

"From the Director's Desk"

Thanks and Congratulations

It gives me great pleasure to thank, on behalf of the Institute, all those who contributed to the success of *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* and other activities sponsored by the Institute in 1995. Julie Stubbs and Chris Cunneen are to be congratulated for the dedication and creativity they showed in their work as Co-Directors of the Institute. The success of the journal was made possible by Mark Findlay, Chris Cunneen and Ania Wilczynski who were issue editors in 1995, and Therese MacDermott, our book review editor. The three public seminars — Prison Policy: Where to Now?; Reason, Disorder and Dangerousness; and Police Reform: Options for Change — all generated excellent debates on issues of great public interest. Thanks to the work of the Institute's Administrator Sandra Fox, both the Institute's membership and the journal's subscriptions have doubled during 1995.

The good news continues in 1996. Eilis Magner, the Editor for this issue of the journal, has taken up appointment as Foundation Chair of Law at the University of New England. We wish Professor Magner all the best in her new position and thank her for the strong support and valuable contribution she has given to *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* over the years.

Change of Journal Style

Readers and contributors to *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* should note that, beginning with the next issue (Volume 8 Number 1), the journal is adopting the Harvard author-date style of referencing. This style is more in line with the interdisciplinary nature of the journal's content and is likely to simplify the editing process for most of the articles. Please ensure that you conform to the new style guide (see the back pages of the current issue) in future submissions to the journal.

Criminology Conference in New Zealand

This year's Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology was hosted by the Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington, at the end of January. The theme of the conference was *Crime, Criminology and Change*. There was an impressive lineup of papers. Several of us from the Institute attended the conference and presented papers on our current research.

Future of Criminology Conference

At the time of this issue going to press, the Institute was hosting a weekend conference in February, *The Future of Criminology: Australian and International Perspectives*. The keynote speaker for the conference was Professor Richard Ericson from the University of British Columbia, a leading international scholar in sociology and criminology. The conference was a unique opportunity for both researchers and practitioners to reflect on the past and future directions of criminological theory and practice. The program provided a weekend of stimulating discussion among participants and speakers, many of whom are distinguished scholars and researchers from Australia and New Zealand. Papers from the conference will be published as a Special Issue of the journal later this year.

I am extremely grateful for the warm support and good wishes I have received since my appointment as Director. The year ahead will be a busy and productive one for the Institute and I am delighted to be here.

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Director