

Southern Criminal Justice Association

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**Bridging the Gap: Advancing
Research to Practice**

September 8-12, 2025

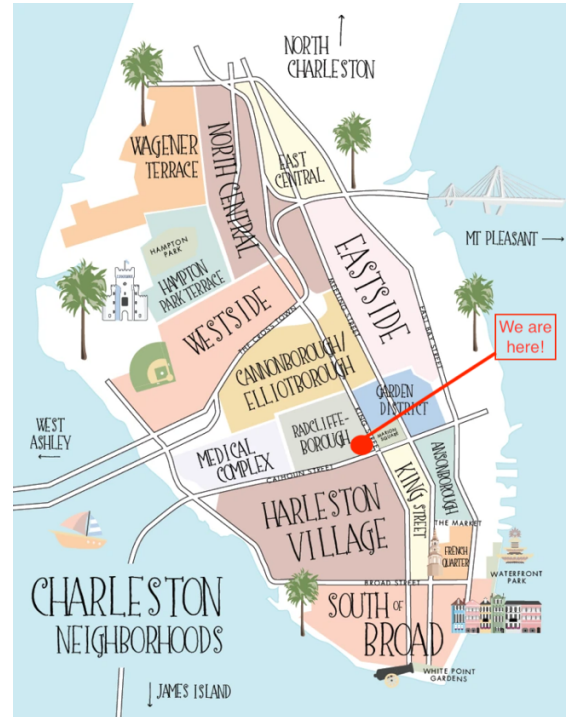
Charleston,
South Carolina

Dear SCJA Members and Conference Participants,

Welcome to Charleston, where history, hospitality, and happiness await! Relying heavily on membership input, I'm excited to bring our conference to the Low Country. Charleston is a city with an extensive history, beautiful well-preserved architecture, and a deliciously thriving food and beverage scene. Dubbed the "Holy City" for its church steeples and religious tolerance, the vibe has been described as the meeting of Southern Charm and Coastal Chic.

The Francis Marion, our conference hotel and member of the Historic Hotels of America, is a landmark hotel in a **prime location**. Located on Marion Square, we are steps away magnificent gardens, house museums, antique shops, local boutiques, world-class restaurants, and nightlife. Just a few [areas to explore](#) include: King Street, Waterfront Park, the French Quarter, South of Broad, and Liberty Square. From the Francis Marion, Liberty Square is a straight walk East down Calhoun to the warf and has the International African American Museum and the Fort Sumter Visitor Center and Tours/Boat Cruises.

I'd like to thank Dr. Shaun Thomas, our Program Chair, for his hard work putting together an outstanding **program**. There are over 100 presentations, 14 roundtables, 35 posters, and many special events and receptions for which we are so well known. Daily, please come by morning coffee and tea (8-10 a.m., see "At a Glance" for daily location) and our nightly receptions. Our receptions are a great way to start your night off right. Be sure to come by and catch up with your friends and colleagues—food and drink will be plentiful!!!



This year's **conference theme** is "Bridging the Gap: Advancing Research to Practice," which I will be addressing Tuesday night in the Presidential Address. Additionally, Presidential Discussants will be serving on various panels to promote discussion on how to take the presented research to the next step to inform practice, policy, programming, and other areas that make a difference in people's lives. I have identified scholars with extensive experience in the panel topic and, for many, also their dedicated work in having research make an impactful difference on the ground beyond the ivory tower. You will see the sessions with Presidential Discussants noted on the "At a Glance" pages, as well as in blue in the daily schedules.

Tuesday is the first day of the conference. In addition to several panels with Presidential Discussants, all are welcome to attend the Annual Business meeting for the Virginia Association of Criminal Justice Educators; this is our second year hosting them. This first day wraps up with three back-to-back events:

1. SCJA General Business Meeting from 4:00-5:00 in Carolina A
2. Presidential Address from 5:00-6:00 in Carolina A
3. Presidential Reception from 6:00-8:00 in Colonial Ballroom

Unique to Wednesday are three student-specific events for undergraduate and graduate students followed by the Poster Session (3-5 p.m. in Carolina B). For the Springer Reception (5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Colonial Ballroom), be sure to *bring your game face*—I can't wait for you to see what I mean.

Thursday special events include our Awards Luncheon with Keynote Address (12:30-2:30 in Colonial Ballroom) and the SCJA Participants' Reception (6:00-8:00 in the Gold Ballroom). It is my utmost pleasure to have Dr. Michael White, my OG mentor (for over 20 years, really!), as this year's keynote speaker. His talk is

titled, “Body-Worn Cameras as a Tool for Uncovering Good Policing.” The Participants’ Reception will feature live music by *Cozette and the Fifths*, as well as lots of food and drink. Hopefully, we can get some people to join Marv and Kathy on the dance floor!

Raffle drawings to raise funds for FAVOR (Faces And Voices of Recovery) LOWCOUNTRY will be conducted at all three nightly receptions, and you must be there to win! Purchase tickets for \$1 online at registration or in person during the conference at the registration desk or from Dr. Andrew Denney and graduate students during the receptions. ALL PROCEEDS will go to FAVOR. FAVOR supports individuals and families affected by substance use disorder, advocating for recovery-friendly policies, providing resources for those in recovery, and increasing public awareness and education about substance use disorders and recovery.

