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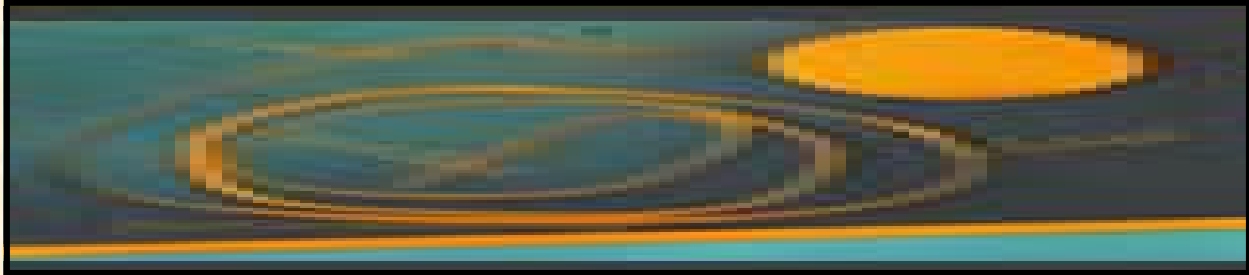
From the Editor:

Thank you, everyone, for all the submissions and contributions over the course of the past few years. I am grateful as the newsletter would be nothing without your help. I also thank you for allowing me to serve as you editor, however, as I am now so fortunate to serve the division members as Chair, I must regrettably pass the torch and let new energy take over. Please see the call on page 10 and consider serving the division.

Thank you again,
Dawn

I want to take this moment to thank the Division for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Chair. I look forward to the coming year and working with the Executive Board Members. I am grateful for the support and for the kind offers and service so many members have already volunteered for. I also look forward to seeing the results of the newly formed Constitution Committee, charged with updating our original 1989 constitution. As we move forward with this updating process, I will keep in contact with the members and any proposed changes will be brought to the membership at large for a vote. We are also working on key issues related to the journal at this time, ensuring that the members' desires and division interests are represented. I want to thank everyone who took the time to vote and especially to Gregg Barak for creating the voting mechanism in such a short time period and for overseeing the final vote count.

Thank you again,
Dawn



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MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING CHAIR:

At the outset, I would like to state that it was a pleasure to again serve as Chair of the DCC and I look forward to working with you in my current capacity as Past Chair. We have a new Executive Board that is eager to represent your interests and those of critical criminology in general. Dawn Rothe is our new Chair, Matthew Yeager is now Vice Chair, Peter Kraska is Secretary/Treasurer, and the three new Executive Officers are Molly Dragiewicz, Steven Muzzatti, and Jock Young. On behalf of all DCC members, welcome aboard and thank you for your time, dedication, and effort.

We will experience many changes and challenges as we progress through the next two years. For example, a committee consisting of me, Christopher Mullins, and Jeffrey Ian Ross has been struck to revise the DCC constitution. Jeff has volunteered to Chair this committee and we will keep you up-to-date on all key developments in the true spirit of transparency and democracy.

Speaking of democracy, in late November of 2009, the DCC again used the new voting mechanism created by Gregg Barak and Patrik Olsson. Recall that members were asked to cast ballots on two important issues related to the DCC journal *Critical Criminology*. Special thanks go to Dawn Rothe for spearheading this referendum and to all of those who participated in the process. Your voices need to be heard and respected.

Since Dawn now obviously has much more on her plate, the past Executive Board approved her request to step down as Editor of *The Critical Criminologist* and Steven Muzzatti is directing the search for her replacement. Like Stephen and all the other former Editors of our newsletter, Dawn did an outstanding job and went well beyond the call of duty. Dawn, thank you for helping us keep the DCC in the lime light.

Given the new Executive Board's energy and spirit, it is not surprising that we are about to witness additional important developments, which will be reported to you soon via email, www.critcrim.org, our newsletter, and other sources. In my own case, I can't wait to see these changes. As the late Jane Jacobs (2004) stated in her widely read and cited book *Dark Age Ahead*, "Standardization is the parent of stagnation."

Best,

Walter S. DeKeseredy, Ph.D.

