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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



President

Greetings SWACJ members:

I wish express my gratitude to everyone who attended the general business meeting in Denver. Having the opportunity to connect with friends and colleagues from SWACJ is something I always look forward to doing at the national conference.

One of the issues discussed at the general business meeting in Denver was our desire to increase the membership and involvement in SWACJ across the region.

An ad-hoc committee was formed shortly after the meeting that has already begun the work of reaching out to our colleagues in the region about already begun the work of reaching out to our colleagues in the region about membership and conference attendance. I call on all SWACJ members to encourage their colleagues and students to join and become involved in the association.

Some might ask, “what benefit to me is there in joining a regional association when I am already a member of a national association?” Regional associations, like SWACJ, provide members with greater opportunity to make professional connections with scholars and practitioners in your region. Those associations can then become partnerships for research and teaching collaborations. Some of my favorite teaching innovations that I use in my classrooms came to me through conversation with colleagues at SWACJ conferences. Regional association conferences are a good way to introduce your students to the larger world of criminal justice scholarship and introduce them to the most current research in our field. SWACJ conferences are a good place for both graduate and undergraduate students to make connections with faculty from institutions where they may consider furthering their education.

The SWACJ Executive Board has also been discussing the purposes and goals of our annual meeting. Events designed for undergraduate and graduate students, guest speakers, and receptions already make a SWACJ conference more than just a place to present the results of our research. Our desire, however, is to make SWACJ conferences more than they already are. We are working on plans for panels and workshops in the areas of advanced statistical techniques, getting published, and building research collaborations. We are currently looking for faculty in the region that would be willing to help present and participate in such panels and workshops.

Presenting and helping to design these workshops and panels is a great way to get involved in SWACJ alongside becoming a member of a committee or the executive board. I hope that all of you will consider getting involved in some way and help SWACJ continue to be the outstanding organization that it is.

Blessings,

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1st Vice President



The snow was certainly beautiful in Denver for those of us fortunate enough to attend the ACJS conference in March. I consider myself even more fortunate that I was able to come home to Texas and leave the snow behind!

I wish to express my appreciation to the SWACJ members who attended ACJS and who took the time to come to the general business meeting. I believe our organization is going strong, and I hope to see more growth within the organization and more involvement from all of our members in the future.

Nadine (2nd VP, UTD) and I are working with Rick (Secretary, UTT) and Christine (Past Secretary, UMHB) to reach out to all of the institutions in our region to encourage those organizations to be more active in the Southwestern Association. With our next two conferences scheduled for Oklahoma City and Fort Worth, we hope to see greater attendance by professional members and more involvement by both professional and student members. Please consider submitting your research abstracts for presentation panels and/or volunteering to chair a panel or roundtable. We will be electing a 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, and we have opportunities for you to serve as a member of the paper judging panel(s) and/or the audit committee.

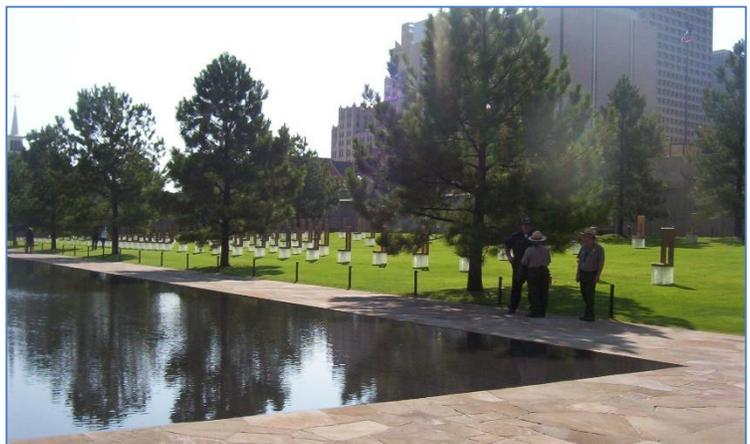
I encourage all of our members to offer their support to our current president, George Day (SFA), as he finalizes plans for this year's regional conference in OKC, and I encourage everyone to make plans now to attend the OKC conference from October 13-15, 2016. We look forward to seeing everyone there; it will be a great time to see old friends and colleagues and form new relationships and potential collaborations!

