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Annual Meeting

October 12-14, 2017

Fort Worth, Texas



“Working Together for Justice: The Need for Inter-Disciplinary Collaboration”

Conference information will soon be located at

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Hotel Reservations available here:

[2017 Southwestern Assn of Criminal Justice Annual Conference](#)

President's Report

Hello everyone!

I am very excited to see what this next year holds as I begin my term as president of SWACJ. This is my 10th year to be a part of this great organization, dating back to my days in grad school at Sam, and I am honored to serve.

For those who do not know me, I will tell you briefly that I have had the honor of having been a law enforcement practitioner, and now I have the position of being both an academic and a teacher and mentor for the students that are the future of criminal justice.

These are awesome responsibilities that I take very seriously, and, because of your support for our regional criminal justice organization, I know that you do, too.

If you were able to attend, I know that you can attest that we had a fantastic conference this year at the Embassy Suites Medical Center Downtown in Oklahoma City, OK. I was impressed that our attendance exceeded expectations for an out-of-Texas venue, and I would like to express my appreciation to Howard Kurtz (and his wonderful wife, Beth) for their assistance and hospitality—and for Kurtz's band, Straight Shooter, which provided the music for the Past Presidents Reception. Howard is from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK, just west of Oklahoma City.

I am pleased to report that approximately half of our attendees were undergraduate and graduate students this year. Since I have been involved in SWACJ, particularly because I started as a grad student myself, I have encouraged student involvement in the annual conference. Several of my own students commented to me this year that they were enlightened to see the “other side” of their professors' jobs. I believe that SWACJ is a very good place for our students, especially our future academics and graduate students, to be exposed to the academic side of criminal justice. It is a “safe place” for them to realize that their ideas and hard work really do matter, and, as a result, I believe that our conference provides an encouraging atmosphere where they can begin to see that they really can make worthwhile contributions to the field.

Speaking of students, though, it is important to note that, although we strongly encourage student attendance and participation, they are basically a “break-even” investment for the SWACJ conference (if even that). We must promote and continue to encourage professional and institutional memberships, registration and attendance by faculty and professional members, and sponsorships, because those are the things that actually cover the costs of the conferences.

It would be impossible to run a successful conference without the assistance and hard work of many people. It would be almost as impossible to remember each and every one of those people so that they could be offered a personal note of appreciation. I apologize in advance if I miss your name, but please know that I am truly grateful for your service and consideration. Thank you to George Day (SFA), Christine Nix (UHMB), and Rick Helfers (UTT) for serving on the site selection committee; all your hard work really paid off! Thank you to Mike Cavanaugh and Ashley Blackburn (both from UHD) who served on the Audit Committee; and thank you to Sergeant Hitch (UMHB) for running the largest Crime Scene Interpretation competition to date. Judges for Student Paper Competitions were Wendi Pollock (TAMU-CC), Jessica Craig (UNT), and Nina Barbieri (UHD); Jiletta Kubena (OLLUSA) and Christine Nix (UMHB) served on the Felix Fabian Award Committee. Thank you all for your service. Also, thank you also to James Blair (STC) for coordinating and running the student reception.

Finally, thank you to George (Day, SFA) for doing a great job organizing and running the conference; thank you to all of the board members for your continued and untiring service, both at the conference and now; thanks to Nadine Connell (UTD) for coordinating the Student Paper Competition and the Poster Presentation and thanks to Jon Maskaly (UTD) for presenting our first-ever Statistics Workshop.

We have a lot of great ideas for next year's conference, and we will be presenting a "more-polished" version of those ideas at our general business meeting in Kansas City during ACJS. Please, especially if you are going to ACJS, plan on attending our association's general business meeting (Wednesday, March, 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Lester Young B Room on the third floor of the Marriott Tower).

Next year's SWACJ conference will be October 12-14 at the Sheraton Downtown in Fort Worth, and the working theme for next year's conference is "Working Together for Justice: The Need for Inter-Disciplinary Collaboration." The general idea behind this theme is to recognize the importance of stepping outside of our own unique disciplines to better serve the criminal justice needs of society. When I was a police officer, it was critical that my agency worked together with other law enforcement agencies and non-law enforcement agencies (Children's Advocacy; CPS, Women's Shelters, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, the DA's office, etc.) to effectively deliver "justice" to victims, to the community, and even to offenders. Now, as an academic, I wish to stress the importance of working together with other academics and with those outside of academia (law enforcement, community organizations, etc.) to continue to move forward in our effort to offer the best possible service to our communities.

