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Dear Brethren,

It is with mixed feelings that I present to you the final (and extra) issue of my tenure as the *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice* Editor. I am sad to leave the position as it has become part of my routine and has allowed me to remain engaged with the fine leadership of the Southwest Association of Criminal Justice. I must admit, however, I am elated to pick up some additional free time allowing me to pursue other interests. Before I do so, however, I would like to acknowledge a number of people who have helped make my tenure less burdensome.

I would like to thank my Sam Houston State University, College of Criminal Justice, graduate student Nap Reyes for his time, effort, and dedication to serving as the *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice* Managing Editor. He has greatly helped to move this journal forward. I also would like to thank Jon Sorenson, the previous editor, for making the transition an easy one, and Wes Johnson, who was my co-editor for the first half of our three-year commitment to the journal. I must also thank Harriet Brewster and Christopher Fisher from the publications office in the College of Criminal Justice for their help and assistance in the copy-editing and web-based formatting of the journal. Finally, I would like to thank the Deans, Dean Richard Ward and Dean Vincent Webb, for providing me with the necessary resources to publish the journal. This team of professionals has been a great honor to work with, and I could not have done it without them.

This extra issue marks our movement forward to three issues per year, with the intent of eventually going to four issues per year. The number of submissions over the past three years, especially this last year, should easily allow for the continuation of this movement, as we hope to go to a quarterly journal and align ourselves with a print publication company. Leading the way from here on out, beginning with the Spring 2009 issue, will



be Roger Enriquez, the new editor, from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Thus, I would like to introduce the readers of the *SWJCJ* to your new editor.

Roger Enriquez holds a *juris doctor* degree from the University Of Iowa College Of Law. He is an associate professor of criminal justice at the University of Texas at San Antonio and serves as the Graduate Director for the Master's in Justice Policy. His research agenda includes policing, crime, courts, gangs, Latinos in the criminal justice system, and empirical testing of anecdotal legal theories with respect to jurors and secondary effects. He is well published in both law reviews and peer-reviewed journals. His most recent law review articles have appeared in the *Journal of Gender, Race & Justice*, *University of Texas Hispanic Journal of Law & Policy*, *Washington College of Law Criminal Law Brief*, *Criminal Law Bulletin*, and *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law*. His most recent peer-reviewed publications have appeared in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, *Western Criminology Review*, and *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*. He has also been active in applying and receiving grant funds from various federal and state agencies like the DOJ's National Institute of Justice and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He is a licensed attorney and member of the American Bar Association (so if you ever need a lawyer . . .), and he is a member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the American Society of Criminology, and, of course, the Southwest Association of Criminal Justice. Overall, I would say, Roger will bring a new style of editing with a number of new and innovative ideas that will continue to move our journal forward.

In closing, I would like to say once more, it has been an honor to serve the Southwest Association of Criminal Justice as its journal editor, and I wish Roger Enriquez all the best in his tenure as the new editor.

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