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## Annual Meeting

October 13-15, 2016

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



*“Special Populations in Criminal Justice”*

Conference information including registration, abstract submission, and hotel reservations can be located at [www.swacj.org](http://www.swacj.org)





Salutations to the SWACJ membership:

I want to thank everyone who attended our 2015 conference at South Padre Island and for helping to once again make the SWACJ conference an enjoyable experience. I am honored to serve the membership as the SWACJ president and look forward to working with all of you this year.

On behalf of the SWACJ executive board I have signed a contract with the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City for the 2016 conference. The conference

Hotel offers great meeting spaces and spacious suites for our conference and is a short (and free) shuttle ride to Oklahoma City's Bricktown area which offers a variety of restaurant and other venues for entertainment in the evenings after conference business is done. The theme for next year's conference will be *Special Populations in Criminal Justice*. I will have more to announce regarding the conference, including the identity of the guest speaker and details about the student and past-president's receptions, in our next newsletter. I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Milt Hill and Dr. Christine Nix who served on the site selection committee. Special thanks also to Dr. Howard Kurtz and Southwest Oklahoma State University for agreeing to serve as host university for the 2016 conference.

When I was first introduced to SWACJ as a graduate student, I learned that academic conferences could be a good place to form research collaborations with faculty beyond our own institutions. Related to that concept, I would like to create a workshop or roundtable that would facilitate the sharing of ideas for new research projects and the creation of new partnerships among criminal justice researchers. If you would be interested in helping me design, host, or participate in such a workshop please contact me.

I look forward to the year to come and the privilege of serving as SWACJ's president. I hope to hear from many of you through the year and it is my intention to communicate with the membership regularly to keep everyone updated on the 2016 conference and opportunities for you to be involved with SWACJ.

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George J. Day, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice  
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I have been a member of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice for several years, and I am committed to seeing this great organization grow and continue to be a shining star in the academic field of criminal justice!

I wish to offer my congratulations and express my appreciation to Immediate Past President Jiletta Kubena and to our wonderful (and sadly, outgoing) secretary, Christine Nix, and to the rest of the board for a fantastic annual meeting in South Padre Island this year. I am looking forward to next year's conference in Oklahoma City, and I sincerely hope to see a great turnout for that venue.

I encourage all of our members to offer their support to our current president, George Day (Stephen F. Austin), as he prepares to lead the organization through this next year. I hope that you will join me in welcoming our newest members of the executive board, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nadine Connell (University of Texas – Dallas) and our new secretary, Rick Helfers (University of Texas – Tyler) as they assume their duties for the next few years of organizational service. Also, we are excited to welcome Tom Holt (Michigan State University) as the new editor of the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology* (JQCJC). Also, please join me in expressing appreciation to Will Oliver (Sam Houston) for his dedicated service as editor of JQCJC. I am truly appreciative of those who are willing to serve SWACJ in addition to the already hectic demands of research, teaching, service, and personal commitments!

I encourage everyone to make plans now to attend the OKC conference from October 13-15, 2016, and I would like to encourage all of those who can to attend the ACJS conference in Denver from March 29 through April 2, 2016.

Finally, please consider bringing some of your students to enter the various competitions: the quiz bowl, the CSI team competition, the paper competition, the poster competition, etc. And, of course, please encourage your students to present their research in one of the panels. Although most of our students are the future of criminal justice as practitioners, many are also the future academics in our field! Let's get them started early!

Until next time, take care—and please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you or for SWACJ.

Respectfully,

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Milt



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First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude towards the SWACJ membership for being elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I am very excited for this opportunity and looking forward to serving the membership over the next three years. We have assembled a top-notch executive board and I especially want to extend my appreciation to the outgoing members of the board, specifically Past-President Jiletta Kubena and outgoing Secretary Christine Nix, for doing such a spectacular job in their roles and setting up this new executive board for success. They've set the bar high and I hope we don't disappoint!