Sponsors, SCJA greatly appreciates your support! This Spring, the Executive Board revised our conference sponsorship options for more flexibility. A big thank you to all of this year’s sponsors, especially the Virginia Tech University Department of Sociology and the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention as our Presidential Sponsor; our two Gold Sponsors: American University Center for Research and Practitioner Partnerships and the University of Arkansas Center for Social Research; and our two Silver Sponsors: Old Dominion University and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Additionally, a special thank you to Springer as the publisher of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice (AJCJ)*, our highly-ranked flagship journal. All our sponsors are listed in the program, and our Presidential, Journal, and Exhibitor Sponsors have tables in the exhibit area. I encourage you to personally say hello and thank them for their support.

I want to express my deep gratitude for each member of the Executive Board. This year, the Board was able to achieve some **major accomplishments**, such as:

- Bringing our Constitution, Bylaws, and Election Code into the modern age;
- Completing the transition of *AJCJ* to our new editor, Dr. J.C. Barnes; and
- Establishing our Policy for Handling Complaints and our Code of Conduct following the correct procedural process.

This work was . . . laborious. I cannot thank each of you enough for your time, contributions, and dedication.

Board transitions are on the horizon. Dr. Thomas will become President, and I sincerely thank him for his hard work as could not ask for a better Program Chair or 1st Vice President. Thank you to the 2nd Vice President, Dr. Ben Stickle, for his handling the complexities of the Awards. I want to express my deep thanks for Dr. Brenda Vose, who is rotating off the Board as Director at Large. Brenda’s willingness to serve, attention to detail, and critical thinking were truly indispensable. Dr. John Stogner, thank you for being a wonderful ACJS rep; I am sad to see you transition out of this capacity. Dr. Kathy Johnson (KJ), thank you for your willingness to step up for the SCJA and for a very successful conference last year. We welcome Dr. Jim Hawdon as incoming 2nd Vice President (yeah, buddy!) and Dr. McKenzie Josie as our newly elected Director at Large. Drs. Rick Dierenfeldt, Andrew Denney, Sarah Harper, and Sheri Jenkins Keenan will continue their excellent service as Directors at Large, as will Dr. Molly Buchanan as Treasurer, Dr. Andy Hansen as Secretariat, Dr. John Eassey as Webmaster, and Dr. J.C. Barnes as *AJCJ* Editor. Keep up the good work, Team! It’s been a pleasure and privilege to work closely with you all.

I greatly appreciate your support of my presidency and our organization during some difficult times. The SCJA means a tremendous amount to me personally and professionally. Being an active part of this association brings me joy, and being the 2024-2025 President is a highlight of my career and great honor. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity. I hope you love your time in Charleston.

Cheers!



Julie Marie Baldwin
President, Southern Criminal Justice Association

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Coffeehouses and Bakeries

Mudhouse Charleston*
Island Provisions*
The Rise Coffee Bar*
King Street Cookies*
La Patisserie*
Mercantile & Mash+
The Black Door Cafe+
Big Kick Cafe+
Carmella's Cafe and Dessert Bar+

Restaurants

Toast All Day (great breakfast!)*
167 Raw Oyster Bar*
Leon's Oyster Bar*
Swamp Fox Restaurant*
Coterie*
The Citrus Club*
AZUR*
Vincent Chicco's*
Ritual Rooftop Restaurant*
Virginia's on King*
Halls Chop House*
Magnolia+
Church and Union Charleston+
The Rooftop at the Vendue+
Craftsmen Kitchen & Taphouse+
Fleet Landing Restaurant & Bar+
167 Sushi Bar+

Specialty Food & Drinks

Sabatino's Pizza*
Groucho's Deli*
King Street Foods (Asian Fusion)*
CO (Asian Fusion)*

Breweries and Bars

Bourbon and Bubbles*
Prohibition*

Uncork Charleston*
 Edmund's Oast Brewing Co.*
 Victor Social Club*
 Tinto Cafe & Provisions*
 Pour Taproom: Charleston*
 Rusty Bull Brewing Co.*
 Burns Alley Tavern*
 Proof*
 The Brick*
 The Gin Joint+
 Blind Tiger Pub+
 Big Johns Tavern+

Live Music

Forte Jazz Lounge*
 Henry's on Market*
 The Charleston Music Hall*
 John King Dueling piano Bar*

Indoor Activities

The Spa of Charleston*
 Old City Jail*
 South Carolina Aquarium+
 Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon+
 International African American Museum+

Outdoor Activities

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 Charleston Harbor Boat Tour+

Historical, Museums, and Tours

The Art Mecca of Charleston*
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 Marion Square*
 The Charleston Museum*
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Shopping

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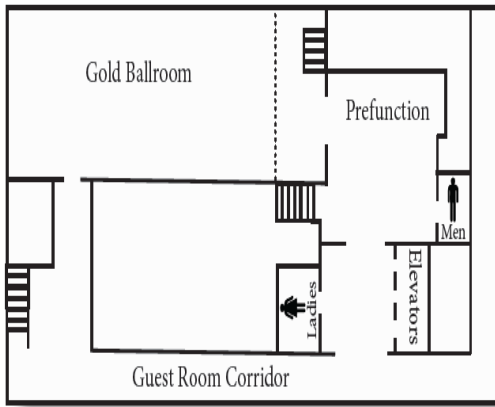
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Mittie Southerland
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Damon Camp

