The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) celebrated its 50th anniversary in Dallas, Texas. Since 1963, ACJS has come a long way, but there is little doubt that the organization will continue to change in the future. What the future holds is uncertain in specifics, yet the past allows us to recognize certain issues that the academy has continued to deal with in its first 50 years. Improving the quality of the annual conference, increasing membership, whether to move program review to full accreditation, the relationship between ACJS and its regions, its role in shaping crime policy in Washington, D.C., are all issues of our past 50 years and will no doubt continue to be issues to wrestle with in the next 50 years. One other possibility is a merger of ACJS with ASC, reuniting the two organizations that split 50 years ago.

Whatever the future holds, ACJS stands as a testament to time and the development of criminal justice as an academic discipline. From the National Association of College Police Training Officials started in August Vollmer’s living room at 923 Euclid Avenue in Berkeley, California, through the name changes to Society for the Advancement of Criminology and American Society of Criminology, to the establishment of a splinter organization the International Association of Police Professors, and finally the name change to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, ACJS has demonstrated its commitment to the development of the academic discipline and professionalization of the field of criminal justice.¹

Message from the Chair

Dear friends,

It was great to see so many of you at the annual meeting in Dallas. I spent most of my time at the Section table near the book exhibits collecting names and addresses for the MWS listserv and I got to meet many new faces. As many of you know the Section recognized the 50th anniversary of ACJS with a ribbon that many of our members wore at the conference. I hope you got your ribbon and wore it proudly. My thanks to Dr. Camille Gibson for handling the arrangements for the ribbons. Similarly, I am very grateful to Drs. Dodson and Lutze for all that they did to help make the Awards ceremony a wonderful event. Kimberly and Faith, we could not do it without your support! Kimberly, the souvenir program was awesome. And congratulations to all recipients of the various awards sponsored by the Section. In closing, I am (including Tracy and Kimberly) looking forward to working with our wonderful new slate of officers and moving the Section forward with everyone's help. Please enjoy the new issue of MWS Speaks and join us on Facebook. Thanks for all that you do to support the Section!

Yours truly,

Bob Bing

Message from the Editor

It was great seeing all of you in Dallas! I was unable to attend the MWS general business meeting because of a scheduling conflict. However, I had the opportunity to speak with Bob Bing and Carolyn Petrosino about that meeting and it sounds like the members have some great suggestions for improving and growing the Section. We will be reaching out to the membership for help in implementing some of your ideas. I would like to thank you in advance for considering serving on various committees as the need arises. I would also like to thank Faith Lutze for serving as the chair of the MWS Awards Committee and helping to identify nominees for the awards. Heading up the awards committee is very time intensive and we are so fortunate to have you at the helm, Faith. I also would like to welcome the new executive officers to the section: Robert Bohm, Carolyn Petrosino, and Barbara Sims. I’m sure you will represent the Section well and I look forward to working with you. A BIG thank you goes out to Taylor & Francis for sponsoring this year’s awards ceremony. I think I speak for the entire Section when I say how much we appreciate your generosity.

Please consider contributing to the newsletter. Some of the things you might want to share include short essays or articles (the subject matter can be broad and not necessarily exclusive to minorities and women), position announcements, and membership news including honors and awards you have earned, an article or book you have published, or a promotion you have earned. Please send your contributions to me at KD-Dodson@wiu.edu.

Warm Regards,

Kim
On Friday, March 22, 2013 the Minorities and Women Section met in Dallas, Texas at the Sheraton for its annual Awards Reception. This year the awards committee, headed up by Dr. Faith Lutze, received several strong letters of nomination. As a result, the awards committee in agreement with the executive board decided that this year’s awards should be given to multiple recipients.

Dr. Janice Joseph, Richard Stockton College, and Dr. Patricia Van Voorhis, University of Cincinnati, received the Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award. The Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award is the highest honor of the MWS. The recipient must be a contributor to the ethnic and racial diversity in criminal justice education. In addition, 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.

Dr. Susan Sharp, University of Oklahoma, received the Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award. This award is given to an individual who is 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.

The Esther Madriz Student Travel Award is given to two students annually. This award is designed to encourage the participation of undergraduate and master’s level racial/ethnic minority and women students in ACJS and will permit the two students to attend and make presentations at the ACJS annual meeting. The first place winner was Sara Simmons, Sam Houston State University, for her paper “Intimate Partner Violence: Mental Health and Drug Use in Women.” The second place winner was Susannah Tapp, Georgia State University, for her paper “Women and Funding: Who’s Really Bringing Home the Bacon?”

The Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice Paper Award was given to Christopher A. Mallett, Miyuki Fukushima, Patricia Stoddard-Dare, and Linda M. Quinn, “Significant Race Differences in Factors Related to the Detention Recidivism of Youthful Offenders” 10(1), 24-40.

The Section’s outgoing Executive Counselors were honored with Distinguished Service Awards. The recipients were Dr. Camille Gibson, Prairie View A&M University; Dr. George Higgins, University of Louisville; and Dr. Cathryn Lavery, Iona College.

