

**Southern Criminal Justice Association
2025 Annual Meeting – CHARLESTON
“Bridging the Gap: Advancing Research to Practice”**

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	SCJA Awards Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Dr. Michael White	Colonial Ballroom
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Panels & Roundtables	Laurens, Rutledge, Pinckney, and Poinsette
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	SCJA Participants' Reception *Raffle Drawing #3*	TBD
Friday, September 12		
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Organization Exhibits

**8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Pinckney
Roundtable. The Intersection of
Knowledge and Practice: Optimizing
Scholar-Practitioner Effectiveness**

Chair: Ashley French, Columbia
Southern University

Discussants:

Mark Logan, Columbia Southern
University
Thomas Rzemysk, Columbia
Southern University
Heidi Sievers, Columbia
Southern University

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SCJA Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Laurens
Panel. The Growing Involvement of
Media Within the Justice System**

Chair: Matthew Dolliver, The University
of Alabama

Cultivating a Will to Serve: The
Influence of Legal Dramas on Jury
Service Attitudes in a National Sample
III

Matthew Dolliver, The University
of Alabama

Josie Leonhardt, The University
of Alabama

Emily Pedigo, The University of
Alabama

Gangs and TikTok: A Content Analysis
of Violence Exposure on Social Media

Paige Giddens, Georgia State
University

‘Clearly they want to explore this with
you’: distinguishing threat from fantasy
in pro-incest online forums

Paul Bleakley, University of
Kentucky

Kylie McCarthy, University of
New Haven

Megan Trafford, University of
New Haven

Doomscrolling and the Mean World
Syndrome: Media, Perception, and the
Roots of K-12 School Violence

Gordon Crews, University of
Texas Rio Grande Valley

Jennifer Lemanski, University of
Texas Rio Grande Valley

Garrison Crews, Crews &
Associates Research Center

Innocent Until Proven Satanic: The
Media's Profile of the Criminal During
the Satanic Panic

Lauren Fowler, Coker University
Courtlyn Pippert, USC Aiken

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Panel. The Evolution of Teaching
Criminal Justice**

Chair: Carter Smith, Middle Tennessee
State University

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Amaia Iratzoqui, University of
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Mehdi Hajilou, University of
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Wesley James, University of
Memphis
Jonathan Bennett, University of
Memphis

Teaching Alongside AI: An Integration
Plan

Katelyn Hancock, University of
Tennessee at Chattanooga
Tammy Garland, University of
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Center Collaboration

Shelley Keith, University of
Memphis
Laura Jean Kerr, Grand Valley
State University
Kristen Stives, Seton Hall
University

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Pinckney
Panel. Immigration

Chair: Matthew Costello, Clemson
University

Analysis of current immigration laws and
the potential impact on local criminal
justice systems in Alabama

Omobolanle Fenny, The
University of Alabama

Federal Immigration Law Enforcement
by State and Local Law Enforcement
Agencies in 2025 Under the 287(g)
Program

James Prescott, Austin Peay
State University

Anti-Immigrant Cyberhate in The United
States and Finland

Matthew Costello, Clemson
University

Salvatore Restifo, The University
to Texas Rio Grande Valley

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Carolina A
**Panel. Looking to Lead: How to Grow
and Succeed**

Chair: Aleya Harris

Vanquish the Villains of Leadership:
Overcoming Barriers to Authentic
Connection and Results
Aleya Harris

Spark the Stage: Transform Your Story
into a Thriving Speaking Business
Aleya Harris

Story-Driven Leadership: Unlocking
Engagement, Accountability, and
Results
Aleya Harris

Revolutionary Leader: How to lead in a
world that is set up for you to follow
Shereen Thor, THOR
INTERNATIONAL INC

Tuesday, September 9

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Laurens
Roundtable. Socio-political and Cultural Crises: How One Agency Doubled in Size In the Five Years Since George Floyd

Chair: Mitzie Forrest, Campbellsville University

Discussants:

Jeffrey Rush, University of Southern Alabama
Johnna Isenberg, University of Tennessee

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rutledge
Panel. From the Inside Out: Improving the Institution Itself

Chair: Natalie Todak, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Police Retention and Career Perceptions

Charlie Scheer, The University of Southern Mississippi
Mike Rossler, Illinois State University

Cracks in the Shield: The Role of Coping, Stress, and Job Satisfaction in Policing Culture

Stacey Clifton, Radford University
Jason Callahan, University of Southern Indiana

Bad apples?: A meta-synthesis of police deviance

Geldy Nunez, University of Central Florida
Amelia Wiercioch, University of Central Florida
William Moreto, University of Central Florida

