

Journal of
Theoretical & Philosophical Criminology

CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL EDITION: “Discretion”

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Dear potential contributors,

The editors of JTPCRIM invite you to participate in a special edition of JTPCRIM. The Special Issue is generally centered on the theme of “Discretion”. As an interdisciplinary journal that respects various perspectives, methodological approaches, emerging understandings, and disciplinary traditions we hope that you will consider submitting your work to this special edition.

Dr. Donna L. Selman will serve as the Special Editor of this edition. If you have questions please contact at donna.selman@indstate.edu

Areas of particular interest include:

Philosophical perspectives on use, meaning and understanding of discretion.

Various methodological approaches to understanding the use and meaning of discretion. (Narrative and Discourse Analyses are of particular interest).

Examinations of how discretion “shows up” in various justice agencies and practices.

Examinations of the relationships between and among the use of and understanding of discretion and various impacted groups.

Interrogations of the intersections of power and discretion.

Interrogations of efforts to reframe, constrain and/or uphold the meaning of discretion and/or current practices by community organizations, grassroots activists, justice agencies and organized labor groups etc.

We are open to additional areas and encourage you to contact the Special Editor if you would like to discuss your work and how it may relate to this special edition.

Submissions for the Special Edition are due no later than June 1, 2022. Expected publication date is August 2022.

About the Journal:

The purpose of this journal is to help to further the conversation in the social sciences that also includes narratives or theoretical perspectives, often silenced, or marginalized, given their failure to recognize essentialized assumptions about what the truth must be, or the methodological approach one must use to arrive at such conclusions.

Though we seek to situate this conversation within the context of criminology proper, we are not restricted to the limited parameters of that discourse; we, therefore, clearly acknowledge and embrace the confluence of other disciplines within the social sciences. Included in this conversation is the desire to re-connect theory with practice, and to acknowledge that there is no theory without practice, and no practice without theory that is worthy of the name.

The discourses of criminology, criminal justice and offender treatment provide us to bring together scholars across diverse disciplines that informs the field in often-unacknowledged ways. This journal provides a venue for scholars in those fields, and invites to engage in a broader dialogue, among these traditionally disparate disciplines.

The Submission Process:

- It is preferred that submitted manuscripts use APA style, 6th edition; however, given the interdisciplinary focus of this publication, it is not required.
- The length of each manuscript should not exceed 40 pages in length including references. The JTPCRIM reserves the right to publish manuscripts that exceed the 40-page limit.
- All submissions must be single spaced and formatted in Franklin Gothic Book 11.
- Any inclusion of graphs or tables should be inserted by the author(s) and placed within the body of the manuscript based upon the desired location of the author(s).
- All submissions should be sent to

david.polizzi@indstate.edu or donna.selman@indstate.edu

- Manuscript Review Process:

At JTPCRIM we seek to make our process transparent. This process as outlined is aspirational, but the one we hope to follow as we review submitted manuscripts and make publication decisions.

- JTPCRIM is published in February & August.
- Given that JTPCRIM is a digital publication there is no specific deadline concerning the submission of manuscripts for possible publication. However, much like other journal publications, the actual duration for the peer review process cannot be guaranteed.
- Upon receiving the manuscript, the editorial board will first review the article to determine its appropriateness for our publication and will then send the manuscript out for peer review. The specific theoretical focus of our journal, may determine that certain submissions are not appropriate and will be returned to the author(s). Our decision is based on philosophical & theoretical considerations and not at all meant to provide a decision on the quality of the manuscript presented by the author(s).
- Special issues of the journal have been used in the past to invite a conversation between a variety of perspectives within the discipline.
- All submissions will undergo a blind peer review process. Two reviewers will determine if the submission is publishable. If this process is not concluded in a reasonable time, the reviewers will be contacted and replaced if either is unable to complete the process.

- If this process is not reasonably concluded, the editorial staff will make a determination on the status of the manuscript.
- Once the process is complete, the author(s) will be informed of the peer review decision.
- All authors are encouraged to contact the journal, if they have any questions concerning the status of their submission.