

**2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for  
CRIME, LAW, AND DEVIANCE**

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**Introduction**

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2022 to August 2023 and a fiscal year from January 2023 to December 2023. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

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**Section Governance**

*Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.*

**Business Meeting**

*Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.*

**Agenda | Crime, Law, Deviance Section, ASA-Philadelphia | 2023 Business Meeting Agenda**  
*August 21, 9:00 to 9:30, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 5, Grand Ballroom Salon E.*

- I. Welcome and Announcements
  - A. Section Officers: Thank outgoing & welcome new officers and council members
  - B. CLD Section committee members
  - C. Shuttering of ASA Connect and return to the listserv
  - D. Approved Bylaw Amendments
- II. Section Awards
  - A. Present Distinguished Student Paper Award
  - B. James F. Short, Jr. Distinguished Article Award
  - C. Ida B. Wells-Barnett Distinguished Book Award
  - D. Albert J. Reiss, Jr. Distinguished Scholar Award
- III. Budget Report from Secretary-Treasurer
  - A. State of the Budget
  - B. Presentation of Budget for Next Year
  - C. Newsletter Editor
  - D. Discussion
- IV. Section Membership Update
  - A. Brainstorm increasing membership
  - B. Solicit Nominations Committee volunteers
- V. Reception Discussion
- VI. Solicit suggestions and Volunteers for CLD Committees
- VII. Remarks from the Incoming Chair

## **Minutes | Crime, Law, Deviance Section, ASA-Philadelphia | 2023 Business Meeting**

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### **I. Welcome and Announcements (De Coster)**

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  - 2. Continuing Members: Chair-elect Michelle Phelps; Council members Heather Schoenfeld (2022), April Fernandes (2022), Daniel Martinez (2021), Chris Smith (2021)
  - 3. Thank you to Members Rotating Out: Chair Stacy De Coster, Secretary-Treasurer Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Council Members Monica Bell (2020), Jennifer Carlson (2020).
- B. CLD Section committee members
  - 1. Nominations Committee: Marisa Omari (Chair), Ashley Rubin, Holly Foster, Rachel Ellis, and Ebony Ruhland
  - 2. Program Committee: Stacy De Coster (Chair), Monica Bell, April Fernandes, Daniel Martinez, Anthony Peguero, Michelle Phelps, Amber Powell, Chris Smith
  - 3. Newsletter Editor: Sarah Hupp Williamson
  - 4. Local Arrangements: Brianna Remster
- C. Shuttering of ASA Connect and return to listserv
  - 1. We will no longer be using ASA Connect and will return to the same listserv address we had previously. Watch for job advertisements, announcements, opportunities, and updates from the chair in email inboxes.
- D. Approved Bylaw Amendments
  - 1. Our bylaws are being amended in accordance with the results of the section vote to approve the proposed amendments. The amendments specify that we will take specific award names out of the bylaws document, add a book award, and change the distinguished scholarship award to a distinguished scholar award. The distinguished article award will now be awarded annually, along with the student paper award, and distinguished book award. The distinguished scholar and mentoring awards will be presented every other year on alternating years.

### **II. Section Awards**

Our section now has three awards that are awarded annually, including the James F. Short, Jr. Distinguished Article Award, the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Distinguished Book Award, and the Distinguished Student Paper Award. We also have two awards that are awarded every two years: The Albert J. Reiss Distinguished Scholar Award and the Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award.

- A. Present Distinguished Student Paper Award (Presenter: Michael Gibson-Light)  
Committee: Michael Gibson-Light (Chair), Sade' Lindsay, Benjamin Weiss, Veronica Horowitz

1st Prize: **Caylin Louis Moore** (*Stanford*), "The 'Adjacency Hypothesis': Racial Threat and Criminal Justice Policy"

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- B. James F. Short, Jr. Distinguished Article Award (Presenter: Heather Schoenfield)  
Committee: Heather Schoenfield (Chair), Shannon Malone Gonzalez, Andrew Davis, Katherine Irwin

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- D. Albert J. Reiss, Jr. Distinguished Scholar Award (Presenter: Stacy De Coster)  
Committee: Leslie Gordon Simons (chair), Ramiro Martinez, Lisa Broidy, Laura DeMarco

Winner: **William Pridemore** (*University of Georgia*)

### III. **Budget Report from Secretary-Treasurer (Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy)**

- A. State of the Budget

Our beginning balance in 2023 was \$5,035; expenses included the newsletter editor stipend (\$600), award expenses (\$866), and our reception (\$3,500) which amounted to \$4,966; and income from dues and our section budget allocation was \$2,894. We are left with a balance of \$2,963.