The Life Sentence: A Qualitative Study of Police Whistleblower Retaliation
Natalie Todak, University of Alabama at Birmingham

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Pinckney
Panel. Research in the Criminal Justice Field

Chair: Kevin Buckler, University of Houston-Downtown

Mapping trustworthiness in criminology and criminal justice research: a content analysis of methodological rigor in qualitative artifact collection and analysis (QACA)

Kevin Buckler, University of Houston-Downtown
Elizabeth Gilmore, University of Houston-Downtown

Trends in Criminal Justice Evidence Synthesis Publications
Cozette Comer, Virginia Tech

Reflections and Risks: Unpacking the Ethical Dilemmas of Autoethnography in Criminal Justice

Karen Mason, Western Carolina University

Assessing the Feasibility of Research on Asset Forfeiture

Jeffrey Trowbridge, Lander University

From Working Together to Working Impactfully: Action research on an evidence-based multi-agency approach to crime

Randy Haers, Free University of Brussels

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11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Carolina A

**Panel. A New Way Forward:
Educating the Next Generation of
Law Enforcement**

Chair: Dave Ayers, University of West Georgia

Academic Law Enforcement Training Exchange (ALETE): Strengthening Law Enforcement Through Collaboration at UWG

Dave Ayers, University of West Georgia
Mai Mills, University of West Georgia

From Badge to Pedagogy and Back: Procedural Justice as a Leadership Ethic

Neil Harper, Bryan College

A New Pathway: An Educational Evolution for Law Enforcement

Lish Harris, Utah Tech University

Enhancing Law Enforcement Leadership Principles: The Shadowing Experience

Damon Camp, Georgia State University
Dean Dabney, Georgia State University

Exploring How People Become Investigative Genetic Genealogists who Assist with Law Enforcement Investigations: A Multiple Case Study.

Matthew Hoggatt, University of Southern Mississippi

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Laurens

Panel. The Court Process: Decision-Making and Suggestions for Future Research

Chair: Sarah Harper, Texas A&M University--San Antonio

Evaluating the Impact of a Special Victims Unit on Victim Cooperation and Prosecutorial Decision Making in Domestic Violence Cases

Sophia Shaiman, University of South Carolina
Christi Metcalfe, University of South Carolina
Barbara Koons-Witt, University of South Carolina

Forces Science: A Critical Appraisal of the Scientific Rigor of 'Force Science' Policing Research

Ian Adams, University of South Carolina
Seth Stoughton, University of South Carolina
Brandon Del Pozo, Brown University
Irick "T.J." Geary, University of South Carolina
Marc Olson, University of South Carolina
Geoffrey Alpert, University of South Carolina

Examining How Victim, Offender, and Case Features Impact Criminal Justice Case Processing

Paige Vaughn, University of South Carolina

Quick and Dirty: An Evaluation of Plea Colloquy Validity in the Virtual Courtroom

Annabelle Frazier, University of Southern Mississippi
Ariana Lowe, University of New Haven
Peyton Newsome, Northeastern University

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Hannah Strong, University of
Massachusetts Lowell
Miko Wilford, Iowa State
University

Florida's Frequent Filers: Examining
Applications of the Vexatious Litigant
Statute Following Judicial Education and
Awareness

Sarah Harper, Texas A&M
University--San Antonio
Maddy Martinez, Texas A&M
University--San Antonio

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Pinckney

**Panel. Understanding and
Addressing Retail Crime:
Perspectives from Offenders,
Victims, and Technology**

Chair: Justin Smith, Loss Prevention
Research Council

It's in the Bag? Assessing the
Effectiveness of the KangaSafe
Solution.

Justin Smith, Loss Prevention
Research Council

Leveraging Craigslist Data for
Actionable Insights

Kam Leung Yeung, Loss
Prevention Research Council

Voice of the Victim: Exploring Race,
Gender, and Fear of Victimization
through a Mixed-Methods Approach

Amelia Wiercioch, University of
Central Florida
Sara Lucak, University of Central
Florida;
Christina Burton, Loss Prevention
Research Council

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Rutledge
**Panel. Improving Outcomes for the
Formerly Incarcerated**

Chair: Asheigh Godley, The University
of Tennessee at Chattanooga

The Role of Research and Evaluation
Partnerships, Training, and Technical
Assistance in Overcoming
Professionalization Deficits in the Field
of Reentry

Ryan Spohn, University of
Nebraska-Omaha
Katelynn Towne, University of
Nebraska-Omaha

Recidivism Reduction Initiative:
Identifying Issues and Improving Data
Collection for a County Misdemeanor
Probation Program

Asheigh Godley, The University
of Tennessee at Chattanooga
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Award Evaluation of a County
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A Qualitative Phenomenological Study
on Ex-Offenders' Experiences and

