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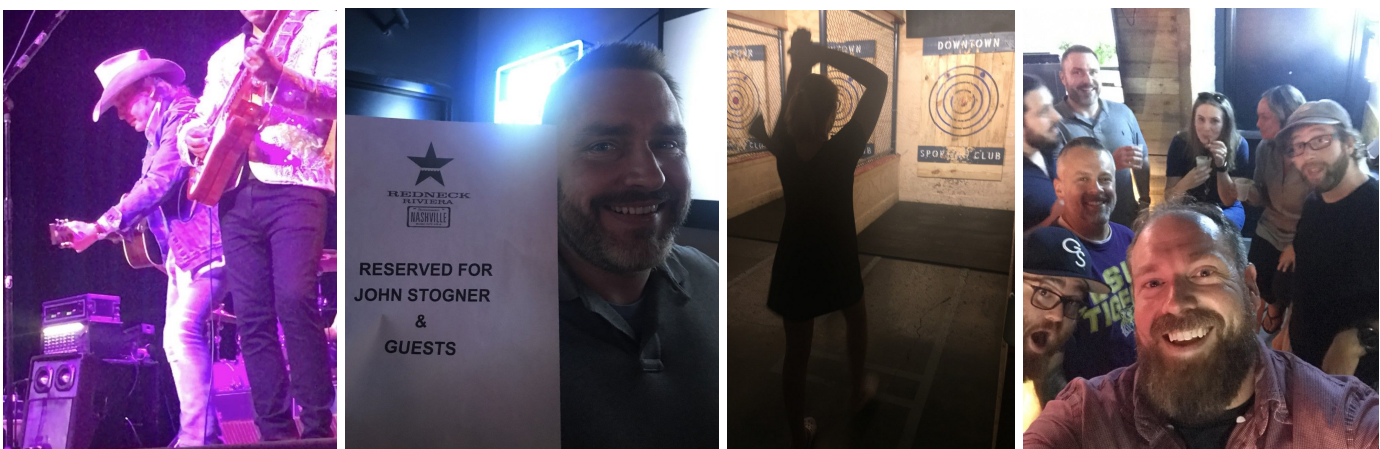
Welcome to the third issue of *Crime and Grits*, the official newsletter of the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA). This issue highlights important events and information related to the SCJA. As always, we have plenty of them!

In this issue, you can get prepared for the upcoming ASC conference (attend SCJA's recruitment and membership happy hour!), meet the new Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Experimental Criminology* (a proud SCJA lifetime member!), meet our new board members, and reminisce about the fun we had in Nashville at our annual SCJA conference.

Please share this issue of *Crime and Grits* with your networks. If you have news, information, or suggestions for the next issue, please email CrimeandGrits@gmail.com.

SCJA Annual Conference: Nashville Recap

In September of 2019, SCJA membership took over Nashville for a week of fun, scholarship, and camaraderie. We had record-breaking attendance and hope our SCJA family continues to grow! We were honored to have Ketch Secor, the frontman for Grammy-winning Old Crow Medicine Show, give an interesting and moving music-filled keynote address. Panel names reflected country music song titles, and the Hilton was hospitable and well-appointed. We would like to thank all who attended the conference and look forward to seeing you at our next SCJA conference in Biloxi, MS.



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Spotlight: New Editor of *Experimental Criminology*



Please join us in congratulating lifetime SCJA member Dr. Wesley Jennings in becoming the new Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Experimental Criminology (JEC)*! With an impressive impact factor of 2.2818 (and 5-year impact factor of 4.106), *JEC* is committed to the advancement of the science of systematic reviews and experimental methods in criminology and criminal justice. It focuses on high-quality experimental and quasi-experimental research in the advancement of criminological theory and/or development of evidence-based crime and justice policy.

As *JEC* Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Jennings is “most excited about the opportunity to broaden the interdisciplinary and international scope of scholarship in order for *JEC* to become the premier outlet for experimental research in general across all disciplines.” Dr. Jennings’ term officially begins January 1, 2020, but he has been receiving and processing new submissions as of August 1, 2019.