- B. Presentation of Budget for Next Year

Council approved the following budget expenses for next year:

Expenses:

Awards:	\$ 800
Newsletter:	\$ 600
Reception:	\$3500

- C. Newsletter Editor: Sarah Hupp Williamson has agreed to sign on to completing the Fall newsletter.

**IV. Section Membership Update**

We currently have 524 active members, which matches our membership numbers from last year. Our historic goal had been to have 600 members, which historically (and on the current ASA website) would give us 4 sessions at the meetings. We haven't met this number in many years as a result of recent declines over the past years (for all sections). This year, we were allotted 6 sessions, including our roundtables. An obvious factor that may have driven the decline and eventual stagnation in membership includes the expense of ASA (especially in relation to ASC, what students get in return for their investment (100s of sessions at ASC; 5 or 6 at ASA).

- A. Discussion of increasing membership: Bring back the membership committee, create more of an on-line presence with social media.
- B. Solicit Nominations Committee volunteers: Chris Smith agrees to chair nominations committee

**V. Reception and Session Discussion**

We held our joint reception with the Section on Children and Youth at Harper's Garden, and it was well attended. The reception went very smoothly.

Be sure to attend sessions later in the day on public criminology, schools, crime, & social control, immigration and crime, the legacy of Ida B. Wells-Barnett in CLD, and abolition & social movement.

**VI. Solicit suggestions and Volunteers for CLD Committees**

Volunteers are encouraged to contact Michelle Phelps

**VII. Remarks from the Incoming Chair**

Members Present: Estimate 55

## **Council Meeting**

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- A. State of the Budget
- B. Presentation of Proposed Budget for Next Year
- C. Discussion and Vote on Budget

- III. **Section Membership Update**
- IV. **Approved Bylaw Amendments Discussion**
- V. **Reception and Sessions Discussion**
- VI. **Solicit announcements, concerns from section officers or committee members**

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**IV. Approved Amendments Discussion**

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**V. Reception and Session Discussion**

We had a successful joint reception with the Section on Children and Youth. The sessions we already had were well-attended yesterday. We have sessions on crime and politics, social movements, criminal justice reform & abolitionism, crimmigration, schools, crime & social control, and the Legacy of Ida B. Wells – which aligns with the new book award we are rolling out this year.

**VI. Solicit announcements, concerns from section officers or committee members**

- A. Budget concerns: Expenses going up but income is stagnant.
  - 1. Addition of the book award means more expenses for plaques
  - 2. Plaques for honorable mention – should we print certificates for honorable mention?
  - 3. Multiple authored articles – plaques for all authors?

4. Newsletter editor expense – return this position to graduate students to provide social networking opportunities and have the stipend benefit students
- B. Discussion of membership and publications committees
1. Consider updating bylaws in the coming years to reflect changes in how we communicate with membership – use of social media rather than publications.

## Awards

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## 2023 Finances

*Provide a narrative on how the 2022 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2022. Please account for any substantive differences.*

Our proposed budget focused on expenses and allocated expenses for awards (graduate student paper award prize and award plaques), a stipend for the newsletter editor, and reception expenses. The amounts we proposed and actually spent are listed here:

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Reception	\$3000	\$3500
Awards		
Student Paper Award	\$ 500	\$ 500

Award Plaques	\$ 500	\$ 366
Newsletter editor stipend	\$ 600	\$ 600
Total Expenses	\$4600	\$4966

These amounts show we stayed within budget for the most part, though the cost of the reception venue was higher than what was budgeted. The current state of the budget is as follows:

	2022	2023	Proposed 2024
Starting Balance	\$7871	\$5035	\$3186
Income from Dues/Allocations	\$3592	\$3117	\$3435
Expenses	\$6428	\$4966	\$4900
Final	\$5035	\$3186	\$1721

## The Previous Year

*Describe Section activities during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.*

Section leadership and section council met on two occasions via zoom to discuss section business. These meetings focused on our proposed bylaw amendments regarding awards, naming our new book award, populating committees, and developing the program for ASA. Each of our committees completed their respective tasks, and we had a successful year with elections, awards, annual meetings, production of newsletters, and revamping bylaws and award descriptions. [See updated bylaws here.](#)

*Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.*

We used ASA Connect to keep members apprised of job postings, events and conferences, special calls from journals, our section's call for awards, general announcements, calls for newsletter items, and dissemination of the general information and our newsletters. We produced two newsletters in the Fall/Winter 2022 and Spring/Supper 2023. [See newsletters here.](#) The section X account is @SocCrimeLawDev; website, [https://www.asanet.org/asa\\_sections/crime/](https://www.asanet.org/asa_sections/crime/) The section is very pleased with the shuttering of ASA Connect, as we do not think it was as effective as the listserv for relaying important information.

