Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Minorities and Women Section
Hosts Awards Reception

On Friday, March 6, 2015 the Minorities and Women Section met in Orlando, Florida at the Caribe Royale for its annual Awards Reception.

During the reception, the winners of this years section awards were announced. Dr. Joycelyn M. Pollock was awarded the Coramae Rickey Mann Leadership Award, Dr. Michael J. Leiber was awarded the Becky Tatum Excellence Award, and Dr. Hillary Potter was awarded the Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award.

The Esther Madriz Student Travel Award was presented to Heriberto Rodriguez and the Rosalyn Muraskin Student Travel Award was presented to Lei Wang.

The Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice Best Paper Award was awarded to Dr. Beverly D. Frazier.

To read more about the award recipients please refer to pages 4-6. I would like to thank Dr. Jaya Davis for providing the profiles for each award winner. The work of her and Dr. Faith Lutze is greatly appreciated in soliciting nominations for the awards and their assistance in coordinating the reception.
Message from the Chair  
Kimberly D. Dodson, Ph.D.  
Western Illinois University

It was great seeing all of you in Orlando! We had productive executive board and general business meetings and I’m energized by the enthusiasm displayed by all of you. A big thank you to Faith Lutze and Jaya Davis for the work on the MWS Awards Committee. Their hard work and dedication to the section helped to make the awards reception special.

I would like to welcome the new MWS executive board and I look forward to working with you to move the section forward. Thanks goes out to Fran Bernat, Dorothy Taylor, and Stephane Kirven for their work on the revisions for the MWS By-Laws. We should have those revisions out to the membership soon for your review and input. LeAnn Cabage and I are in the process of designing a new website for the MWS. We will be designing the website to include the suggestions we received during our general business meeting. Once the website has been released, if you have additional suggestions please feel free to send those to me at kd-dodson@wiu.edu.

Thanks also goes out to LeAnn Cabage who has assumed the duties of editor of the newsletter. The newsletter is successful because of your support. I encourage you to continue to submit member news and other items of interest. We want to share in your successes. I would like to remind you that we want to encourage you to collaborate and submit panels and roundtables that highlight research on race and gender. Let’s have the best representation for the MWS we’ve ever had in Denver!

Finally, I want to give a big thanks to Robert Bing for his service as the chair of the MWS over the past four years. You have been a wonderful chair, mentor, and friend. I truly have big shoes to fill and I’ll do my best to make you proud!

Message from the Editor  
LeAnn N. Cabage, Ph.D. Candidate  
Iowa State University

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you to your support as I have taken over as the Secretary. I have huge shoes to fill following in the footsteps of Kim, but I will try my best to do so. Second, thank you to each of you as you have contributed to the success of the newsletter since its inception. I look forward to working with the membership to continue the success of the newsletter. I encourage each of you to send membership news (publications, promotions, awards, and etc.) to me at lnCabage@iastate.edu. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing each of you next year in Denver.
The Award

The Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award is the highest honor of the Minorities and Women Section. To be eligible for this award, an individual must be an active member of the Section for at least two consecutive years prior to being recommended. The recipient must be a contributor to the ethnic and racial diversity in criminal justice education. The recipient must endeavor to advance critical thinking concerning women and must have made substantial contributions to the emerging body of knowledge about gender issues in criminology and criminal justice.

Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award
Dr. Joycelyn M. Pollock

Joycelyn M. Pollock began her career as a probation and parole officer in Washington State. She earned her Master’s and Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at the State University of New York at Albany, and her J.D. from the University of Houston. In 1985, she joined the faculty at the University of Houston-Downtown and while there volunteered to work with the Houston PD Crisis Intervention Unit responding to calls regarding domestic violence and sexual assault. Her research as focused on ethics, victimology, and women in the CJ system resulting in numerous publications and 13 books, most notably: Ethics in Crime and Justice: Dilemmas and Decisions (2013, 7th ed.), Prisons and Prison Life (2004), Women, Prison and Society (2002, 2nd ed.), and co-editor with Alida Merlo of Women, Law, and Social Control, (2005, 2nd ed.).