Finally, please consider encouraging your students to enter the various competitions: the quiz bowl, the CSI team competition, the paper competitions, the poster competition, etc. Also, please encourage your students to present their research in one of the panels or in the poster presentation. Although many of our students intend to enter the field of criminal justice as practitioners, many are also future academics in criminal justice and related fields! 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,

Milt



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2nd Vice President

I hope that the end of the semester finds everyone well and that you aren't buried under too many papers! I know if you're anything like me, you will be spending the next few weeks running from meeting to meeting, frantically trying to grade everything in time, and attempting to squeeze in a few minutes for research endeavors. Add in crowded pre-exam office hours and stale coffee, and I think you have the average academic's spring semester. But let's face it, we wouldn't trade it for the world and when the last vestiges of graduation have faded away, even as we appreciate a quiet campus, we'll miss the hustle and bustle of our students. Until August, when they come back en masse and we wish for that quiet again!

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association Conference at the University of Central Oklahoma. I was there representing SWACJ and helping to make stronger connections between SWACJ and other local and regional criminal justice organizations. I made a lot of new friends and was quite impressed with everything going on in Oklahoma. I hope that many of you reading have joined SWACJ as a result of my trip up north and I look forward to connecting with you again in Oklahoma City in October. My quick trip for OCJA has made me very excited for our October meeting. OKC has changed a lot since my last trip in 2003; between scenic walks around the river, cool new restaurants in Brick City, and shopping to be had all around the city, we are all in for a treat.

And as you grade those papers, please consider encouraging any student who would be a good candidate to enter the SWACJ Student Paper Competitions. We have one for both undergraduate and graduate students. Both have broad requirements, allowing for the submission of many different kinds of papers, from literature and law reviews at the undergrad level and any type of empirical research at the graduate level. If you have any questions about whether a submission is eligible, please don't hesitate to contact me. Encourage your students to enter the competition, as it is great exposure for them and for your university. I look forward to reading their submissions!

We are still recruiting judges for our paper competition, so if you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact me at nadine.connell@utdallas.edu or Second-Vice-President@swacj.org. It's a great way to get involved with SWACJ and won't take up too much of your time. Plus, we usually get great submission!

I hope to see you in Oklahoma City in October! And as always, please feel free to contact me if you have ideas, want to get involved, or just want to chat. See you soon!

Warmest Regards,

Nadine M Connell

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Treasurer’s Report



Tis the quiet time of year for the Treasurer. Well, reasonably quiet. As I filed our federal tax return, I thought I would review our IRS status to refresh everyone’s memory. SWACJ first applied for and gained IRS recognition as a non-profit organization in the 1970s. At some point after that, IRS tax returns became required, but were not filed and the organization was eventually reclassified as a “private foundation.” At some point, the organization was dropped from the IRS list of recognized organizations (probably in the 1980s or 1990s).

In February, 2012, SWACJ was reinstated as a recognized 501(c)3 Private Foundation that is exempt from Federal Income Tax and that may receive tax deductible contributions. After five years of operating in compliance with the public charity guidelines, we will be eligible to receive public charity status. This doesn’t make any difference to you the member. It does mean that we must file a longer private foundation tax return (Form 990PF) each year rather than the “postcard” tax return for small private charities. However, next year we will be able to request reclassification as a Public Charity and that should make our annual filing task easier.

| Current Balances as of March 1, 2016 | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| PayPal | \$ 789.41 |
| Wells-Fargo | \$ 17,776.81 |
| Balance on Hand | \$ 18,566.22 |
| Encumbered* | \$ 3,928.64 |
| Available | \$ 14,637.58 |

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

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will read details of the upcoming Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City. It will be here before we know it and the plans are looking great. Be sure to put it on your calendar and send an email to at least one colleague that is not currently in SWACJ. Encourage them to join and attend the meeting. Put our website URL in your email. If you have any questions that I can help with please contact me.

Tom Jordan

Past President



Greetings!