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Perceptions of Ban the Box and
Employment

Kinya Robinson, Delaware State
University

Josie Leonhardt, University of
Alabama

Emily Pedigo, University of
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Roundtable. Beyond the Screen:
Building Authentic Learning
Communities in Online Criminal
Justice Programs

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Southern University

Heidi Sievers, Columbia
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Interpretation and Implementation:
Victim Advocates' Perceptions and
Experiences Working with Marsy's Law
Michelle Eliasson, Florida Atlantic
University

Juror Perceptions of Eyewitness
Evidence and Enhancing Efficacy of
Jury Instructions: An Applied
Dissertation

Alexis Leclerc, Nova
Southeastern University

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Panel. Court Actors

Chair: Matthew Dolliver, University of
Alabama

"You're Not My Real Judge!": Identifying
Elements of Procedural Justice in
Federal Court Hearings Involving
Defendants with Anti-Government/Anti-
Authoritarian Beliefs

Sarah Harper, Texas A&M
University--San Antonio

Alex St. John, Texas A&M
University--San Antonio

Sara Diaz, Sam Houston State
University

Applying cultivation theory to Jerry
service: the impact of watching crime
dramas

Matthew Dolliver, University of
Alabama

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Virginia Association of Criminal
Justice Educators Meeting.

For the second year in a row, the
VACJE and the SCJA are pleased to
announce that the VACJE Annual
Business Meeting is being held at the
SCJA's annual conference. This year's
keynote speaker is **Dr. Andrew S.
Denney, University of Tennessee at
Chattanooga**. His topic is: "From the
Field to the Classroom: Integrating
Criminal Justice Practitioners into the
Classroom." Dr. Denney will receive
the *VACJE Innovation in the Classroom
Award* at the meeting. All are welcome!



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Panel. Gun Violence

Chair: Rick Dierenfeldt, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Retaliatory Gun Violence: Exploring the Influence of Place- and Incident-Based Characteristics

Eleanor Yates, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Rick Dierenfeldt, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

The Nature of Violence: Exploring How Community and Incident Characteristics Influence the Likelihood that Gun Crimes Become Multi-Victim Events

Kathleen Hillman, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Rick Dierenfeldt, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Katelyn Hancock, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Andrew Denney, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Interpersonal Conflict and Lethality in Mass Shootings: A Multivariate Analysis

Marissa Dunn, University of North Alabama

Quinn Gordon, University of North Alabama

Christopher Purser, University of North Alabama

Mass Threats in Tennessee Schools: The Creation of a Moral Panic

Tammy Garland, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Rachel Gilreath, University of Tennessee Chattanooga

Alexandra Frank, University of Tennessee Chattanooga

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**Roundtable. Cultivating Connection:
Applying The Caring Campus Model
in Higher Education**

Chair: Christopher Utecht, College of
Lake County

Discussants:

Christine Nix, University of Mary
Hardin-Baylor
Victor Conversano, Bergen
Community College

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Rutledge

**Panel. Changing Public Perceptions
of the Profession - Bridging the Gap
Between Police and the Public**

Chair: Savanna Bizzarro, University of
South Carolina

The Use of Body-Worn Cameras in
Policing: Transforming a Profession One
Video at a Time

Nicole Cain, American Public
University
Dena Weiss, American Public
University

Police podcasts: Assessing efforts to
improve police legitimacy by a Midwest
law enforcement agency

Jason Callahan, University of
Southern Indiana

Law Enforcement Officers Perceptions
in the Current Socio-Political and
Cultural Environment: How
Psychological Stress Impacts Overall
Job Satisfaction

Mitzie Forrest, Campbellsville
University

Proper policing: Race, contact, and
citizens' views of police behavior
Savanna Bizzarro, University of
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Brandon Applegate, University of
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Graduate Education: Getting in and
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Rick Dierenfeldt, University of
Tennessee at Chattanooga -
Chair

Shaun Thomas, University of
Arkansas – Professor & Director
of Center for Social Research

Jodi Lane, University of Florida –
Professor & Associate Chair

Matthew Wilkinson, Coastal
Carolina University – Associate
Professor

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Panel. Mental Health

Chair: Tasha Youstin, Western Carolina
University

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The Role of Trauma in PTSD and Depression among Probation and Parole Officers

Rachel Goldstein, University of Louisville
Kristin Swartz, University of Louisville
Elizabeth Grossi, University of Louisville

Minority Stress, Self-Medication, and Attempted Suicide

Jennifer Carpenter, Georgia State University
Timothy Brezina, Georgia State University

The Impact of Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences on a Sample of College Students

