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Correspondence, DWC Awards Committee, 1998

American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime.
I am finally catching up with e-mail----we are in the middle of finals here--but I echo some of Claire's thoughtful questions. And one of them raises an interesting policy question for the awards committee: do our nominees need to be DWC members, or is there even some preference for that? I can think of arguments on both sides of that question. Any thoughts from the rest of you?
Sorry it's taken me so long to get back to you, Drew. This time of the semester is a bit crazier than usual.

My praise and thanks to you and Joanne for getting right to work on these nominations. You've reminded me that I need to get busy immediately on the fundraising stuff too.

Almost all the nominees are fine with me, but there are a couple that I have questions about just because I'm unfamiliar with what they've been doing. Specifically, Dorie Klein for the Volmer Award -- what is she doing now? I haven't seen anything in print by her in ages, but that may well be because she and I are not in the same areas. I'm also unaware of what Kathy Daly's contributions to ASC are (although I'm certainly familiar with her contributions to the field of criminology). I don't know the person you nominated for the Ruth Cavan award instead of Val Jenness. I had two people in mind whom I do know, Lynn Rynbrandt and David Kauzlarich, both are recent Western Michigan Ph.D.s, so I was going to contact Susan C-M and Ron Kramer for more info on them. David was in my department until this year when he moved to Southern Illinois at Edwardsville for family reasons. He's a strong researcher with a book coming out in 98 on state crime -- and he's also a feminist, but not a member of the WCD. I don't know if Lynn is a member of the division. She's done some wonderful work on corporate violence against women.

Anyway, that's my two cents (really only one cent, I guess, since most of it was questions, not feedback). Thanks again for all your hard work!

Claire
Nicky -- I sent you a note shortly after the conference asking about clarification about what to do with Schwendinger plaque -- needing letter and so on. I never heard back although I did get a messed up fax during that time (I had put paper in backwards) and just now realized that it may have been from you. I have not followed through here. Can you help me out here. If you need more info to jog your memory on the issue let me know. Thanks. Helen Eigenberg
Hi, Helen. I vaguely recall your earlier query but am fairly sure I answered it. My advice is to send the Schwendingers the damn plaque and call it quits with them. You are reaching out to them much more than vv and in my opinion, it is time to move on. Could you just send it to them with a note saying something like CONgrats from the DWC? Let me know if you get this & how you react. You might want to check with others as I know Schwendingers put me in snippy mood. Best wishes, Nicky
February 24, 1998

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CANADA

Dear John:

I am writing to nominate Professor Coramae Richey Mann for the ASC’s Sutherland award. I pleased to make this nomination both personally and on behalf of the Division on Women and Crime.

Professor Mann’s training, publications, and teaching are truly interdisciplinary. She received undergraduate and graduate degrees in clinical psychology from Roosevelt University in Chicago and her Ph.D. in sociology/criminology from the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. She has been a member of the faculties at Florida State University’s School of Criminology and Indiana University’s Department of Criminal Justice, where she was a major figure in building their new doctoral program. Currently, she holds the title of Professor Emerita at both Florida State and Indiana.

Professor Mann has had a tremendous impact on the discipline and profession of criminology, both as a scholar and as a mentor. She is the author of more than 30 articles and book chapters. Her books include: Female Crime and Delinquency (University of Alabama Press, 1984), Unequal Justice: A Question of Color (Indiana University Press, 1993), and When Women Kill (SUNY Press, 1996). Most recently, Coramae and I co-edited Images of Color, Images of Crime (Roxbury Publishing Co., 1998). She is also a member of the National Criminal Justice Commission and one of the authors of its report, The Real War on Crime (HarperCollins, 1996).

