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## **TSU's Dr. Byron E. Price Publishes, *Race, Gender and Crime***



Political Science Associate Professor and Interim Director for the Barbara Jordan Institute (BJI), Byron E. Price, Ph.D. has published an article which appears in the book, "Race, Gender and Crime: An Anthology," edited by Ray Von Robertson, PhD. entitled, "Economic, Social, and Political Implications for Incarcerated African Americans." This article is one of sixteen that appears in the anthology that is subdivided into the subtopics of race, gender, and crime.

The article highlights three decades of growth in America's prison population which has quietly nudged the nation across a sobering threshold: for the first time, more than one in every 100 adults is now confined in an American jail or prison (The Pew Center on the States; 2008, pg. 3). Price explores the economic, social, and political implications of the "race to incarcerate" epoch and how it has led to the underdevelopment of the African American community in the following areas: 1) The labor market and recidivism, 2) Prisons and social underdevelopment, 3) The impact on prisoner's children, 4) The impact on family structure, 5) Marriageable African American men, and 6) Political underdevelopment.

Price concludes that America needs to reassess the role of prisons in this country especially in lieu of the impact prison has had and continues to have for Blacks in America and the social problems that underlie the disproportionate incarceration of African Americans.

Dr. Price recently joined the faculty of the Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs from Rutgers University. His areas of research include prison privatization, political economy of prison privatization, and the constitutional implications of public and private arrangements.

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