My experience at the national level, where I serve as both the Vice Chair of the Juvenile Justice Section and the Executive Counselor of the International Section of ACJS, has given me a lot of practice reaching out and creating connections. I am very excited to continue to grow SWACJ's reach around the region and will make it a priority during my time on the executive board to reach out to grow our membership. After all, we have such a great group of involved and motivated members, who wouldn't want to join us?

Among my responsibilities as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, I will preside over the Student Paper Competition. Students will be awarded for the best paper in both the undergraduate and graduate categories. I urge you to encourage your students to apply, as this is an opportunity to show off their skill while also winning a cash award. I had the opportunity to be a judge this year and I can assure you that there are some talented students out there – so get your students involved! If you are interested in helping to judge the Student Paper Competition, please feel free to contact me at [nadine.connell@utdallas.edu](mailto:nadine.connell@utdallas.edu) or [Second-Vice-President@swacj.org](mailto:Second-Vice-President@swacj.org). We are looking for 3 or 4 judges and volunteers are always appreciated!

Remember, our organization is only as strong as its members! Let's keep up the great tradition we have of an involved and active membership. I look forward to seeing everyone in Oklahoma City in 2016!

Warmest Regards,

*Nadine M Connell*



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### Treasurer's Report



It is always a blessing for me to attend the annual meeting and see friends and colleagues. I enjoy the conversation, the research presentations, and the general "catchin' up" that marks our conference. It's always great to see students who are the future leaders of criminal justice agencies and of this organization. I was a little more cognizant of that this year as George Day reminded me that his first visit to SWACJ was as a student. Now he is President of the organization. Kudos to those members and leaders from a decade ago who were instrumental in maintaining a healthy professional

organization for the Southwestern region. It's also a little sad when I miss friends who could not attend this year. I look forward to seeing you next year when we trade our beach sandals for cowboy boots in Oklahoma City.

#### Current Balances as of October 31, 2015

PayPal	\$ 597.00
Wells-Fargo	\$ 19,644.00
Balance on Hand	\$ 20,241.00
Encumbered*	\$ 1,889.00
Available	\$ 18,352.00

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

#### 2015 Membership and Registrations

Professional members	62
Student members	15
Annual Mtg. Registrations	64
Student Registrations	41

This year's meeting ran smoothly from your Treasurer's perspective. I am amazed at the change from five years ago. Members have embraced electronic registrations and payments, to the point that this year saw very little cash and only one check accepted at the registration table. Special thanks to Jiletta Kubena and Christine Nix. With the help of a new label printer and some pre-conference prep work, they had name tags prepped and ready in record time. Attendance was down compared to last year. This year we had 64 professional registrants compared to 82 last year. Student attendance was also down from 65 last year to 41 this year. Our membership is relatively steady.

Our current fund balance is healthy. We currently have over \$20,000 on hand at the end of October. How did we increase our fund balance in a year with lower meeting attendance? Credit for that

goes to Jiletta and Christine who completed an amazing last hour push for sponsorships. The Schlitterbahn Resort also gets credit for a second-year package at the same prices we had in 2014. Another helping hand came from the State of Texas. Our non-profit status was recognized prior to the annual meeting allowing our state sales tax on food and beverage to be waived.

As you are aware, when we have our annual meeting outside of Texas, the attendance and resultant finances have always taken a hit. As we enter 2016, we are in a good position financially for the Oklahoma City meeting. At this writing, George Day and his team have nearly completed work on the contract and I am excited about the 2016 conference.

"Just one more year....." 2016 will be my final year as your Treasurer. The new Treasurer is to be elected October 2016 at the annual meeting and take office January 1, 2017. I encourage you to begin thinking immediately about who will be your next Treasurer. I will be happy to discuss the responsibilities and the current record keeping structure.

Allow me to close on a personal note. Christine Nix has served as Secretary for six years, and for five of those years I have worked with her as Treasurer. While she labored to maintain the health of her program and development of her students at Mary Hardin Baylor, she was also working on her dissertation, and she was keeping the SWACJ board in line and on time (not always successfully). If you were around us enough, you would know that she and I could love and quarrel like siblings. I'm confident that we are. Thanks Christine.

Tom Jordan

Hello all SWACJ members!