Currently, she is a full professor at Texas State University. In addition to teaching at Texas State, she has delivered training to police officers, probation officers, parole officers, constables, and other groups in the areas of sexual harassment, ethics, and criminology. She has served as President of the Southwest Association of Criminal Justice and Trustee-at-Large for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. She serves or has served on the editorial board of several academic journals, including Women & Criminal Justice, Justice Quarterly, and Crime and Delinquency. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including: the Outstanding Texas State Woman Faculty Award and the Bruce Smith Award for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences for “outstanding contributions to criminal justice” (both in 2006), the Distinguished Alumni Award from The University of Albany, School of Criminal Justice (2008).

“All of these experiences and initiatives by Dr. Pollock mark her as an innovative, barrier-breaking and courageous leader who is well deserving of the prestigious Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award from the Minorities and Women Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. As with the namesake and inspiration for this award, Dr. Coramae Richey Mann, Joy was an early pioneer in her work, in academia and in her scholarship. And much like Dr. Richey Mann, she has distinguished herself in work and scholarship in extending our understanding of the circumstances of those with less power and voice.” Mary K. Stohr

Contributed by Dr. Jaya Davis
The Becky Tatum Excellence Award is given to a person who is an active member in good standing of the Minorities and Women Section. The recipient must be committed to the conceptual or empirical contributions to the study of minorities as victims, professionals in the criminal justice, or offenders.

Michael Leiber is a professor and chair of the Department of Criminology at the University of South Florida. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. at State University of New York at Albany in Criminal Justice. His articles on race, gender, and the juvenile justice system have appeared in various outlets including Crime & Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, and Journal of Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice. He has received support for his work on juvenile justice decision-making from state and national organizations. His pioneering research and dedication to issues of race the juvenile justice system has resulted in his receiving the W.E.B Du Bois Award from the Western Society of Criminology, the Distinguished Research Alumni Award from University at Albany, School of Criminal Justice, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Criminology, Division on People of Color and Crime.

Contributed by Dr. Jaya Davis
The Award

The Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award is given to an individual who is an active member in good standing of the Minorities and Women Section for at least two consecutive years prior to being recommended. The individual must be committed to ethnic and racial diversity in criminal justice education. The recipient must have made substantial contributions to the emerging body of knowledge about gender issues in criminology and criminal justice.

Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award
Dr. Hillary Potter

Hillary Potter is an associate professor at the University of Colorado Boulder in the Department of Ethnic Studies. She received her Master’s in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York and her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Colorado Boulder. She has authored numerous articles and books regarding gender, race, and identity and justice studies including her forthcoming book Intersectionality and Criminology. She has served the discipline in various leadership roles within the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Association of Black Sociologists and served as chair for four years of the American Society of Criminology, Division on People of Color and Crime. In addition to the Gilbert Unsung Hero Award, she has received awards in leadership, teaching, research, and service including Outstanding Journal Article from Feminist Criminology and the Julius Debro Award for outstanding service from the American Society of Criminology, Division on People of Color and Crime.

“While she has been celebrated in Academia for being kind and helpful and for her dedication to criminal justice education, there are still so many understated talents that she uses to coax students into productive career paths and to empower members of the African-American community.”

Allison M. Cotton

Contributed by Dr. Jaya Davis
The Esther Madriz Student Travel Award
Heriberto Rodriguez

Heriberto Rodriguez is a student at the University of Texas at Arlington. The title of his paper is, *Police, Their Communities and Technology*.

Abstract

Historically, the word of a peace officer, in regards to actions during investigation, and in witness testimony, has been considered unimpeachable. Through the evolution of the legal system, it has become imperative for substantial proof of the conduct of a peace officer beyond verbal testimony. In recent events, including officer-involved shootings, it has become more essential for an officer to verify, support and justify any action taken. The introduction of dash mounted and body worn cameras, have been useful in this endeavor. This paper seeks to present the peace officers of the use of body worn cameras and the media obtained form their operation. Additionally, this paper will attempt to discuss the acceptance of the new point of view technologies by peace officers.

