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Dear ACJS Members:

I just received the local "hot spots" flyer about Boston where the upcoming ACJS annual meeting will be held. This venue will certainly deliver great culture, cuisine, and recreation! Aside from these activities, the three Ps of any conference -- papers, panels, and presentations -- will no doubt be an excellent representation of what the Academy has to offer in terms of input and knowledge from scholars and practitioners, nationally and internationally. On behalf of ACJS, I invite and encourage you to attend the 2009 ACJS Annual Meeting in Boston.

Sincerely,

Melissa W. Burek, Editor

## See you in Beantown in March!

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## 2009 Annual Meeting: In the Know Now

**Dates: March 10-14, 2009**

Location: Boston, MA  
Boston Marriott Copley Place

### Theme:

"Theorizing Criminal Justice:  
Practical Applications for the Field"

### Abstract Submission Deadline:

**October 13, 2008**

Go to [www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org) and follow the links to submit abstracts online.

## FROM ACJS PRESIDENT WES JOHNSON

Greetings! I hope you are ready for another academic year and are making plans for our annual conference in Boston in March 2009. Don't forget we are currently accepting abstract submissions online. Please know Barbara Sims, the Program Chair for this year's meeting, is busy working with our local arrangements committee and her program committee in preparation for your arrival and participation in Boston. We are back at the Marriott Copley. Barbara Sims, Mittie Southerland, Cathy Barth and I visited there earlier this year and were impressed with what we saw and how we were treated. We've been there at least twice before and are looking for another great conference experience there.

Also, don't forget the Awards Committee is accepting nominations. There are six categories for awards and information regarding those awards is posted on our web site. The deadlines for submission for those awards range from October 15<sup>th</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup>. Note that there are three awards for students, so don't forget to have your students considered for these cash recognitions and encourage them to attend regional and national conferences.

The ACJS Executive Board is busy this time of the year gearing up for our mid year meeting in September. At the mid year meeting we review and approve committee and section reports, review our financial situation, review plans for annual conference, and deal with operational issues of the organization. We now have over 2,423 members at last count and are financially sound. As we grow, it becomes increasingly difficult to house our conference in just one hotel. The board will be meeting in New Orleans not only to review our business operations, but to consider New Orleans as a conference site. There is a lot of work that goes into selecting a site and where we will hold the mid year annual meeting is a part of that process.

Please know we continue to keep room rates in mind. Kudos to Cathy Barth and Mittie Southerland for their work in this process. Janice Joseph, your next ACJS president, is already working with her committee for the March 2010 conference in San Diego. Future conference sites are available at [www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org). If New Orleans is approved, we will be "booked" there for 2015. While that seems like a long time away, it is not in conference planning terms.

My presidential plans included attending each of the five regional conferences this year. Regrettably, two of the conferences are scheduled during the same dates. For those conferences that I have scheduling conflicts, I have asked Janice Joseph or Jim Marquart, ACJS Second Vice President, to represent me there. Please make sure to give them your feedback on any operational issues that need our attention.

What we do at conferences, what we publish, how we teach and mentor our students, and the quality of our professional organizations, impacts the criminal justice system and criminal justice education. I challenge you to get involved in the Academy. There are many opportunities at both the regional and national level. As you read ACJS NOW and ACJS Today I encourage you to seek out ways you can get involved, ways you can make us a better organization. Don't forget you are ACJS! See you in Boston!!

## FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> VP JANICE JOSEPH

It is an honor to serve as First Vice President of ACJS. My affiliation with ACJS has been the professional foundation for my career, and I welcome the opportunity to provide continued leadership in this organization.

As your President for 2009-2010, I intend to accomplish several goals. First, I will continue to attract outstanding scholars to the Academy. Second, I will strengthen the commitment of our organization to diversity by recruiting students, scholars, and practitioners of different racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Third, I will endeavor to create more linkages with international organizations and this will enhance our professional engagement with colleagues worldwide. These goals will be reflected in the way the 2010 conference will be organized.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to take an active role in our 46th Annual Meeting which will be held in Boston, March 10-14, 2009. It promises to be an exciting conference

### ACJS Today & NOW Editors Search

ACJS is seeking applications for the position of Editor of *ACJS Today & NOW*. *Today* is the quarterly online newsletter. *NOW* is the biyearly mailed bulletin. Deadline is 10/31/08

Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated record of scholarly activity as measured by such indicators as publications in refereed journals and books, and other research;
- Earned Ph.D. or terminal degree in area of specialization;
- Assistant professor or higher rank at host institution;
- ACJS membership;
- Formal declaration of support from host institution which outlines the level and type of support to be provided to the editor;
- Editorial experience is preferred but not required.