I encourage you to plan now for presenting on this important topic. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas that you have for research presentations, student papers, roundtables, etc. This organization exists to serve you, and your participation is not only appreciated; it is necessary for us to be successful. Of course, we encourage your participation even if your research is not specifically in this area, and we look forward to hearing about your valuable contributions to the field.

Finally, I would like to recognize our outgoing treasurer, Tom Jordan (TAMU-T), for six years of excellent work in a very demanding role. Welcome to our new treasurer, Jon Maskaly (UTD); you have big shoes to fill, but I am sure that you will do a great job! Also, welcome to our new 2nd Vice President, Michael Cavanaugh (UHD); I look forward to working with you on the executive board, and I am excited about the great things that will happen as we move forward!

SWACJ is a wonderful organization, but it would not thrive, or even exist, without its fantastic membership. Please contribute to the organization by sending me your comments, concerns, and suggestions. Also, please encourage your institutions and colleagues to join with SWACJ as we move toward the future. We have exciting ideas for the future of this organization, and we look forward to working with you as we expand and grow and continue to represent the finest in criminal justice education and research!

Take care, and I look forward to seeing you soon,



Milt



1st Vice President's Report

I want to first start by recognizing the amazing work done by Past-President George Day and congratulate him for a wonderful conference in Oklahoma City! I don't know about the rest of you, but I certainly had a wonderful time. It was inspiring to hear keynote speaker Shannon Buhl talk about police and the community working together to face today's challenges head on and of ensuring that all people are treated with respect and dignity. He is a wonderful representation of our many men and women in uniform around the country and it was an honor to host him.

George, following in the footsteps of several of our notable past-presidents, has set the bar high and I am excited to see what Milt has in store for us next. I for one am looking forward to the Fort Worth meeting. Right down the street from my adopted hometown of Dallas, Fort Worth has a lot to offer: culture, arts, food, and the rodeo! You don't want to miss out! Between the city and the panels, a good time is in store.

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our first annual Stats Workshop, taught this year by Dr. Jon Maskaly of The University of Texas at Dallas. The Introduction to Event History Analysis was well-attended for an inaugural session, so I can assure you we have some more great topics on the schedule for upcoming years. It's a great way to engage in some of the newer statistical techniques (some of us, ahem, have been out of grad school for a while!) while also introducing students to methods that they may not have available to them in their own programs. I really encourage you to keep your eye out for next year's workshop and recommend you tell students too!

Congratulations are in order to our new board members: Second Vice President Michael Cavanaugh of the University of Houston-Downtown and Treasure Jon Maskaly. And a special thank you to outgoing Treasurer Tom Jordan, who has made life easy for the rest of the board during his tenure and made sure that SWACJ has been fiscally responsible and compliant. We will miss you Tom – please don't stop taking our calls!

I want to encourage everyone to mark their calendars for October 2017 and another fabulous conference in Fort Worth. And don't forget to make your plans for the 2017 ACJS meeting in Kansas City, MO. For those that haven't been, it's a great little city with some fun public art and really unique restaurants. I hope to see you there!

As you are planning for the spring semester, don't forget about the SWACJ student paper competitions. We have them for undergraduate and graduate students, both with cash prizes, so please encourage your students to submit their work. And don't forget about the quiz bowl and the CSI competition as well. I'm looking forward to checking out next year's crime scene!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon, whether it be Kansas City or Fort Worth. Until then, have a wonderful holiday season, enjoy your winter break, and don't work too hard!

Nadine M. Cornell



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2nd Vice President's Report

Thank you to all the SWACJ members that attended our conference in Oklahoma City and made the conference one of the best that I have attended thus far. The venue was outstanding and the city was really a great location for the conference. Thank you also to all of those members who voted for me as Second Vice-President, I hope to reward your confidence in me during my term in SWACJ leadership.

Having just completed my three-year term on the audit committee, I have seen the great strides made in the past few years under the SWACJ board. I wanted to especially thank outgoing President George Day for putting on such an excellent conference this past year and for all of his accomplishments on the board during his tenure. A big thank you must also be given to Tom Jordan for the job he has done over the years in the position of treasurer. For those of you unaware, Tom Jordan made numerous changes in the way SWACJ operates fiscally, and he is one of the big reasons why SWACJ is currently in good fiscal shape. Tom will be rotating off of the Board this year but will serve as a mentor to our newly elected treasurer, Jonathan Maskaly, who takes over the position in January.

