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## Correspondence: 1997 Task Force on Professionals in Criminology

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**From:** "Block, Carolyn Rebecca" <BBlock@icjia.state.il.us>  
**To:** "'miller@ria.org'" <miller@ria.org>  
**Date:** 8/13/97 2:53pm  
**Subject:** Women in Non-Academic Settings

Hello Brenda.

Now that Chris has so diplomatically reminded me about it, I want to get together with you and Vivian Lord to talk about this DWC task force and what we want to do with it. I am going to try to call Vivian and see if she has EMail. If so, that would be the easiest means of communication for me. What would be good for you?

Any Ideas, Thoughts, Suggestions, Comments???? on what DWC should be doing in this area? One concern I have is about "non-academic mentors."

Apparently, DWC academic mentors have received so little interest that

Nicky Rafter suggested that the Mentoring Committee be eliminated. So

..... what other ways can we explore to support young women looking at non-academic careers?

Let me know what you think.

-- Becky

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Date: 8/14/97 11:02am  
Subject: Contact achieved!

Hello Brenda and Vivian,

Networking update: Vivian called this morning to tell me that her EMail address is: vblord@unccvm.uncc.edu. (Chris - you may want to add this to the Division's mailing list information.) I have not yet heard from Brenda, and will try calling her.

Substance: Vivian (and Brenda, if you get this), do you have any ideas, thoughts, suggestions, or comments on what the "mission" of the Task

Force on Women in Non-Academic Settings should be?

As I mentioned in yesterday's EMail, I had considered mentoring as one of our possible goals, but Nicky Rafter has said that on one has shown an interest in mentoring, and that she suggests eliminating the DWC Mentoring Committee. Do you think that young women looking at non-academic careers would be more appreciative of a mentor than academic women were?

Maybe "publicity" or communication is the issue here. How do we establish an (informal!) network of "non-academics" within the Division?

What about a contact list of members (and others?) together with their research or professional interests and affiliations, so that people can find their own mentors and colleagues?

Would a regular column in the Newsletter help? For example, maybe we could ask various people to write a few paragraphs about their nonacademic career or current job, featuring a different person in each Newsletter issue. We could give the author a list of some questions she might consider (what she does, what she likes and dislikes about her job, how she got the job, what in her background prepared her for it, what she wishes she had done differently in her professional career and why, has she linked an academic with a nonacademic career and if so how?). Also, in this column we could provide networking info, such as recent publications or interesting accomplishments by nonacademics.

That's all I can think of for now. Please tell me all of your ideas!

(Brenda, are you out there?????????????????????)

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**Date:** 8/18/97 1:08pm  
**Subject:** RE: Contact achieved!

Hi Vivian,

Brenda, I think, wanted the name to be "nonacademic" instead of "applied" or "practice." I'm not exactly sure why. Brenda, do you remember why we ended up with "nonacademic?"

I certainly don't want to compete with other organizations!!! Maybe the function of the Division's "applied/practice/nonacademic" task force should be to be a liaison between the Division and info or opportunities offered by others. Just a conduit for information.

I agree that it would be really useful to get a list (we would probably have to create a list) of people in the Division (or in ASC as a whole) in such positions, and find out what they do. I'm not sure how to go about that, however. Any suggestions??

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>Sent: Monday, August 18, 1997 11:03 AM  
>To: Block, Carolyn Rebecca  
>Subject: Re: Contact achieved!

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>Carolyn, This is tough. I don't think of ASC as very practioner-friendly  
>especially with so many organizations established exclusively for  
>practioners ie. Law Enforcement women. Is it possible to get a list of women  
>in "non-academic" settings and see what their jobs look like? Also could we  
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Date: 8/19/97 12:29pm  
Subject: RE: Contact achieved!

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>Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 1997 12:24 PM  
>To: Block, Carolyn Rebecca  
>Subject: RE: Contact achieved!

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**Date:** 8/21/97 6:34pm  
**Subject:** RE: Contact achieved!

Hi everyone, I have surfaced, a little late in this dialogue but I am out here.

First, with regard to the name. I have strenuously OPPOSED using academic in the title of this group. I do not consider my work NONACADEMIC--it is of the same academic standards that one would find in a University setting. Towards that belief, I had suggested that we consider that this is a group of people who are not in University settings. However, rather than calling our selves Nonuniversity or any other "non" title, I'd propose that we consider our research in action focus.

Second, we had asked Sarah (or at least I had) to identify individuals who were not in University settings. She had told me that this would be possible, someone needs to check with her to see if this has been done for purposes of obtaining a mailing list.

Third, it was my understanding at the last ASC meeting that we wanted to raise the awareness of the number of jobs, and the importance of these same jobs to the field, that occur outside of University settings. We had discussed forming a panel discussion group, adding something to the jobs posted, etc. We had the idea that many young people are only exposed to University settings and that we could bring about some awareness of other career tracks and possibilities.

Fourth, I agree that the newsletter would be a fine place for us to talk about our respective careers in nonuniversity settings. I like the idea of asking each of us to fill out a brief set of questions that we could then feature over the next year responses to these questions that might be helpful for expanding awareness.