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ASC: Division on Critical Criminology

November 6, 2009

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Walter DeKeseredy, Donna Selman, Ron Kramer, Dawn Rothe, Shahid Alvi, Wilmoed (Springer)

Journal Editor Report: Shahid: Downloads for 2009 projected at 20,000. Nearly doubled since 2007. Now using Electronic Manager. That is going well. We are ahead by 2 volumes. Discussed extending editor's contract.

Wilmoed: Explained that there are two contracts with Springer; One with the division that formalizes the link between Springer and DCC and a separate one with the editor. There is no clause in contract one that states that the editor will be chosen in cooperation with the DCC. However, Wilmoed asserted that this has always been the practice and intent of Springer. She asked the Exec to sign the contract immediately. She also explained that the contract between Springer and the editor is for 3 years with the possibility of 2 year extensions. The executive committee responded that the signing of contract would need to be put to a division vote. In addition, the executive requested that a clause be added to the DCC contract that spells out the selection of an editor, that it be specified that this is done in conjunction with the DCC. Wilmoed agreed to consider the one sentence addition. No contract was signed as this must be put this to the membership for a vote before signing.

Donna: Our financial situation is pretty good. Currently have approximately \$11,000 and 499 members.

Walter: All files regarding the division are electronic, which should facilitate a seamless transition to the new board.

Dawn: Will wrap up her duties as newsletter editor with the edition after the ASC meetings. She will strike a committee to select a new editor.

The executive committee has made a recommendation that questions regarding the contract language pertaining to selection and length of term for Journal Editors be taken to the membership for a vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Selman, Phd
DCC Secretary/Treasurer



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HIDE-AND-SEEK IN FOUR-FOUR TIME

(For L. J. Siegel)

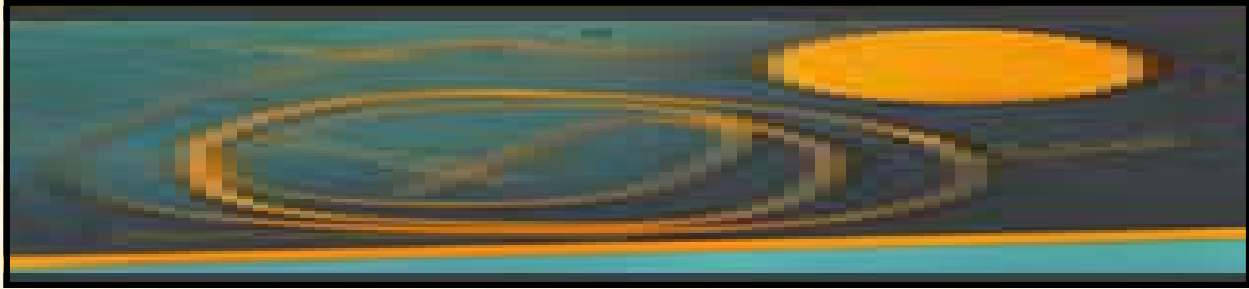
Throughout the dog-eared vault of Fowler
I search “clam” and “happy as a,” without
Success, where el señor bi-valve thrives like
The unbedeviled, unshelled seraphim of heaven.

El señor Pliny major, el señor Como mismo,
Before the grand Roman wit unwittingly hit
The fiery spleen Vesuvius, wrote of the clam
Through the sucking eye of el señor pulpoctopus

Who with tentacles raised high in suction cups,
In the four-four time of a dinner dirge,
Slapped one above one below el señor feliz
Snap! And there for a second’s brief smell (do they?)

Sucked up the pinky flesh final day of, of
El señor nada, like they do in the fancy
Philadelphia raw bars suck suck swipe the shell
Human bi-valve lips lemoning six iced \$11.99.

By
Dennis Sullivan
dsullivan6@nycap.rr.com
November 7, 2009
7 am
Philadelphia, PA



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Division on Critical Criminology
Secretary/ Treasurer's Report: 2009

Hello Crits!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your secretary and treasurer for the past two years; it has truly been an honor and a pleasure. Financially, the division is in pretty good shape. Currently, we have \$11,659.00 in the bank. This year we collected \$4,815.00 in membership dues, which is a decrease compared to 2008 (5,665.00). Our expenditures for the year totaled \$1,510.00 and were made up of costs related to the website, survey monkey, printing and the awards.