My responsibilities as Second Vice-President include presiding over the student paper competition and poster presentation. The SWACJ board recently voted to increase the monetary awards for the selected winners, so I encourage you to get your students to submit papers for the competition. SWACJ has separate categories for graduate and undergraduate papers, so all university students would be eligible to apply. The awards are great for students to receive, so I encourage you to get your students involved and get those papers submitted. If you are willing to be a judge for the paper competition (great service work to document on your annual evaluation) please contact me at cavanaughm@uhd.edu or Second-Vice-President@swacj.org. We are always in need of judges, so your help is definitely wanted.

Finally, I wanted to ask each of you for help to grow our organization. My introduction to SWACJ came in 2012 and since then I have enjoyed every minute of it. SWACJ is a hidden gem. Please get your colleagues and students involved if you can. Over the next few years, we have the unique ability to significantly grow our membership. Spread around the newsletter and encourage other people to participate in SWACJ. There are some people in the area who are unfamiliar with the organization, let them know how great it is. There are quite a few individuals who have been SWACJ members in the past but for one reason or another have not attended in a while, tell them it is never too late to come home. With your help, the SWACJ can continue to put on great conferences and be the envy of other regional CJ organizations around the country.

Michael R. Cavanaugh



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As we close out the year, I have some good news to share with you. As our long time members know very well, we have traditionally lost significant amounts of money when we go outside of Texas for our annual meeting. This year was different. We currently have just over \$18,000 on hand. That is only about \$200 less than at this point last year!

This will be my final report as your Treasurer. After six years, I am happily handing over the checkbook to our new Treasurer, Jon Maskaly, and I wish him Godspeed in these endeavors.

As I write this just before the Thanksgiving holiday, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you, my colleagues, in maintaining a healthy professional organization. I am thankful for your patience in my own learning curve and those occasional errors. I am thankful for all of the members who have served on the Executive Board as well as the Audit Committee.

Over six years, I've had the opportunity to serve with many dedicated professionals who have given selflessly to us through SWACJ. It has provided an excellent opportunity to make friends that I cherish and look forward to seeing each October. I want to encourage all of you to please give of your time to serve our organization. Encourage your colleagues to join and participate

in SWACJ. Run for office. Volunteer to work on the site committee or to assist an officer with some of their responsibilities. I hand off the books to Jon, confident that they, and we, are in good hands.

Tom Jordan

Current Balances as of Nov. 23, 2016

PayPal	\$ 700.26
Wells-Fargo	\$ 17,474.54
Balance on Hand	\$ 18,174.80
Encumbered*	\$ 5,200.00
Available	\$ 12,974.80

*Includes Jrnl. Editor Stipend, Caeti Fund, etc.



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Secretary's Report

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the conference in Oklahoma City. The student participation was outstanding! This year we had six teams competing in the CSI competition and four in the Quiz Bowl. I would like to recognize the teams that won the CSI competition. The University of Arkansas placed 3rd, Stephen F. Austin placed 2nd, and Howard Payne University placed 1st. Special recognition is given to Sgt. William Hitch, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, that has devoted his time and attention to the organizing and judging of this event. Our second student centered event was the Quiz Bowl. The team from Southwestern Oklahoma State University was the runner-up and the winner was the team from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Congratulations to all the students and universities that participated! I would also like to recognize Richard Hernandez from The University of Texas at Dallas for winning the Graduate Student paper competition. Great paper! I look forward to reading more of your work in the future.

As you have already read in this newsletter, we also elected two new board members at the conference. Michael Cavanaugh was elected as the Second Vice President and Jon Maskaly as the incoming Treasurer (effective January 1, 2017). I am looking forward to working with the two of them over the next two years. Thank you Tom Jordan for everything you have done to keep SWACJ financially sound during the last six years as our Treasurer.

Special recognition was provided to David Montague, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, for being the recipient of the Felix Fabian Award. David has been a devoted supporter of SWACJ and has served the board in several capacities. Congrats, David! It was through my conversations with David a few years ago that I decided to take an active role in SWACJ and run for the secretary position on the board. Thus, I was especially pleased to see David receive this award.

The SWACJ board is always interested in hearing from our members. If you have any ideas or suggestions for how we can better serve you, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other board members. At this year's conference we implemented a Statistics Workshop. This idea originated from one of our members as a way to enhance the conference experience. Several of our members attended the workshop and mentioned this was an excellent addition to the conference. We will continue offering a Statistics related workshop in the coming years. If you have an idea for other events that you would like the board to consider being offered during a future conference, please let us know.