It was great to see everyone that made it to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Meeting in Denver. It is exciting to hear about all of the ways SWACJ continues to strive to meet the needs of all of its members. There are many intriguing activities planned for the Oklahoma City meeting, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

I am currently accepting nominations for the Felix Fabian Founder’s Award. This award is presented to an individual that deserves recognition of his or her outstanding service to SWACJ and to the criminal justice discipline. The criteria for nominating someone is that they must be an active member that is in good standing with SWACJ for five consecutive years; active involvement in criminal justice education and research for five consecutive years; and has made a substantial contribution to SWACJ and the criminal justice discipline. To nominate an individual, please send me an email with a brief narrative highlighting how the nominee meets the award criteria. Supporting documents are encouraged, but not required.

Have a wonderful summer!

Jiletta L. Kubena



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Hello all SWACJ members!

I hope all of you that were able to make it to the ACJS conference had an enjoyable time. I know I certainly stayed busy throughout the conference and was glad to meet many SWACJ members during my stay in Denver. I would like to thank those of you that were able to stop by the SWACJ table outside the exhibition hall and discuss a little SWACJ business. I know each of your SWACJ board members appreciated the time you took out of your busy conference schedule to stop by and provide us some input about enhancing the services SWACJ could provide or just to say hello.

For those of you that could not make the ACJS conference or were unable to attend the general business meeting, I have included the minutes on pages 9-11 of this newsletter. My hope is it will keep you more informed about SWACJ. If you have any comments or questions about the minutes, please feel free to contact me. Or, if there is something you would like SWACJ to consider, please contact me or any member of the executive board. We are always interested in hearing from you.

Now that the end of the semester has arrived, I am sure everyone is ready for a little break from the usual routine. Your SWACJ executive board will be spending the upcoming summer months getting ready for the SWACJ conference in October. Please don't forget to mark your calendars for the conference. I know it is mentioned throughout this newsletter, but here is another reminder. The 2016 SWACJ conference will be held in Oklahoma City from October 13-15. As you place the finishing touches on your latest research, consider presenting it at the conference. As always, there will be many excellent presentations and posters during the conference and I look forward to learning about your work. The board has been devoting many hours to organizing several activities that will make this an unforgettable conference.

I will close with wishing everyone a productive, relaxing, and safe summer. If you have any questions about the upcoming conference or if your organization is interested in being a sponsor during the conference, please let me know. There are several levels of sponsorships we can discuss. Enjoy the summer and I hope to see everyone in Oklahoma City in October!!

Rick



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Regional Trustee report

Hello Everyone:

Greetings from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Board!

We had a busy but fun and productive conference in Denver, Colorado this spring. Brandon Applegate and his ACJS team of member volunteers did a fine job. Now the reigns are with Lorenzo Boyd as preparations gear up for next year's conference in Kansas City. It will be March 21-25 with a theme of "Linking teaching, practice and research." Hotel rooms at the Kansas City

Marriott Downtown are at a bargain rate for national meetings. You will want to make your reservations early because Kansas City will also host the NCAA Sweet 16 the same week as ACJS.

The Board continues to consider how to make your membership dollars work for you. With that in mind, the doctoral student summit rolls on with great success at the national conference; there is more food at the conference; financial assistance for regional conferences; and the funding of a media expert and a policy expert to see that our criminal justice research gets the attention of policy-makers. ACJS also pays \$5,000 per year toward the Oral History project. These videos are available at the ASC website: http://www.asc41.com/videos/Oral_History.html. The Board will also increase its efforts toward more practitioner participation at our national meetings. Additionally, it is working on an evaluation journal that will be practitioner-friendly in design.

Other new developments include that student travel awards can now be given to students who are first author as opposed to only sole author. Plus ACJS now has agreements with some international criminology/criminal justice groups that will allow ACJS members to attend those international meetings at their membership rate and vice-versa plus other collaborative benefits.

ACJS is healthy and looks forward to a closer relationship with all its affiliated regions.

Respectfully,

Camille Gibson

Regional Trustee.



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Journal Editor Report



This spring has seen some great moments for the Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology. In addition to a good run of new submissions from contributors, we have seen the publication of our first issue of Volume 4 of the Journal. It is now available on-line through the website, and I hope you can take a moment to read through the great articles published.

In addition, Kevin Steinmetz stepped down from his position as book review editor, but has graciously agreed to serve as a special issue editor for contributions focused on the misuse of technology and cybercrimes generally. Abstracts for consideration in the special issue can be submitted to him via email at kfsteinmetz@ksu.edu by no later than August 15, 2016. Final manuscripts will be due no later than May 15, 2017, and will undergo rigorous peer review.