As of October 2, 2009 the division had 499 members, this is a slight increase from the 2008 membership (474). It appears that the decision to reduce/ eliminate costs for students was indeed a good one. We are fortunate to have strong student representation, 380 student members, an increase of 73 from 2008. We have seen a decline in regular membership, from 167 in 2008 to 119 in 2009. However, the student memberships may result in increases in revenue in the coming years as our student members' progress to the next level in their careers and thus join the ranks of dues paying members.

Our members come from all over the world. We have representation from 16 different countries. I would like to encourage all of you (and your students!) to visit the critcrim.org webpage as well as the Critical Criminology facebook page created and operated by Ken Mentor and yours truly. The response to the materials, the level of engagement and diversity of membership is quite impressive. This has proven to be a very effective teaching and recruiting tool for the division.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2010!

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Selman, Phd.



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DCC Student Paper Awards

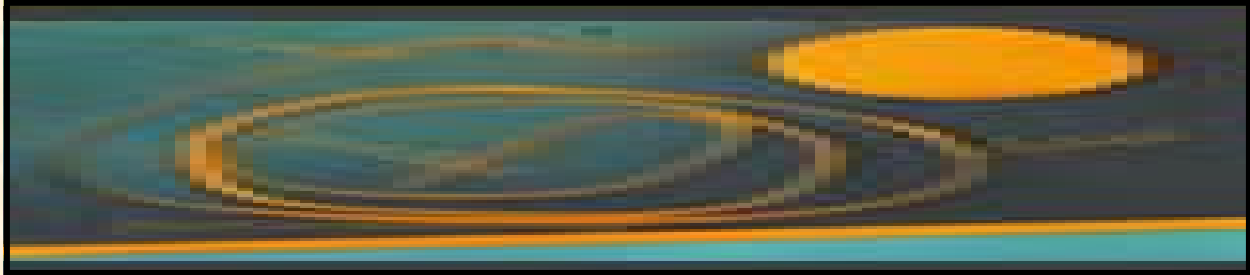
Undergraduate Paper Winner:

Lakelan Gould-University Ontario Institute of Technology

Graduate Paper Winner: Kathryn Henne University of California--Irvine

2nd Place: John Brent-- University of Delaware





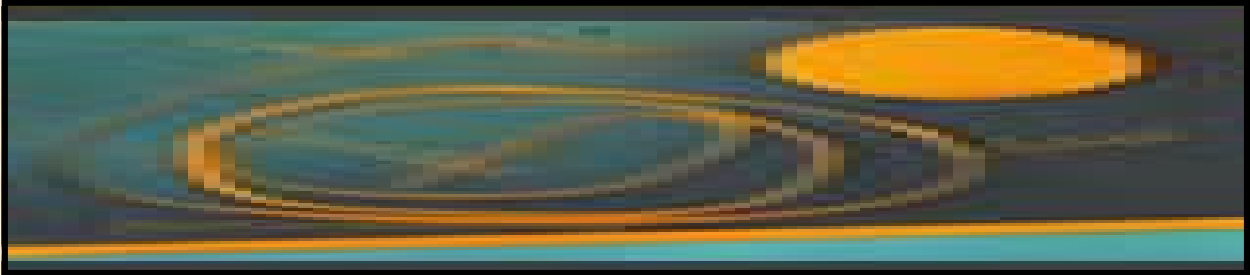
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CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGIST OF THE YEAR-STEPHEN MUZZATTI



