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The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice invites submissions for a special issue on Contemporary Issues in Youth Justice. Empirical, theoretical, and policy-oriented papers are welcome. We particularly welcome papers that exemplify how empirical research in criminology—and related fields—can improve the understanding of issues currently facing youth justice systems. This can include, but is not limited to, submissions on race and gender inequalities within the juvenile legal system, trauma-informed strategies, the linkage between schools and justice agencies, the enduring impacts of Covid-19 related practices, and recent reductions in youth incarceration levels. Christopher Sullivan, Nicole McKenna, and Insun Park will serve as Guest Editors for this special issue.

All submitted manuscripts will be peer reviewed. An abstract of approximately 100 words must accompany the manuscript. Manuscripts must be 35 pages or less, double-spaced, including the abstract, references, and all figures and tables. Papers should be submitted by **September 30, 2024**, for best consideration. Please send two electronic copies of the manuscript: one complete version (with a cover page containing the author name(s), title, institutional affiliation with complete address, email and phone contact information; acknowledgments; research grant numbers; and the date, location, and conference at which the manuscript may have been presented, if any), and one copy with all identifying information removed to facilitate anonymous peer review to Chris Sullivan (cjsullivan@umsl.edu).  Manuscripts should be in MS Word format and conform to the formatting style of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.).