Guidelines for Submissions to JSRI JustSouth Monthly E-newsletter

Submission Focus

We are seeking for publication in the JSRI monthly e-newsletter short written submissions or videos that address pressing/timely criminal legal system reform and/or racial justice topics. We urge the author to view one’s chosen topic through the lens of Jesuit values, Catholic Social Teaching, or another faith or spiritual lens, although this is not required. The piece should seek to educate, inform, inspire, stimulate, and/or persuade the reader about a criminal justice and/or racial justice issue that is timely and important in realizing a more just and humane university community, city, state, country, or world.

Potential Authors

We seek submissions primarily from Loyola University New Orleans faculty and staff. We also hope to eventually include pieces by Loyola students, alumni, and JSRI community partners. Authors must be invited by JSRI to provide a submission to the JSRI newsletter. Members of the Loyola community are urged to contact the JSRI e-newsletter curator, Sue Weishar, Ph.D. at sweishar@loyno.edu or 480-522-0533, if interested in contributing to the JSRI e-newsletter.

Audience

The newsletter will be sent monthly via campus email to all faculty, staff, and students at the Loyola University New Orleans main campus and law school as well as nearly two-thousand JSRI e-newsletter subscribers from across the Jesuit world.

Submission Length

Text submissions, such as essays, opinion pieces, personal reflections, or poems should not exceed 500 words nor be less than 250 words. (Exceptions made on case-by-case basis.)

Video submissions should not exceed 5 minutes. (Exceptions made on case-by-case basis.)

Editorial Policy

Submissions should be original pieces by the author addressing a criminal justice and/or racial justice issue. The content of the submitted piece must not be in opposition to Catholic Social Teaching or Jesuit values. The editor of the newsletter, JSRI Executive Director Annie Phoenix, Ph.D., will give final editorial approval to all submissions.

Honorarium

If your piece is accepted by JSRI, you will receive a $350 honorarium from JSRI.

Due Dates

The due date for submission is the third Tuesday of the month the author has been assigned by JSRI. This is a HARD deadline. Every day the piece is late $50 will be subtracted from the author’s honorarium. If the piece is not submitted by COB of the third Friday of the month, the author’s invitation to submit will be withdrawn.

Examples [these could be put into a little url to save space]

Here are pieces published in past JSRI newsletters on criminal justice or racial justice issues, some through a faith lens:

Fighting Invisibility Centering Agency in a Social Justice Classroom By Ashley Howard, PhD

A Lesson from George Floyd "A man was lynched today" By Nik Mitchell, PhD

Combustible conversations: Racism by Dr. Nicholas Mitchell

Bigots, Bullets and Blood: 400 years of white terrorism from Jamestown to El Paso By Nik Mitchell, Ph.D.

The Need to Pay Attention! Ending Mass Incarceration in Louisiana By Sue Weishar, Ph.D.
A Determined Woman Shares Her Story: SAHI Webinar Sheds Light on Mass Incarceration By Sue Weishar, Ph.D.

Building a Culture of Encounter Ignatian Teach-In on Mass Incarceration by Sue Weishar, Ph.D.

Some Resources on CST and Jesuit Values

*Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching from USCCB*


*The Twelve Ideals of a Jesuit Education*

*Quotes/Teachings of Pope Francis* from University of San Francisco