

## EDITORIAL NOTES FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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### Editorial Notes

I am pleased to present our fourth issue. Issue 2(2) focuses on environmental issues and has Dr. Stephanie McSpirit serving as its Special Editor. After my comments, Dr. McSpirit provides a description of each article in this special issue. Before Dr. McSpirit's discussion I will discuss a few very important changes happening in this journal:

1) **A name change** – the *Kentucky Journal of Anthropology and Sociology* will be renamed the *Contemporary Journal of Anthropology and Sociology*. We will continue the numbering of the journal issues so that the next issue will be 3(1). The change in the name reflects the fact that the journal's scope is increasingly national and international rather than being confined to Kentucky.

2) **We are adding a co-editor** - Dr. Ryan Schroeder, from the Sociology Department at the University of Louisville. Ryan has previously served the journal as an Associate Editor. Ryan Schroeder completed his Ph.D. in Sociology in 2005. He joined the faculty in the Department of Sociology at the University of Louisville in 2005, and is currently an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Louisville specializing in Criminology, Deviance, and Juvenile Delinquency. Although a criminologist by training and experience, Dr. Schroeder's research topics have been diverse: desistance, emotional self-concepts, the role of drugs and alcohol use, religiosity, parenting practices during both childhood and adulthood, the non-medical use of prescription medications among college-age populations, family-processes related to juvenile delinquency, the relationship between crime and physical health, and co-victim responses to capital punishment. Overall, Dr. Schroeder has published 20 papers in peer-reviewed journals and books. His research has appeared in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Criminology*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Deviant Behavior*, and *Journal of Politics*. Dr. Schroeder was also awarded the 2009 James F. Short, Jr. Outstanding Article Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance.

3) **We are “promoting” Dr. Stephanie McSpirit** from an Editorial Review Board Member to an Associate Editor. Dr. McSpirit is a Professor of Sociology at Eastern Kentucky University. Her hard work has made this issue possible.

4) **We are expanding our search for qualified editorial board members** to include people from throughout the United States and International locations as well.

Finally, one article published in this issue is not part of the special issue: using a sample of 4,738 youths Matisa Wilbon explores the relationship between neighborhood characteristics and adolescent sex behavior using a social disorganization framework. In, “The Interrelationships Among Neighborhoods, Parental Behaviors, Peer Networks and Adolescent Sex,” Dr. Wilbon finds that mother support, adolescent popularity, and minor peer delinquency are important variables in explaining the relationship between neighborhood characteristics and adolescent sex behavior.

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