Dr. Jennings has extensive experience as Editor-in-Chief. He recently (2011-2017) served two 3-year terms as Editor-in-Chief of SCJA’s *American Journal of Criminal Justice (AJCJ)*. When asked what was most enjoyable about his experience as *AJCJ* Editor-in-Chief, he said, “I found it most rewarding to have the opportunity to work with SCJA’s impressive community of scholars and watch *AJCJ* transcend to acquiring an impact factor and solidify its rightful place as a top tier outlet in criminology and criminal justice.”

It is a great testament to SCJA’s membership and scholarship to have four of its members concurrently leading three of the top 20 journal outlets in the discipline:

- Dr. Marvin Krohn as co-Editor of *Justice Quarterly*
- Dr. Mike Leiber as co-Editor of *Justice Quarterly*
- Dr. Wesley Jennings as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Experimental Criminology*
- Dr. J. Mitchell Miller as Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*

Dr. Jennings “looks forward to having SCJA members become even more involved in the continued success of these outlets as authors and reviewers.”

We are grateful to Dr. Jennings’ years of SCJA service and his concerted efforts elevating *AJCJ* and are excited to see his leadership continue at the *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. Congratulations, Dr. Jennings!

Join Us for SCJA Happy Hour at ASC!

SCJA is bringing Southern hospitality to the West Coast! Never missing the chance to host our association family and friends and grow our wonderful association, SCJA will again hold a reception at the ASC Annual Meeting. On Thursday, November 14, from 4:30-6:30, SCJA membership and friends are invited to meet at Topsy's Bar (260 Kearny St, San Francisco, CA 94104) for happy hour to catch up, network, recruit, and have fun. Looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco!

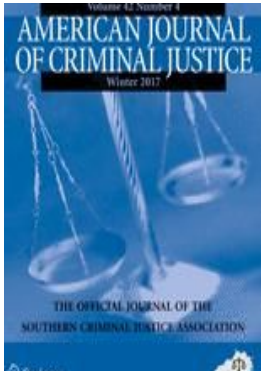
SCJA SOCIAL EVENT @ ASC 2019

Welcome all
SCJA members &
guests for happy
hour at San
Francisco's very
own Topsy's bar!

Topsy's Bar
260 Kearny Street
San Francisco

November 14th
4:30pm - 6:30pm





AJ CJ Special Issue: Call for Papers!

Research on Sexual Violence in the #metoo Era: Prevention and Innovative Methodologies

Guest Editor: Dr. Leah E. Daigle, Professor, Georgia State University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Faculty Affiliate in Center for Interpersonal Violence

The American Journal of Criminal Justice invites submissions for a special issue “Research on Sexual Victimization in the #metoo Era: Prevention and Innovative Methodologies,” edited by Dr. Leah Daigle. This thematic issue aims to advance knowledge and understanding of sexual victimization prevention and research in the #metoo Era. Primary consideration will be given to manuscripts that:

- advance our understanding of “what works” to prevent sexual victimization
- evaluate sexual victimization prevention programs and identify factors that enhance or hinder efficacy
- are interdisciplinary in focus
- use innovative techniques and methods to study risk factors for sexual victimization
- discuss the social context of sexual victimization and its influence on victimization and prevention
- increase awareness of how involvement and awareness of social movements influences risk for sexual victimization and prevention efficacy.

The special issue welcomes both quantitative and qualitative research, as well as innovative theoretical or methodological papers related to the study of victimization over the life course. Interdisciplinary perspectives are strongly encouraged. Submission deadline is May 15, 2020.

All submitted manuscripts will undergo blind peer review. An abstract of no more than 200 words and a brief biographical sketch must accompany the manuscript. Manuscripts should not exceed 30 pages of double-spaced text (including tables, figures, references), be in MS Word format, and conform to the formatting style of APA (6th ed.) and AJCJ formatting guidelines. Send two electronic copies, one full copy (cover page with the author’s name, title, institutional contact information; acknowledgments), and one blind copy (without any identifying information) to Leah Daigle at ldaigle@gsu.edu.