Lastly, I would like to thank George Day for the many hours he dedicated to making the Oklahoma City conference a success. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to SWACJ.



I'm looking forward to seeing all of our members at ACJS. Please plan to attend our Business meeting and stop by the SWACJ table to say hello. In the meantime, your executive board will be planning another great conference to be held next year in Fort Worth, Texas. Hope to see everyone there!

Rick



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Past President's Report

Thinking back on my tenure as president of SWACJ I can think of no better way to open this column. The recent conference in Oklahoma City was quite successful – a success that would not have been possible without the contributions of so many during the past year. I have most appreciated the hard work of Milt, Nadine, Rick, and the rest of the executive board and feel confident that I am leaving the leadership of SWACJ in better hands than mine. Appreciation also goes out to Howard Kurtz from Southwestern Oklahoma State University who not only entertained us at the Past-president's Reception but also served as our local contact in OKC. I would also like to thank Shannon Buhl and Lorenzo Boyd for serving as speakers at this year's luncheon. I would be remiss if I did not also express appreciation to our many sponsors and all of the SWACJ members, guests, and students who attended this year's conference.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome to the board our new 2nd Vice President, Mike Cavanaugh, and Treasurer-elect, Jon Maskaly. May your service to SWACJ be as meaningful to you as mine has been for me. My time on the board has been both professionally and personally rewarding and I encourage everyone to consider greater involvement with SWACJ. Each year there are plenty of opportunities to be more involved including committee service, judging paper competitions, and becoming a member of the board.



As we approach the end of another semester at our respective universities, while looking forward to the holidays and the spring semester, I wish professional success and personal joy for all of you.

George J. Day,
Immediate Past-President

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Texas State University
Sam Houston State University
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University of Texas at Tyler



Regional Trustee's Report

Greeting from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)! Plans are proceeding for the next annual conference in Kansas City Missouri, March 21-25, 2017. The hotel, which is at quite a value this year, is in an attractive corner of the city. We are urged to make our reservations early as NCAA will be in town at the same time. Our conference theme is "Linking Teaching, Practice and Research."

This fall, I attended the ACJS mid-year meeting at the Kansas City site. One of the items discussed was a need to encourage more persons to "lean in" and run for national office. The Past President solicits nominations, so for the next election, interested persons should contact the current president, Lorenzo Boyd. With 75 signatures from valid members, persons are automatically on the ballot; otherwise, names are presented to the Board for approval for the election slate.

We need to identify the next Executive Director for ACJS. Mary Stohr has resigned effective the end of this academic year. The post is currently a part time position at \$60,000 per year. Please indicate your interest and ideas in this regard to members of the Board.

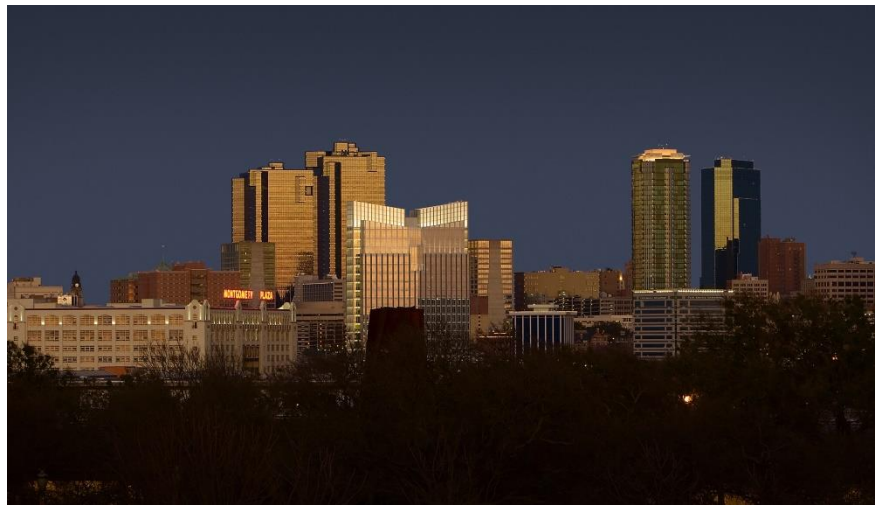
There is an editor search in place for *ACJS Today*. Rob Worley from our region has been doing the task for the past few years. A new journal, *The Justice Evaluation Journal* is in the works. Articles will be shorter than usual, and practitioner friendly. Our existing journals will now accept advertisements in a limited way.

Please remind your administrators that ACJS offers program reviews through its members; this is a service separate from ACJS certification. Please also note the deadline for student and other awards and nominate persons. Let us celebrate each other as these opportunities provide.

