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October 17-19, 2018

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**President's Report**

Has anyone else looked at their calendar and wondered where the time has gone? The annual ACJS meeting in February already seems long past, as wildflowers (and with them, seasonal allergies!) are blooming outside my office window. It was wonderful to get to see everyone and see such a strong southwestern presence in many of the panels. Before we know it, the end of the semester and graduation will be here for many of us – along with ambitious thoughts about productive summers. If you are anything like me, you start the month of June with a monumental to-do list and the best of intentions (like waking up at

5am to run before the Texas heat gets geared up!), but by August, that list is twice as long (at least you have a nice tan). It is the academics' lament, but I don't think we would have it any other way.

I am happy to report, however, that despite time feeling like it is passing more quickly each year, your Executive Board is staying busy. Our first order of good news is to congratulate Christine Nix for being elected to the position of Region 4 Trustee; she will be our eyes and ears at the ACJS Executive Board and will represent the interests of our region admirably. I know that she will serve in the tradition set for us by outgoing Trustee Camille Gibson, whom we are sorry to see leave but so very grateful for all of her service.



In addition, the Logo Committee is hard at work, up to their ears in great ideas and submissions for the new SWACJ logo! We expect to be sending out some designs for vote soon and I am excited that we will be able to unveil the winner at this year's conference in San Antonio. Likewise, the Journal Committee is reviewing the Southwestern Journal of Criminal Justice in order to provide a recommendation in San Antonio about how SWACJ can best leverage this outlet moving forward. And I am hard at work putting together a scheduling that will be exciting for all!

So as you're writing those to-do lists, in between grading papers and exams, signing up for an extra committee, and feverishly putting your final touches on revise and resubmits, don't forget to put the upcoming SWACJ 2018 Annual Conference in San Antonio on your to-do list. Some highlights include:

- Keynote speaker address by Congressman Joaquin Castro
- Presidential plenary on qualitative research
- Networking poster session

And much much more! So mark your calendars! Abstracts are due by September 20, 2018. The conference will run October 17-19, 2018. We can't wait to see you there!

*Nadine M. Arnold*



Wow! I cannot believe how quickly this semester has flown by. It seems like just yesterday that the semester started and now we are already looking at the final days of the semester. I am sure most of you are looking forward to summer break and I don't blame you. On a more personal note, my wife and I welcomed our first child (Michael Redmond Cavanaugh III) to this world on February 20<sup>th</sup>. With that said, I am really ready for the end of the semester and for summer to start!

It was nice seeing a number of you at the ACJS conference in New Orleans in February. I also appreciate those of you who were able to drag yourselves away from the food and fun that New Orleans had to offer to attend the SWACJ general business meeting. I thought the ACJS conference had great panels, posters, presentations, and I loved the location. I can't wait to see how great ACJS in Baltimore will be next year.

SWACJ's conference in San Antonio this year is sure to be great as well. The leadership team (myself, Paul, Rick, Jon, Molly, Milt, Christine, Lynne, and especially Nadine) has been working hard to put together a top-notch conference. The nuts and bolts are coming together quite nicely. The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Antonio Downtown is the host hotel and the conference will run from October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will have panels and roundtables along with a new and improved poster session. The deadline for submitting abstracts and posters is still far off (Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>) but those deadlines have a way of creeping up on you. I would encourage you to submit your abstracts and posters early and encourage you to get your colleagues and students to do the same.

Every year, the leadership team says that they are trying to grow the membership and the best way to do that is with the help of the members. Last year at Fort Worth we had one of the best conferences in recent memory and it also happened to be one of the largest. I suspect that with the hard work from the the leadership team (again a lot of credit goes to Nadine) the San Antonio conference will turn out to be an even better one.

As always, we will have the CSI competition, graduate and undergraduate paper competitions, and the quiz bowl. Hopefully you will get your teams ready to go as the competition tends to get a bit fierce and spots are limited. Also, if you are looking for some service work, SWACJ will need judges for the paper competitions and we will have the Secretary and the Second Vice-President positions open up this year. Elections will need to be held for those two positions (at the business meeting), so hopefully we get some good candidates.