The section honored our founding members for their contributions to their creation of the Section. The founding members include Dr. Frances Bernat, Arizona State University; Dr. Robert Chaires, University of Nevada Reno; Dr. Kaylene Richards Ekeh, California State University Sacramento; Dr. Rosemary Gido, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Robin Haarr, Eastern Kentucky University; Dr. Zelma Henriques, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Dr. Janice Joseph, Richard Stockton College; Dr. Faith Lutze, Washington State University; Dr. Mary Stohr, Missouri State University; Dr. Dorothy Taylor, University of Miami; and Dr. George Wilson, North Carolina Central University.
The Minorities and Women’s Section honored several of its members for their excellence in scholarship and teaching as well as their service to the academy, to students, and to the broader community. The spirit of each award is to recognize the work of those who broaden our knowledge, enrich our existence, and create a space for others to prosper. This year’s awardees are most deserving of our recognition and appreciation.

Two members received the Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award. This award is considered the highest honor of the section. Recipients of the Mann Leadership Award are honored for their endeavors to advance critical thinking concerning women and who have made substantial contributions to our knowledge about gender and ethnic or racial diversity in criminal justice. There were two recipients for the Mann Leadership Award this year. **Dr. Janice Joseph**, Richard Stockton State College, was recognized for her leadership within the academy as a past president of ACJS, her governance within the MWS section, her service to international organizations, and her service as ACJS’s United Nations representative. Dr. Joseph was also acknowledged for her substantial scholarly contributions to the understanding of international criminal justice, violence against women and girls, racial minority youth and crime, gangs, and as editor of the *Journal of Ethnicity and Criminal Justice*.

**Dr. Van Voorhis**, University of Cincinnati, was also recognized with this year’s Mann’s Leadership Award for her leadership as Director of the Corrections Institute at the University of Cincinnati, service to the academy, her representation on numerous professional boards, and her use of research to inform evidence based practice within correction’s agencies across the nation. Dr. Van Voorhis was also acknowledged for her extensive scholarship utilized to improve the conditions within women’s prisons to enhance the lives of women offenders. Both Dr. Joseph and Dr. Van Voorhis were honored for their extensive dedication throughout their careers to advancing the education and professional lives of minorities and women in the field of criminal justice.
Two members received the *Becky Tatum Excellence Award* for their conceptual and empirical contributions to the study of minorities within the criminal justice system. **Dr. Min Xie**, Arizona State University, was recognized for her rigorous research on the study of crime committed against women, inequality, and the study of crime rates in the United States. **Dr. Marlyn Jones**, California State University—Sacramento, was also recognized with the Becky Tatum Excellence Award for her analysis and conceptualization of the impact of the United States’ drug control policy and its impact on the deportation of drug offenders to other nation’s crime problems and the offending and victimization of women in Jamaica.

**Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award**

**Dr. Susan Sharp**, University of Oklahoma, was honored with the *Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award*. Dr. Sharp was recognized for her extensive work in identifying the needs of incarcerated women and their children, the reentry issues confronted by women offenders, and her extensive work within Oklahoma to improve the lives of women in the criminal justice system. Dr. Sharp has dedicated her career to advancing the education of criminal justice students, professionals, and policymakers to advance best practices in criminal justice.
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Member News

Congratulations to Dr. George Higgins, University of Louisville, who was named Indiana University of Pennsylvania’s Distinguished Scholar. This Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes outstanding scholarly work and contributions accumulated over the course of one’s academic career. In addition, Dr. Higgins earned the Distinguished Service Award for his service to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences’ Minorities and Women Section.

Congratulations to Dr. Cassandra Reyes, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, who received the ACJS SAGE Junior Faculty Teaching Award 2013, presented by Jerry Westby, Sage Publisher. Dr. Reyes received $900.00 toward her travel expenses for ACJS. There were over 80 nominees for this award but only 10 recipients.

Every year the Minorities and Women Section hosts an awards reception to recognize scholars who make significant contributions to the research of women and minorities. The awards reception is made possible because of the financial contributions of various organizations. We would like to thank Taylor & Francis Group for making this years awards reception possible with their generous donation. We appreciate their willingness to help us recognize the scholarly and service contributions of our membership and the criminal justice discipline.
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AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION
Please welcome LeAnn N. Cabage as the new Associate Editor of MWS Speaks. LeAnn has been accepted to the Sociology doctoral program at Iowa State University and she will begin her studies in the fall of 2013. She received her Master’s Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University (2010). LeAnn received her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Lincoln Memorial University (2007). Her Master’s Thesis entitled, “Explaining Risky Sexual Behavior Among College Students: A Test of Hirschi’s Revised Self-Control Theory” was published in 2010. She has also published peer reviewed journal articles on evidence-based correctional programs including Scared Straight and Faith-Based Initiatives. LeAnn has been a member of the Minorities and Women Section for nearly five years and has been actively involved behind the scenes with the newsletter and Facebook page. Her outstanding work has earned her the position of Associate Editor.

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