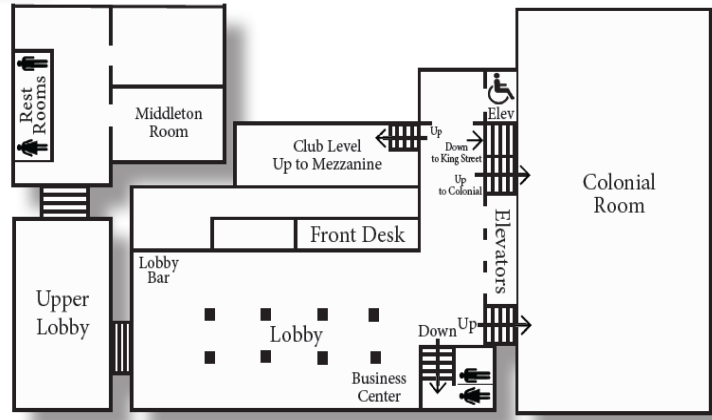


Past SCJA Presidents

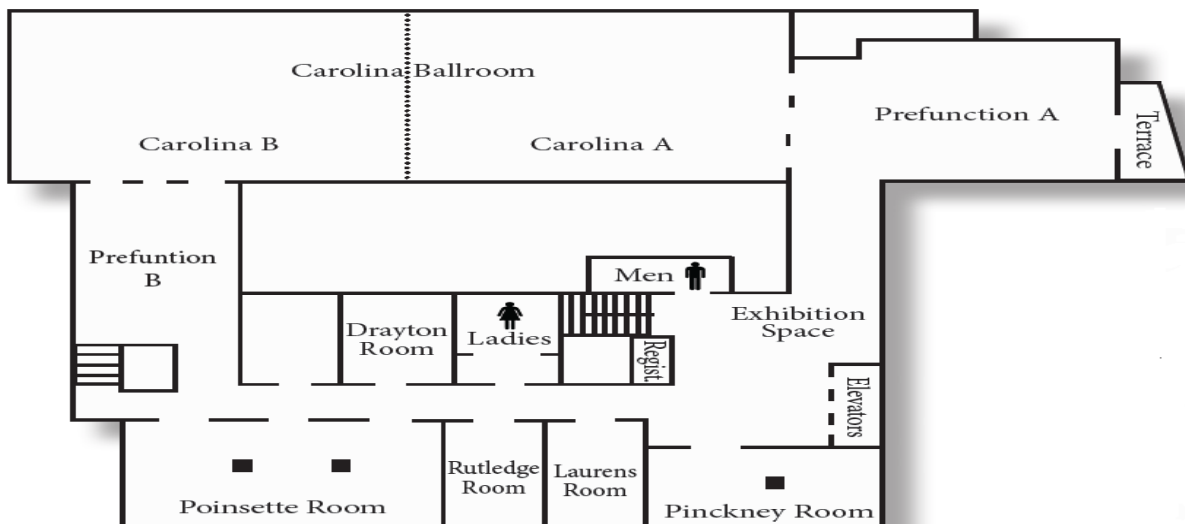
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1976-77	Frank Semberger	2003-04	Matthew Robinson
1977-78	Neil Chamelein	2004-05	Gordon Crews
1978-79	Robert Fancher	2005-06	Peter Wood
1979-80	Gene Stephens	2006-07	Brandon Applegate
1980-81	Reed Adams	2007-08	Alexis Miller
1981-82	Ken Venters	2008-09	J. Mitchell Miller
1982-83	Robert Bagby	2009-10	Elizabeth E. Mustaine
1983-84	Chester Quarels	2010-11	Bryan Payne
1984-85	Tom Barker	2011-12	Angela Crews
1985-86	Michael Braswell	2012-13	David May
1986-87	Ronald Vogel	2013-14	Holly Ventura-Miller
1987-88	Mittie Southerland	2014-15	Greg Dunaway
1988-89	Damon Camp	2015-16	Heith Copes
1989-90	Reid Montgomery, Jr.	2016-17	Sean Madden
1990-91	Kenneth Ayers, Jr.	2017-18	Marv Krohn
1991-92	Mike Blankenship	2018-19	John Stogner
1992-93	Charles Fields	2019-20	Wesley Jennings
1993-94	Jeffrey Rush	2020-21	Bryan Miller
1994-95	Joseph Auten	2021-22	Cathy Marcum
1995-96	Laura Moriarty	2022-23	Kent Kerley
1996-97	Terry Edwards	2023-24	Kathrine Johnson
1997-98	Elizabeth McConnell		
1998-99	Ronald Hunter		
1999-00	John Smykla		



Gold Ballroom/Second Floor



Colonial Room/Lobby Level



Carolina Ballroom/Mezzanine/Meeting Level

STUDENT EVENTS

Wednesday, September 10

8:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in Poinsette

Breakfast and Chat About Graduate Education: Getting in and Making it Through! (MA, MS, and PhD)

Come for a FREE BREAKFAST and meet with leaders in graduate education for guidance and tips to not only applying but making it through graduate programs.