Finally, keep your calendars open for mid-October 2019. Paul and I will be conducting site visits late summer/early fall for the 2019 conference. It is slated to be in Houston and we should have the hotel information and dates for everyone at the SWACJ business meeting in San Antonio. See you all soon!—

Mike





Hello SWACJ Family,

I cannot believe how fast this school year is going and we are already busy finalizing plans for the upcoming year. I hope each of you had an opportunity to relax over Spring Break, finish up some exciting research- perhaps an upcoming presentation for SWACJ, or catch up grading the papers that have been cluttering up your desk for the past few weeks. I know many of you have some outstanding papers that your students have written over the last semester, please encourage your students to participate in the undergraduate or graduate paper competition this upcoming year. Both topic papers and research proposals are encouraged. On the topic of the paper competition, I have a few amazing people that have expressed interest in volunteering to be judges and still looking for some eager helpers. If you are interested, please just send me an email and I will put your name on the awesome helper list.

I had amazing time in NOLA at ACJS meeting new friends and getting to spend time with peers and fellow SWACJ members whom I hold deep admiration and respect. Of importance, it allowed me an opportunity to listen to ideas and suggestions on how to continue growing our membership and influence. Speaking of promoting our amazing association, I am in the process of developing a SWACJ promotional video requested by ACJS. If you have any photos or video clips, please send them my way.

I look forward to seeing everyone again this year at our annual meeting in San Antonio. Nadine and the other board members have put in a lot of work to make this an amazing event. I hope you will be able to join us and will invite your peers and professional contacts to attend. Remember, this your association, help us make this year's meeting an event to remember.



Thank you for your continued support and for all that you do to make SWACJ such a great organization.

Look forward to seeing you on the Boardwalk!

Respectfully,

*Paul Reynolds*



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**Treasurer's Report**

Another semester and another entry for the SWACJ newsletter. As the Treasurer, I wish I had something prophetic or otherwise uplifting to tell you, but I do not. However, I do not have anything negative to report either. Our financial ship is staying the proverbial course and we remain financially solvent. We still have approximately \$26, 000 in cash on hand. The only expenditures that we know are coming down the pike are for the journal (approximately \$1,000) and for Past President Milton Hill to buy (or otherwise reconnoiter) some new poster stands (approximately \$1,500). There are no other expenses that we anticipate before the

conference in San Antonio in October (hope to see you there!). We will be looking for sponsors again to help offset the direct cost to the members and keep the conference affordable for our student members. If you have any leads at all, please let me, or another member of the leadership team, know. I would love to go develop these sorts of sponsorship relationships so that we can continue to enhance the quality of our organization while reducing—or at least not increasing—costs on our members.

With the remainder of my newsletter entry, I will update you on the status of the Logo Committee. In the early summer, we will be placing four logos mock-ups on the website for a few weeks so the membership can consider the options. Then, as discussed in New Orleans, we will be holding a virtual vote later in the summer. Each active member will be sent a link through their email address on file. The majority decision will determine the new logo. We will then use this new logo to brand SWACJ and keep the organization moving forward. Hopefully, all of those of you who have given us suggestions will find that your suggestions are reflected in the mock-ups that we are producing.



As always, let me know if there is anything that I can do for you. We are trying to make the organization meet the needs of the membership and are glad to hear any suggestions that you may have.

Jon Maskály



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### Secretary's Report



Newsletter time again!! I hope all is well with everyone and you are ready for this semester to be over!! For me, just some final grading and then off to new adventures---well, not really, just prep some courses for the summer and get back to some writing. I am sure that is the routine for many of you also. However, my priority will be to spend more time on the lake this summer fishing—so if you are around Tyler, let me know and maybe we can catch a fish or two.

This past academic year has flown by as the Ft. Worth SWACJ conference does not seem like it ended over six months ago. That was one of the highlights of this year and the participation we experienced was exceptional. I am optimistic we will have the same level of support and participation in San Antonio this October. So make sure you mark your calendars to be in San Antonio from October 17-19.