Interested applicants should submit:

- Letter of application;
- Applicant's vitae;
- Statement of editorial philosophy and intentions for *ACJS Today or NOW*;
- Formal declaration of support from host institution.

Applications and requests for additional information should be directed to:

Nicole Leeper Piquero



Immediate Past President --

### Ron Hunter in Spain

In July, I represented ACJS at the World Congress of Criminology in Barcelona, Spain. This was an excellent meeting attended by approximately 1000 delegates and presenters from numerous nations and organizations. Our participation was appreciated by the organizers and was noted by many of the participants. I was pleased to find that ACJS President-Elect Janice Joseph was also in attendance. Janice gave an excellent presentation on *Human Trafficking and Girl Soldiers*.

I was also impressed by the participation of government officials, such as the Mayor of Barcelona and the Catalanian Minister of Justice. The respect that these dignitaries accorded to conference participants, and more importantly their appreciation of our discipline's contributions to the field of criminal justice, provides hope for the increased use of criminological research in formulating criminal justice policies.

The next World Congress of Criminology is expected to be held in 2011 in Japan.

### EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE NEWS

The 2008 Employment Exchange (EE) was held at the Hyatt during the 2008 Cincinnati Annual Meeting. Prior to the EE, 41 position announcements were received. There were four binders available at the meeting to advertise the open positions and for job seekers' vitas. Sheets with time slots for individual interviews were also made accessible. Many universities opted to place their job ads on tables in the EE. The EE committee also offered those seeking jobs opportunities for simulated interviews; however, no one took advantage this time.

Ideas for future EEs will be discussed at the ACJS mid-year meeting. Presenting a series of roundtables or panels that connect the EE with a "Professional Development Series" is one suggestion to better serve job applicants and the institutions seeking to fill open positions. For example, have ACJS members who are current or former chairs, deans, or provosts discuss interviewing techniques, vitae creation, writing letters of interests, and/or conducting mock interviews. Another panel could have new assistant professors present their interviewing and job searching experiences. To offer your input, contact EE Committee Chair Julie Kunselman at

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## Updates for Regional Organizations

### Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

- 2008 Annual Meeting was held in Chicago September 4-6.
- Next year's meeting will be September 24-26 at the Inn of Chicago.
- Go to [www.midwesterncja.org](http://www.midwesterncja.org) (note, this is a new website address) for additional information.

### Northeastern Association of CJ Sciences

- 2009 Annual Meeting will be June 10-13 at the Roger Williams University Baypoint Inn located at 144 Anthony Rd. Portsmouth, RI 02871
- Call for Abstracts to be sent to Larry Rosenberg [larosenberg@comcast.net](mailto:larosenberg@comcast.net)
- For more information, go to [www.neacjs.org](http://www.neacjs.org).

### Southern Criminal Justice Association

- Annual Meeting October 1-4 New Orleans, LA.
- Conference hotel is Chateau Sonesta Hotel, 1-800-SONESTA/[www.sonesta.com/ChateauNewOrleans/](http://www.sonesta.com/ChateauNewOrleans/)
- Proposals were due to Mitch Miller by July 15.
- Preliminary Program available online at [www.scja.net/conference.html](http://www.scja.net/conference.html)
- Seeking Editor for *American Journal of Criminal Justice*; Contact Alexis Miller at [scja@nku.edu](mailto:scja@nku.edu).
- Go to [www.scja.net](http://www.scja.net) for more news and information.

### Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

- 2008 Annual Meeting in Denver, CO October 2-4.
- Conference Hotel is Red Lion Hotel: 1-800-388-5381 or [www.redliondenverdowntown.com](http://www.redliondenverdowntown.com)
- Abstracts were due September 1 to Program Chair Philip Rhoades at [philip.rhoades@tamucc.edu](mailto:philip.rhoades@tamucc.edu).
- For additional information go to <http://www.swacj.org>.

