

Call for Papers

Volume 15: Special Issue on Prisoners and Politics in Our Time

Being a prisoner or former prisoner does not necessarily isolate a person from being concerned with major social, political, and economic events and ideas. Contrary to dominant beliefs, current and former prisoners are able to become actively involved in political issues. If information is allowed into the prison, some individuals read extensively and participate actively during their incarceration. In some cases, one's active involvement preceded his or her incarceration, or important social, political, or economic events may be directly related to a person's conviction. Most certainly, these events can have a direct impact on prison conditions, prisoners' rights advocacy, sentencing and parole decisions, the availability of programs, and access to information.

The *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons (JPP)* is planning a special issue on prisoners and former prisoners' concerns with social, political, and economic issues of our time. Articles may be about issues that directly or indirectly affect prison conditions, prisoners' rights, sentencing and parole, policing, the politics of incarceration, and other aspects of criminal justice systems. Articles may also be commentaries on these issues, regardless of the exact nature of the individual's relationship to the issues. Of particular interest are topics on political prisoners, human rights, prisoners of war, social justice, social control, and commentaries on social, political, and economic theories and practices. Examples of major issues would be racism, sexism, globalization, the war on drugs, free speech and popular dissent, the prison industrial complex, privatization, neo-liberalism, radicalism, capital punishment, political prisoners in North America and internationally, AIDS, and other health issues.

Prisoners and former prisoners are encouraged to submit papers, collaborative essays, discussions transcribed from tape and book reviews. This special issue will be published Fall 2005 as Volume 15. **The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2004.** If you have an interest in submitting a paper, we would appreciate receiving a letter that describes in general terms your topic. This helps us to anticipate the issue's contents. *JPP* does not publish fiction or poetry.

Articles should be between 1,000 and 10,000 words. They may be handwritten legibly, word processed, or typed. *JPP* publishes articles in English,

French, and Spanish. You may elect to write anonymously or under a pseudonym. For references cited in articles, attempt to provide the necessary bibliographic information. Refer to references cited in any journal or articles published in *JPP* for examples. We will provide details when we receive your letter. The co-editors, Howard S. Davidson and Rashad Shabazz, will review your submission. Selected articles are corrected for composition and returned to you for approval before publication.

Interested in writing on other topics? *JPP* encourages you to submit articles for other editions of *JPP* on a wide range of topics concerning the politics and experience of crime and punishment.

Send your letter and/or manuscript to Howard Davidson, Box 54 University Centre, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2 (Canada) or by e-mail to hdauid@ms.umanitoba.ca