Race to Incarcerate: A Graphic Retelling
Sabrina Jones and Marc Mauer

More than 2 million people are now imprisoned in the United States, producing the highest rate of incarceration in the world. How did this happen? As the director of the Sentencing Project, Marc Mauer has long been one of the country’s foremost experts on sentencing policy, race, and the criminal justice system. His book *Race to Incarcerate* has become the essential text for understanding the exponential growth of the U.S. prison system. Now, Sabrina Jones, a member of the *World War 3 Illustrated* collective and an acclaimed author of politically engaged comics, has collaborated with Mauer to adapt and update the original book into a vivid and compelling comics narrative. Jones’s dramatic artwork adds passion and compassion to the complex story of the penal system’s shift from rehabilitation to punishment and the ensuing four decades of prison expansion, its interplay with the devastating “War on Drugs,” and its corrosive effect on generations of Americans.

With a preface by Mauer and foreword by Michelle Alexander, author of the bestselling *The New Jim Crow*, *Race to Incarcerate: A Graphic Retelling* presents a compelling argument about mass incarceration’s tragic impact on communities of color—if current trends continue, one of every three black males and one of ever six Latino males born today can expect to do time in prison. The race to incarcerate is not only a failed social policy, but also one that prevents a just, diverse society from flourishing.
Message from the Chair

Howdy from Texas, where it is officially fall and a cool 90 degrees today. We have six seasons here: fall, winter, spring, summer, super summer, and summer. Anyway, I hope all is well. I can tell you that it has been another busy semester, but I am sure that is true for all of you. I am glad that I thoroughly enjoy teaching at the college level. We all have the opportunity to influence young and old minds, to educate and to encourage students to become critical thinkers of information, etc. I would not trade this “gig” for another!

Enough of my rambling, I want to encourage you to read the latest issue of MWS Speaks. Kimberly continues to do a phenomenal job with this publication. I should add that I am grateful for a wonderful executive board; you guys are bless to have good people working on behalf of the Section. We have had a few issues to develop and the Board members have been great. In the weeks ahead, you will hear from Drs. Tracy Andrus and Faith Lutze about nominations for the various awards that are sponsored by the Section. I hope that you will be responsive to their requests for nominations.

Again, please enjoy this issue of MWS Speaks. As always, thank you very much for your membership and support of the Section and please know that we welcome any ideas for improvement.

Sincerely,

Bob

“Your present circumstances don’t determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.”

Nido Qubein

Message from the Assistant Editor

I would like to thank Dr. Robert Bing and Dr. Kimberly Dodson for the opportunity to become the assistant editor of the Minorities and Women Section newsletter and to be the guest editor for this edition. I have worked behind the scenes on the previous editions of MWS Speaks and look forward to the future of the newsletter. I had an opportunity to meet several of you this past March and look forward to meeting many more of you in Philadelphia in February.

The livelihood of this newsletter is based on the membership. In the past, it has been difficult at times to gather enough information for the newsletter. It is part of our mission to share what our members are doing with the entire membership. If you have recently read a book that you feel makes a significant contribution to the field, send us your feedback on the book and we would be happy to include it. If you have job announcements send them our way. If you have a recommendation for a film that you show in your classes send us a review of the film. One vision I have for sharing membership news is to include a section of recently published articles by members. Send us the title of your publication, where it was published, and a brief summary to be included. This newsletter is about YOU the MEMBERS.

Sincerely,

LeAnn Cabage
Recent Member Publications

One of the first contemporary works to bring together research focused on community corrections officers, *Professional Lives of Community Corrections Officers: The Invisible Side of Reentry*, by Faith E. Lutze, helps readers understand the importance of community corrections officers to the success of the criminal justice system. The author brings the important work of these officers out from the shadows of the prison and into the light of informed policymaking, demonstrating how their work connects to the broader political, economic, and social context. Arguing that they are “street-level boundary spanners” who are in the best position to lead effective reentry initiatives built on interagency collaboration, the author shows how community corrections officers can effectively lead a fluid response to reentry that is inclusive of control, support, and treatment. This supplement is idea for community corrections or probation and parole courses to supplement core textbooks.

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Member News

**Dr. Mary Stohr and Dr. Craig Hemmens join faculty at Washington State University**

Dr. Stohr is a founding mother of the Minorities and Women’s section. She has published over 80 academic works, including six books and forty articles, in the areas of correctional organizations and operation, correctional personnel, inmate needs and assessment, green criminology, program evaluation, gender, and victimization.

Dr. Hemmens served as the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences President for 2012-2013. He has published twenty books and more than one hundred articles on a variety of criminal justice-related topics, and has coauthored with over 35 students. His primary research interest are criminal law and procedure and corrections.
Assistant Professor
College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology

Prairie View A&M University and the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor for Justice Studies. This position will be responsible for teaching courses in law enforcement and, or corrections. Demonstrated knowledge and practical experience in these areas preferred. The position requires advising students and conducting research on juveniles. This successful candidate will be expected to serve the department, College, University, and the profession. The College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology is committed to excellence in education, training, prevention, and service. By offering a diverse curriculum, the College trains empiricists, educators, and practitioners in juvenile justice and psychology. The College’s objective is to assist with the understanding of human behavior and the reduction of juvenile offending in the State of Texas.