In order to continue to increase the presence of the journal and the number of manuscripts published per year, I am very interested in publishing 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, so please send me a message. I look forward to hearing from you!

Tom Holt

Michigan State University

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**Minutes SWACJ General Membership Meeting at ACJS
March 30, 2016**

Board Members Present: George Day, Milt Hill, Rick Helfers, Camille Gibson, Jiletta Kubena, Nadine Connell

5:10pm

Past President's report:

- Thanks for an outstanding SWACJ meeting in October at South Padre Island, Texas
- Beginning to collect nominations for the Felix Fabian award
- Requesting volunteers to be on the selection committee for the award

President's report:

- Sponsorships for the conference are needed. Keep in mind the conference program is an excellent source to place an advertisement for your university's program.
- Guest speaker at the conference will be Shannon Buhl who is the Director for the Cherokee Nation Marshall Service.
- Prison Rodeo, book authored by Mitch Roth will have a panel. Potential for a book signing at the conference.
- Two vacant officer positions will be filled at the conference: 2nd VP and Treasurer
- Volunteer and become more involved in SWACJ
- Always in need of host universities for the conferences
- Desire is to plan the conference out in advance, so if your university is interested in being a host university for 2017 or 2018, let the SWACJ board know. The host university provides site coordination, students at registration, and assist with sponsorship and costs. The costs are not specific, up to what the host university can provide.
- The executive board voted earlier today to alter the membership year. Members that have paid last year (2015) their membership will be expire on Sep 30, 2016. Members that paid 2016 dues already will have their membership active until Sep 30, 2017. The reasoning for the change was to better align the dues with the SWACJ conference, which is when an overwhelming majority of members pay their dues.

First VP report:

- 2017 conference---will be in the DFW area, with Ft. Worth being the priority
- 1st VP, 2nd VP, and secretary will be exploring site visits for the conference (2017)
- Host university (several options are available, but a determination has not been made yet).
- Theme for the conference has not been determined at this time
- Quiz bowl and poster session—encourage students to participate. Also encourage faculty to submit posters



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Second VP report:

- Student paper competition for the SWACJ conference---need as many as possible. The graduate papers must be research based (empirical papers). Encourage your students to work on promising papers during the summer.
- Recruitment efforts are being made to increase membership

Treasurer report:

- Presented by George Day
- There is \$789.41 in Paypal and \$17,776.81 in the Wells Fargo account, totaling \$18,566.22. However, \$3,928.64 has been encumbered, leaving a total of \$14,637.58 available.

Secretary report

- Minutes from the general board meeting will be included in the newsletter to keep the membership informed
- Next newsletter will be distributed to the membership in May

Trustee report:

- Membership ranking by region: Northeast, South, Midwest, Southwest, West
- ACJS board is interested in investing its funds to benefit membership.
- Funding a media expert (similar to ASC). This position pays \$36,000 to put CJ research in front of policy makers. This is a one year experiment.
- ACJS pays \$5,000 per year for an oral history expert; videos are available for teaching, etc.
- Board will continue to work harder to get practitioners to attend the conference
- There is a new evaluation journal in development. It will solicit manuscripts that will be 10-15 pages that practitioners and policy makers will read
- There has been some concern about the impact factor of journals in regards to discussions about self-citations in an effort to increase the impact factor. There are no CJ journals that have been sanctioned or dropped from prime indexes for misconduct in this regard.
- The 3-5 year ACJS membership option will cease due to new software that does not support this option
- Membership in ACJS is relatively flat
- Student travel awards—if student is the first author or sole author they will be eligible for selection
- Annie E. Casey foundation is interested in more evaluation research from ACJS members
- Friday lunch is free and is provided through ACJS dues
- ACJS has agreements with international groups. This means if members attend meeting with the international associations, ACJS members will pay the member rate for the group, just as those members do for the ACJS conference
- Hotel accommodations for next year's ACJS conference will be \$139/night. Book early because the Kansas City is a host city for the NCAA sweet 16 that occurs the same week as ACJS.
- Hotel accommodations for the ACJS conference in 2018 (New Orleans) will be \$199/night
- Faith Lutz is now the 2nd VP that joined the board

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Webmaster report:

