

Journal of Prisoners on Prisons Call for Papers

Special Issue on Prisoners, Their Families and Loved Ones

General Information

The *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons* (JPP) is a prisoner written, academically oriented and peer reviewed, non-profit journal, based on the tradition of the penal press. It brings the knowledge produced by prison writers together with academic arguments to enlighten public discourse about the current state of carceral institutions. This is particularly important because with few exceptions, definitions of deviance and constructions of those participating in these defined acts are incompletely created by social 'scientists', media representatives, politicians, and legal and justice industrialists. These analyses most often promote self-serving interests, omit the voices of those most affected, and facilitate repressive and reactionary penal policies and practices. As a result, the JPP attempts to acknowledge the accounts, experiences, and criticisms of the criminalized by providing an educational forum that allows women and men to participate in the development of research that concerns them directly. In an age where 'crime' has become lucrative and exploitable, the JPP exists as an important alternate source of information that competes with popularly held stereotypes and misconceptions about those who are currently, or those who have in the past, faced the deprivation of liberty.

Prisoners, Their Families and Loved Ones

While imprisonment has been the focus of a number of important studies, the impacts of imprisonment on the families and loved ones of prisoners has rarely surfaced in academic discussions. The difficulties faced by prisoners who wish to maintain links to those outside prison walls has also been under-researched. The *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons* invites prisoners, their families and loved ones to contribute articles that discuss their experiences of enforced separation including the challenges and negotiations of maintaining relationships affected by imprisonment.

This issue will offer prisoners, their families and loved ones the opportunity to voice their concerns so their life experiences can be acknowledged and their insights appreciated. In doing, so it will shed light on the struggles of population that has traditionally been overlooked in society and to a greater extent within criminology.

Submission Guidelines

Prisoners and former prisoners are encouraged to submit papers, collaborative essays, discussions transcribed from tape, book reviews, and photo or graphic essays.

The journal also encourages submissions of illustrations, drawings, and paintings to appear within the special issue or as cover art. Artistic work should also include a short description of the inspiration for the work.

The journal does not usually publish fiction, and does not generally publish poetry.

The journal does not publish material that focuses on the writer's own legal case, although the use of the writer's personal experiences as an illustration of a broader topic is encouraged.

The journal will not publish any subject matter that advocates hatred, sexism, racism, violence, or that supports the death penalty.

Articles should be between 1,000 and 10,000 words, and maybe handwritten (legibly) or typed, in English, French or Spanish. The author may elect to write anonymously or under a pseudonym.

Editors look for developed pieces that address topics substantially. Manuscripts go through a preliminary reading and then are sent to review by the board, and those of suitable interest are returned to the author with comments or suggestions. Editors work with writers on composition and form, and where necessary may help the author with referencing and bibliographic information, not readily available in prisons.

If your submission is not accepted for publication in the special issue, the Editorial board will consider it for a later publication.

Submission Process

If you are interested in contributing to the JPP please your writing and/or art to:

**Journal of Prisoners on Prisons
c/o University of Ottawa Press
542 King Edward,
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 6N5
Canada**

Please include: a clear and accurate contact details for the author, and a brief description of the work. Once your work has been received and reviewed you will be notified by the JPP.

Additional Information

For more information regarding this project or the *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, feel free contact the editors of the special issue through mail at the JPP office or at the e-mail addresses listed below:

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We look forward to hearing from you,

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