Prairie View A&M University, a member of the Texas A&M University System, is a public land grant university located 45 miles northwest of Houston, Texas, the nation’s fourth largest city. It has an enrollment of more than 8,000 students and offers bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in a variety of disciplines. The University’s target service area for undergraduate, graduate, and outreach programs includes the Texas Gulf Coast Region; the rapidly growing residential and commercial area known as the Northwest Houston Corridor; and urban Texas Centers.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have an earned Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, or related discipline. The successful candidate must have three (3) years teaching experience and research, to include a demonstrated background in teaching undergraduate students. Additionally, the ability to teach courses throughout the curriculum is required.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: This application deadline is October 14, 2013. To apply for this position, please visit our website at: jobs.pvamu.edu. Interested applicants will be required to submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three letters of professional recommendation with contact information and a copy of official transcripts via the online application to be fully considered. For assistance, please contact the Office of Human Resources at 936-261-1730 or jobs@pvamu.edu.

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Call For Award Nominations

The MWS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for our membership to be considered for the awards outlined below. Please be proactive in nominating individuals for each award. To nominate a person please send an electronic copy of (1) letter of support describing why you believe they should be selected for the award and (2) the nominee’s vita to Faith Lutze, Chair, MWS Awards Committee at lutze@wsu.edu. Nominations are due January 31, 2014.

Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award: To be considered for the highest honor of the Section, Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award, a person must meet the following criteria: an active member in good standing of the Section for at least 2 consecutive years prior to being recommended. Recipient must be a contributor to the ethnic and racial diversity in criminal justice education. The recipient must endeavor to advance critical thinking concerning women and must have made substantial contributions to the emerging body of knowledge about gender issues in criminology and criminal justice.

Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award: Recipient must be an active member in good standing of the Section for at least 2 consecutive years prior to being recommended. Must be committed to ethnic and racial diversity in criminal justice education. The recipient must have made substantial contribution to the emerging body of knowledge about gender issues in criminology and criminal justice.

Becky Tatum Excellence Award: To be considered for the Becky Tatum Excellence Award, a person must be an active member in good standing of the Section. Recipient must be committed to conceptual or empirical contributions to the study of minorities as victims, professionals in criminal justice, or offenders.

Minorities and Women Section Esther Madriz Student Travel Awards: The Minorities and Women Section, of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is accepting applications for the Esther Madriz Student Travel Awards. These two student awards are designed to encourage the participation of undergraduate and master’s level racial/ethnic minority and women students in the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and will permit two students to attend and make presentations at the 2014 ACJS Annual Meeting (in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Each award will be a maximum of $600.00. Recipients shall be required to submit receipts to receive reimbursement for their expenses.

To be eligible for the Student Travel Award, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

* Be a woman or a member of an under-represented racial/ethnic minority group in the criminal justice/criminology discipline;
* Be enrolled in an undergraduate program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the annual meeting at which the presentation will be made; or
* Be enrolled in a master’s degree program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the annual meeting at which the presentation will be made.

Applicants must submit the following:

* Letter of Application
* Personal Resume
* Official Transcript of degree being pursued at the time of submitting the application
* Faculty Letter of Nomination
* Original single authored manuscript (4 paper copies). The paper should not exceed twenty typewritten double-spaced pages using APA format. Each paper will be blindly reviewed by a national committee.

The first and second place authors will receive a maximum of $600 travel reimbursement for their expenses to attend the ACJS conference in 2013. Both the first and second place papers will be presented at a special Student Minorities and Women Section panel. Other papers may be invited to participate on the panel. The presentation may be either a roundtable, or a research paper session.

All application materials must be received no later than December 1, 2013 and should be sent to:

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“There was a time when there were agreed-upon ‘black leaders,’ when there was a clear ‘black agenda,’ when we could talk confidently about ‘the state of black America’—but not anymore.”

—from Disintegration

Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America
Eugene Robinson

The African American population in the United States has always been seen as a single entity: a “Black America” with unified interests and needs. In his groundbreaking book, Disintegration, Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist Eugene Robinson argues that over decades of desegregation, affirmative action, and immigration, the concept of Black America has shattered. Instead of one black America, now there are four: a Mainstream middle-class majority with a full ownership stake in American society; a large, Abandoned minority with less hope of escaping poverty and dysfunction than at any time since Reconstruction’s crushing end; a small Transcendent elite with such enormous wealth, power, and influence that even white folks have to genuflect; and two newly Emergent groups—individuals of mixed-race heritage and communities of recent black immigrants—that make us wonder what “black” is even supposed to mean.

Robinson shows that the four black Americas are increasingly distinct, separated by demography, geography, and psychology. They have different profiles, different mind-sets, different hopes, fears, and dreams. What’s more, these groups have become so distinct that they view each other with mistrust and apprehension. And yet all are reluctant to acknowledge division.

Disintegration offers a new paradigm for understanding race in America, with implications both hopeful and dispiriting. It shines necessary light on debates about affirmative action, racial identity, and the ultimate question of whether the black community will endure.

Send job announcements, book reviews, movie critiques, recent publications, articles, or anything else you would like included in MWS Speaks to Kim at kd-dodson@wiu.edu or LeAnn at lncabage@iastate.edu.

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