Tasha Youstin, Western Carolina University

Suffer Silently: An Ethnographic Journey Into Workplace Bullying

Aimée "May" Delaney, Worcester State University

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Laurens

Roundtable. We're teaching but are they learning? Follow up of "Do We Know Where we are Going"

Chair: Jeff Rush, University of South Alabama

Discussants:

Mitzie Forrest, Campbellsville University
Carter Smith, Middle Tennessee State University
Gregg Etter, University of Central Missouri
Catherine Burton, University of TX Rio Grande

Bola Fenny, The University of Alabama

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Panel. Spearpoint Leadership: The Sharp Edge to Unlocking Your Team's Potential (And Why Most Leaders Miss It)

Chair: David Suson, Proliance Group LLC

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David Suson, Proliance Group LLC

Crystal Clear Communication: Effective Dialogue And Eliminating Mixed Messages

David Suson, Proliance Group LLC

Leading to Attract, Retain, Motivate and Inspire Employees to Peak Performance

David Suson, Proliance Group LLC

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Pinckney

Panel. Early Life and Family Impacts on Juvenile Delinquency

Chair: Dave May, Mississippi State University

If I Could Have Gotten Help When I Was a Kid, I Might Not Be in Prison Now

Avery Treloar, University of South Alabama

Dave May, Mississippi State University

Family Function, Family Structure and Delinquency

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Vitoria De Francisco Lopes,
University of Mississippi

Evaluating the Impact of Interaction on
Police Legitimacy and Perceptions of
Criminal Trajectory between Children
with Adverse Childhood Experiences
and the Police

Frederick Williams Jr., Kentucky
State University

The Impact of Adverse Childhood
Experiences on Later Desistance
Among Serious Juvenile Offenders from
a Broken Family Composition

Olivia Holt, Georgia State
University
Beverly Reece, Kennesaw State
University

Why early childhood intervention
programs have a limited impact on
delinquency

Robert Rogers, Middle
Tennessee State University

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Journal Editors.

J.C. Barnes – Editor of the
American Journal of Criminal
Justice

TBD

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Roundtable. Exploring Police
Apprenticeships: What We've
Learned So Far

Chair: Christopher Utecht, College of
Lake County

Discussants:

Dan Ortego, College of Lake
County
Caryn Page, College of Lake
County

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Pinckney
Roundtable. Classroom Techniques
for Teaching in Criminal Justice

Chair: Christine Nix, University of Mary
Hardin-Baylor

Discussants:

Martin A. Greenberg, SUNY
Ulster (ret.)
Ellen C. Wertiieb, SUNY
Schenectady (ret.)
Jeff Rush, University of South
Alabama

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Laurens
Panel. Closer Look: Examining
Specific Groups and Figures

Chair: Richard Stringer, Kennesaw
State University

Deterrability and the Dark Triad: An
Assessment of Differential Deterrability
and Criminal Decision-making across
Dark Triad Personality Types

Richard Stringer, Kennesaw
State University
Lisa Thompson, Kennesaw State
University

The Idle Sword Shall Rust: Veterans,
Violence, and the Rise of Organized
Crime in Early America

Carter Smith, Middle Tennessee
State University

The Anatomy of Female Killers: Racial &
Ethnic Differences

Daniel Gutierrez

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Whiskey, Wounds, and Wrath: The Criminality and Antisocial Tendencies of Beth Dutton in Yellowstone (2018-2024)

Kevin Buckler, University of Houston-Downtown

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Julie Baldwin, American University – Research Professor

Rick Dierenfeldt, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga – Chair

TaLisa Carter, American University – Graduate Program Coordinator

Justin Smith, Loss Prevention Research Council – Senior Research Scientist

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Rutledge
Panel. Improving the Carceral Environment

Chair: Dave May, Mississippi State University

Problems and Promise: A Case Study of Contraband Cellphones and Interdiction Strategies in South Carolina Prisons

Kideuk Kim, The Urban Institute
Bryce Peterson, CAN
Rochisha Shukla, The Urban Institute
Sarah Aukamp, The Urban Institute

I'm Not Going to Beat Him Up: Examining the Relationship Between Inmates' Perceptions of the CJ System and Law and Their Noncriminal Choices

Catherine Authement, Mississippi Alcohol Beverage Control
Dave May, Mississippi State University
Stacy Haynes, Mississippi State University

Enhancing Offender Treatment through Jail Population Analysis

J. Mitchell Miller, University of North Florida
McKenzie L. Josie, Louisiana State University
Brenda Vose, University of North Florida
Bryan L. Miller, Clemson University

Making the most of it: System-impacted families find positive ways to cope with parental incarceration

Heidi Williams, Virginia Tech

A moderation approach to military service and institutional misconduct: A preliminary analysis