Nadine has done a lot of work already to make the conference memorable. Changing the format a little will help all of us with keeping the balance between our personal lives and work in order. I like the fact that I can build in an extra day to enjoy our host city. There are also a few other tweaks in the format that Nadine has created that will enhance the SWACJ experience. So, if attending a fall conference has not been in your routine, now is the time to make a little change and join us!

As all of us look toward summer, my hope is that everyone can find a little time to relax and get rejuvenated for a productive 2018-2019 academic year. You can rest assured, that your SWACJ executive team will be working throughout the summer to make the San Antonio conference a memorable event.



My last item to announce is that being the secretary for SWACJ has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I have met many of our members, faculty and students, that have truly enriched my life. This is a great organization and we have had excellent leadership during my term as secretary. I have seen a lot of enthusiasm for executive board positions at our recent conferences and I am confident that this organization will continue to evolve and excel in the future. Now, with all of that said—if you are interested in either Second VP or Secretary, now is the time for you to take on the challenge. You will not be disappointed. We will be holding an election for each of those positions at the conference in October. If you are interested in either one of those and would like some insight into what is involved, let [me](#) or any board member know.

Enjoy your summer and I will see you in October!

*Rick*





### Past President's Report



I have truly enjoyed serving on the executive board of SWACJ. I have learned so much; I have made great friends; and I have seen the operation of this great organization from a humbling and informative perspective.

Most of the inner workings of this organization are not seen by the membership because of the selfless efforts of those elected to serve on the board. I would like to publicly say thank you one more time to the board members that made my year as president and the Fort Worth conference a success: Nadine, Mike, Rick, Jon, Bill, George, and Camille, you guys absolutely rock!

Also, I implore each of you members to consider running for a position on the board, to serve as a competition judge, or to volunteer for a committee or to volunteer to serve SWACJ in some way. I truly believe that you would find that this service is most rewarding.

As my final "official" duty, I will chair the Felix Fabian Founder's Award committee for next year. I need volunteers to assist me on that committee, so please contact me if you would like to volunteer for that committee service.

If you would like to nominate someone for that award, you can find the requirements for nomination (and a biography of Dr. Fabian) on our website at <https://www.swacj.org/felix-fabian-award>. Please do not wait until next fall to nominate someone; the sooner the better! Let's have a record number of nominees for this prestigious award in San Antonio in 2018! You may submit your nominations and supporting materials to me at [mhill@sfasu.edu](mailto:mhill@sfasu.edu).

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

Milt



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### Regional Trustee's Report



Greetings from Central Texas,

I hope this finds each of you doing well. It is an honor and privilege to serve the SWACJ membership as the Region IV trustee. If you have questions, comments, concerns to pass on to the ACJS Executive Board, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Highpoints from the closing Executive Board meeting on 17 February in New Orleans.

1. Attendance:

2018 – 1650  
2017 - 1549  
2016 - 1795

2. Upcoming ACJS conference locations

- a. 2019 – Baltimore
- b. 2020 – San Antonio
- c. 2021 - Orlando

3. New protocols for CJRA

- a. 2018 plans for congressional criminology meeting – homicide, race, opioids
- b. With ASC – two principal journals
  - i. Justice Quarterly
  - ii. Justice Evaluation Journal
- c. Media aspect
  - i. Research support with the media
    - 1. Working with editors for outreach efforts
    - 2. Tracking downloads
    - 3. Protocols for experts/applicants



4. Newly established **ACJS Leadership and Innovator Award**

- a. In recognition of practitioners whose work has had a direct, positive, and significant effect on the criminal justice system, with a commitment to improving the criminal justice system. These contributions may include program development, policy implementation, education, training, direct services, research, and legislative action.
- b. To be eligible for this Award, the candidate shall have:
  - 1. Been an outstanding leader and innovator in a professional capacity.
  - 2. Demonstrated commitment to improving the criminal justice system.

**ACJS Leadership and Innovator Award (cont.)**

3. Contributed to criminal justice or related programs, relevant policies, or community development.
4. Provided exemplary professional service to his or her organization.
5. Nominees need not be ACJS members.