The Rosalyn Muraskin Student Travel Award
Lei Wang


Abstract

The crime of “Affray” has recently become controversial in China. On the one hand, the scope of its protected legal interests varied widely among scholars. On the other hand, the related legal code and judicial interpretation are modified frequently. A clear definition of the scope can ensure the proper application of the criminal law. This paper focuses on identifying the scope of the legal rights protected by the crime “Affray” in Chinese Criminal Law.
Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice
Best Paper Award

Congratulations to Dr. Beverly D. Frazier who was named the winner of the Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice’s Best Paper Award at the Minorities and Women Section Awards Reception in Orlando. Dr. Frazier is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. Her winning article is entitled *African Americans and Reentry: The Threat of Even Greater Challenges.*

Abstract

In Salem, ME on October 6, 2013 Thomas Templeton was allegedly beaten by Officer Joseph Freda during his arrest. Templeton has been charged with “reckless conduct, resisting arrest, and disobeying an officer” (Ireland, 2014). Templeton was allegedly driving between 80 mph and 90 mph on the interstate when Freda attempted to stop him for speeding. Templeton pulled off the interstate in an attempt to flee from police and was shortly after found hiding in brush, where he was finally apprehended.

Templeton claims that during the arrest he was repeatedly hit with a flashlight on his head, from which he suffered lacerations, and groin area. Then after being handcuffed Freda allegedly stepped on Templeton’s hand while he was sitting on the ground. Templeton is currently being held in a county jail until his trial, while Freda has been charged with two counts of simple assault and has been terminated by the Salem Town Manager (Ireland, 2014).

In this case, I believe that it is clear that excessive force by the police officer was used in arresting Templeton. Despite the fact that Templeton did resist arrest, that is still no excuse for him to be beaten with a blunt object, in this case the flashlight, to the point where he suffered lacerations. The only part of this case that could possibly be justified was when Templeton’s hand was stepped on. It is reasonable to assume that if Templeton was sitting on the ground at the time it could have been accidental on Freda’s part. The only time that excessive force is possibly excusable is when the suspect or person that offers is attempting to arrest is posing an immediate threat to others.
Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Awarded to Dr. Jospeter M. Mbuba

Dr. Jospeter M. Mbuba, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Department of Public Policy, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne was awarded the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship for a three-month visit to a Kenyan University to help in curriculum development. During his fellowship, he will be working with the faculty members at Embu University, a constituent college of the University of Nairobi in Kenya, in the curriculum development for a baccalaureate degree in criminology and security studies. The fellowship will take place during the summer months of 2015.

The Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship, which is managed by the Institute of International Education, is a scholar fellowship program for educational projects at African higher education institutions. It was created for African-born academics currently living in the United States and Canada and working in higher education. The program is funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to support short-term faculty fellowships to six African countries, namely, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. For more information on this award see www.iie.org/africandiaspora.

Contributed by Dr. Janice Joseph

Dr. Hillary Potter Receives Coramae Richey Mann “Inconvenient Woman of the Year” Award

Dr. Hillary Potter received the Coramae Richey Mann “Inconvenient Woman of the Year” Award from the American Society of Criminology’s Division on Women and Crime. The award recognizes the scholar/activist who has participated in publicly promoting the ideals of gender equality and women’s rights throughout society, particularly as it relates to gender and crime issues. Dr. Potter is an associate professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies at University of Colorado Boulder.

Contributed by Dr. Kimberly D. Dodson

Dr. Robert L. Bing Promoted to Full Professor

Dr. Robert L. Bing holds a Ph.D. in Criminology from Florida State University; his undergraduate degree in Sociology is from the College of the Holy Cross, located in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is former and first chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, where he served for 12 years. He is currently interim chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Dr. Bing was promoted to the rank of full professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, effective September 2014.

Contributed by Dr. Janice Joseph

Dr. Kimberly D. Dodson Promoted to Associate Professor

Dr. Kimberly D. Dodson holds a Ph.D. in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master’s and bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from East Tennessee State University. She currently serves as graduate coordinator in the School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration at Western Illinois University. Dr. Dodson has been promoted to the rank of associate professor Western Illinois University effective August 2015.

Contributed by LeAnn N. Cabage