Allison Escobedo, The University of Texas at Dallas

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Pinckney
Panel. Addressing Juvenile Delinquency: How Law Enforcement and the Public Impact Outcomes

Chair: Abigail Novak, University of Mississippi

Trajectories of control: Exposure to punitive social control over time and its associated consequences

Abigail Novak, University of Mississippi

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Understanding Aggression in Juvenile Offenders: The Impact of Procedural Justice and Callous-Unemotional Traits
Peyton Stephenson, University of Mississippi

Calibrating Culpability: Measurement and Reliability of Juvenile Blameworthiness Scales
Sara Bryson, University of Tampa
Matt Nobles, University of Central Florida

The Power of Words: How Framing Impacts Public Perceptions of Juvenile Offenders
Riane Bolin, Radford University
Shannon Herrity, Radford University

After-School Programs in Addressing Youth Delinquency: A Comparative Review of Mississippi USA and Taiwan
Yusen Yusen, University of Mississippi
Hsiao-Ming Wang, University of Houston-Downtown

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Carolina B
Poster Session.

Poster 1: The Dallas Violent Crime Reduction Plan: Year 4 Results
Brandon Tregle, University of South Carolina

Poster 2: An Examination of Gang involvement (or lack thereof) Among Incarcerated Youth: A Preliminary Study
Daniel Scott, Texas A&M International University
Brittany Hood, Texas A&M International University
Alexis Rodriguez, Texas A&M International University

Poster 3: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Helene by Law Enforcement in Western North Carolina
Andy Hansen, Western Carolina University

Poster 4 (S): Is All Conflict Resolution Created Equal: Examining Law Enforcement De-escalation Training Tailored to Specific Populations
Jazmine Villarreal, Texas A&M University - San Antonio
Sarah Harper, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Poster 5 (S): In theory and practice: developing training for law enforcement interactions with sovereign citizens
Sara Diaz, Sam Houston State University
Sarah Harper, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Poster 6 (S): Socio-political and Cultural Crises of the Last Five Years: How One Law Enforcement Agency Set the Gold Standard
Mitzie Forrest, Liberty University

Poster 7 (S): Women and Homicide Co-Offending
Sylessia Kinard, University of South Carolina
John Burrow, University of South Carolina

Poster 8 (S): Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices: How to Positively Impact LEO Satisfaction in Times of Socio-Political & Cultural Crises
Mitzie Forrest, Liberty University

Poster 9 (S): Experience Matters: Officer Tenure and Injury Outcomes in Use of Force Incidents

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Kenneth Lomenzo, University of Mississippi

Poster 10 (S): Parents and Stigma: Challenges Facing Rural Juvenile Supervision Officers

Isaac Ward, Georgia Southern University

Ashley Lockwood, Georgia Southern University

April Terry, Georgia Southern University

Mari-Esther Edwards, Georgia Southern University

Poster 11 (S): Turning Women into Incubators: Why We Should Be Angry

Amelia Conner, University of Tampa

Kayla Toohy, University of Tampa

Poster 12 (S): "People Perish, Innocent People": Why Meaningful Access to the Courts Matters in Jails and Prisons

Christina Plakas, University of South Carolina

Poster 13 (S): Measuring cognitive incapacitation in police use-of-force suspects: An examination of K9 apprehensions

Patrick Harris, University of Central Florida

Poster 14: Reporting Victimization to Police Among Turkish Adolescents: Mixed Predictors from a National Sample

Nicholas Buker, University of West Florida

Ahmet Guler, Pennsylvania State University

Poster 15 (S): Beyond Recidivism: Life After Juvenile Transfer to Adult Facilities

Keturah Destinee, Georgia State University

Poster 16 (S): From Force to Flow: The Transformative Impact of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu on Police Use of Force

Jon Nelson, Lee University

Poster 17 (S): Punishing Poverty: An Examination of Financial Disadvantage and Out-of-School Suspension

Joshua Rosenbaum, University of Mississippi

Poster 18 (S): Evaluating the Impact of Tattoo Artist Vocational Programs on Inmate Rehabilitation and Post-Release Employment: A Case Study of James T. Vaughn Correctional Center

Johnna Isenberg, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Poster 19: Structural Drivers of Youth Crime Trends: A Municipality-Level Analysis

Teemu Vauhkonen, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare
Markus Kaakinen, University of Helsinki

Pekka Räsänen, University of Turku

Poster 20: Perceptions of Accreditation Barriers from Law Enforcement Executives in Tennessee

Ben Stickle, Middle Tennessee State University

Lee Wade, Middle Tennessee State University

Poster 21 (S): Violence Subtypes in Police Cases of Child-Parent Violence
Hannah Sedlacek, University of South Carolina

