



Editorial

I was thrilled to accept the offer from The British Psychological Society to become the editor of *Legal and Criminological Psychology*. The journal's previous editors—Mary McMurran and Sally Lloyd-Bostock, Ron Blackburn, and Aldert Vrij—have crafted a journal that publishes some of the most innovative and important research in our field. You will know this from reading the articles. It is also reflected in the journal's impressive worldwide circulation, exceptional online readership (full text downloads have more than doubled since 2010), and increasing citations. I particularly wish to recognise the outgoing editor, Aldert Vrij, and his team for guiding the journal through an exciting period of development. We were treated to hot topic papers (e.g., on evolutionary perspectives, Ward & Durrant, 2011), occasional special issues (e.g., on investigative psychology, Granhag & Vrij, 2010), virtual issues and podcasts (see <http://wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/lcrp>), and, importantly for our authors, shorter review times. Thank you to all our dedicated reviewers for that!

A longstanding strength of *Legal and Criminological Psychology* is its unique position at the intersection of criminology, applied and forensic psychology, and law. The journal will continue to publish high quality research and review articles in this space, and I particularly welcome research that bridges topics within these areas. I am equally keen to see the journal grow as the community's outlet for theoretical debate. The journal has always given up considerable space to theoretical accounts and position papers. I once again encourage authors to submit articles outlining new and innovative theories ripe for testing in future research.

Since the beginning of 2012 the journal has been served by a new Associate Editor team and Editorial board. They are, without exception, leading researchers who exemplify the journal's interdisciplinary mix and international flavour. Submissions to *Legal and Criminological Psychology* will thus continue to receive the very best in constructive, relevant and timely review.

I look forward to reading your submissions.

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