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-MIKE PRESDEE





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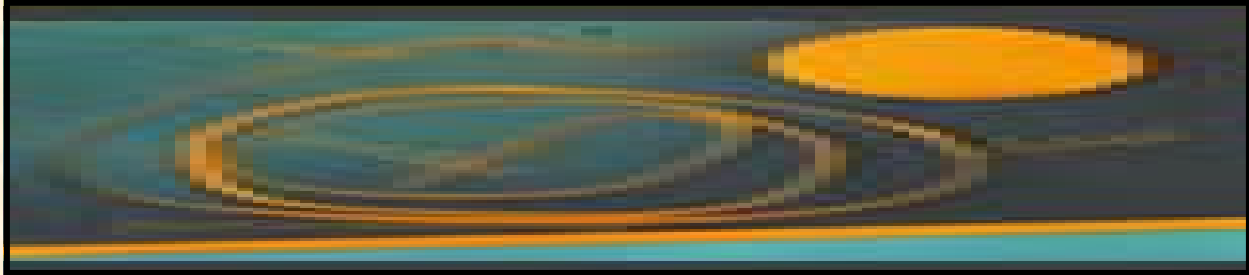
In Memory of Mike Presdee



Jeff honoring Mike at DCC Social

Transcription on pp 9.





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In Memory of Mike Presdee Continued

[Jeff Ferrell]

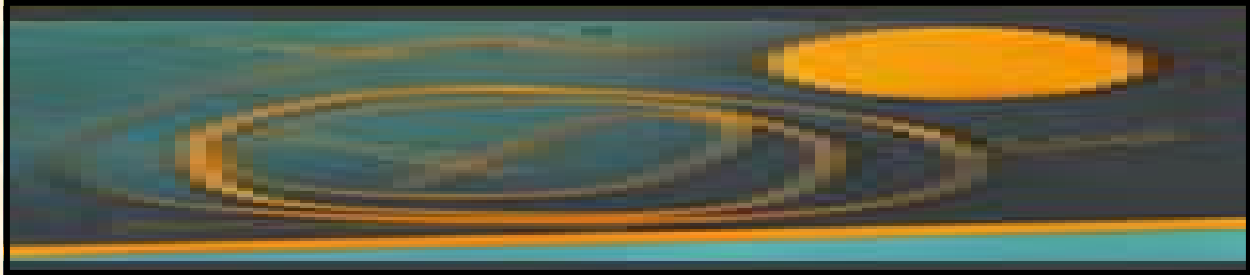
As many of you will know, our dear friend and colleague Mike Presdee passed away recently. Mike was the embodiment of a critical scholar with his willingness to take on the toughest of issues—youth subcultures, the politics of violence, fire – issues that were traditionally either dismissed as unimportant, or turned away from because they were repugnant or difficult to think about. As many of you will also know, Mike developed all this into what I still find one of the most provocative and evocative models of crime and transgression: the model of carnival. Drawing on historical knowledge, Continental theory, and anthropological research, Mike developed a sense of how transgression is both essential to who we are as humans, and also part of what we try to contain and control as human beings. All of this of course then becomes one of the real foundations for cultural criminology, and for revitalizing Continental thought and thinking about some new directions. There would not be cultural criminology without Mike Presdee, and there would certainly not be the same intellectual and spiritual vivacity to this group without his presence as well.

One final thing I would like to say, and to me it really is the most important thing—the thing that I hope distinguishes us in some way from other scholars—and that is our commitment to living our scholarship and living our activism. Now that can mean a number of things. That can mean how you shop, or the kind of car you drive, or the neighborhood you live in – and all of those are important. But I think Mike in a much deeper way, at an existential level, lived the life of a rebel, and lived the life of a critical scholar. From his troubled youth, to his willingness to teach students that otherwise would be left behind, to his unwavering dedication to challenging authority and pushing past traditional categories, I found Mike to be an inspiration in terms not only of his brilliance, but of his being in the world. So I want to present this award, and I believe that his friend and colleague Keith Hayward is going to accept this on Mike's behalf.

For Mike Presdee, the Lifetime Achievement Award.