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Poster 22 (S): Partisan Policing and Election Violence in Nigeria
Godwin Egbe, University of Mississippi

Poster 23: Hate Crime in a Cross-National Perspective: The Threat Hypothesis and the Influence of Welfare Regimes and Immigration Rates
Peka Räsänen, University of Turku
James Hawdon, Virginia Tech
Matthew Costello, Clemson University

Poster 24 (S): Juror Perceptions of Eyewitness Evidence and Enhancing Efficacy of Jury Instructions: An Applied Dissertation
Alexis Lec lerc, Nova Southeastern University

Poster 25: Local SRNA Validation through an Equity Focused Lens
Hollie MacDonald, Longwood University

Poster 26 (S): Beyond the Badge: Exploring Meaning-Centered Leadership Strategies in Community Policing
Bianca Hunter-Beckley, American Society of Public Administration

Poster 27: New PhD Program in Criminology at Troy University
Halil Akbas, Troy University

Poster 28 (S): Identity Theft Reporting and Clearance Incidents
Opeyemi Mumuni, American University

Poster 29: Integration of License Plate Recognition (LPR) Data with Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Predictive Searches of Abducted/Missing Individuals

George Froggé, Austin Peay State University

Poster 30 (S): Male sexual victimization and reporting rates
Lucas Maness, University of South Carolina

Poster 31 (S): Carceral Punishment and State Surveillance in Bangladesh
Khandaker Farzana Rahman, University of Illinois Chicago

Poster 32 (S): Youth Victimization and Early Adulthood Fatalism
Kaitlyn Stearns, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Lindsay Leban, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Poster 33: Unmasking Male Rape Myths: A Study of Criminal Justice Undergraduates
Scott Walfield, East Carolina University

Poster 34 (S): Involuntary Psychiatric Hospitalization: Stigma and Its Influences
Desiree DeLuca, Florida Institute of Technology

Poster 35 (S): Identity Theft Post-Victimization Behaviour and Clearance Patterns
Opeyemi Mumuni, American University

Poster 36 (S): Combining Yoga with Expressive Writing to Improve Incarcerated Person Health: A Randomized Waitlist Control Design
Cassidy Boyd, Austin Peay State University
Frank Ferdik, Austin Peay State University

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**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Colonial
Ballroom**

**Springer Reception.
Raffle Drawing #2!**



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8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Coffee	Poinsette
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration	Registration Desk
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Organization Exhibits	Prefunction Carolina A
8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Panels & Roundtables	Laurens, Rutledge, Pinckney, and Poinsette
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	SCJA Awards Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Dr. Michael White	Colonial Ballroom
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Panels & Roundtables	Laurens, Rutledge, Pinckney, and Poinsette
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	SCJA Participants' Reception *Raffle Drawing #3*	TBD

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8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Laurens

Roundtable. Death Penalty Curriculum: Designing an Effective University-Level Death Penalty Curriculum

Chair: Sanaz Alasti, Lamar University

Discussants:

Mitchel Roth, Sam Houston State University
Eric Bronson, Roger Williams University
Stephanie Mizrahi, California State University-Sacramento

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Rutledge

Panel. Sexual Violence and Victimization

Chair: Katelyn Hancock, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Student Modality and the Prevalence of Sexual Victimization

Atlee Dean, University of Tennessee Chattanooga
Katelyn Hancock, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

But the men, what do we do with the men?

Jeff Rush, University of South Alabama

Strained masculinity and male peer support for men's sextortion of women
Sohee Jung, University of South Carolina
Kaitlin Boyle, University of South Carolina
Gabrielle Mascari, University of South Carolina

Sexually Transmitted Infections among College Students: The Influence of Sexual Victimization and Minority Status
Sarah Napper, Western Kentucky University
Kristen Stives, Seton Hall University

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Laurens

Panel. Focusing on Law Enforcement Officers

Chair: Sheri Jenkins Keenan, Alabama A&M University

Assessing the Role and Impact of School Resources Officers in the State of Alabama

Sheri Jenkins Keenan, Alabama A&M University
Patrick Schmucker, Huntingdon College

Self-reported Emotional Intelligence Levels of Law Enforcement Personnel: Occupational and Demographic Differences

Kathy Johnson, University of West Florida
Sheri Jenkins Keenan, Alabama A&M University
Heeya Datta, Louisiana State University

Somebody's Going to Emergency, Somebody's Going to Jail: Pre-Arrest Deflection and Officer Discretion

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Emily Suiter, Clemson University
Kyle Mclean, Clemson University
Naomi Shneibaum, Clemson University
Bryan Miller, Clemson University

Pullover for Profit? Extending the
Collars for Dollars Hypothesis to Traffic
Stops

Marc Olson, University of South
Carolina
Ian Adams, University of South
Carolina

Police Retention and Career
Perceptions

Charlie Scheer, The University of
Southern Mississippi
Mike Rossler, Illinois State
University

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Pinckney
Panel. Treatment Courts

Chair: Shaun Thomas, University of
Arkansas

Community-Centered Care in the
Justice System: A Case Study in ACT
Adaptation in Rural Communities.”