**c. Nominations**

1. ACJS members may nominate a practitioner for this award by submitting a letter of nomination.
2. The nomination letters shall include the nominees' full contact information, resume, and rationale for the nomination.
3. Send the complete nomination packet to the ACJS Regional Trustee from the nominee's professional location.
4. **Nominations must be received no later than August 15, 2018.**
5. The winner of this award will receive a plaque recognizing their exemplary commitment and service to criminal justice sustenance improvement. The nominee selected to win this award is expected to attend the ACJS annual meeting in Baltimore during March 2019 and will receive a \$600 travel award to assist with travel expenses.

Take care and safe travels,

*C.A. Nix*

Christine A. Nix



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### Journal Editor's Report

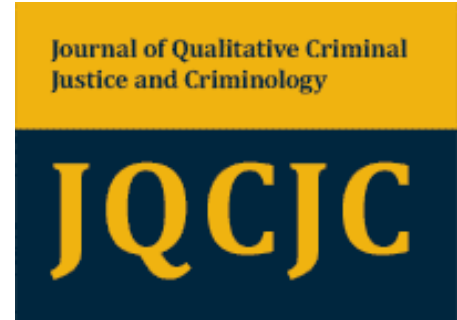


The transition of the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology* to UT-Dallas is now complete. Thanks to Tom Holt, former editor, and the IT staffs at Michigan State and UTD for all their hard work. The managing editor, Melissa Hayslip, has also been a tremendous help and I thank her for her dedication to the job. The website has been updated and the new email address for the journal is [jqcjc@utdallas.edu](mailto:jqcjc@utdallas.edu). I would like to welcome two new editorial board

members, Kevin F. Steinmetz from Kansas State University and Rashaan DeShay from the University of Texas at Arlington. The journal continues to receive a healthy number of submissions and I look forward to publishing three issues this year—spring, fall and a special issue on technocrime in July. Lastly, I am always looking for reviewers so please say “yes” if we reach out to you!

Lynne M. Vieraitis

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**SWACJ General Business Meeting—February 15, 2018 (New Orleans)**

Present: Nadine Connell, Michael Cavanaugh, Paul Reynolds, Jon Maskály, Camille Gibson, Rick Helfers, Molly Smith

Meeting began at 5:08pm

Officer Reports:

President:

- Nadine began by announcing our Past President, Milt Hill, was not able to attend the conference, but the only item he had was to encourage members to submit nominations for the Felix Fabian Award. Don't forget to look at the new SWACJ website for more information.
- Nadine mentioned "calls" for papers, awards, CSI, and Quiz Bowl are on our table in the vendor area.
- Fall SWACJ conference will be Oct 17-19 in San Antonio at the Double Tree Hilton across from UTSA conference center. The keynote speaker will be Congressman Joaquin Castro on Friday. The keynote will be either before or after lunch – we are awaiting confirmation from the Congressman's scheduler and will update the website as soon as we are informed.
- There will be a networking poster session and a Presidential plenary planning session for the qualitative journal.
- Will have separate graduate and undergraduate student programs. This will be a good for networking to recruit students to graduate programs.
- Student receptions will be a lower key—"ice cream social" – due to fiscal constraints.
- No longer a need to separate faculty and graduate students. Thus, graduate students are welcome at the past president's reception. Idea is to have ice cream social at 430pm and past presidents reception at 630pm. This also gives faculty the opportunity to mingle with their students and provides a way to welcome the undergraduate students.

First VP

- Call for quiz bowl is out on the table in the vendor area and also on the website
- Schools can have multiple teams
- Format for the quiz bowl is up for discussion. Will use clickers this year and at the Oct meeting will discuss if there should be a charge for team entries.
- Planning for Houston in 2019 and in process of sending out RFPs. When have 5-6 hotels, will do site visits.

Second VP

- Call for papers and need volunteers for judging.



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Secretary

- Newsletter will be out prior to May 1. Thus it is imperative board members ensure all entries are received by March 31.
- Secretary position is open. A new secretary will be elected in Oct at the San Antonio conference. Please let people know.

Treasurer

- Current financial position of the association is strong. Assets are currently at \$25,339.55
- May have an expenditure to obtain professional looking posters. Milt reported to Jon that this will cost around \$1,000.
- May donate the old stands to a school that needs/wants them.
- Need to renew the lease on the SWACJ name. Webmaster will transition our site to a new service prior to the expiration.

