

Foreword

Few universities afford their students the chance to be involved in the process of publishing academic work while they are still studying. The Aberystwyth University Student Law and Criminology Journal (AUSLCJ) remains one of but a handful of such projects across the country – run by students for the benefit of all the students in the Department of Law and Criminology. Last year saw the publication of the Journal's inaugural volume; yet the true challenge for any journal's long-term survival is to produce a second volume which matches or exceeds the quality of the first. We are confident that this offering has more than met that challenge.

This year saw a record number of high-quality submissions for both law and criminology. It is thus with some regret that, for space reasons, we had to limit what could be included. In making the difficult decisions as to which pieces to feature we have sought to cover as broad a range of topics as possible which will be of interest to the wider Law and Criminology student body – while at the same time reflecting some of the major contemporary issues currently facing the legal and criminological worlds. It would be a disservice to our authors to single out particular works in this Foreword; they have each been chosen on their merits as contributing a new or challenging perspective to the area(s) that they address. We hope that there will be something of interest to everyone in this volume.

As many of you may be aware, our predecessor Ern Nian Yaw tragically lost his life last summer. Ern played an important role in the publication of the inaugural volume of the Aberystwyth University Student Law and Criminology Journal (AUSLCJ). As a lasting tribute we are proud to announce the creation of the *Ern Nian Yaw Award* in his memory – which will be awarded to the authors of the best law and criminology pieces submitted for publication each year. Further details of this year's awards can be found on page <Put in Page Number(s)>.

Finally, the Editorial Board would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to all those who gave of their valuable time to submit, edit, or review articles for publication. A lot of unheralded work behind the scenes is required to produce a volume such as this, and it would not have been possible without the contribution of each and every one of them.

It is our hope that you will find it stimulating, interesting, and enjoyable to read; and that you will be inspired to contribute to making the third volume even better.

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The Editors-in-Chief