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Editor's Statement

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I would like to welcome everyone to the beginning of the fifth year of the *Journal of Theoretical & Philosophical Criminology*. I am pleased to announce that the jtpcrim is currently listed with EBSCO HOST and ProQuest. I intend to continue to expand the availability of the Journal with the hope of continuing to grow our readership. Though I have explored the possibility of partnering with a publisher to create a print version of the Journal, I have decided for the publication to remain an exclusively online concern. The Journal will also remain an open access academic publication that will be free of charge.

We will continue with the practice of featuring a full length manuscript or journal article with invited commenters to help further the conversation within criminology, criminal justice and offender treatment. Such an approach proves a unique opportunity for scholars to interact with each other within a printed format that is rarely offered by other publications.

Peter Manning has agreed to participate in the conversational essay section which is tentatively scheduled to appear in the July edition of the Journal. In the past we have invited Bruce Arrigo, Shadd Maruna and Michelle Brown to participate in this section of the Journal. New to the January 2013 edition is a conversation-interview –reflection by Ronnie Lippens and James Hardie-Bick on what they call painting criminology. If possible, I would like to continue to offer this feature in the January edition of JTPCRIM. Anyone interested should contact me directly at david.polizzi@indstate.edu.

In related news, I have begun the process of establishing a division at ASC titled: Qualitative Criminology; the process is in its very beginning stages, but it is a necessary step in gaining further respect for qualitative research and methodology within criminology & criminal justice. Any of you who may be interested in this process can contact me at the above e-mail address.

In closing, I would like always wish to thank all of you who have helped in the delivery of this edition of the journal. I would like to give specific thanks to the peer reviewers who have been very responsive in getting their reviews back in a timely manner, which in turn has made it easier for the authors to revise and resubmit their articles. Enjoy.

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