Hosts:

- 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

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Carolina A

Student Event 2: Preparing for the Academic Job Market: A Round Table for Future Faculty

Hosts:

- Shamir Ratansi, University of Central Florida – Lecturer
- Kristina Lopez, University of North Florida – Associate Professor
- Holly Ventura Miller, University of North Florida – Graduate Director
- Brenda Vose, University of North Florida – Chair
- J.C. Barnes, University of Cincinnati – Director and Editor of the American Journal of Criminal Justice

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. in Carolina A

Employment Chat (Academic, Non-Academic).

Hosts:

- 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

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The center is a transdisciplinary hub for research related to violence prevention and peace building. Organized into several research hubs, the center supports faculty and graduate students dedicated to understanding the causes and consequences of violence and strategies for preventing it. Areas of study include Victims and Victimization, Community Response to Crisis, Conflict Resolution, Community Recovery and Memorialization, and Peace Education. We are proud to also have a Cybercriminology Lab. Come join our team of researchers!



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Authenticity
Adaptability
Innovation
Integrity
Respect

The Center for Research and Collaborative Partnerships (CRCP) is a premier research center focused on improving justice, health, and social systems through data-driven, evidence-based solutions. The CRCP is housed within the School of Public Affairs at American University, an “R1: Doctoral University – Very high research spending and doctorate production.” For 15 years, our founding director and members have built strong partnerships, meeting organizations where they are and delivering practical innovative solutions to our society’s complex problems.

We cultivate an environment that encourages intellectual curiosity, interdisciplinary collaboration, and continuous learning, fostering innovation and the development of creative, data-driven, and practical solutions.

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Funding Attained



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- Evaluation research (program/initiative evaluation)
- Translational research
- Implementation fidelity
- Project management
- Program/initiative design and implementation
- Training
- Technical assistance

Meet Our Founding Team



Julie Baldwin
Director, Full Research Prof.



John Eassey
Full Research Prof.



Jamie Vaske
Full Research Prof.



John Boman
Full Research Prof.



Mandi Muse
Research Coordinator



Jesse McCarter
Sr. Research Assoc.

The Center for Social Research (CSR) engages in interdisciplinary and collaborative social science research. Founded in 1982, the CSR is one of the centers for social science investigations housed in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Arkansas.



About the Director: Dr. Shaun Thomas earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from LSU in 2009. His research is rooted in developing our understanding of the epidemiology and etiology of crime. His vision for the CSR is a research and service center that brings together university scholars in collaboration with local, state, regional, and national partners to address real-world problems.



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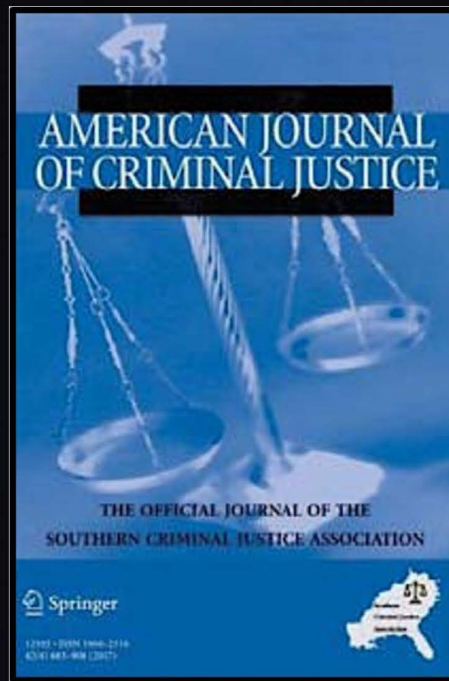


Providing community partners with access to research and evaluation services, including research design, survey management, statistical consulting, qualitative analysis, data visualization and reporting

A Few Current Projects and Funding

Program	Partners	Funding
CATCH My Breath, serving ~200 juveniles across 9 counties in Arkansas	UA School of Social Work, Arisa Health	\$405,702 grant, Office of Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin
Machine learning model to predict spatial risk of child maltreatment	Upbring, Texas DFPS, Virginia Tech, CAST	\$225,000 from Upbring (new award); additional \$86,000 prior award
Enhancing school and community capacity	Little Rock School District	\$981,717, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
Evaluation of "The Power of Social Connection: Building Bridges in a Disconnected World"	UA School of Social Work, community agencies	\$199,928, Walmart Foundation





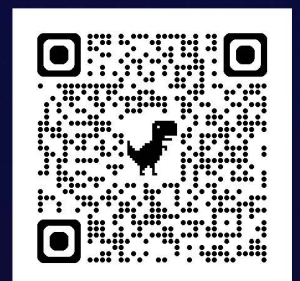
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Awards Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael White

Body-Worn Cameras as a Tool for Uncovering Good Policing

Thursday, September 11, 2025 - 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Michael D. White is a professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University and is associate director of ASU's Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety. Professor White is co-director of training and technical assistance for the U.S. Department of Justice Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program. He received his doctorate in criminal justice from Temple University in 1999. Prior to entering academia, White worked as a deputy sheriff in Pennsylvania.