Note: Some folks in Colorado have indicated a desire to affiliate West instead of Southwest. Opinions are being solicited by Allison Burke on this matter.

Yours Respectfully,

Camille Gibson
ACJS Southwestern Region Trustee



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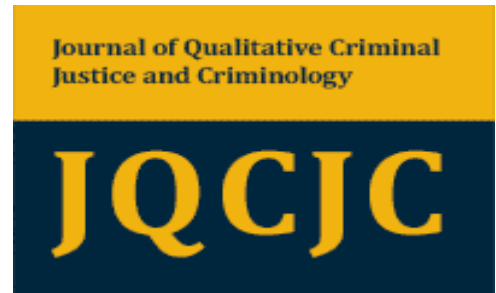
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Journal Editor's Report

This year has been a productive one for the Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology. We have seen a slight uptick in the total number of submissions for this year compared to last year at this time. The acceptance rate is still low at 14% overall, taking into account all submissions since I took over as editor in August of 2015. Thus, the rigor of the journal remains despite increasing submissions. Our second issue of Volume 4 has also come online through the journal website (www.jqcjc.org), so I hope you can take a moment to read through the great pieces we published.

There is also a lot to look forward to for 2017. Kevin Steinmetz is leading a special issue on "technocrimes at the margin," examining issues related to cybercrime and on-line behavior. Submissions for this issue are due no later than May 15, 2017. I am also in the process of developing two special issues that will hopefully appear on-line either toward the end of 2017 or in the Spring of 2018. One will focus on terrorism research, while the other considers on-line research methodologies generally. Both are growth areas in the field, and present unique opportunities for the Journal to make an impact on the discipline as a whole.



Finally, I encourage you to consider the Journal as a home for any high-quality qualitative scholarship you or your students may be developing. The more quality submissions we have, the more we can continue to raise the profile of the Journal. Also, if you have any interest in developing a special issue that you would guest edit, please contact me. I am keen to see how we might expand the Journal's readership by developing unique issues that consider methods and subjects that are not commonly present in the larger body of scholarship. Send me an email at jqcjc@msu.edu whenever you like, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Tom Holt

Michigan State University



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Officer Reports

President

This was a very good conference with good venue.
Attendance was higher than last year
All the panels were well received

First VP

Next year's venue is targeted to be in Ft. Worth—negotiations are in progress
Great to see the increased student involvement this year

Second VP

Encourage students to participate in student paper competitions next year
Any universities interested in hosting the conference in 2 years should contact
Nadine

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

53 paid professionals at the conference and 54 paid students
Cash on hand is approximately \$29,000. There will be approximately a \$10,000
bill to be paid at the conclusion of the conference to the hotel. This year will be a
break even year.

Webmaster

Passed the conference file to Rick

Trustee

KC conference is in March
2018 New Orleans with Nicky Piquero as President
Challenges to get people to run for office
Only 1 candidate for 2nd VP
Contact Lorenzo if interested in being on ACJS board
ACJS is financially healthy
Mary Stohr is resigning position in another year
Search ongoing for editors of both ACS Today and *Journal of Criminal Justice
Education*
New Journal "Justice Evaluation Journal" is in the works
Program reviews are available
Encourage students to apply for student awards

Editor

26 submission to date
9 submissions have been rejected
5 submissions in R and R
12 submissions under review
Likely to have 3 issues a year as long as submissions remain high

3 special editions in progress (cybercrime, terrorism, and online methodologies for qualitative analysis)

Fall issue in proofing process, expected online Nov 1

Need to ID and hire professional proofer

Need to ID resource to help manufacture pdf version of journal

Anyone with ideas, insights, potential assistance?

Competition Winners

CSI

6 teams

Most teams we have had in this competition at a single conference

3rd place=University of Arkansas

2nd place=Stephen F. Austin University

1st place=Howard Payne University

Graduate Student paper competition winner was Richard Hernandez for a paper on Education and Police Complaints. Mr. Hernandez is from The University of Texas at Dallas

Quiz Bowl

4 teams

2nd place was awarded to Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Team members were Armando Flores and Chase Maxwell

1st place was awarded to The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley

Team members were Emmanuel Gomez and Nora Segura

Webmaster will be replaced within the next 2 years. Any member interested should contact a member of the board.

Raffle of ACJS provided Kindle Fire (x2)

Winners: Paul Reynolds from the University of North Texas at Dallas

Neal McNabb from Truman State University

Elections

Treasurer:

Jon Maskaly's name was placed into nomination by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Phil Rhoades. Jon accepted the nomination.