Coramae’s books have made important contributions to our thinking about the racialized and gendered nature of both crime and crime control policies. Female Crime and Delinquency and When Women Kill both offer key insights into how and why women and girls get caught up in the criminal justice system. These books challenge earlier thinking about gender, race and crime, demonstrating the important linkages between women’s victimization and their criminal activities. Unequal Justice offers a comprehensive review and analysis of theorizing and research findings about the experiences of racial/ethnic minorities and the criminal justice system. In this book, she calls attention to the paucity of research on Latinos and Latinas, American Indians, Asian Americans, and other racial/ethnic minorities in the U.S. She takes this a step further in Images of Color, Images of Crime, which explores the relationship between racialized images of crime and criminals and our societal responses to crime. The structural
linkages between images of color and systems of oppression and domination are laid bare, with explicit attention to how they are reinforced by the media and politicians. Coramae has also been an important member of a national team of researchers assessing race and juvenile justice. As a clinical psychologist and as an academic researcher and scholar, Dr. Mann has dedicated her life’s work to improving the conditions facing minority youths, both in and out of the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Coramae has been one of the key figures in transforming the discipline to make it more sensitive to issues of race and gender. Her work has demonstrated the centrality of race and gender to criminological theory, policy making, and practice. Beyond her influence as an author, she has been a tremendously important mentor. When she entered the profession, there were very few female criminologists and criminologists of color. Female criminologists who were members of racial/ethnic minorities were practically unheard of. All of these numbers have increased dramatically in recent years, and much of that growth is due to Professor Mann’s willingness to actively mentor others, often without formal recognition. As a scholar, mentor, and exemplar, she has helped to transform our discipline, and the Society for the better.

Dr. Mann’s excellent scholarship has been recognized by her colleagues in various ways over the years. She was the recipient of the Bruce Smith Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) in 1995 and was named a Fellow of the ACJS in 1996. She received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the ASC’s Division on Women and Crime in 1995, and she has been awarded the 1998 Wayne G. Basler Chair of Excellence at East Tennessee State University.

For all of these reasons, it is an honor to nominate Professor Coramae Richey Mann for the Sutherland Award. Again, I make this nomination both personally and on behalf of the Division on Women and Crime. Having read her work over the years, heard our junior colleagues rave about her and say how crucial her mentorship was to their success, and having edited a book with Coramae, I truly cannot imagine a more deserving candidate for the Society’s most prestigious award. I urge your committee to give her nomination its utmost consideration, and to award Professor Mann the Sutherland Award.

Best regards,

Marjorie S. Zatz
Professor

cc: Nicky Rafter, Chair, Division on Women and Crime
Drew Humphries, Awards Committee, Division on Women and Crime
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Susan

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Thanks very much!

Best,
Susan Miller
University of Delaware
31 March 1998

Hello, Elin and Patti:

Finally I'm finding time to get the work of your committee back on track. Sorry to be slow with this; 4 days after the ACJS meetings I left the country for 8 days, and I got back just yesterday.

I've now had a chance to go thru Chris Rasche's files; I'm going to xerox all the relevant materials for you and get them off by the end of this week. (Ignore the faint, pencilled numbers at upper right; they are to help me keep track of the order of the materials in Chris's notebook.) They include a record of the committee's work for the past several years as well as the info you need on the establishment of the 2 awards and committee guidelines. Obviously you will not be able to meet the 1 June deadline; I suggest you shoot for 1 NOvember, with a call for nominations going out to all our members by (say) 1 August with a 1 Sept deadline. WOULD that give you enough time?

After you have had time to read through the xeroxed documents, please let me know how you'd like to proceed. Also let me know if you want me to appoint another member to the committee. I don't think this will be a lot of work, but it is important work, as it gives us ways to recognize members' materials to add to their CVs. As the awards were established relatively recently, we are still feeling our way in these procedures. HOWEVER, after the next round, the work should be somewhat institutionalized.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

WITH best wishes,

Nicky
Hi Nicky,

I did not want you to think I was ignoring your e-mail. I have no problem 'doing', however, I am completely in the dark as to what that should be. I have written Elin regarding this and am sure something will work out. It seems too important an issue to forget. Hope everything is cheery at Northeastern.

