We are now soliciting nominations for the Minorities and Women Section for the 2016 annual meeting. You can find a description of each award in the newsletter. Please consider nominating your colleagues. Self-nominations are also welcome. To nominate someone please send a letter of nomination and curriculum vitae to Dr. Faith Lutze at lutze@wsu.edu by December 1, 2015.
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Iowa State University

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I look forward to seeing each of you in Denver for the 2016 ACJS conference. As the time approaches, I will put together the list of points of interest and restaurant suggestions.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MINORITIES AND WOMEN SECTION AWARDS

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Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award

To be considered for the highest honor of the Section, Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award, a person must meet the following criteria: an active Member in good standing of the Section for at least 2 consecutive years prior to being recommended. 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.

Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award

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Becky Tatum Excellence Award

To be considered for the Becky Tatum Excellence Award, a person must be an active member in good standing of the Section. The recipient must be committed to conceptual or empirical contributions to the study of minorities as victims, professionals in criminal justice, or offenders.
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MINORITIES AND WOMEN SECTION STUDENT AWARDS

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**Esther Madriz Student Travel Award**

The Esther Madriz Student Travel Award is designed to encourage the participation of undergraduate and master’s level racial/ethnic minority and women students to attend and make presentations at the ACJS Annual Meeting.

**Rosalyn Muraskin Student Travel Award**

The Rosalyn Muraskin Student Travel Award is designed to encourage the participation of undergraduate and master’s level women students to attend and make presentations at the ACJS annual meeting.
David R. Montague, of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock was recently promoted to the rank of Professor of Criminal Justice and appointed as the Interim Director of eLearning for UALR. In his new role, he is responsible for all aspects of online education for both campuses dealing with policy, innovation, program development, and budgeting. He works as a counterpart to the Scholarly Technology and Resource Center at UALR which facilitates BlackBoard instructional design, and training. Dr. Montague is a past-president of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, and Trustee for Region Four on the ACJS Executive Board.

Camille Gibson, former Interim Head of Justice Studies at Prairie View A&M University, was promoted to Full Professor effective September 2015. She is a former Executive Counselor of MWS and is presently Region 4—Southwest Representative on the ACJS Executive Board. She was recently elected as an Executive Member for the Division of International Criminology, American Society of Criminology. She is also the Editor of the Caribbean Diaspora Crime Prevention Gazette.

Dawn Beichner, was promoted to Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences and Women’s and Gender Studies at Illinois State University, effective August 2015. She is also a co-director of Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies. Dawn’s current research centers on incarcerated mothers in jails and prisons and their transitions home to their families and communities. She has presented her research in Croatia, Germany, and South Africa and recently co-authored a manuscript, published by the United Nations, on aftercare programming for incarcerated women around the world. She served on the 2010 ACJS program committee and as the Subcommittee Chair of The William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Paper Award for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in 2009.

Contributed by Dr. Janice Joseph
Prairie View A&M University welcomes Sesha Kethineni as Full Professor and Interim Head of Justice Studies. In this capacity, she leads the doctoral program in Juvenile Justice which is in its fifteenth year of existence. Dr. Kethineni is the current chair of the Division of International Criminology in the American Society of Criminology.

Contributed by Dr. Camille Gibson

Dr. Shaun L. Gabbidon and Dr. Helen Taylor Greene are in the process of completing the 4th Edition of *Race and Crime* (Sage).

Dr. Rosemary Gedo passed along the following information pertaining to the January 2016 issue of *The Prison Journal*. The January 2016 issue is devoted to the critical topic of jails and mental health issues. Mostly ignored by the criminal justice system, jails have become the “new asylums” for mentally disordered offenders. The U.S. leading jail-focused researchers and policy advocates appear in the seven articles. The articles will appear “online first” in October. This monograph would make an excellent set of readings for a senior- or graduate-level corrections seminar or course.
Just as a reminder the requested submission deadline for ACJS is September 15, 2015 and the final submission deadline is September 30, 2015. The host hotel is the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. The rate for rooms is $165 per night for single-triple occupancy, $195 a night for quadruple occupancy or club level rooms, and $215 per night for executive suites. These rates are guaranteed until March 9, 2016, subject to available space in the ACJS room block.

This year’s conference theme is “Advancing Justice on All Fronts.” We encourage MWS members to submit panels and roundtables that focus on minority and women’s issues in the criminal justice system and within our communities. We love to see lots of participation from the Section members.

We are currently working to create the new MWS webpage. Some of the members had requested that we create a membership directory based on areas of research. In an effort to do so, could you please email your areas of research to LeAnn Cabage at lnCabage@iastate.edu. Thank you in advance.