Co-Chairs
Division on People of Color and Crime



DPCC Executive Board

Continuing members:

- Jennifer Cobbina, Co-chair
- Andrea Leverentz, Co-chair
- Elsa Chen, Immediate past chair
- Nishaun T. Battle, Executive Counselor

The DPCC Executive Board would like to congratulate and welcome the winners of our 2018 DPCC election, who will serve a two-year term starting at this year's ASC conference:

- Johnna Christian – Rutgers University, Newark, Vice Chair
- Xia Wang – Arizona State University, Secretary/Treasurer
- Henrika McCoy – University of Illinois at Chicago, Executive Counselor
- Janice Iwama – American University, Executive Counselor

We would also like to thank all of our colleagues who ran in the election and to everyone who voted.

*Thank you to Elsa Chen who administered the election.

Finally, please join us in a big "Thank You" to the DPCC Executive Board members whose terms will be coming to an end this year:

- Jason Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
- Schannae Lucas, Executive Counselor
- Mike Tapia, Executive Counselor



Race and Justice: An International Journal – New Editor

Dr. Jacinta Gau, Associate Professor at the University of Central Florida, has been appointed editor of the DPCC journal *Race and Justice: An International Journal*. Dr. Gau has a distinguished record of scholarship related to race and justice, and previously served as co-editor of the journal. She is committed to fair and timely review of manuscripts submitted to the journal, and to publishing cutting edge, high quality research. Congratulations to Dr. Gau, and many thanks to her for serving this important role for the DPCC and the discipline at large!

Dr. Gau would like the DPCC membership to know that "RAJ continuously seeks manuscripts that address critical questions about race and ethnicity in the justice system using methodologically rigorous means to advance theory and policy. As everyone compiles manuscripts for ASC, we hope you will consider submitting your work to RAJ."