*Describe the Section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?*

Our section maintains that advancing sociological understanding of crime, law, deviance, and social control requires investing in the creative and intellectual strengths of diverse scholarship and membership. As such, we strive to foster an inclusive environment that magnifies marginalized voices and provides a space where all members feel welcome, intellectually engaged, and supported. In staffing committees, we made several requests for volunteers, and included volunteers in committee assignments. We acted consciously to construct diverse committees across race, ethnicity, gender, institutional affiliation, intellectual pursuits, and other lines. Our committees worked to be equitable, by focusing on the product or charge



under consideration and not, for example, an award nominee's institutional status.

Council brainstormed possible topics for panels with consideration of panels that would draw wide interest from across the section and across ASA, would reflect cutting edge scholarship in the field, and would magnify often marginalized voices and topics. Three of our panels at the annual meetings were open calls (on immigration & crime, abolition & social movements, and schools, crime, & social control) that drew diverse participation and audiences as we had hoped. Our invited panels on public criminology and the legacy of Ida B. Wells-Barnett proved particularly successful in these regards. In addition, we aimed to have at least one senior scholar present at each roundtable to provide mentorship and feedback to presenters at the roundtables. The roundtables covered a wide variety of topics and presenters reflected the diversity of our section.

At our first council meeting this year, we focused part of the meeting on naming our newly minted book award. In naming the book award, council sought feedback from membership and chose to recognize Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who brought international attention to the lynching of Black Americans in the South by systematically documenting and analyzing stories of lynching and concluding that lynchings were a form of racialized social control. Wells-Barnett's work inspired much theorizing and research in sociological criminology, though her legacy often is not formally recognized. In our call for nominations for the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Book Award, we included a statement that "We especially encourage nominations that highlight the work of underrepresented groups and/or that honor the legacy of Ida B. Wells-Barnett." Our invited panel at the ASA meetings featured young minority scholars who artfully highlighted Ida B. Wells-Barnett's legacy and emphasized how her legacy could be made more visible through altering how we teach classical theory and how we interact with the classics in contemporary scholarship, classrooms, and public criminology.

Our newsletter lead authors were invited as early mid-career scholars with recent books. One (Michael Gibson-Light) wrote about the conditions of prison labor and how these conditions perpetuate social inequalities, and the second (Jessica Simes) wrote about the geography of mass incarceration and how it reproduces and informs social inequality.

We have requested to update our bylaws to replace noninclusive gender pronouns (he or she) with the inclusive pronoun, they, so as to be inclusive of all of our current and potential members in the section.

*Provide an overview of the section's programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).*

At the annual meetings, we had five paper sessions and a one-hour roundtable session (accompanying a 30 minute business meeting). The roundtable sessions covered a wide variety of topics, including crime trends, communities & crime, consequences of incarceration, critical criminology, and trends in punishment. We hosted 2 invited panel sessions and 3 open-call sessions. Our invited panels were on public criminology and the legacy of Ida B. Wells-Barnett in Black feminist perspectives on racialized and gendered state violence. The open-call sessions were on immigration & crime, abolition & social movements, and schools, crime, & social control.

The panels covered topics of interest to a wide variety of audiences because they were on timely topics and were populated by diverse scholars engaging in contemporary debates and employing diverse research methods. Our commitment to magnifying the voices of marginalized groups and often marginalized topics is evidenced particularly in our invited panels. The invited Ida B. Wells-Barnett panel, in particular, offered an intellectually stimulating space headed by early-career Black scholars whose work spans a variety of topics relevant to crime, law, and deviance.

We hosted a joint reception with the Section on Children & Youth, allowing for networking both within our section and between sections. And, we held a business meeting wherein we presented awards, shared section updates, and encouraged member involvement.

*Provide an overview of the Section's programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.*

The section posted invitations and links to a wide variety of webinars, networking events, and resources for members on ASA Connect. We also produced two newsletters that included information on opportunities for connection.