



Editorial Introduction

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It is a privilege to assume the role of Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*. I would like to begin by acknowledging the work and dedication of my predecessor, whose efforts have contributed to the journal's continued growth and visibility within the field.

The *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology* occupies a unique and important space at the intersection of research and practice. Its mission - to advance scientifically grounded knowledge relevant to policing, criminal investigations, criminology as well as forensic and applied psychology - remains more important than ever as evidence-based approaches are increasingly called upon to inform policy and practice. In particular, the journal is well positioned to contribute to ongoing discussions around evidence-based policing, ethical investigative practices, and the evaluation of interventions and decision-making processes within criminal justice systems, as well as the broader psychological and organizational dimensions that shape policing practices and professional functioning in contemporary contexts.

As I begin this role, my objective is not to redefine the journal, but to build on its strengths and further reinforce its scientific and practical contributions. Particular attention will be given to maintaining high standards of

methodological rigor and transparency, ensuring that submissions are clearly situated within the existing body of research, and promoting work with direct implications for policing, investigative practices, and decision-making in criminal justice contexts.

At the same time, efforts will be made to improve the efficiency and clarity of the editorial process, in close collaboration with Associate Editors, the Editorial Board, and reviewers. The quality and integrity of the journal depend on this collective engagement.

The continued success of the journal relies on the contributions of its community - authors, reviewers, and readers alike. I look forward to working with all of you to further strengthen the journal's role as a leading outlet for rigorous and impactful research in police and criminal psychology.

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