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It is our pleasure to announce that the 2014 *Theoretical Criminology* Best Article Prize has been awarded to Michelle Brown of the University of Tennessee for her article 'Visual Criminology and Carceral Studies: Counter-Images in the Carceral Age'\_. Each year the *Theoretical Criminology* Editors, Associate Editors and Review Editors are asked to select the best article from the previous year's content. This year they were joined by some members of the International Advisory <u>Editorspanel</u>. We ask the panel to pay particular attention to those articles which advance critical inquiry in the field of theoretical criminology. Qualities sought included clarity of writing, breadth of ambition and original inquiry.

In the selection process this year, panel members recommended a wide array of excellent articles that appeared in *Theoretical Criminology* over the past year. They selected <u>'Visual Criminology and Carceral Studies'</u> this article over a number of others because of its methodological and intellectual insights. Drawing together the disparate fields of visual criminology, prison studies and activism, Michelle Brown offers an uplifting and academically rigorous view of the possibilities of thinking otherwise. Drawing on a wide range and variety of evidence, from photos, to testimonies and secondary literature, Brown develops a compelling framework for integrating the visual into critical and theoretical criminology.

On behalf of the panel, we congratulate Michelle for her achievement. In recognition of this prize, she will receive £100 worth of SAGE books of her choice. The article will be made available as a free download on the *Theoretical Criminology* website.

We would also like to take this occasion to welcome Alpa Parmar of the University of Oxford to the journal as joint UK Review Editor and Alessandro Di Giorgi to the Associate Editorial board. Alpa will be working alongside Bethan Loftus and Lesliey Paik commissioning and editing book reviews.

Running a journal requires commitment from the International Advisory Editors as well as from external reviewers. We are also fortunate in the work of Editorial Assistant Marion Vannier and in the efforts of those who edit the special issues each year. Without the active involvement of all these people, *Theoretical Criminology* would be far less interesting. Thank you to everyone who has reviewed and submitted their work to us. We look forward, in 2015, to another exciting year for the journal.

#### Mary Bosworth and Simon Cole