

2020 Special Issue of *Justice Quarterly*

Theme of Special Issue

Successful Research-Practitioner Partnerships: Essays in Honor of Joan Petersilia

Description of Special Issue

Joan Petersilia, a policy and practitioner-oriented corrections and sentencing researcher of world renown, passed away of cancer in September 2019. Joan spent more than 45 years working to bridge the gap between scholarly research and policy and practice, first at RAND and then at the University of California, Irvine and Stanford University. She was the 1990 President of the American Society of Criminology and in her Presidential address lamented the weakening impact of criminology on practice and policy. She argued that researchers too often focused on what was wrong rather than on solutions, did not directly engage with practitioners and policymakers, unnecessarily wrote in complicated ways, and were not rewarded structurally for policy-related work. In her address, she argued that we should make “policymakers (including funders) and practitioners confident that our research is relevant and responsive to their needs-without compromising the higher objectives of research” (Petersilia, 1991, *Criminology*, 29/1 p. 12). In the thirty years since her address, scholars in many areas of criminology have made much progress toward bridging this gap. *Justice Quarterly* has supported this effort in its aim to encourage submissions that provide “methodologically sound evaluations of current and emerging practice.” The goal of this issue is to celebrate the work of Joan Petersilia on the 30-year anniversary of her challenge through publishing articles that honor this commitment to building true academic-policymaker/practitioner partnerships to improve the administration of justice. Consequently, submissions will focus on evaluation efforts that prioritized working as partners in the field with the practitioners and policymakers who make justice decisions.

Submissions:

Submissions are due May 1, 2020 and should report results of new research.

Articles are limited to 25 pages, including references and tables.

Articles should follow the standard *JQ* format and be submitted through the online system. See <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=rjqy20&page=instructions>

Cover letters should be addressed to Jodi Lane, Special Issue Editor and should clearly indicate that the submission is for consideration in the Special Issue.

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