Take Care, Patti>
Patricia Gavin
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Elin,
Well, that is the way the work has gotten done sometimes.....Glad you were able to track it all down. And I am delighted that you are willing to learn the ropes and begin to take a leadership role in the Division! That is the way we all started....
Chris

>>> Elin Waring <elin@alpha.lehman.cuny.edu> 03/16/98 12:12pm >>>
Thanks Chris.

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Nicky,

I'm willing to do some work, but my memory of the business meeting was that after the committees did their reports we went through the list of committees and most people who had been chairs the year before agreed to continue or they suggested specific individuals (usually someone who had helped them the year before) who would be in charge.

I'm going to write to Chris and ask her who was in charge last year.

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Elin Waring: I told her via email on 9 March that I now have my copy of the minutes & will look up old chair when I get back from ACJS, or find her another moldy oldy to work with.
> Nicky,
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> There must be someone else too!
No, there isn't. Did you not get a copy of my Jan. 98 memo listing committees for this year? I think I sent one to you both. In any case, you are IT.

Neither of us is part of the inside crowd
> in the section (I say speaking boldly for Patty,In truth, there is no inside—or rather, we are it.

but having convinced her
> to go to her first section meeting in San Diego), and someone must have agreed to be the chair of that committee, right?

Wrong! Sorry.

Who did it last year? I don't know, and I'm afraid I've sent my copy of the minutes from last year to the newsletter committee. However, you could ask Chris Rasche, who was chair last year, if she remembers (crasche@unf.edu) or contact Claire Renzetti, the secretary, who probably has a copy of the minutes.

If you really don't feel like doing this, we will just have to forget about the internal awards this year. However, if you have a little time, I think the job would be relatively simple—and certainly rewarding to those who got the awards. The idea is both to recognize good work and to reward people with something for their resumes. To tell you the truth, I'm not even sure what the awards are for, but you could ask Chris R or Sarah Hall at ASC h.q.

In any case, please let me know what you decide to do.
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Cheers, Nicky

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> On Fri, 6 Mar 1998, Nicole Rafter wrote:
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> > Nicky Rafter to Patricia Gavin & ELin Waring, 3/6/98
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> > Hello! You both volunteered to be on the DWC's Internal Awards Committee. Could you let me know what you have accomplished to date? I realize I said I didn't need to know till 1 August, but I'm trying to check in with everyone well in advance. I will look forward to hearing from you. NR.
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Hi, Elin. Back in May, Sue Miller forwarded to me an email you had sent her, just to bring me up to date on some work she planned to do with reference to awards, and as you said several things to her that I wanted to get back to you about, I kept a copy of the message. (As I may have mentioned, I moved in June to Vermont, so my correspondence got backed up.)

In your email to Sue you say "Unfortunately, no one told me that I am (or asked me if I was willing to) doing this until the middle of the semester . . ." That makes it sound a bit as though I had arbitrarily railroaded you into working on the committee. If you do feel that way, please let me know and I will find a substitute or do the work myself. I appointed you (and Patti) only because you (two) signed up for this particular meeting at the annual meeting. I know you were a bit dismayed that there was no holdover person on the committee from the year before who could explain the work to you; I felt the same way. However, as soon as Chris Rasche, the outgoing Chair, mailed me her files, I xeroxed everything pertaining the work of this committee for you. We are a young and fairly informal organization; of necessity, we work nonhierarchically, with everyone pretty much pitching in. I imagine this can be dismaying to someone who expects more structure. But please be assured that most of us do the best we can, giving the press of teaching and publication.

Second, you ask Sue for guidance about the procedures she used, saying that you intend "to write something up before ASC so that in the future people don’t have to start from scratch." I think that is an excellent idea. In fact, it is one I am encouraging several of the committee chairs to consider as committee work too often involves reinventing the wheel. I am asking people to send me a copy of their reports and recommendations some time before the Nov. meetings, so I will know what is going on, and to make a short report orally during one of the business meetings. Would you be able to do this? My idea is to then ask the members present to approve the changes recommended by the various chairs/committees.