Fifth, it would seem valuable for the Women's Division to recognize the importance of the nonuniversity setting jobs to women's careers. For many of us, our track into these types of jobs came about as a result of two -career couples.

That's all for now. Hope to be more responsive, faster in the future. I'm having trouble keeping up as I am still the Acting Director with no Deputy Director--and still maintaining a full load of research projects. Which is probably another whole topic for discussion....

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Subject: RE: Contact achieved!  
Date: Tue, 19 Aug 1997 11:29:14 -0500

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Subject: Task Force on Professionals in Criminology

Hello Vivian and Brenda,

A couple of quick issues for your feedback. I will be in the office Monday until 5:00 Chicago time, but gone after that.

1. How does "Task Force on Professional Women in Criminology" sound? Should I use this title at the Division meeting? Vivian has said that she likes the idea of a title with "professional" in it.

2. This is Vivian's "short survey" proposal, which I plan to present at the meeting. Any suggestions, corrections, edits, etc.?

Goals: to find out how many women Division members are leading professional careers, and what their needs are from the Division.

Products:

1. A directory of professional criminologists' names, addresses, job titles, and professional interests. To use to support networking among professional women.

2. Information about what professional women in criminology need from the Division, and how these needs should be prioritized.

Plan:

1. Vivian will draw up a list of Division members who have professional job titles, based on information in the ASC member directory. She (or who???) will enter these names in a database for printing labels.

2. Vivian will develop a draft of a short questionnaire, giving it to Becky and Brenda for comments. We will communicate on EMail to get the final version.

3. With help from ?????? Vivian will make 500 copies and stuff and label the envelopes.

4. Followup calls???

5. Who?? will create a database for the responses, enter the data, and produce basic tables of results.

6. Using EMail, the three of us will put together a short report to the Division board, with recommendations for action.

Costs:

\$25.00	Printing of 500 short questionnaires, @.05	
	Envelopes (500)	40.00
	Postage @.32	160.00
	Total projected cost	\$225.00

See you soon!!  
-- Becky

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**From:** Drew Humphries <humphri@crab.rutgers.edu>  
**To:** Chris Rasche <crasche@gw.unf.edu>  
**Date:** 11/17/97 4:45pm  
**Subject:** Re: DWC Social Hour -Reply

Chris,

The committee list I was working with listed Susan Miller as the Chair person of the DWC Awards Committee. I had an email from Susan Miller in the Spring, saying she was soliciting nominations for the senior and junior award, and since I had already done the external awards, I thought we were home free. I have every confidence in Susan, don't despair! I'll be leaving soon for asc, so I'll see you in San Diego. Drew

At 02:52 PM 11/17/97 -0500, you wrote:

>Drew,  
>Michele sent me a copy of your email to her about awards.  
mmm...we  
>seem to have had some confusion here. According to my list  
(which I  
>sent out several times over the past year) there was supposed to  
be a  
>combined DWC Awards committee to do both the ASC awards and the  
>internal DWC awards---that is what people recommended at last  
year's  
>meeting. I had you down as the chair of that combined  
committee. Did  
>you not receive my previous e-mail messages or a copy of that  
list?  
>Oh, well, it is water under the bridge now. I am delighted  
that you did so  
>well on the ASC awards and I hope you will be in San Diego to  
briefly  
>talk about those at the Social Hour. I will contact Susan  
Miller to see if  
>she has, in fact, done anything about other awards. Thanks for  
your  
>good work. See you soon!  
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**From:** "Block, Carolyn Rebecca" <BBlock@icjia.state.il.us>  
**To:** "'Vivian'" <VBLORD@unccvm.uncc.edu>  
**Date:** 11/17/97 9:48am  
**Subject:** RE: Task Force on Professionals in Criminology

Hi Vivian,

Thanks for responding so quickly. I'm glad you like the task force title. I didn't remember that you would not be in San Diego, and I am really disappointed not being able to see you!

Thanks so much for volunteering to help with the survey. I apologize for listing so many things for you to do. I wasn't trying to push you into more than you could handle (honest!). If you can draft a survey and ask your chair for help in getting it out, I will mobilize resources to get the rest of it done. One thing I plan to do is to try to recruit more people to help.

Some questions that I know will come up at the Board meeting:

How did you come up with your estimated number of 500?

Does your survey design call for including all professional women in the ASC, or just those in the Division?

When you looked through the ASC directory to find professional women, what criteria did you use? (eg: any affiliation that is not a college or university??)

I will be here until 5:00 Chicago time. After that, until bedtime tonight, please send EMail to my home. The address is: rblock@compuserve.com. I will be leaving before dawn tomorrow morning.

-- Becky

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>To: Block, Carolyn Rebecca  
>Subject: Re: Task Force on Professionals in Criminology  
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>Your title sounds great. I don't think I can volunteer for all of those

>activities listed. I'll be glad to draft a survey. I'll ask permission from

>my chair to possibly use a work-study student for some of those other items.

>What if I agree to send out the survey (paid by Division) but it

is sent to  
>another member for compiling results? I think I told you I would  
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