[Keith Hayward]

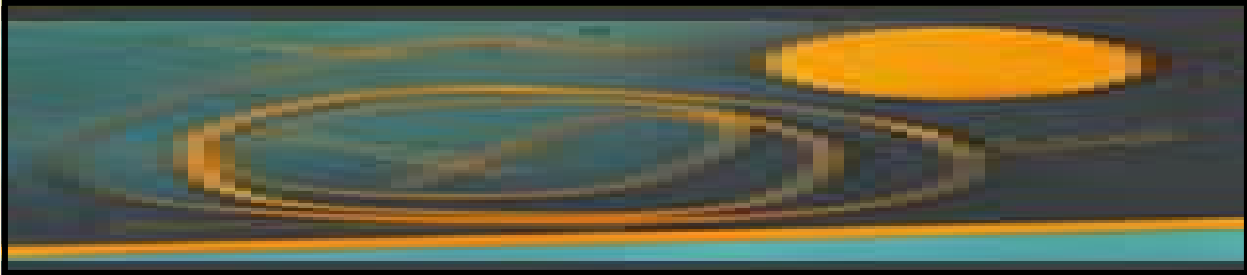
I can't improve on Jeff's wonderful articulation of Mike's life and works, but I will just finish by saying that Mike absolutely loved his week in the US every year at the American Society of Criminology conference, and he especially loved to spend time with his friends in the Critical Criminology Division. I've just received a text message about an hour ago from Mike's widow Gill Gower, and she asked me to pass on to you all how much she and Mike's daughter Hannah appreciated yesterday's tribute session. They were so touched by the event, and most importantly, Gill said that Mike would have been honoured by the reception and all the kind words. And I think that that event itself says an awful lot about what this Division stands for, and the sort of people you are, and thus I accept this distinguished award on Mike's behalf, and pass on Mike's family's tremendous gratitude for this honour.



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DCC Social Photos





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The Division of Critical Criminology is currently taking applications for the following position:

Editor(s) of the Critical Criminologist Newsletter

Job Duties:

The newsletter is published and distributed to all members 3-4 times a year. The potential editor (s) would be responsible for sending out notices to members for submissions (e.g., essays, photos, announcements, and other relevant division news), editing, organizing, and accepting materials to be included then integrating them into the newsletter. The logo and format can be seen in past issue examples. The potential editor would need to have access to publisher and pdf writer programs (and good knowledge of the programs). It is a 2 year position, beginning January 2009-January 2011. Historically there have been joint editors that have worked together and/or are at the same institution.

If you are interested in the position please send the following information to Stephen Muzzatti by March 1, 2010

Letter of Interest and expertise

Previous experience and DCC participation

Current CV

Letter of support from 1 reference

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CALL FOR GRADUATE STUDENT APPLICANTS -- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANTSHIP

Interested in critical ethnographic study of crime and/or crime control? We are currently taking applications for a specialized graduate assistantship position in the Department of Sociology at Louisiana State University. This EDA assistantship carries a stipend of \$25k annually, paid on a fiscal (12 month) basis and is renewable for up to four years, contingent on the student's satisfactory progress through the Ph.D. program. Student must meet all criteria for admission and appointment to an assistantship at LSU. He/she must pay all applicable semester fees, but will be eligible for the tuition exemption program and the health insurance stipend program for fulltime graduate assistants. The student selected for this competitive assistantship will be receiving mentoring from and will collaborate with the study's principal investigator, Sarah Becker, Assistant Professor of Sociology / Women's and Gender Studies. He/she will also have opportunities to work with other faculty affiliated with the Crime and Policy Evaluation Research (CAPER) center at LSU (<http://www.lsu.edu/capergroup/>). The student's work for this project will involve being a primary part of the research team for an ethnographic study of reactions to crime in two structurally variant communities in urban Louisiana. As such, applicants should have a strong academic record and excellent social and communication skills.

To apply, send a statement of interest and resume/CV to Sarah Becker, Ph.D. (sbecker@lsu.edu; 225-578-7243).

The Department of Sociology and Criminology at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada has established an excellent scholarly and professional reputation in the field of critical criminology involving the analysis of how unequal power relations shape the social and historical construction of regulation, crime/criminality and justice by the state, private groups and academic scholarship. We offer a Master of Arts in Criminology that will offer students an opportunity for advanced critical work in areas such as the social construction of crime, criminology and punishment; policing; socio-legal studies; social justice and equality; governance and regulation. The Program will provide students with the analytical and research skills necessary for further graduate study, research, or teaching; policy research and practice; or employment in government/non-government agencies and the private sector.