Paul Reynolds's name was placed into nomination by Christine Nix. Paul did not accept the nomination.

Will Oliver made a motion to close the nominations and elect Jon, seconded by Milt Hill. Jon was unanimously elected.

Second VP:

Mike Cavanaugh's name was placed into nomination by Ashley Blackburn and seconded by Will Oliver.

Paul Reynolds's name was placed into nomination by Jon Maskaly and seconded by Tammy Bracewell.

Motion was made to close nominations by Nadine Connell and seconded by Bill Stone.

Paul provided a brief introduction of himself and why he would like to be considered as the Second VP. Mike followed in the same manner.

Motion was made for a secret ballot by Jon Maskaly and seconded by Will Oliver. The motion was unanimously approved.

Will Oliver and Tammy Bracewell counted and verified the votes. The final tally indicated Mike won the election. Mike Cavanaugh was elected as 2nd VP.

Officer transition occurred. George to Past President, Milt to President, and Nadine to First Vice President.

Milt presented a plaque to George for his year as President of SWACJ.

Milt presented a plaque to Tom Jordan for his service (6 years) as Treasurer.

Audit Committee:

Ashley Blackburn will continue on the committee.

Tammy Bracewell and Lynn Greenwood agreed to appointment to the committee.

Felix Fabian Award Committee for next year George and Doshie Piper.

Quiz Bowl—next year this will be Nadine's responsibility

Paper Competition—next year this will be Mike's responsibility

Posters—next year this will be Mike's responsibility

CSI—next year this will be Rick's responsibility

Lorenzo Boyd mentioned he wanted to have a similar Quiz Bowl at ACJS next year.

Motion was made by George to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Nadine.
Adjourned at 4:45pm



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Call for Conference Papers & Posters
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October 12-14, 2017
Fort Worth, Texas

Working Together for Justice: The Need for
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Conference Theme

Conference information including registration, abstract submission, and hotel reservations will soon be available at www.swacj.org

Deadline for abstracts: Midnight, September 8, 2017



*No individual may appear more than twice in the program as an author or presenter



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2017 Poster Session



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The **Poster session** offers the opportunity to participate in an innovative, progressive, interactive presentation of your research guaranteed to reach a wider audience than traditional panel presentations.

The poster session is a collection of visual displays of research that encourages informal interaction between authors and attendees. The primary author of a Poster presentation must be in attendance and committed to stay throughout the presentation.

How to be a Poster Presenter:

Submit presentation topics via the **Abstract and Panel Participation Form**. Upon acceptance, prepare a visual presentation for your paper, and bring it to Ft. Worth.

Set up your presentation in your assigned spot **30 minutes BEFORE** the poster sessions begins and remain at your spot for the full time the poster session is scheduled.

The poster presentation

A poster consists of two components. First, it is a visual display of research and secondly, it involves interaction with the audience. The research is usually PowerPoint slides or some other computer software. Then the slides are printed and placed on a poster stand(s) provided by SWACJ. The visual display includes text, tables, graphs etc. Some author(s) choose to have their posters printed professionally or laminated; this is a personal preference but is not required. The second component of the poster research requires that the author(s) interact with the audience during the allotted session time. Conference participants browse the displayed visual presentations of research and have an opportunity to inquire about the research.

Anyone interested in presenting research may do so by submitting an **Abstract and Panel Participation** form no later than **midnight September 22, 2017**.

No one can present* more than one poster presentation at the conference. However, participants may be a co-author of research with other co-authors who will present the additional research. Each poster presentation must have an author present to interact during the duration of poster session. (*No person's name may appear more than twice as author or presenter).

No unattended presentations. At least one presenter is required to stand by your poster for the entire session. If there is more than one author, it is acceptable to alternate or split up times with your co-author(s). If your research is accepted, we will expect someone to be available to present it in your place. Please plan and have a backup person who can present the research on your behalf if you cannot attend the conference.

Please contact Mike Cavanaugh at First-Vice-President@swacj.org with questions regarding the poster session.



