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Dear ACJS Members:

It is hard to believe that a year has already come and gone since the inaugural issue of *NOW*. I hope you have been enjoying this publication. Note that if you have any suggestions for *NOW*, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember that members receive *NOW* in August/September and January/February to coincide with the start of academic terms. If you have time sensitive information that coincides with these months, be sure to provide me with your content so I can place it in the appropriate issue. Fresh to this issue is news from the Community College Section. It would be great having more content from the other sections and committees to publish in *NOW* so please do send.

Have a great fall,

Melissa W. Burek, Editor

See you in Cincinnati in 2008!



ACJS 2008 Annual Meeting & Awards

The 45th ACJS Annual Meeting will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 11-15, 2008. The ACJS website, www.acjs.org, has all the information on abstract submissions, exhibitor and program advertising, and hotel reservations. Just click on the link under "Hot Topics" or on the "Annual Meeting" link on the left side of the ACJS homepage.

Also on the ACJS website, under "Awards," are the requirements, deadlines, and contacts for all awards which will be presented at the 2008 ACJS Annual Meeting. Please be sure to look at this page and submit your nominations by the deadlines

FROM ACJS PRESIDENT RON HUNTER

As we approach midyear, there are a number of things that we want to inform you about. First, I wish to congratulate former ACJS president and current Trustee-At-Large Todd Clear on his election to the presidency of the American Society of Criminology. I again want to thank Jeff Walker and Craig Hemmens for the excellent job they did on the Seattle Meeting. I also wish to thank the ACJS Executive Board, Executive Director Mittie Southerland, and Association Manager Cathy Barth for all they have done on behalf of our organization. I also wish to thank all of you who have contributed your time and efforts through service on our many committees.

Rick Tewksbury, Cathy Barth, and I recently conducted a site review of the Hyatt and Hilton properties in Cincinnati. We are excited about the potential that these two hotels offer us in planning our 2008 annual meeting. In addition to offering great conference facilities, Cincinnati has sightseeing, shopping, and dining opportunities for everyone. Rick and his program committee members are developing another great meeting for you. The call for papers and registration information is available on our website.

The Awards Committee is prepared to accept nominations. The Publications Committee is working on resurrecting our *Directory of Graduate Programs*. The Student Affairs Committee is planning to repeat the student luncheons and allowing students to work off their registration fees at the conference. The Membership Committee is developing recommendations for enhancing services to our

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members as well as new strategies for reaching out to others within our discipline. Our other committees are also very busy. The listing of committee chairs and their contact information is available on our website (go to the main page - www.acjs.org - and then click on *About ACJS*).

To recognize the professionalism of our members (particularly those who may work in non-teaching positions or at institutions that will not seek program certification,) I am creating an ad hoc committee to explore the potential of establishing criteria for a *Diplomate in Justice Science*. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact me at rhunter@wcu.edu. I hope to have the membership for this committee established at the Midyear Executive Board Meeting in early September.

I am excited about the progress that we have made as a professional association. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions that you may have on how we may continue to improve our service to you.



**45th Annual Meeting
"American Justice:
Rhetoric or Reality?"
March 11-15, 2008
Cincinnati, Ohio**

Deadline for Abstracts:
October 1, 2007

Pre-Registration Deadline:
February 8, 2008

Hotel Reservation Deadline:
February 20, 2008

**Highlights from the
ACJS Executive Board Annual Meeting
March 13-17, 2007 in Seattle, WA**

- ⚖ Criminal justice discipline color is officially **dark midnight blue.**
- ⚖ ACJS Website News
 - Adding an International button and materials
 - Members can contribute links to websites they would like to see to info@acjs.org.
- ⚖ 3 and 5 year membership renewals are now available for regular, sustaining, and institutional categories of membership. Members electing this option will receive a \$5 reduction per year off the annual rate.
- ⚖ *ACJS NOW* will be a permanent publication of ACJS with *ACJS Today*. Editorship is a 3 year term. *NOW* will be mailed and *Today* will continue to be found online.
- ⚖ New *JQ* Editor is Richard Tewksbury from the University of Louisville.
- ⚖ *JCJE* remains under the editorship of J. Mitchell Miller at the University of Texas-San Antonio.
- ⚖ Treasurer Mary Stohr indicated that ACJS is in solid financial shape. The remainder of the mortgage of the Greenbelt, MD property has been paid in full.
- ⚖ 2007 Awards presented at Seattle Meeting
 - Bruce Smith Sr. Award: Bruce Arrigo
 - Academy Fellow Award: Scott Decker
 - Academy Founder's Award: Freda Adler
 - Outstanding Book Award: Wesley Skogan's *Police and Community in Chicago*
 - The William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Student Paper Award: Stacey J. Bosick (Harvard University) "Beyond Testing Effects: Assessing the Reliability of Longitudinal Self-Report Data."