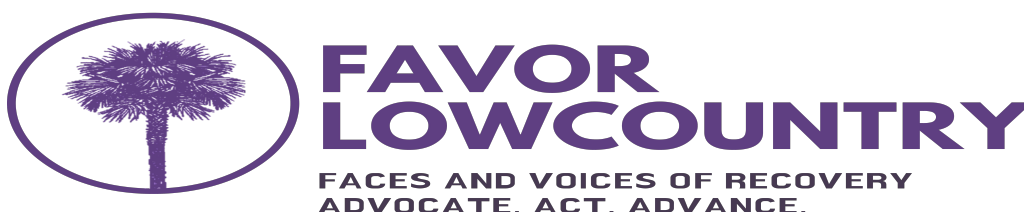
Professor White's primary research interests involve the police, including use of force, technology, and innovation. He has published more than 90 articles in peer-reviewed, scholarly journals. His recent work has been published in *American Journal of Public Health*, *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, and *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. He is co-author of "Cops, Cameras, and Crisis: The Potential and the Perils of Police Body-Worn Cameras (2020); "Stop and Frisk: The Use and Abuse of a Controversial Policing Tactic" (2016); and "Jammed Up: Bad Cops, Police Misconduct, and the New York City Police Department" (2013; all published by New York University Press). He is the PI or Co-PI on grants totaling more than \$13.2 million. Dr. White has commented extensively in the media on police issues, especially body-worn cameras and de-escalation training, including in *Scientific American*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *TIME Magazine*, *NPR*, and *MSNBC*. He also testified about body-worn cameras before the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

All Raffle Proceeds This Year Will Be Donated To Favor Lowcountry

Founded in 2008, FAVOR (Faces And Voices Of Recovery) LOWCOUNTRY is part of a larger, nationwide network supporting individuals and families affected by substance use disorder. Our organization is committed to advocating for recovery-friendly policies, providing resources for those in recovery, and promoting the message that recovery can be a REALITY for everyone.

We operate through private donations, grants, and public funding. This diverse funding base allows us to offer various services, including peer support, educational programs, and advocacy efforts. Our funding sources ensure we can continue serving our community and expanding our reach.

At FAVOR, we are unwavering in our commitment to core values that endure: compassion, support, and advocacy. Our mission is to be a beacon of hope and a steadfast source of strength for individuals impacted by substance use disorder—today and for generations to come. Through our ongoing work, we aim to foster a society that not only acknowledges but also champions the recovery journey for all.



For more information about this work, please visit <https://www.favorlowcountry.com/>

2025 SCJA Award Recipients

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. James Hawdon, Virginia Tech



The Educator of the Year is the Association's top award, recognizing excellence in teaching, research, and service. This year's recipient, Dr. James Hawdon, exemplifies these qualities through a distinguished career dedicated to the advancement of criminal justice education.

Dr. Hawdon has spent his entire academic career in the southern region, beginning as a graduate student at the University of Virginia, followed by faculty service at Clemson University, and continuing in his longstanding role at Virginia Tech. A highly accomplished scholar, he has authored more than 120 refereed articles, generating over 5,800 citations with an h-index of 43.

Equally noteworthy is his impact as an educator. Dr. Hawdon is known for pedagogical creativity and for encouraging students to think critically and differently about the field. Many of his former students have gone on to academic careers, including leadership positions within SCJA, a testament to his mentorship and guidance.

Dr. Hawdon's record of service is similarly distinguished. He has served on the SCJA Board of Directors, contributed significantly as an Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, and participated in numerous SCJA committees over the years. His leadership and commitment to the association have strengthened the organization and the discipline alike.

Committee reviewers emphasized the remarkable quality and quantity of his publications, the breadth of his sponsored research, and the strong endorsement provided in nomination letters from students, colleagues, and peers across the field. Together, these achievements affirm Dr. Hawdon's outstanding contributions to teaching, research, and service, making him a most deserving recipient of SCJA's Educator of the Year Award and lifetime membership in the association.

2025 SCJA Award Recipients

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Director Jeff Smith, D.Sc.



Dr. Jeff Smith's career is a distinguished example of professional excellence, academic achievement, and dedicated service to the field of criminal justice. Beginning his law enforcement career in 1988 as a fifth-generation police officer, Dr. Smith served with the Lawrenceville Police Department for over 33 years, rising through the ranks to Captain. In this role, he oversaw various functional units including patrol, traffic, investigations, and special operations. He was also a senior instructor and department training officer, teaching accident reconstruction, criminal law, traffic law, and constitutional law to officers nationwide.

After retiring from the Lawrenceville Police Department in January 2023, Dr. Smith transitioned to his current role as Director of Operations for the Office of the Solicitor General of Gwinnett County. In this capacity, he liaises with law enforcement agencies and municipal courts, manages budgets, coordinates with state agencies, and provides expertise on criminal cases, particularly traffic fatality investigations.