I know this is a change to see my picture associated with the secretary position for SWACJ. Christine Nix has served the organization for the past six year and has done an excellent job keeping the organization on track. I believe I speak for every member when I say "Thank You, Christine" we appreciate all your work and dedication for SWACJ.

In an effort for each member to become acquainted with me as your secretary, here is a little information about myself. I am an Assistant Professor and the undergraduate program coordinator at The University of Texas at Tyler in the Criminal Justice program. I entered academia in 2013 after spending 25+ years working as a municipal police officer in Texas. I have been attending the SWACJ conferences for the past few years and have enjoyed getting to know several of our members. For those members that have thought about attending the conference, but have not been able to, I encourage each of you to attend the 2016 conference in Oklahoma City. Personally, I have benefited from attending the SWACJ conference through increasing my professional contacts with faculty members and students alike. These contacts have also contributed to collaborative projects. Therefore, I am confident that any member that attends the conference will find attendance rewarding both personally and professionally. I hope all of our members can join us in Oklahoma City!

The follow congratulations are in order for two of our members. Nadine Connell was elected as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President by the SWACJ membership at the 2015 conference and I look forward to working with her over the next three years. Also, Will Oliver was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Felix Fabian Founder's Award. Will has served SWACJ and our discipline very well over many years. He has also worked diligently to locate a new editor (Thomas Holt) for the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*, which is the association's official journal. Thank you Will for your dedication and hard work developing this journal into a high quality qualitative outlet for research.

Lastly, I am looking forward to working with the executive team, led by George Day as the President. George has worked very hard to keep our cost down at the host hotel, Embassy Suites-Downtown in Oklahoma City. The ability to register, submit abstracts, and make room reservations for the 2016 conference will be available soon. We are also in need of sponsorships to ensure the continued success of the SWACJ conference.

If any member has any suggestions how SWACJ can better meet your needs, please do not hesitate to let me know. See everyone in Denver!

Rick



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I want to express my sincere thanks to the board and our sponsors in making the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in South Padre Island a great success. Thank you to everyone that attended. The meeting was informative and interactive, and the feedback I received was very positive. Thank you again to our sponsors – Texas State University, Sam Houston State University, University of North Texas, Our Lady of the Lake University, University of Texas at Tyler, Tarleton State University, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Mary Hardin Baylor, Boise State University, and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Graduate and undergraduate involvement is one of the highlights of the Southwestern Region's Annual Meetings. This year's winners included Michael Johnson (first place) from Sam Houston State University and Justine Medrano and Turgut Ozkan (second place) from the University of Texas at Dallas in the graduate paper competition. In the undergraduate paper competition, Maria Bitgood from the University of Houston Downtown took first place. The 2015 Quiz Bowl winners included the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (first), Our Lady of the Lake University (second) and Prairie View A&M University (third). This year's Crime Scene Competition winners included the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (first) and Our Lady of the Lake University (second).

It has been my honor to serve the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, and I am very much looking forward to the 2016 meeting in Oklahoma City. One of my duties as outgoing president is collecting nominations for the Felix Fabien Founders Award. This award is to honor individuals who have given their time and talents in service to SWACJ. Congratulations to the 2015 award recipient, Dr. Willard Oliver. Please email me your nominations so that we can begin the selection of the 2016 recipient.

Jiletta



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#### ACJS Region Four Trustee Greetings

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences looks forward to hosting you in Denver, Colorado at the Sheraton Downtown March 29 to April 2, 2016. The theme is "Advancing Justice on All Fronts." The downtown area outside of the hotel is a hub of activity for various tastes. It should be a rewarding and exciting meeting.