### Western and Pacific Association of CJ Educators

- Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada October 7-8.
- Stratosphere Hotel & Casino 1-800-998-6937 use Group Code WPACJE/[www.stratospherehotel.com](http://www.stratospherehotel.com)
- Email abstract to Dr. Cary Heck at [check@uwyo.edu](mailto:check@uwyo.edu) by September 12.
- Visit <http://cja.boisestate.edu/wpacje> for more information.

## Committees & Sections

The *Minorities and Women Section*, of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is extremely excited to announce the continuation of the student membership and mentoring drive through the Esther Madriz Student Travel Awards. These two student awards are designed to encourage the participation of undergraduate and master's level minority and women students in ACJS and will permit students to attend and make a presentation at the 2009 ACJS Annual Meeting in Boston. Each award will be a maximum of a \$600 reimbursement for travel to the annual meeting. The deadline for student nominations is November 15, 2008. Nominations are being accepted by Dr. Arrick Jackson (Univ. of North Texas). For more information about the Esther Madriz Student Travel Awards, please contact Arrick Jackson:

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[LBoyd3@uncfsu.edu](mailto:LBoyd3@uncfsu.edu)

The *Ad Hoc Committee* to Explore a Diplomat in Justice Studies was comprised of Michael P. Brown, Tom Lateano, Dave Owens, Jeff Rush, Deborah Shaffer, and Alan Thompson. The Ad Hoc Committee's charge was to make recommendations regarding (1) the appropriateness of offering a diplomate based upon what similar organizations are doing; (2) what the benefits would be to ACJS; (3) what the benefits would be to individuals seeking the diplomate; (4) what the minimum qualifications should be; (5) what the process should be for those interested in earning diplomate status; (6) what potential problems might arise; and (7) what the costs should be. Committee members are currently making presentations and/or discussing this proposal with members at the regional meetings. Interest (or lack thereof) from these meetings will be noted and will determine the committee's recommendations to the Executive Board prior to the 2009 Annual Meeting.

The *Assessment Committee* recently became a standing committee of the ACJS after years of functioning as an ad hoc committee. There are currently eight committee members. The

## Executive Director Mittie Southerland:

### What You Should Know Now

- ⚖ ACJS 2009 Annual Meeting in Boston. Be sure to go to [www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org) for more information.
- ⚖ Interested in Committee Service? Go to [www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org) and follow the "About ACJS" link.
- ⚖ Explore the NEW Assessment section on the website. Go to [www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org) and follow the "Assessments" link. There you will find answers and information on this important topic.
- ⚖ Did you know that the Online ACJS Membership Directory is updated quarterly and includes the names of ALL current members of ACJS in all membership categories? Now you do. The contact information is excluded for those members who have opted out of the published online directory. Please look at your information in the Directory and send updates and corrections to Cathy Barth at [manager@acjs.org](mailto:manager@acjs.org) with "Membership Directory" in the subject line.
- ⚖ ACJS Membership Renewals to go out early October.
- ⚖ Review the ACJS Code of Ethics by going to [www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org) and follow "Membership Link" to Code of Ethics at top right of page.
- ⚖ ACJS Elections – ballots out November. Slated are:
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> VP**  
Melissa Barlow – Fayetteville State University  
J. Mitchell Miller – University of Texas San Antonio
  - **Trustee-at-Large**  
Lorenzo M. Boyd – Fayetteville State University  
Denise Kindschi Gosselin – Western New England College
  - **Region 4 Trustee**  
Camille Gibson – Prairie View State University  
Willard Oliver – Sam Houston State University
- ⚖ It's Awards Time! For selection criteria, go to [www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org) and follow the "Awards" link.
  - 2009 The Academy's Awards -- Nominations due October 15, 2008
  - 2009 Student Scholarship Awards -- Materials and Nominations due January 15, 2009
  - 2009 Minorities and Women Section Esther Madriz Student Travel Award -- Applications due November 15, 2008
  - 2009 Affirmative Action Student Scholarship Mini-Grant Travel Award -- Materials due October 15, 2008
  - 2009 The Gerhard O.W. Mueller International Award -- Nominations due December 1, 2008

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