Updates for Regional Organizations

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

- 2007 Annual Meeting September 27-29 in Chicago.
- Abstracts due August 24 to William Wells at william.wells@shsu.edu
- Conference hotel is Inn of Chicago, 312-787-3100.
- Students entering The Outstanding Paper Competition must submit papers to William Wells no later than September 3 at the email address above.
- Congratulations to Justin Patchin for being elected 2nd VP and Mike Barrett for his reelection to Treasurer. Terms to commence after the meeting.
- Go to www.mcja.org for more information.

Northeastern Association of CJ Sciences

- Annual meeting is June 11-14 at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. *Formal call for papers will be published in late Fall.*
- Questions should be directed to Jim Ruiz at jmr33@psu.edu.
- For more information, go to www.neacjs.org.

Southern Criminal Justice Association

- Annual Meeting September 26-29 in Historic Savannah, GA.
- Conference hotel is Doubletree Hotel, 912-790-7000.
- Proposals were due to Alexis Miller by July 15 at scja@mtsu.edu. Go to www.scja.net for more news and information.
- *The American Journal of Criminal Justice* is now being published by Springer, which allows for the journal to be digitized. SCJA will retain ownership and editorial control over the journal.

Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

Community College Section News

The Community College Section recognized two professors at its recent Section meeting in Seattle. Dr. Harry Dammer received an award for his scholarship and contributions to the profession, while Dr. Gay Young-Killion was honored with the Section's Service Award.

Dr. Dammer is currently Professor and Chair of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department at the University of Scranton. He began study at a community college, receiving an A.A.S. in Police Science from Bergen Community College (NJ). He earned his Bachelors in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Education from the University of Dayton (OH), and the Ph.D. from The Rutgers University. In 1993-94, Professor Dammer was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach and conduct research in Germany. He has authored/co-authored three books and has published numerous articles on a variety of criminal justice topics. He is active in many professional organizations, and has served in leadership positions in several. He received the Award for Outstanding Criminal Justice Educator by the Buffalo State College Criminal Justice Alumni Chapter, and was chosen by the Bergen Community College Alumni Association to be among the first two inductees into the College's Alumni Hall of Fame. The Section salutes Dr. Dammer's career and his many contributions in making this award. The Section is proud his roots are from a community college; they are proud to call him of its own!

Dr. Young-Killion is Professor at Johnson County Community College. She was recognized for her dedicated service to, and leadership in, the Community College Section. Dr. Young-Killion is a charter member of the Section. As is the case with fledging groups, the founding members are often few yet the tasks to be accomplished are many. As a result the members are called upon to perform many functions. Dr. Young-Killion served as the Section's first Secretary, and she was pressed into service in this position for several terms. She most recently was Chair of the Section, and was called upon to handle additional duties when unexpected officer vacancies occurred. This award recognizes Dr. Young-Killion's decade-long dedication to advancing Community College issues and to the Section.

Call for Submissions for ACJS Today

- **Feature Articles:** Articles may vary in writing style (i.e. tone) and length. Articles should be relevant to the field of criminal justice, criminology, law, sociology or related curriculum and interesting to our readership. Go to http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167_666_3516.cfm for article guidelines.
- **Book Reviews:** This is a great opportunity for students and anyone who is interested in sharing their thoughts on a particular book. If you would like to write a book review but don't have a book in mind, just let us know! Go to http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167_666_3516.cfm for writing guidelines.
- **Professional Profile:** This is an excellent chance to introduce a prominent person to ACJS Today readers. Send in a short article (350 – 500 words) along with a photo of the individual. See the February 2006 and June 2006 issues of ACJS Today for examples.
- **Ph.D. Forum:** Share the results of your dissertation by submitting your abstract.
- **Reader Questions:** Have questions? Ask them and we'll forward it to an expert in the field for a response.
- **Your 2¢ Worth:** Can't share it with your colleagues, your children or even your spouse---YOU CAN TELL US. Sound off on a controversial topic anonymously.

Forward submissions to:

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Dates & deadlines to note for Today submissions:

<u>Publication Dates</u>	<u>Submission Deadlines</u>
February	January 15
June	May 15
October	September 15
December	November 15

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