

Continuity and Change

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This is the first issue of *Criminal Law and Philosophy* for which Antony Duff does not serve as Editor-in-Chief. With his usual generosity, he has always shared that title with others. Over the past several years—since Volume 2—he has shared that title with me. In truth, however, *Criminal Law and Philosophy* has always been Antony's journal. The idea to launch the journal was largely his own along with Claire Grant/Valier. The hard work of overseeing the journal has been done almost entirely by him. I would be delighted to be able to take more credit for the origin, ongoing management, and current state of *Criminal Law and Philosophy*. In fact, however, virtually all of the praise is owed to Antony.

Of course, Antony could hardly have done his job alone. No peer-reviewed journal could survive without the efforts of a staff of assistants and referees who devote countless hours to the evaluation of submitted manuscripts. Since this task so often is thankless, I take this opportunity to acknowledge their assistance. I will continue to depend on their good judgment and hard work.

I do not need to remind anyone of Antony's enormous talents as a philosopher of law. But Antony also deserves enormous credit for organizing the international community of criminal law theorists and for enlisting their help in creating a journal that expands the horizons of philosophical controversy beyond national boundaries. No one in the profession has done more to pull our discipline together and to encourage young scholars to participate in the debates. The composition of the editorial board and the profiles of past contributors reflect the fact that many of the pressing questions of interest to criminal law theorists are common throughout the world. Since I began my career as a legal philosopher, the level of work in this area has improved exponentially. No small part of this improvement is due to the organizational efforts of Antony Duff. The high quality of our articles confirms his judgment that a journal on this topic would be valuable.

Nothing dramatic will change at *Criminal Law and Philosophy*. I would be pleased if readers did not even notice the transition from Antony to me. I will endeavor to continue the tradition in which our journal is inclusive in the topics it covers and in the approaches it welcomes.

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