Editorial

Andrew Millie

In 2010 the annual British Society of Criminology Conference was hosted by the University of Leicester, 11-14 July, with the heading “Human Rights, Human Wrongs: Dilemmas and Diversity in Criminology”. During the opening of the conference Professor Pat Carlen was justly awarded the BSC outstanding contribution prize, given to her by her colleague Professor Anne Worrall. This was followed by an interesting mix of plenary sessions provided by Professors Ben Bowling, Reece Walters, Lilie Chouliaraki and Jeff Ferrell. Taking up the main theme of the conference a challenging (and entertaining) presentation was provided at the annual dinner by human rights lawyer Clive Stafford Smith. Also at the dinner Laurie Taylor provided some amusing reflections on his career. Quality was not restricted to the main speakers with some excellent talks in both the main conference and the increasingly successful postgraduate conference that precedes the main event. Thanks are due to University of Leicester for organising such a well run conference.

Next year’s conference is at Northumbria University in Newcastle upon-Tyne, 3-6 July 2011. The theme will be “Economies and Insecurities of Crime and Justice”, and plenary speakers will include Loic Wacquant, Ian Loader, Liz Kelly, Jill Peay, Mike Levi, Jackie Harvey and Stephen Shaw.

Since the last volume was published “Papers from the British Criminology Conference” has been included in EBSCO’s library products, including Criminal Justice Abstracts. This will increase the journal’s visibility and will make the papers more easily found by scholars around the world. We are planning to produce Volume 11 for the Northumbria conference in 2011, so if you are already planning to speak it would be great if you would also consider submitting your paper to this journal.

As this is an online journal there is not a limit to the number of papers that can be included in each volume. However, the journal maintains a rigorous review process and in this year’s volume four papers made the final cut - all reviewed by at least two academics. Drawing on Stan Cohen’s work on the ‘sociology of denial’, Lisa White provides an excellent paper on former detainees’ experiences of narrating state violence in
Northern Ireland. For this paper Lisa White wins the **BSC Postgraduate Paper Prize**.

A fascinating paper is provided by Jon Garland and James Treadwell who examine the rise of the English Defence League in relation to Islamophobia and football hooliganism. Sarah D. Goode looks at crimes of the powerful from the unusual perspective of someone who is related to one of the powerful individuals in question. And finally, Chris Giacomantonio considers 'change' in Anglo-American policing.

Thanks are due to the editorial board who gave up their time to review the papers - this year consisting of Karen Bullock, Nic Groombridge, Simon Mackenzie, Stephen Moore, James Treadwell, Alison Wakefield and Majid Yar. Thanks also to Sarah Blandy, Stanley Cohen, Mary Corcoran, Liz Frondigoun, Elaine Hyshka and Robert Young who were called upon when their specialist knowledge was required.

Andrew Millie, University of Glasgow, December 2010