The Board has been busy listening to the ACJS membership and planning ways to better serve the group especially at the annual meeting. To this end, there is now a luncheon at the conference, a doctoral student summit that includes the students' conference accommodations and a committee has been formed to review the benefits of section memberships within ACJS being mindful that membership in sections should have its benefits. The Board's activities over the past year have also included building relations with various practitioner groups toward cross conference participation at each group's membership rate. ACJS is also trying to strengthen its relationship with the regional membership. A part of this effort includes financial support from ACJS to the regions for the regional conferences. Points of business have included reviewing the requirements for program certification, in particular, the language on vocational/ academy type instruction and the direction of the organization's journals. There is currently a search for the next editor of *Justice Quarterly*. Mary Stohr at the national office has been actively negotiating conference sites well into the future with meetings in Orlando for 2021 and Vegas in 2022 being the most recent additions. The organization welcomes your input and participation. I look forward to continuing to serve SWACJ by sharing and advocating on our region's behalf to the national board of ACJS. Please visit the ACJS Facebook page for more of the group's doings.

One last note, rooms for the ACJS conference in Denver 2016 have been going quickly. For reservations, visit: [https://www.acjs.org/pubs/167\\_668\\_14464.cfm](https://www.acjs.org/pubs/167_668_14464.cfm).

In your service,  
Camille Gibson  
ACJS Region Four Trustee



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It is my pleasure to serve as the new Editor for the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*. I was brought into the position in late August, 2015 and have been working with the outgoing editor, Will Oliver, to transition the journal between institutions. Will was an excellent editor, and I hope that I can effectively fill his shoes.

To share a little of my background, I began conducting qualitative research in 2003 in preparation for my dissertation, which used interviews, participant observations, and text analyses to produce a grounded theory analysis of the subculture and social organization of computer hackers. My chair, Jody Miller (now at Rutgers University) was an excellent mentor in qualitative data collection and analyses. I found myself completely enamored with qualitative scholarship and have published a range of studies, mostly focused on the use of data derived from web forums and other forms of on-line communication. I also teach qualitative research methods for our Ph. D. students at Michigan State University. As a result, I am looking forward to serving as the editor and helping to guide the Journal ahead in the next few years. One of my primary interests is to start developing guest-edited special issues focused around either a specific form of crime or deviance, or on a specific form of data or analyses. If you are interested in serving as a guest editor for such a special issue, please contact me and we can discuss the details of your idea. We have established a new email address for the Journal, [jqcjc@msu.edu](mailto:jqcjc@msu.edu), so please send me a message. I look forward to hearing from you, and the next few years in my stead as editor.

Tom Holt

Michigan State University

### Announcement regarding a new ACJS sponsored journal

ACJS and Taylor & Francis are excited to announce the first issue of *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research* will be published at the end of this month. Thank you for all your support and submissions. However, we are also looking forward to future issues and encourage individuals in the field to submit their manuscripts via the online portal <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cppr>. Please contact Dr. Wes Johnson, Editor at [william.w.johnson@usm.edu](mailto:william.w.johnson@usm.edu) or Dr. Cathy Marcum, Associate Editor at [marcumcm@appstate.edu](mailto:marcumcm@appstate.edu) with any questions.



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Deadline for abstracts: Midnight, September 9, 2016



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



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## 2016 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 Oklahoma City.

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 9, 2016**.

**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 Milt Hill at [First-Vice-President@swacj.org](mailto:First-Vice-President@swacj.org) with questions regarding the poster session.



## 2016 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 2016 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 \$100 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$75 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and \$50 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2016 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. Nadine Connell at [nadine.connell@utdallas.edu](mailto:nadine.connell@utdallas.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 23, 2016**.
6. The paper must conform to the citation and format standard established in the 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 2016 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 2016 semester in a university or college within the Southwest Region.

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

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RECOGNITION OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS WILL BE MADE  
AT THE LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14





-- All Students Encouraged To Participate --

## Call for Teams

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

is pleased to announce the

**Fourth Collegiate Undergraduate Team**

## Crime Scene Interpretation Competition

**Friday October 14, 2016**

**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](mailto:Secretary@swacj.org)

To be considered for competition, entries must be received via email no later than midnight, **September 30, 2016.**

**\*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 2016***

**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. Milt Hill ([First-Vice-President@swacj.org](mailto:First-Vice-President@swacj.org)) no later than midnight, **September 30, 2016**. 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  
2016**

**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: Jiletta Kubena: [Past-President@swacj.org](mailto: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](http://www.swacj.org)**



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