We are accepting applicants for the 2010-2010 academic year. For more information see www.smu.ca/academic/arts/sociology/ or email crim.grad@smu.ca



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Call for Papers

Special Issue for Contemporary Justice Review:

Policing and Justice: Exploring Alternatives and Furthering Old Debates

It has become somewhat axiomatic to refer to the police as the “gatekeepers” of the criminal justice system and a mechanism for the provision of “justice”. And yet, when we conceptualize the police thusly, we take for granted the actual empirical nature of the 'gatekeeping' role and its larger social meaning. A number of scholars have argued that democratic policing systems are necessary for the delivery of justice within liberal regimes, but just exactly *how* and *if* the various symbolic and operational functions of the police serve the goal of justice remains a question of empirical research and debate. Certainly, we have also witnessed a wealth of critical scholarship that contests the view that public policing serves all citizens equally or serves as a mechanism for accessing justice. The latter perspective raises another series of questions on possible alternatives to existing structures and processes that could make justice more widely accessible. For example, scholarship in this area has been near-exclusively focused on public policing, neglecting the plethora of private or community-based policing forms that operate beyond, below, outside, or parallel to the state. Whether or to what extent such forms assist in providing access to justice (through the state, private, or community means) remains ill-understood.

This special issue will address this deficit by collecting and publishing papers that foreground questions on the role and/or possibilities offered by public, private, or community-based policing forms as they seek justice for various populations. Generally, papers should explore alternative configurations of policing that go beyond the narrowly understood “gatekeeping” role. To this end, we seek papers from various disciplines and theoretical standpoints that explore the following areas:

- The role of the public police in fostering or limiting access to justice for individuals and/or groups;
- Public policing policies, programs or practices that aim to increase access to justice for marginalized groups or citizens;
- Forms of non-state policing (or policing 'below the state') with the potential to widen citizens' ability to access justice through formal or informal means;
- Community-based and/or activist forms of policing or social control that replace the need for state-based initiatives.
- The general relationship between public or private policing and social justice.

We are also open to other subjects not outlined above that speak to the relationship between policing and justice as a special theme of scholarship. Please contact the guest-editors (Luis Fernandez, Northern Arizona University at luis.fernandez@nau.edu or Laura Huey, University of Western Ontario at lhuey@uwo.ca) in advance to discuss proposed topics. All papers must be completed and submitted electronically no later than **February 15th, 2010**. Please use standard formatting and submit the papers in a Word file format.