Johanna Thomas, University of
Arkansas
Shaun Thomas, University of
Arkansas
Julie Baldwin, American
University
John Eassey, American
University
December Maxwell, The
University of Oklahoma

What happened to those cases?
Disposition outcomes for defendants
who did not enter treatment court
Jamie Vaske, American
University

Jesse McCarter, American
University

Examining the Impact of Judicial
Referrals to Problem-Solving Courts
V. Lynn Tankersley, Mercer
University

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Rutledge
**Roundtable. Key Facets of Virginia’s
Criminal Justice System**

Chair: Martin Greenberg, Virginia
Association of Criminal Justice
Educators

Discussants:

Alan Bruce, Quinnipiac University
Jeff Rush, University of South
Alabama
Mai Mills, University of West
Georgia
Christine Nix, University of Mary
Hardin-Baylor
Robert Hanser, University of
Louisiana at Monroe
John Marks, Jr., Clemson
University

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Poinsette
**Panel. Racial Disparities in
Corrections**

Chair: Carl Reeds, University of South
Florida

Color -Blind Justice? Examining the
Relationship Between the Racial
Composition of Prison Staff and Judicial
Oversight of Prisons

Heather L. Scheuerman, James
Madison University
Benjamin Meade, James
Madison University

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Racial Disparities in mentally disordered inmates in correctional facilities
Taiping Ho, Ball State University

Prosecutorial Philosophy and Racial Disparities in Prison Admissions
Carl Reeds, University of South Florida

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Laurens
Roundtable. Can AI Be Ethical? The Future of Education

Chair: Jessica Noble, Lewis and Clark Community College

Discussants:
Matthew McCarthy, Northeast Community College
Victor Conversano, Bergen Community College
Micheline Farhat, Bergen Community College

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rutledge
Panel. Challenges and Aids in Re-Entry

Chair: John Brent, Eastern Kentucky University

Connecting the Links between Mental Health, Treatment Continuity, and Reoffending During Reentry
John Brent, Eastern Kentucky University

Mapping the Road Home: The Impact of Family on Incarcerated Individuals Plans for Reentry

Kristina Schoenthaler, Mississippi State University
Stacy Haynes, Mississippi State University
David May, Mississippi State University

Narratives of Women Reentering Society: A Modified Reentry Model
Susan Koski, Central Connecticut State University
Kathleen Bantley, Central Connecticut State University

Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice: Mental Health and Post-Incarceration Support for Women in Nigeria's Correctional System
Yewande Fatoki, Lead City University, Nigeria

From Youth to Adulthood: Exploring the Long-Term Impacts of Juvenile Transfer Laws
Keturah Destinee, Georgia State University

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Pinckney
Panel. Criminal Justice in Rural Communities

Chair: Matthew Wilkinson, Coastal Carolina University

"This Town is Rock Bottom": Research on Rural Community Effects on Gang Entry and Exit

Timothy Brown, San Diego State University
Marc Glidden, California State University, Northridge

Evaluating a Rural Gun Violence Prevention Initiative: A Mixed Methods Approach

Amelia Simmons, Virginia Tech
Christine McCown, Virginia Tech
Robert Perdue, Virginia Tech
Thomas Dearden, Virginia Tech

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Examining Community Based Violence
Intervention and Prevention Initiatives
(CVIPI) in Rural North Carolina

Matthew Hassett, University of
North Carolina at Pembroke

"Enhancing Justice in Rural
Communities: The Crucial Role of
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
Programs in Supporting Criminal Justice
Agencies"

Keith Bell, West Liberty
University

Jessica Bell, WVU Medicine &
Wheeling Hospital

Police perspectives of social workers in
law enforcement: Perceived benefits,
challenges, and community impact

Kyler Nielson, Western Carolina
University

Katy Allen, Western Carolina
University

Cyndy Caravelis, Western
Carolina University

**12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Colonial
Ballroom**

**SCJA Awards Luncheon and Keynote
Speaker Dr. Michael White**

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Laurens

**Roundtable. Conquests and
Challenges of Evaluating the
Implementation of Video Technology
and Computer Programs in Law
Enforcement**

Chair: Megan Stubbs-Richardson,
Mississippi State University

Discussants:

Lauren Etheredge, Mississippi
State University

David May, Mississippi State
University

Cindy Bethel, Mississippi State
University

**3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Rutledge
Panel. Focusing on the Environment**

Chair: Michael Barton, The University of
Alabama

Does Topography Predict Bicycle Theft?
A Spatial Analysis of San Francisco,
California.