Beyond his operational leadership, Dr. Smith has made significant contributions to academia. While maintaining a full-time law enforcement career, he pursued advanced education, earning a Master of Public Administration in Justice Administration and a Doctor of Science in Emergency Management. Since 2010, he has served as an adjunct instructor at multiple universities, including Georgia Gwinnett College, Troy University, Georgia State University, and Texas A&M International University, consistently bridging classroom theory with practical field experience. He has published several articles in trade journals on topics such as disaster preparedness, accident reconstruction, and forensic analysis.

Dr. Smith has been an active member of the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) since 2010, serving on various boards and committees. He is also involved in extensive community service, holding leadership roles on non-profit boards, civic organizations, and faith-based initiatives, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to building safer and stronger communities. His unwavering dedication, professional excellence, and broad impact embody the spirit of the Outstanding Professional Award.

2025 SCJA Award Recipients

TOM BAKER UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

Zoey Andrews, University of West Georgia



Zoey Andrews is a senior double-majoring in Criminology and Psychology at the University of West Georgia. She is an aspiring scholar with a strong interest in supporting reentry efforts in Georgia. Outside the classroom, Zoey is deeply engaged in campus life, serving as President of the Mock Trial Club and representing the University as a UWG Blue Coat. She also works at the domestic violence center in Carrollton, assisting survivors and counselors in their journey to healing. Zoey plans to continue her education in graduate school, pursuing studies in public administration or clinical psychology.

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT

Karina Costa Baraldi, University of Alabama



Karina Costa Baraldi is a master's student at the University of Alabama under the mentorship of Drs. Matthew Dolliver and Yuliya Zabyelina. In addition to finalizing her thesis research which investigates protecting children from online abuse, and she has co-authored a forthcoming chapter, "*Intersection of State Crime and Transnational Organised Crime*," in *The Routledge Handbook of State Crime*. Karina has also taken on leadership roles in university committees and within the discipline, demonstrating a strong commitment to service alongside her academic achievements. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to research, teaching, and service, the Outstanding Master's Student Award Committee selected her as this year's recipient.

2025 SCJA Award Recipients

OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL STUDENT

Vitoria De Francisco Lopes, Ole Miss



Vitoria De Francisco Lopes is a doctoral candidate at the University of Mississippi who has distinguished herself through her research, teaching, and service in the field of juvenile justice. Before pursuing graduate study, she worked as a juvenile probation officer in Florida, practical experience that grounds her policy-relevant research.

As a master's student, Vitoria played an integral role in several major projects examining law enforcement policies in Florida and began to develop her focus on juvenile justice. Her master's thesis, which analyzed racial variation in the relationship between family structure and juvenile dispositions, was recognized with the SCJA Best Poster Award and the Graduate Achievement Award from her department in 2022.

At the doctoral level, Vitoria has maintained this momentum, producing six peer-reviewed publications, including first-authored work in top journals such as the *Journal of School Violence*, *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, and the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. Her dissertation extends her focus on equity in juvenile justice by examining how family structure and family functioning shape delinquency and justice system outcomes, employing a range of methodological approaches to address these important questions.

Vitoria has also excelled as an instructor, teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses in person and online. Known for fostering critical thinking and linking material to practical applications, she has consistently earned strong student evaluations. Taken together, her achievements reflect an impressive record of research, teaching, and service, making her a deserving recipient of the Outstanding Doctoral Student Award.

2025 SCJA Award Recipients

STUDENT & UNTENURED FACULTY AWARDS

Since 2021, SCJA has offered travel awards to support undergraduate and graduate students, as well as untenured faculty, by covering a two-night stay at the conference hotel. Applicants must be SCJA members, serve as lead authors on a conference paper or poster, and demonstrate how attending will enhance their careers. Preference is given to those enrolled in Southern region schools.

Students

Jazmine Villarreal, Texas A&M University–San Antonio
Sara Diaz, Sam Houston State University
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Rachel Gilreath, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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Katelyn Hancock, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Matthew Hoggatt, University of Southern Mississippi
Stacey Clifton, Radford University

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AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

2025 SPRINGER OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARD

Presented to:

Emily Piper, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge

Barak Ariel, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge

Vincent Harinam, Mournival Applied Research

Matthew Bland, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge

The Compounding Effect: How Co-Offending Exacerbates the Harm Caused by Violent Offenders, Volume 49, pages 485-507 (2024)

Abstract:

To what extent do violent offenders cause harm to victims when they act independently versus when they collaborate with others? Currently, it remains unclear whether co-offending exacerbates the degree of violence, partly due to measurement considerations, i.e. how to account for varying degrees of crime severity. Using police records from Dorset, UK, we compare violent crimes committed by lone individuals to those committed by co-offending networks using a crime harm index. While lone offenders commit the majority of violent acts, those with multiple connections to other violent offenders yielded higher average and total harm scores. Moreover, the severity of offences is proportional to the scale of the criminal network, with larger violent networks linked to higher crime harm scores. Finally, the propensity for recidivism is greater among co-offender groups compared to lone offenders. The implications of the compounding effect of co-offending on violence are discussed.