2017 SWACJ UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Interested undergraduate students are encouraged to submit a paper on a criminal justice topic that is both relevant and current to criminal justice. There are a wide variety of types of papers that could conceivably be entered into this competition, which include:

- a) A literature review of a research topic that demonstrates the ability to synthesize current findings and interpret future research needs;
- b) A policy review of a crime related topic that incorporates an understanding of how policy impacts practice;
- c) A legal analysis of a relevant and current court case;
- d) A research proposal to study a crime and justice related topic

Submissions will be judged on: 1) the student's ability to select and synthesize the findings from significant recent research on the chosen topic; 2) the student's ability to compose an effective argument; 3) the student's demonstrated ability to identify future research needs; and 4) the student's ability to write effectively.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Undergraduate students enrolled during the fall 2017 semester in a university, college, junior college, or community college within the Southwest Region.

AWARDS: The authors of the top three submissions may be awarded \$150 (1st place), \$100 (2nd place), and \$50 (3rd place). Any prizes may be awarded or withheld at the judges' discretion.

JUDGES: Judges are active within SWACJ and will be selected from the updated membership list. Judges may choose not to award any or all of the prizes available depending on the number of entrants and the quality of the papers submitted.

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Student(s) must author the paper; no faculty/student joint papers will be considered (although papers co-authored by students will be eligible).
2. The paper must be an original work; it may be especially prepared for the 2017 SWACJ annual meeting, a revision of a paper prepared for coursework at the student's home university or college, or a truncated version of the student's thesis proposal.
3. Submissions must be submitted electronically to Dr. Michael Cavanaugh at cavanaughm@uhd.edu, and must be accompanied by a cover sheet affirming that the submission has been reviewed for quality by faculty at the student's home university or college.
4. The cover letter must specify that the paper is to be entered in the undergraduate competition.
5. To be considered for competition, entries must be received by midnight, **September 22, 2017**.
6. The paper must conform to the citation and format standard established in the 6th edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) publication manual.
7. The title page of the paper should include the student's full name, address, and school affiliation.
8. The author's name and affiliation **should not** appear on any other page of the submission.

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTED PAPERS:

Students are not required to attend the annual meeting or to present their papers to be eligible for the awards; however, we do strongly encourage students to present their papers in the supportive atmosphere of the annual meeting. Students who submit papers for presentation are **not obligated** to enter the paper contest. The paper competition is strictly voluntary.



2017 SWACJ GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Interested graduate students are encouraged to submit an **original research paper** on a topic both relevant and current to criminal justice. Submissions will be judged on: 1) the student's ability to synthesize research relevant to their topic; 2) the student's ability to justify the proposed study; 3) the student's ability to develop an appropriate research design; 4) the student's ability to draw conclusions about their outcomes based on current research; and 5) the student's ability to write effectively.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Graduate students enrolled for the fall 2017 semester in a university or college within the Southwest Region.

AWARDS: The authors of the top three submissions could be awarded \$250 (1st place), \$150 (2nd place), or \$100 (3rd place). Any prizes may be awarded or withheld at the judges' discretion.

JUDGES: Judges must be active within SWACJ and will be selected from the updated membership list. Judges may choose to not award any or all of the prizes available depending on the number of entrants and the quality of the papers submitted.

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Student(s) must author the paper; no faculty/student joint papers will be considered (although papers co-authored by students will be eligible).
2. The paper must be an **original work**; it may be especially prepared for the 2017 SWACJ annual meeting, a revision of a paper prepared for coursework at the student's home university or college, or a truncated version of the student's thesis/dissertation proposal.
3. Submissions must be submitted electronically to Dr. Michael Cavanaugh at cavanaughm@uhd.edu, and the submission should be accompanied by a cover sheet affirming that the submission has been reviewed for quality by faculty at the student's home university or college.
4. The cover letter must specify that the paper is to be entered in the graduate student competition.
5. To be considered for competition, entries must be received by midnight, **September 22, 2017**.
6. The paper must conform to the citation and format standard established in the 6th edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) publication manual.
7. The title page of the paper should include the student's full name, address, and school affiliation.
8. The author's name and affiliation **should not** appear on any other page of the submission.

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RECOGNITION OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS WILL BE MADE
AT THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13



-- All Students Encouraged To Participate --

Call for Teams

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

is pleased to announce the

SIXTH Collegiate Undergraduate Team

Crime Scene Interpretation Competition

Friday October 13, 2017

Beginning at 2pm

Location to be announced

The competition will be held as part of the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ). Teams will photograph, sketch, and document a processed crime scene.

Teams may consist of up to five members. Teams must be sponsored by a faculty member of their home institution who is a member of SWACJ. All team members must be registered as meeting attendees. Teams *may not* include professional, reserve, or former peace officers or crime scene technicians regardless of status as students. **Any team found in violation will forfeit placement status and will be disqualified from competing for one year.**

Teams will be judged on professionalism, accuracy of processing and interpretation, and compliance with recognized standards and protocols.

