

# Critical Criminology / Representing Justice

A Joint Conference of the Critical Perspectives: Criminology and Social Justice  
and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies

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University of Ottawa, May 4-5 2017  
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## Call for Contributions

We invite proposals for papers and panels for the annual, national critical criminology conference to be held at University of Ottawa on May 4 and 5, 2017. With keynote speakers Michelle Brown (University of Tennessee) and Didier Fassin (Princeton University), the conference will be an opportunity to engage in stimulating discussions on criminological and social justice issues between critical scholars and community stakeholders.

This year's conference is a joint initiative of Carleton University, University of Ottawa, and the University of Winnipeg's Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies (CIJS). As a joint venture between the Critical Perspectives committee and the CIJS, the conference is being held under the general theme of critical criminology and includes a stream dedicated to the theme of "Representing Justice". We encourage a broad understanding of critical criminology and justice studies, and encourage contributions from interested persons whose work challenges, documents, or illuminates articulations of power, social control, normativities, or oppressions; particularly those rooted in histories and practices of criminal injustice systems. Representing Justice invites submissions where 'representation' can refer to images, video, visual culture, and more, as well as lawyering and advocacy carried out in courtrooms and other law-related spaces and by grassroots and community groups and non-governmental organizations engaged in social justice work.

The conference will be held in both official languages. In line with past practices at Critical Perspectives and the CIJS, we invite groups and individuals to propose a spectrum of contributions and interventions; including but not limited to academic papers and panels, art installations, film screenings, social events, archival installations, etc.

For individual papers, please include your name, institutional affiliation, contact information, title of your paper and an abstract of up to 250 words. For panels, please include the names, institutional affiliations, contact information, paper titles, and abstracts of up to 250 words for each paper. For contributions under "Representing Justice," please indicate your submission – otherwise materials will be sorted under the general theme. Other types of submissions require your name, institutional affiliation (if applicable), contact information, title of your contribution and a description of up to 250 words.

A separate call for papers for a thematic issue of *The Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research* edited by the CIJS will be circulated to conference registrants following the event.

Participants are asked to forward proposals and questions by email to: [critcrm@uottawa.ca](mailto:critcrm@uottawa.ca)

The deadline for submissions is **January 15, 2017**.

The conference aims to be inclusive, so there is no registration fee. Given the Canada 150 celebrations in Ottawa, we encourage interested participants to make accommodation arrangements as early as possible. The conference aims to have hotel rooms reserved close to uOttawa and details will be circulated to interested persons shortly.

### **Keynote Speakers**

Critical Criminology / Representing Justice is thrilled to announce English and French keynote speakers – Michelle Brown and Didier Fassin.

Michelle Brown is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Tennessee. Her research explores the role of culture, affect, and emotion in the lived life of carceral regimes; forms of premature and slow death and dying in US criminal justice; visual criminology; and emergent forms of political organizing and resistance in response to mass incarceration. She is the author of *The Culture of Punishment* (NYUP 2009), co-author of *Criminology Goes to the Movies* (with Nicole Rafter, NYUP 2011), and co-editor of *Media Representations of September 11* (with Steven Chermak and Frankie Y. Bailey, Praeger 2003). She is currently co-editing the Sage journal *Crime Media Culture* (with Eamonn Carrabine), *The Routledge International Handbook of Visual Criminology* (with Eamonn Carrabine), the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia on Crime, Media, and Popular Culture*, and the Palgrave MacMillan Crime, Media and Culture Book Series (with Eamonn Carrabine).

Didier Fassin is the James D. Wolfensohn Professor of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University. He is an anthropologist and a sociologist who has conducted fieldwork in Senegal, Ecuador, South Africa, and France. Trained as a physician in internal medicine and public health, he dedicated his early research to medical anthropology, illuminating important dimensions of the AIDS epidemic, mortality disparities, and global health. He recently conducted an ethnography of the state, through a study of urban policing as well as the justice and prison systems in France. His current work is on punishment, asylum, inequality, and the politics of life, and he is developing a reflection on the public presence of the social sciences. He occasionally writes for the French newspapers *Le Monde* and *Libération*. His recent books include *The Empire of Trauma: An Inquiry Into the Condition of Victimhood* (2009), *Humanitarian Reason: A Moral History of the Present* (2011), *Enforcing Order: An Ethnography of Urban Policing* (2013), *At the Heart of the State: The Moral World of Institutions* (2015), and *Prison Worlds: An Ethnography of the Carceral Condition* (2016).

### **Critical Criminology Round-table**

In addition to the conference program, the Organizing Committee will be hosting a round-table on the future of the Critical Perspectives conference and aiming to establish a national steering committee. Participation in the round-table is open to anyone. We encourage those who would like to participate in the round-table to express interest when submitting their abstracts or panel proposals. We look forward to seeing you in Ottawa for this national meeting of critical scholars and practitioners.

### **Conference Convenors**

Carleton University, Department of Law and Legal Studies  
Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Carleton University, Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
University of Ottawa, Department of Criminology  
University of Winnipeg, Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies (CIJS)  
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