Emilie Christiansen, Florida
International University
Stephen F. Pires, Florida
International University

Beyond the Big Cities: The Context of
Homicide in a Mid-Sized Southern City
Michael Barton, The University of
Alabama

Ryan Wilhelm, The University of
Alabama

Madelyn Hollar, The University of
Alabama

Morgan Kahn, The University of
Alabama

Jasmine Trimble, The University
of Alabama

Patricia Southerland, The
University of Southern Mississippi

Spatial clustering, neighborhood
context, and the ecology of police calls
for service prioritization

Sara Lucak, University of Central
Florida

Matt Nobles, University of Central
Florida

Jacinta Gau, University of Central
Florida

Living Between Shelter and
Surveillance: Mapping the Shadow
Carceral State in Budget Hotels

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Lauren Morgan, Dartmouth College
Naomi Adeji, Dartmouth College
Kimberly Skobba, Georgia State University
Terri Lewinson, Dartmouth College

Stop, Drop, and Decrease Racial Disparities: Assessing the Impact of a Traffic Stop Policy Change
Moriah Sharpe, American University

Alabama Breaks the Mold: A Practical Guide for Law Enforcement Officers & the New Qualified Immunity Standard
Sheryl Pelletier, Jacksonville State University

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Pinckney
Roundtable. The Killing of Stephen C. Stanko

Chair: Angela Madden, Themis Center for Justice Policy, Practice, and Research

Discussants:

Lindsey Vann, Justice 360
Jeffrey Stanko, Family Member
Charles Howard, Spiritual Advisor, South Carolina Department of Corrections

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. TBD

Participants' Reception

Thank you to all the participants!

Please join us for a final reception to thank you for your wonderful sessions.

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Poinsette
Panel. How Changing Policies Impact the Profession

Chair: Cassandra Rausch, University of Louisville

A Methodological Framework for Assessment of Forensic Crime Scene Units

Cassandra Rausch, University of Louisville
Carmen Ellison, University of Louisville

Disconnected Data, Delayed Justice: Policy Implications of Fragmented Missing Persons Databases in the United States

Maryann White, Georgia Gwinnett College



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**Roundtable. Building Criminal
Justice Workplace Skills in the
College Classroom**

Chair: Christopher Utecht, College of
Lake County

Discussants:

Darren K. Stocker, Cape Cod
Community College Caryn Page,
College of Lake County
Jessica Noble, Lewis and Clark
Community College
Matthew McCarthy, Northeast
Community College

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Panel. Incarcerated Women

Chair: Taiping Ho, Ball State University

The Characteristics of Female
Offenders with Mental Health Disorder
Taiping Ho, Ball State University

Understand Female Mentally Disordered
Offenders in Correctional Facilities
Taiping Ho, Ball State University

Periods, Pregnancy, and Postpartum:
An Examination of the Correctional
Response to Feminine Health and
Hygiene
McKenzie Wood, Weber State
University

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Laurens

**Roundtable. Expanding the
Contemporary Corrections Course:
What is Missing?**

Chair: Darren K. Stocker, Cape Cod
Community College

Discussants:

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Jessica Noble, Lewis and Clark
Community College
Micheline Farhat, Bergen
Community College

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Panel. Crime Across Borders

Chair: Andrea Corradi, Georgia
Southern University

Foreign Terrorist Fighters Database
Andrea Corradi, Georgia
Southern University
Cassidy Scanlan, Georgia
Southern University
Temitope Arowosegbe, Georgia
Southern University
Felix Rivera-Cruz, Georgia
Southern University

Gang Crime South of the Border:
Brazilian Organized Crime
Gregg Etter, University of Central
Missouri

Predicting Dark Vessel Fishing off West
Africa: A Micro-Spatial Approach
Stephen Pires, Florida
International University
Dylan Spencer, Georgia
Southern University
Gohar Petrossian, John Jay
College of Criminal Justice
Emilie Christiansen, Florida
International University
Ulhas Gondhali, John Jay
College of Criminal Justice

When Honey is Money
Andy Bain, Westminster College
Nick Pamment, University of
Portsmouth

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SCJA Executive Board Meeting

*Thank you for joining us this year
to celebrate all of our amazing
scholars and their research.*

*We hope to see you in Fort
Lauderdale in 2026!*