2025 AWARDS COMMITTEES

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5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	SCJA Participants' Reception: SOUTHERN CHARM *Raffle Drawing #3*	Gold Ballroom

**Friday,
September 12**

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SCJA Executive Board Meeting**

**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. Laurens
Panel. The Growing Involvement of
Media Within the Justice System**

Chair: Paige Giddens, Georgia State
University

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

**9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Rutledge
Roundtable. The Intersection of
Knowledge and Practice: Optimizing
Scholar-Practitioner Effectiveness**

Chair: Ashley French, Columbia
Southern University

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Discussants:

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

Johnna Isenberg, University of
Tennessee
Emily Hayden, Campbellsville
University

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
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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

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

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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

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

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

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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

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
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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Tennessee at Chattanooga
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Rick Dierenfeldt, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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Roundtable. Beyond the Screen: Building Authentic Learning Communities in Online Criminal Justice Programs

Chair: Ashley French, Columbia Southern University

Discussants:

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Heidi Sievers, Columbia Southern University

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Carolina A

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!



2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Laurens

Panel. The Evolution of Teaching Criminal Justice

Chair: Carter Smith, Middle Tennessee State University

Course in a Box: Resiliency Building for the Justice Professional
Elizabeth Wright, Middle Tennessee State University

Practical Use of AI in the Criminal Justice Classroom: Ethical Tools, Real Applications, and Future Readiness
Carter Smith, Middle Tennessee State University

Teaching Alongside AI: An Integration Plan

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

APA Mastery as a Learning Outcome: Comparing Error Rates in Criminology

Tuesday, September 9

Courses With and Without Writing-
Center Collaboration

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

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Rutledge

Panel. Gun Violence

Presidential Discussant:
**Johanna Thomas, University of
Arkansas**

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
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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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Panel. Court Actors

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

"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

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

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

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Matthew Dolliver, University of
Alabama
Josie Leonhardt, University of
Alabama
Emily Pedigo, University of
Alabama

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

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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**

**Presidential Discussant:
David May, Mississippi State
University**

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
Emily Hayden, Campbellsville
University

Proper policing: Race, contact, and
citizens' views of police behavior

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Chair

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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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9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Carolina A

Panel. Mental Health

Chair: Tasha Youstin, Western Carolina University

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. Pinckney

Panel. Early Life and Family Impacts on Juvenile Delinquency

Presidential Discussant:
Marvin Krohn, University of Florida

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

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

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

Emily Hayden, Campbellsville University

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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

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Rutledge

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

Chair: David Suson, Proliance Group
LLC

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

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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

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rutledge

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

Chair: Christopher Utecht, College of
Lake County

Discussants:

Dan Ortego, College of Lake
County

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Carolina A

**Student Event 2: Preparing for the
Academic Job Market: A Round Table
for Future Faculty**

Shamir Ratansi, University of
Central Florida - Lecturer

Kristina Lopez, University of
North Florida – Associate
Professor

Holly Ventura Miller, University of
North Florida – Graduate Director

Brenda Vose, University of North
Florida - Chair

J.C. Barnes, University of
Cincinnati – Director and Editor of
the American Journal of Criminal
Justice

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

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The Anatomy of Female Killers: Racial & Ethnic Differences

Daniel Gutierrez

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

Kevin Buckler, University of Houston-Downtown

Heather Goltz, University of Houston-Downtown

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

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

12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Laurens

AJCJ Editorial Board Meeting.

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Carolina A

Student Event 3: Employment Chat (Academic, Non-Academic).

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

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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**

**Presidential Discussant and Chair:
Brandon Applegate, University of
South Carolina**

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 Herry, 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

Wednesday, September 10

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

Kenneth Lomenzo, University of
Mississippi

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

Wednesday, September 10

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

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

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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

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Criminology at Troy University
Halil Akbas, Troy University

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

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Recognition (LPR) Data with Artificial
Intelligence (AI) for Predictive Searches
of Abducted/Missing Individuals
George Froggé, Austin Peay
State University

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and reporting rates
Lucas Maness, University of
South Carolina

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State Surveillance in Bangladesh
Khandaker Farzana Rahman,
University of Illinois Chicago

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Early Adulthood Fatalism
Kaitlyn Stearns, University of
Alabama at Birmingham
Lindsay Leban, University of
Alabama at Birmingham

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Myths: A Study of Criminal Justice
Undergraduates
Scott Walfield, East Carolina
University

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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

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

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



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11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Presidential Discussant Panel: Criminal Justice in Rural Communities with Dr. Michael Maume	Pinckney
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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

Presidential Discussant and Chair: Bryan Miller, Clemson 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

Presidential Discussant and Chair:
Julie Baldwin, American University

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

Presidential Discussant:
TaLisa Carter, American University

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

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Benjamin Meade, James
Madison University

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. Rutledge

**Panel. Challenges and Aids in Re-
Entry**

Presidential Discussant:
Stacie St Louis, American University

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

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**Panel. Criminal Justice in Rural
Communities**

Presidential Discussant:
**Michael Maume, University of North
Carolina Wilmington**

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

Examining Community Based Violence
Intervention and Prevention Initiatives
(CVIPI) in Rural North Carolina
Matthew Hassett, University of
North Carolina at Pembroke

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"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

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

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

Presidential Discussant:
Matthew Nobles, University of Central Florida

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

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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

Lauren Morgan, Dartmouth College

Naomi Adeji, Dartmouth College

Kimberly Skobba, Georgia State University

Terri Lewinson, Dartmouth College

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

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

Enhancing Law Enforcement Leadership Principles: The Shadowing Experience

Damon Camp, Georgia State University

Dean Dabney, Georgia 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. Gold Ballroom

**SCJA Participants' Reception
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Please join us for a final reception to thank you for your wonderful sessions.