Trustee

- Where to go: 2023 ACJS Chicago, Orlando, Denver
- Cutting cost for the conference
- Cutting executive board meeting at the conference (This is a move to save ACJS conference cost)
- Cathy is retiring between 2019 and 2020 years
- ACJS Board is considering whether it needs office space in Virginia going forward given that we now have CJRA as our DC presence
- Alex Piquero is the editor of *Justice Evaluation Journal*
- What to do with the certification? Should it be kept? It is a question the board is working through
- Practitioner flavor planned for the Baltimore conference with practitioner CEUS available.
- Historian position is going away and replaced with a \$5,000 history grant
- Auto-renewal of membership is a couple years away from implementation
- UN-NGRO alternative representative position is available---if interested contact Janice Joseph

Webmaster

- New website is up and running
- Everything is set for the conference, just waiting for approval
- Archives are completed for SW journal and Qualitative journal
- Instagram account has been created

Journal Editor (report provided by Nadine)

- Journal is going well
- Call for papers has been sent out
- May have three issues this year



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Old Business

- A. Quantitative Journal Committee Report
  - Committee has been charged and will be meeting soon (Tom Jordan, Paul Reynolds, Tom Barker, Tusty ten Bensel, Sesha Kethineni is the chair)
- B. Logo Committee Report
  - Roadrunner or no bird on the logo
  - Vote on the image will be sent to the membership in August
  - Will have product with new logo at the next conference
- C. 2018 Conference Update
  - See President's report

New Business

- A. ACJS membership committee video
  - One minute video to encourage membership. How ACJS is beneficial?—Paul Reynolds is in charge of this initiative
- B. New Trustee effective Saturday
  - New trustee – Christine Nix
  - Presented Camille award for her contribution as the regional trustee
- C. Adding Practitioner Award to Ceremony (Line Services)
  - Pay to bring one person to the conference
  - Have another one where the conference is held
  - Looking how to commemorate CJ practitioner
  - Feedback?

Adjourned at 6:15pm



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Researching the Truth: Criminal Justice  
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Conference Theme

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

Deadline for abstracts: Midnight, September 20, 2018



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## 2018 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 San Antonio.

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. (Note: maximum size for each poster is 36"X48")

Anyone interested in presenting research may do so by submitting an **Abstract and Panel Participation** form no later than **midnight September 20, 2018**.

**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 Paul Reynolds at [Second-Vice-President@swacj.org](mailto:Second-Vice-President@swacj.org) with questions regarding the poster session.



## 2018 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 2018 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 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$100 (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 2018 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. Paul Reynolds at [Second-Vice-President@swacj.org](mailto:Second-Vice-President@swacj.org) 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 20, 2018**.
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.





## 2018 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 2018 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.

**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 2018 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. Paul Reynolds at [Second-Vice-President@swacj.org](mailto:Second-Vice-President@swacj.org), 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 20, 2018**.
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RECOGNITION OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS  
WILL BE MADE AT THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING ON FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 19



-- All Students Encouraged To Participate --

## Call for Teams

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

is pleased to announce the

**SEVENTH Collegiate Undergraduate Team**

## Crime Scene Interpretation Competition

**Thursday October 18, 2018**

Time and 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 three 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, 2018.**

**\*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.**

**\*\*\*\*Institutions can have multiple teams, but each team shall have not more than five members.**



## ***Annual SWACJ Undergraduate Student Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl 2018***

**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. Michael Cavanaugh ([First-Vice-President@swacj.org](mailto:First-Vice-President@swacj.org)) no later than midnight, **September 30, 2018**. Teams do not have to 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 2018**

#### **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: Milt Hill:** [Past-President@swacj.org](mailto:Past-President@swacj.org)

**\*Felix Fabian was the first President of SWACJ. His bio can be found on our web page at <https://www.swacj.org/>**



## Save the Date

# 2018 Annual SWACJ Conference

October 17-19

***“Researching the Truth: Criminal Justice Integrity  
in a Time of Fake News”***

**San Antonio, Texas**

**Venue: DoubleTree Hilton  
Downtown**



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