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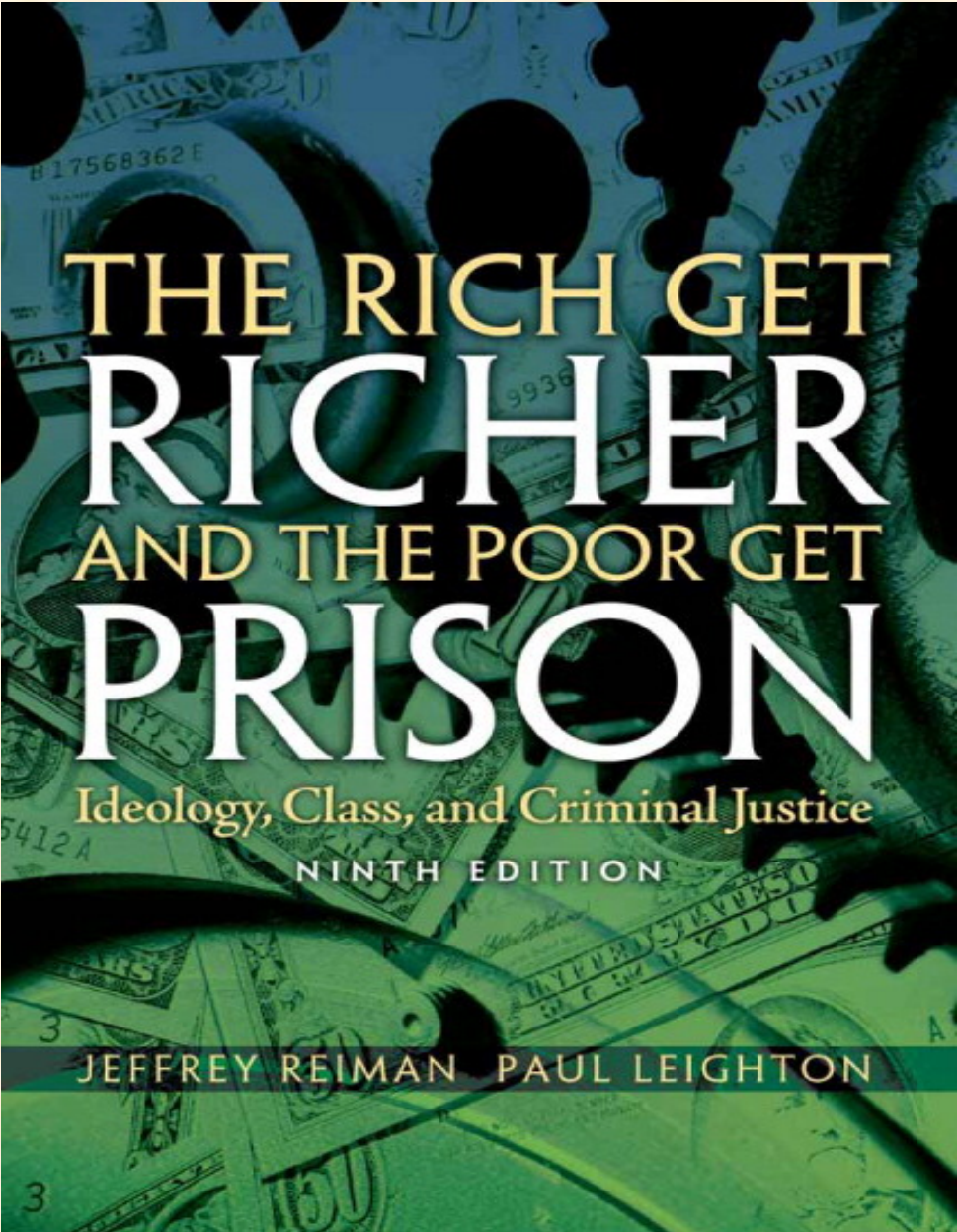
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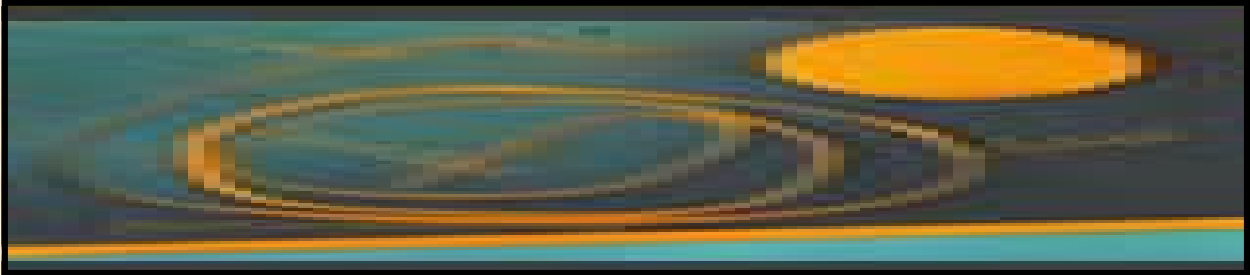