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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

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Rutledge

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:

Christopher Utecht, College of Lake County
Jessica Noble, Lewis and Clark Community College
Micheline Farhat, Bergen Community College

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Rutledge

Panel. Crime Across Borders

Chair: Andrea Corradi, 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

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Middleton

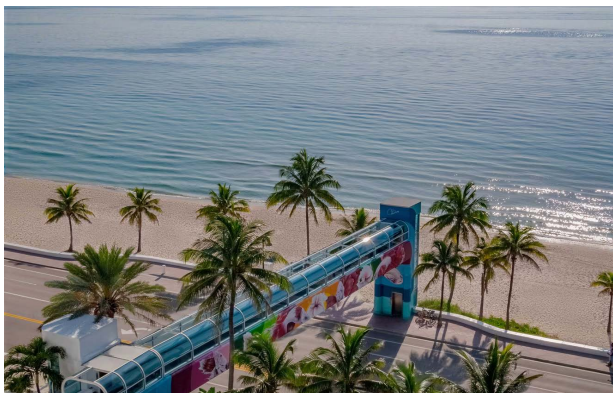
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Thank you for joining us this year to celebrate all our amazing scholars and their research.

We hope to see you in Fort Lauderdale in 2026!



Fort Lauderdale Beach, FL September 14-18, 2026



"Justice in Transition: Innovation, Equity, and Community"

Shaun Thomas, President
University of Arkansas

Ben Stickle, 1st VP and Program Chair
Middle Tennessee State University

Deadline for abstracts is June 15, 2026.

****Due to planning requirements, there will not be a submission extension.****

Please email questions to Ben Stickle at: ben.stickle@mtsu.edu



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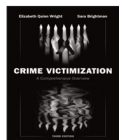
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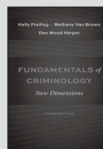
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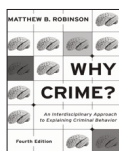
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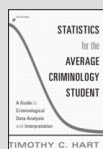


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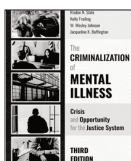
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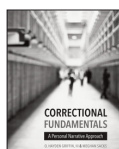
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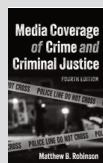
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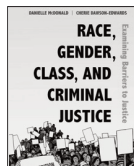
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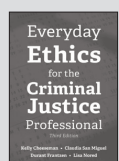
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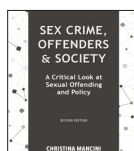
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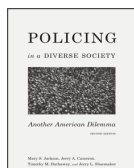
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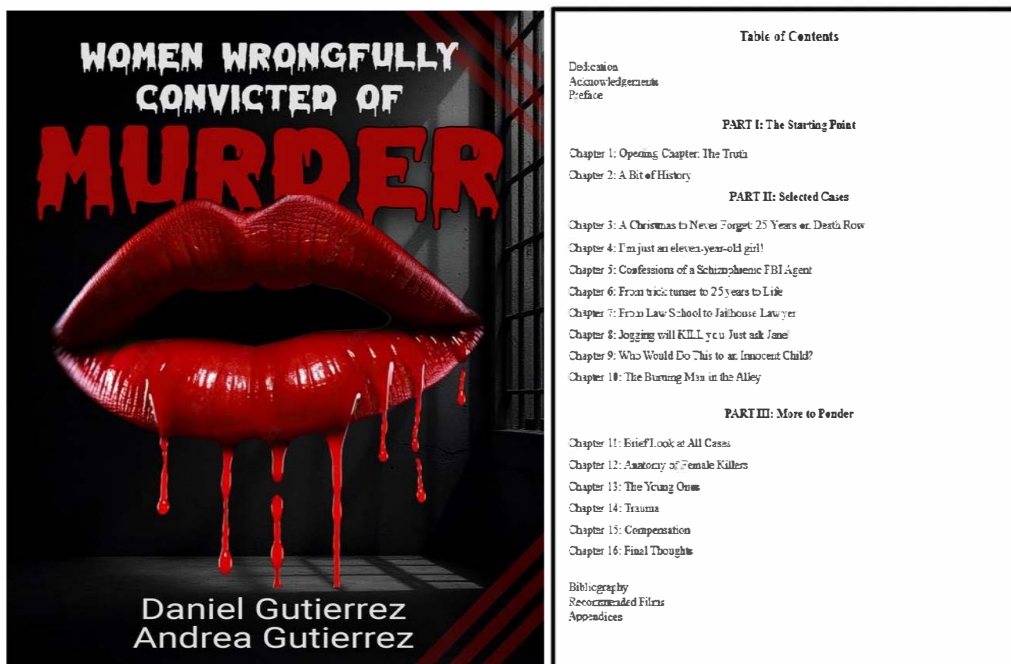
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