For further information or registration, team sponsors should send an email to

Rick Helfers at
Secretary@swacj.org

To be considered for competition, entries must be received via email no later than midnight, **September 29, 2017.**

***Entry must include the number of participating students and the name of the sponsoring faculty.**

**** Prior to the conference, a request will be sent to each faculty sponsor for the names of student participants in order to complete the registration process for the competition.**

*****Late submissions will not be accepted.**



Annual SWACJ Undergraduate Student Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl 2017

Team Composition: A team will consist of two to four members. Team members must be registered for the annual meeting as students. A maximum of eight teams will be allowed to participate. Teams will be registered on a first to register, first to qualify basis. Each college or university participating in the SWACJ annual meeting may enter *one* team.

Teams must pre-register by contacting Dr. Nadine Connell (First-Vice-President@swacj.org) no later than midnight, **September 29, 2017**. Teams do not have to provide the names of team members to pre-register for the Quiz Bowl – simply indicate that a team from a particular program will participate. Teams must submit a list of participants at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Quiz Bowl for conference registration verification.

Relays (rounds): The Quiz Bowl will consist of two relays followed by a championship round. For the two relays, teams will be divided as evenly as possible and relay assignment will be done by random selection. The winning team from each relay will compete in the championship round. The two teams in the championship round will not carry over any previous points from the first relays. The team with the most points in the championship round will receive the first prize (\$250); the remaining team in the championship round will receive the second prize (\$150). **Prize money** for the first and second place teams will be given to the faculty advisor for the winning teams to be used as they determine.

Teams in the first relays will be quizzed from the following categories:

1. **Law Enforcement:** Five questions about general police systems and practices.
2. **Corrections:** Five questions about U.S. correctional systems and practices.
3. **U.S. Judicial System:** Five questions about U.S. court systems and practices.
4. **Criminal Law:** Five questions about fundamental concepts of criminal law.
5. **Criminal Procedure:** Five questions related to the rules of evidence and criminal procedure

In the event of a tie, the category will be *Major Supreme Court Decisions* for the best two out of three questions.

Teams in the championship will compete for first place and will be quizzed from the following categories:

1. **Criminology:** Five questions about theories of criminality
2. **History of Criminal System:** Five questions related to the history of the crime and the criminal justice system in the United States.

In the event of a tie, the category will be *Research Methodology* for the best two out of three questions.

In all relays, Team Captains will have buzzers to “buzz-in” when their team is *ready to answer*. The team that buzzes in first will be given the first opportunity to answer and must answer within *10 seconds*. Teams answering questions correctly will earn one point; a one point deduction will be assessed for incorrect answers. If the first team to buzz in answers incorrectly or does not submit an answer, the second team to buzz in will be allowed an opportunity to answer. Questions will be passed if no team buzzes in within 60 seconds.

Good sportsmanship will be observed at all times by all participants and spectators. Individual participants who engage in unsportsmanlike behavior may be disqualified. Participants must keep cell phones out of sight during the Quiz Bowl. Spectators who engage in rude, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike behavior may be asked to leave the event. This includes attempting to convey answers to any person in any manner.





**Felix Fabian Founder's Award
Southwest Association of Criminal Justice
2017**

Nomination Criteria

Awarded to SWACJ members who are deemed deserving of special recognition for their outstanding contribution to SWACJ and the profession.

Prior recipients of the Felix Fabian Founder's Award are not eligible for nomination
Selection Criteria:

- Active member in good standing of SWACJ for at least five (5) consecutive years.
- Active involvement in criminal justice education and research for the preceding five (5) years.
- Through service activities, has made a substantial contribution to SWACJ and to the discipline of criminal justice.

Nominations for the Felix Fabian Founder's Award may be made only by current SWACJ members.

Nominations may be submitted by any current SWACJ member. The nomination should include the following information: (a) a brief summary of the nominee's contributions in accordance with the award criteria, and (b) an explanation of the significance of these contributions. Submission of supporting materials with nominations is encouraged but not required.

Submit nominations to: George Day: Past-President@swacj.org

***Felix Fabien was the first President of SWACJ. His bio can be found on our web page at www.swacj.org**



Save the Date

2017 Annual SWACJ Conference

October 12-14

“Working Together for Justice: The Need for Inter-Disciplinary Collaborations”

Fort Worth, Texas

Venue: Sheraton Downtown

Reservations: [2017 Southwestern Assn of Criminal Justice Annual Conference](#)



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