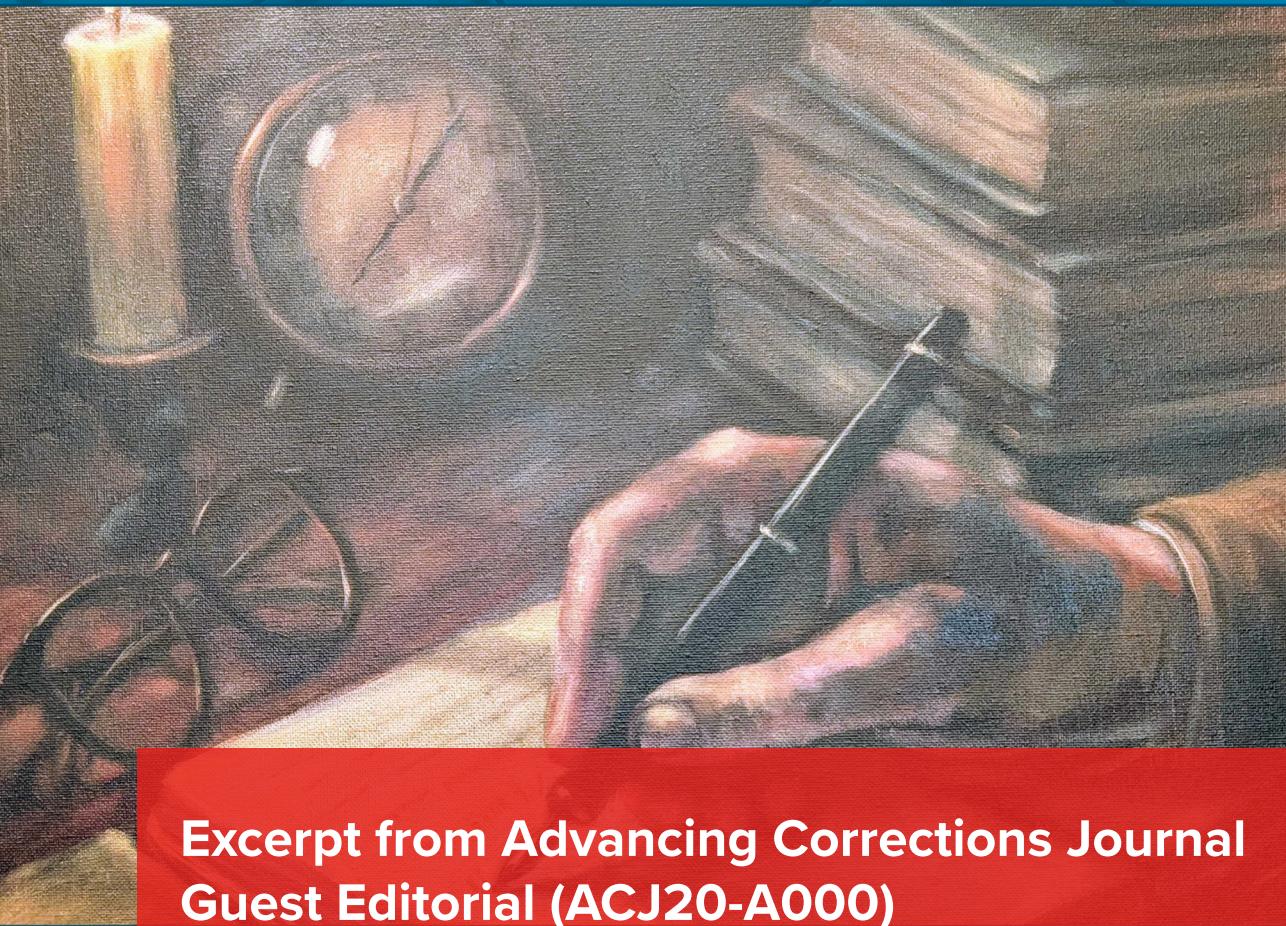


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As guest editors of the 20th anniversary special and celebratory issue of the journal *Advancing Corrections*, we are grateful to the many contributors despite the relatively tight timeline – thank you. Our goal was, in a way, a response to the criticism of academic work as: i) not applicable in practice; ii) not resonating with the very people under study (i.e., people failing to see themselves in studies on others or themselves), and iii) less than useful or implementable. Thus, when approached to edit this issue, we felt *Advancing Corrections* was the optimal venue for scholars to share with practitioners, and each other, how their work has evidence-informed and/or promising implications for correctional work, practice, and services. Our issues move through the arms of criminal justice overseeing people who are or have experienced justice-involvement, with a focus on community and institutional correctional services, staff and those incarcerated or on parole/probation alike, and tangential realities as well as collateral consequences (i.e., families). Overall, our goal was to provide evidence intended to support positive growth or improvements in correctional practices around the world. Thus, our theme: "*Scholarly Reflections on Core Consideration for Correctional Practice.*"

In the rather short, direct, policy or practice-oriented articles included in the collection, each was to be grounded in experiential evidence combined with ideas to support what may work in diverse correctional services in the world. Although we recognize not all are applicable internationally, we do feel there is much to be gained by seeing where different systems and services are currently and learning what is potentially possible in a fiscally constrained correctional world, where recruitment and retention are universal challenges, and core correctional values remain rehabilitation (however defined). Although no article may be transformative for correctional services independently, we hope there are vibrant take-home messages in the issue that can help transform different services or even open eyes to both possibilities and potential. Our intention always being to reflect on what we have learned in research in a way that makes sense to generate positive change and humane outcomes.

Further, we would like to thank Jared Riley for the cover art. Jared perfectly captured scholarly reflection, portraying intellectual work carried out under confinement, as the faint shadows of prison bars fall across the desk.

We hope the issue sparks conversation and change. We are grateful to the International Corrections and Prisons Association for this opportunity.