- Provided by George Day
- Website has been updated to present information about the 2016 conference in OK City
- Members can save \$25 if register for the SWACJ conference during the ACJS conference

Journal Editor's report:

- Provided by George Day
- Preparation for the next issue is in its final stages, it will be available within the next couple weeks
- Ashley Farmer, PhD candidate, who will be taking a position at Illinois State in the fall and will serve as the book review editor for the journal.
- Tom Holt, the journal editor, is seeking specialized topic issues. In mid-May, a special issue will come out about Cybercrime. Each specialized issue will be guest edited. The upcoming special issue will be edited by Kevin Steinmetz. The next special issue will be on terrorism. Any suggestions how to broadcast/recruit editors for special issues should contact George.
- The journal is a qualitative studies journal.

New Business

- Recommendation from the membership is to establish an ad-hoc committee for outreach to increase our membership. Any members interested should contact George.

Milt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Camille seconded. Anonymous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm

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Call for Conference Papers & Posters
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(SWACJ)

October 13-15, 2016
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Conference Theme
Special Populations in Criminal Justice

Conference information including registration, abstract submission, and hotel reservations can be located at www.swacj.org

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 SWACJ Annual Meeting Guest Speaker



DIRECTOR OF THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHALL SERVICE

SHANNON BUHL

Shannon Buhl describes himself as a proud Cherokee tribal member. He has been with the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service going on 16 years. In that time, he has worked patrol, investigations, criminal interdiction, special operations and administration. As the second constitutionally appointed Marshal of the Cherokee Nation, Shannon Buhl sits on the tribal cabinet along with the Chief, Deputy Chief, Secretary of State, Chief of Staff, Treasurer, and Secretary of Environment. This enables him to look at law enforcement issues more globally than most law enforcement administrators. Buhl currently sits on the Oklahoma ACLU Board. The ACLU appointment allows him to actively uphold his commitment to the protection of civil liberties for his community and the Cherokee people.



Shannon Buhl holds an Associate's degree in criminal justice, a Bachelor's degree in psychology, and a Masters in criminal justice and is currently in the PHD program at Oklahoma State University concentrating on adult occupational education. As an Adjunct Professor in the criminal justice program at Northeastern State University, Shannon has the honor and privilege of instructing the future men and women of law enforcement in Northeastern Oklahoma. Marshall Buhl is also a veteran with over 12 years of service in the United States Army and United States Air Force Reserve.

About the Cherokee Nation Marshall Service

The Cherokee Nation Marshal Service is a full-fledged, certified law enforcement agency with jurisdiction throughout the Cherokee Nation. The Marshal Service is cross-deputized with 50 municipal, county, state and federal agencies. With more than 32 Deputy Marshals, the agency offers array of special teams focusing on prevention and justice in matters concerning criminal activities.



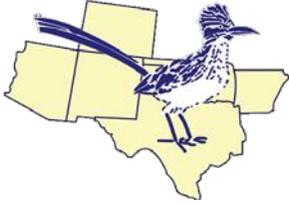
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2016 Poster Session



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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 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 (1st place), \$75 (2nd place), and \$50 (3rd 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, 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 6th 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.
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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 (1st place), \$150 (2nd place), or \$100 (3rd 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 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/dissertation proposal.
3. Submissions must be submitted electronically to Dr. Nadine Connell at nadine.connell@utdallas.edu, 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 23, 2016**.
6. The paper must conform to the citation and format standard established in the 6th edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) publication manual.
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RECOGNITION OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS WILL BE MADE
AT THE LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14



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-- 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

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) 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

***Felix Fabien was the first President of SWACJ. His bio can be found on our web page at www.swacj.org**



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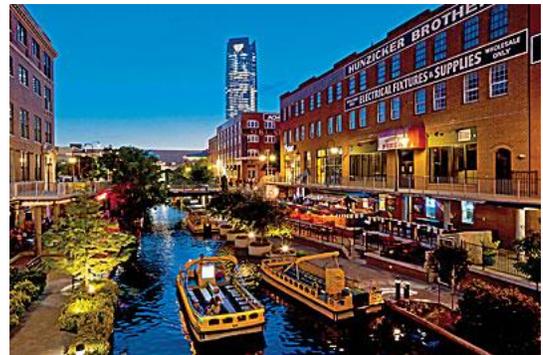
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