Let me know what you think about this idea and also if you would like me to find someone else to head your committee.

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Hi Elin!

I thought I should email to you the announcement we used last year. We sent it to Sarah Hall, and she sent it out to all current members of the Division on Women & Crime. I don’t remember if we also had it printed in the Criminologist (I guess we did if it was free and we made the deadline). We also sent it to the people who did our Division’s newsletter. I don’t know who is doing the newsletter this year since I don’t think I have received one recently. A question for Nicky, I guess.

Essentially, what Helen and I did last year, was to copy every nomination and vita so that we each had copies of everything. Then, we each independently (in pencil!) ranked the candidates and then had a phone conference to compare rankings and reasons. We had independently ranked the candidates in the same order, so it was easy last year.

We used the criteria contained in the Nominations notice. People could self-nominate or others could nominate candidates. We DID NOT run it like a popularity contest, as some of the bigger ASC awards seem to lean towards (you know, the more people who nominate a candidate, the higher their ranking becomes). Candidates HAD to have done service for the Division on Women, not just be a criminologist who did work on women and/or gender. In fact, a few candidates were nominated by others (and one self-nominated) who had never participated in the Division in ANY way whatsoever!!

You REALLY need the candidate’s vitas, so if the nomination letter arrives without one, you need to immediately contact the nominator to get the vita.

We also decided that the Awards were important enough that they should not be awarded if there were not viable candidates. Fortunately, we had enough excellent candidates. We also sent letters to the candidates who did not win that year, so they would have a letter for their files that they were nominated, that they were strong candidates, etc.

Helen took care of getting the plaques engraved in time for the ASC meeting, and she sent the bill to Sarah Hall, who reimbursed her. We each presented the awards, and said something about the winners, based on the letters and their vitas and what we knew about them.

I have our files, which basically contain our email correspondence to each other (which is probably confidential because we name candidates) and the different letters of nomination and candidate’s vitas. I don’t think these would be very useful to you.

I hope this is the information you need. Please feel free to email or call (home is best during August - 302-777-7704) if you need more information or help.

I am going to nominate one candidate for each award, and will do that sometime this month...
Hope you are having a great summer!

Best,
Susan

Here is the announcement we used...
(please excuse any typos)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 19__ DIVISION OF WOMEN AND CRIME AWARDS

Distinguished Scholar Award: Eligibility includes scholars who have held a Ph.D. for eight or more years.

New Scholar Award: Eligibility includes scholars who have held a Ph.D. for less than eight years.

The nominees are evaluated by the Awards Committee based on their scholarly work, their commitment to women and crime as a research discipline, and their commitment to women and crime as advocates, particularly in terms of dedication to the Division on Women and Crime.

Deadline: __________________

Awards: The awards will be presented at the Division on Women and Crime meeting of ASC in Washington, DC. The committee reserves the right to give no award if necessary.

Submissions: Please send a letter of nomination and the nominee’s vita to the committee. Candidates also are encouraged to nominate themselves.

Send to:
Elin’s address, phone number, and fax #
(co-chair’s info)
October 19, 1998

Dear Division Members,

Each year the Division on Women and Crime presents two awards. One is to a distinguished scholar and one is to a new scholar. New scholars are defined as those who have held a Ph.D. for 8 years or less. All others are eligible for the Distinguished Scholar Award. The nominees are evaluated based on their scholarly work, their commitment to women and crime as a research discipline, and their commitment to women and crime as advocates, particularly in terms of dedication and service to the Division on Women and Crime. For the 1998 awards, nominations must be received at the above address by November 4, 1998 (fax and email accepted). They should include a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominee’s vita.

I apologize for the lateness of this solicitation. If you need to speak to me about this please feel free to contact me at my office or at home (phone 718-885-1115 or fax 718-885-1863).

Sincerely yours,

Elin J. Waring, Ph.D.
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