Welcome, New Board Members!

Dr. Catherine Marcum: 2nd Vice President



Dr. Catherine D. Marcum joined the Department of Government and Justice Studies in 2012 and is currently the Assistant Chair. She earned a Ph.D. in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her areas of teaching and research focus on correctional issues, cybercrime, and victimization, and very much enjoys working with students on research. She has published over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and 10 books in her fields. Dr. Marcum received the Southern Criminal Justice Association Educator of the Year in 2015 and is currently the editor of the journal, *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*. She is an active volunteer for the Girl Scouts of America, Hardin Park School and other community organizations.

Dr. James Hawdon: Director at Large



James Hawdon is a Professor, Director of the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, and Associate Chair of the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech. From his graduate work and PhD from the University of Virginia, twelve years on the faculty at Clemson University, and longtime service at Virginia Tech, his career has been rooted in our Southern region. He has served his institutions in various leadership and significant positions, including Director of Graduate Studies at both Clemson and Virginia Tech, Founding Director of the Survey Research Lab at Clemson University, and Director of the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention at Virginia Tech. He is a member of several editorial boards including SCJA's *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. He is currently chairing the Bruce Smith, Sr. Award Selection Committee and is serving as an Executive Counselor for the Drugs & Alcohol Section of the

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. He is the Official Liaison for Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech and The Board of Directors of SCJA, a member of the Advisory Council for the *Resolution Virginia* (formerly *Virginia Associate for Community Conflict Research*), and a member of the Virginia Governor's *Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*. His teaching and research interests include mass violence, online extremism, drugs and crime, and policing.

2019 SCJA Conference in Biloxi, MS

September 9-12 at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino



**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR
IN...**



SEPTEMBER 9-12, 2020

We're headed to Biloxi, Mississippi in 2020! Join us at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino for stellar panels and fellowship that have made the SCJA conference the top regional criminology and criminal justice conference. We've planned a special emphasis on how we expand the reach of our scholarship and teaching in meaningful ways to recognize and value the importance of interdisciplinary outreach and implications with thematic presentations, discussions, and roundtables largely focusing on this theme.

The Beau Rivage Resort and Casino is a waterfront resort owned and operated by MGM Resorts International and is the largest hotel casino outside of Las Vegas. You will have access to white Gulf Coast beaches during the day and a wide variety of entertainment venues within the hotel when the sun goes down. The hotel is within walking distance of the Biloxi Lighthouse, the downtown Biloxi area, and several cultural points of interest.

The deadline for proposals is June 15, 2020 (Program Chair is Dr. Bryan Miller)

The hotel rate will be \$159. Information coming soon about conference and hotel registration.

Join the SCJA Family!

There are numerous benefits to joining the Southern Criminal Justice Association! Among them are:

- Discounted rates at the best regional association conference!
 - We only visit great locations including Nashville (2019), Pensacola Beach (2018), New Orleans (2017), Savannah (2016), and Charleston (2015).
 - SCJA has a welcoming, friendly atmosphere suited for professional fellowship, networking, and research presentations.
 - There are numerous social receptions and activities for faculty and students.
 - Student members are eligible for a variety of financial awards such as the student poster competition and three other annual awards. In addition, the association hosts two networking meals for students to meet with board members and journal editors.
- Plus, members get a subscription to the *American Journal of Criminal Justice* and an electronic subscription to the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.
- 25% discount on English-language books from Springer
- Discounted registration fees for the annual conference

The cost of SCJA membership is a bargain:

- Student Membership, One Year: \$15
- Member, One Year: \$50
- Member, Three Year: \$140
- Lifetime Member: \$500

Member states include Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, BUT you don't have to be a resident or work in those states to join – we welcome everyone!

Visit southerncj.org for more information. To sign up, just click on the membership tab and register! Paypal, credit card, and even good ole fashioned checks are accepted.

**See you at ASC on November 14th and the
SCJA annual conference in Biloxi September 9th – 12th (2020)!**