



Submission Deadline: September 8, 2026

Call for Papers: *The Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research* (IJR) in conjunction with the Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies (CIJS) at the University of Winnipeg invites manuscripts for IJR Volume 16 (2027) on the theme of **Corrupting Justice**.

Theme: We seek written submissions that critically examine intersections between law, justice, crime, culture, and corruption. This focus on corruption invites critical analyses about justice and injustice within the policies and practices that comprise the criminal justice system, including courts and the legal process, policing, punishment, and within popular cultural and scholarly discourses that frame our understandings of these issues.

This thematic issue of *The Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research* offers an inclusive forum for scholarly and artistic exchange about justice and corruption across law, policing, sentencing, incarceration, carceral spaces, politics, culture, and community organizing. We seek original written contributions that critically and creatively engage in a broad exploration of law, crime, justice, culture and corruption. We welcome submissions that offer novel and creative takes on corruption and justice. This may include scholarly submissions representing legal, socio-legal, criminological, feminist, philosophical, and historical takes on corruption and justice. Artistic, creative, and photographic views of these topics and applied works from professionals, community activists and others involved on the frontlines of justice work are also welcome. We especially welcome submissions that creatively apply the theme in ways that expand conceptions of both justice and corruption.

We particularly encourage submissions that build from the CIJS conference *Corrupting Justice* held at the University of Winnipeg, May 11-13, 2026. We also welcome other scholarly and artistic submissions that engage with the theme.

Journal Aims and Scope: *The Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research* (IJR) is a double-blind, peer reviewed academic journal focused on thematic issues in justice. The idea began in response to our first conference in 2009, “Theorizing Justice”, when Fernwood Publishing and CIJS members collaborated in publishing a peer reviewed collection of academic papers titled *Thinking About Justice*. Subsequently we have published fifteen annual volumes engaging different themes that build on our conference theme. Our journal is online, open access and independent. We do not charge fees to publish in or access the journal. Our goal is to get rigorously peer-reviewed articles into public spaces where debate and analysis can take place. Past volumes of the journal can be read and downloaded without charge on our website: <https://www.cijs.ca/ijr>

We welcome submissions from across the disciplines and beyond. Past contributors have included academics, theorists, policy specialists, scientists, artists, activists, justice practitioners, lawyers, and students. The topics of the papers we have published span the fields of law, criminal justice, criminology, constitutional theory, sociology, psychology, politics, urban studies, epidemiology, and cultural and media studies.

Editorial and Peer Review: Submissions are selected by the IJR editorial collective from manuscripts received through our yearly call for papers. To ensure editorial and academic integrity, all submissions are subject to a double-blind, peer review process and editorial review.

Article Submission Guidelines and Procedures: Research article submissions must be original work not published or submitted elsewhere for review. If you submit an article, you are agreeing to our exclusive submission policy. Article manuscripts should range between 6000-8000 words including all references and notes. Please remove or anonymize all identifying information in the body of the manuscript. Your contact information should appear on a separate cover page, including your email address, mailing address and affiliation. Your work must include an abstract of under 200 words as well as a title and keywords. Article



submissions must also include a minimum of three (3) suggested peer reviewers with suitable expertise in the subject matter of the submission. Please include email contact details and affiliations for each suggested reviewer.

Other Submission Types: If you are interested in submitting a book review, a research note, or another form of written scholarship other than a research article, please contact us well in advance of the submission deadline for further information. Usually, we do not accept book reviews that are longer than 2500 words or research notes or commentaries that are longer than 5000 words. An abstract of under 150 words is required for these submissions. We welcome artistic works that relate to themes of justice, including visual art, poetry, prose and other art work. Please contact us in advance before submitting artistic works.

Journal Style and Referencing: Citations and references must conform to APA guidelines (7th Edition). Please see: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/index.html. Tables and figures can be costly and time consuming to reproduce. Please keep tables and figures concise and to an absolute minimum. Lengthy footnotes are also to be avoided. Footnotes should be used sparingly and not in place of in-text citations.

AI Policy: The use of generative AI poses many ethical, methodological, and conceptual challenges. Authors are required to disclose all use of AI, and ensure this use conforms with ethical and sound research and artistic practice, as well any applicable university or institutional policies. Use of AI must be carried out with careful human oversight and control, and authors should carefully review and edit results. Our policy on AI is evolving along with this new technology. Please contact us if you require additional clarification.

Review Procedures: All submissions are subject to double-blind peer review and subsequent editorial review and acceptance prior to publication. All submissions must be submitted electronically in MS Word format. Submissions will be reviewed by the editorial collective and sent out for double-blind peer review to scholars who are suitably versed in the subject matter of the submission. A minimum of two (2) double-blind peer reviews will be obtained prior to an editorial decision. Authors are asked to provide the names and contact information of a minimum of three (3) suitable potential reviewers who are experts in the field.

Please note: we are a volunteer run, independent journal and we do not charge any fees for publication or access. While we make every effort to review work in a timely manner, like all scholarly journals, this has become increasingly challenging with a shortage of peer reviewers. We rely on volunteer peer reviewers and editorial board members to do this important and time consuming work, and we humbly ask for your patience and understanding. We also ask you to consider saying yes to as many peer reviews as you can to ensure this practice continues to produce high quality, and rigorous research.

Decision Procedures: Following the peer review process the manuscript will be either accepted, accepted subject to revisions, requested to be revised and resubmitted within a certain time frame, or declined. Revisions must be completed strictly within the specified timeframe to ensure we meet our deadline for annual publication. Submissions or revisions received beyond the specified due dates will not be published in the current volume but may be considered for future volumes of the journal.

Acceptance of a piece will include immediate open access publication through the CIJS webpage and may include physical publication in a volume of the *Annual Review*. Your work will be publicized through our network on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Bluesky, and Academia.edu.

All submissions and inquiries should be made via our email: CIJS@uwinnipeg.ca

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