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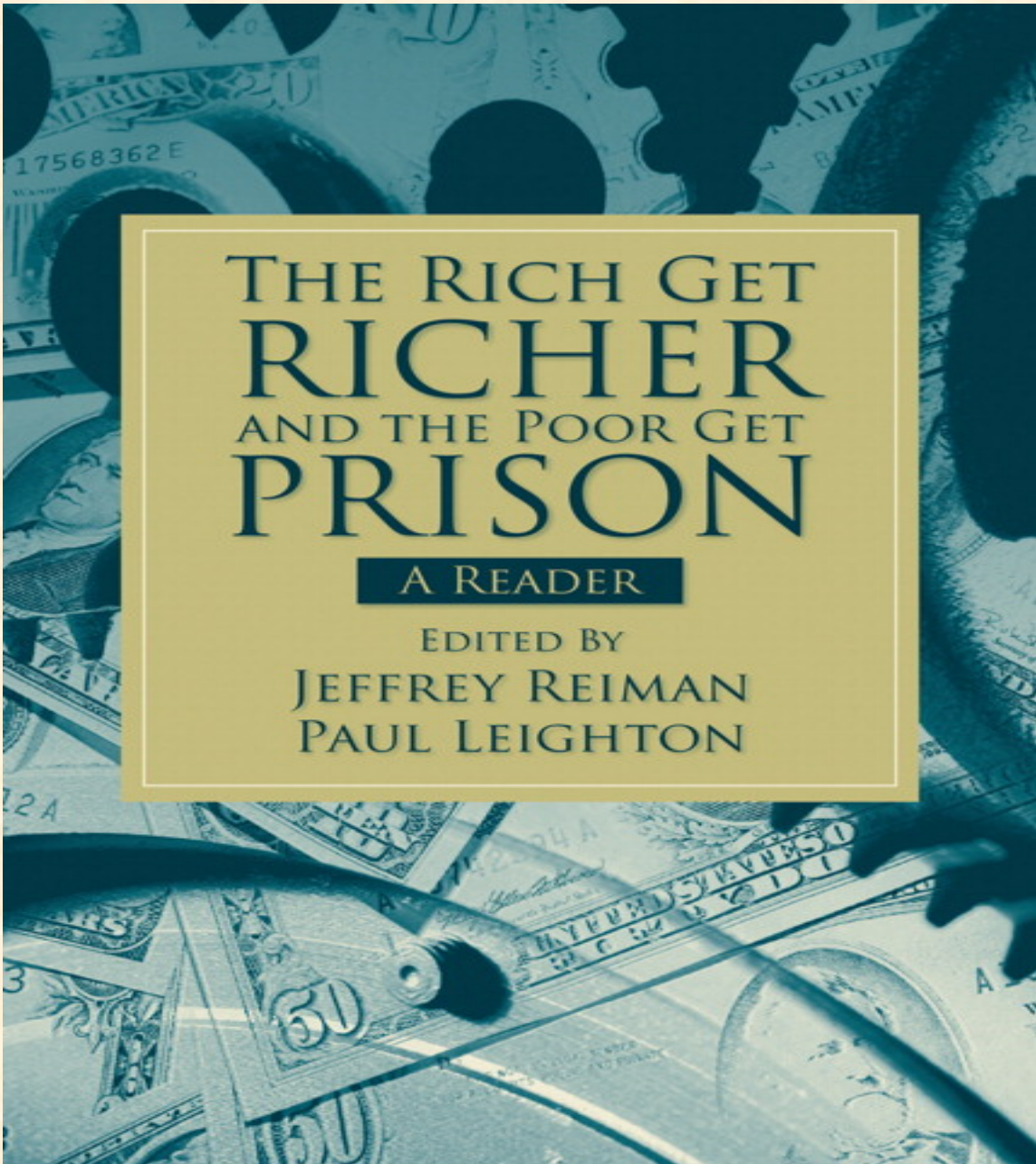
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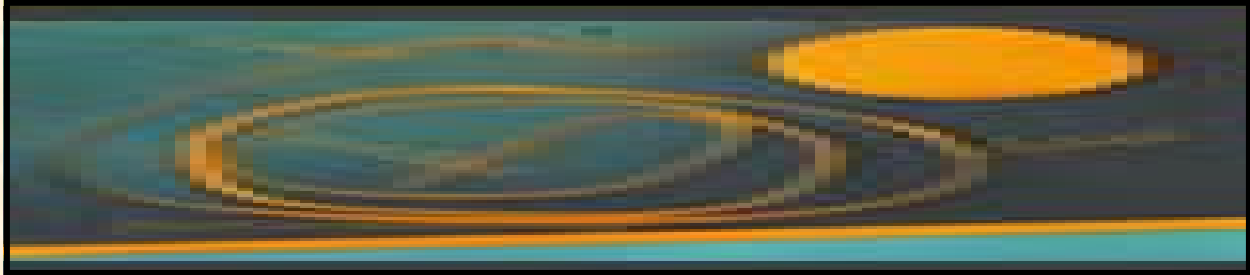
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