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October 17-19, 2018

San Antonio, Texas



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

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President's Report

When I was elected as Second Vice-President back on South Padre Island, being at the helm of SWACJ seemed a long way off. But like many things in life, it was here before I realized. I must admit that it felt a bit surreal when Milt handed me the proverbial gavel in Fort Worth but now that the shock has worn off, I am excited to serve such a vibrant, growing, and enthusiastic organization. This year's conference in Fort Worth was our biggest success yet – we reached our highest level of attendance to date, we had our biggest Quiz Bowl, and we had the most submissions ever in both our Undergraduate and Graduate Paper Competitions. Milt did an amazing job and he's set a high bar for me to reach!

But thankfully, he also trained me very well, as have those members of the Board that I have been privileged to serve with for the last three years, so I am looking forward to our 2018 SWACJ conference in San Antonio, Texas. As someone who moved to Texas later in life, San Antonio has always stood out to me as a unique and innovative city – one foot rooted firmly in history while the other is firmly committed to being an integral part of Texas' future. And I think that it has a southwest feel that transcends Texas, so don't be afraid to come enjoy even if you're from out of town!



So on that note, where will we be? After months of research and some very hectic days touring the city, the Board has determined that the 2018 SWACJ conference will be held at the DoubleTree Hilton Downtown. Less than a mile away from the famed San Antonio Riverwalk and with very affordable prices, I felt that this was the best location for us. And with the property undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation (to be finished long before we arrive!), we'll get the benefit of a great location and a fabulous property!

I am also excited to announce some changes to the San Antonio schedule, namely that we will have our conference on a Wednesday through Friday, instead of the traditional Thursday through Saturday schedule. My goal is to give everyone a better opportunity for work/life balance that week as well as to entice you to spend a few extra days in San Antonio. Invite your friends and family too – they will enjoy all of the amenities that the hotel has to offer and October on the Riverwalk promises to be a great experience for all.

With that in mind, it is time to start looking ahead! As you start marking your calendars, put a star on it for the SWACJ Conference Deadline! We will be accepting paper submissions through September 20, 2018. The Quiz Bowl will be held on Wednesday, October 17 and the CSI Competition on Thursday, October 18. In addition, we will be adding a networking happy hour to our poster showcase and can expect even more perks for members and students alike!



Interested in keeping track of all the excitement? Check out our newly designed [website](#)! Bill Stone has passed the torch to Molly Smith and she has hit the ground running! Bill has left us in amazing shape and we wouldn't be able to do all the things we are doing now without his guidance and innovation. He has left us in a position to keep moving the organization forward into the digital age and I am eternally grateful for his loyalty and commitment to the organization.



Of course, I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our newest officers and welcome them to the SWACJ Board. Please join me in welcoming our new 2nd Vice President, Paul Reynolds (UNT-Dallas), our new Webmaster, Molly Smith (University of Arkansas-Little Rock), and our new journal editor, Lynne Veriaitis (UT-Dallas). With such wonderful and talented people joining us, I know that our organization will continue down the path of success that we have been set on by Milt, George, James, Jiletta, and all of the other previous board members!

But now, it's time to get back to grading! Mark your calendars for October 2018 and I'll see you in San Antonio! But first, I hope you can join us at the ACJS conference in New Orleans in February. Our General Business Meeting will be on Thursday, February 15 from 5-6pm in Salon 21. We will have updates from our journal and logo committees, as well as new updates about our October conference. You won't want to miss it!

Until then, have a wonderful, healthy, and happy holiday season and a fantastic new year!

Nadine M. Cornell



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1st Vice President's Report

Thank you to all of the SWACJ members who attended the conference in Fort Worth. The conference turned into one of the most memorable conferences that I have attended for SWACJ. I heard from numerous members that this was the best conference in their memory and everyone that I talked to said that they were looking forward to next year's conference in San Antonio. The total numbers were amazing as we had over 160 people in attendance.

A big thank you must be given to Milt Hill for organizing the Fort Worth Conference. There were so many people involved in making the conference tick, but without Milt's leadership on the board, there is no way that the conference could have been so successful. Milt deserves kudos for making the conference as great as it was and will, no doubt, help the organization immensely serving as immediate past president.

The other members of the leadership team deserve recognition for their individual contributions as well. Camille was superb (as usual) in her role as liaison between us and ACJS. Bill, in his role as webmaster, was excellent in his job and also served as SWACJ's unofficial historian letting us benefit from his institutional memory. George was able to provide calm and reasoned leadership throughout the year, never letting us lose sight of the ultimate goal. Rick was calm and steady as always and made sure that we turned everything in on time and everything was organized as it should be. Jon was able to wrangle money out of notoriously stingy groups of people (I count myself as one) and organizations and his ideas helped move the organization into better fiscal shape. Nadine was always ready to help the organization out, as evidenced by her willingness to take over temporary editor duties for *JQCJC*. Additionally, with her leadership and ideas moving forward, SWACJ will have another successful conference in San Antonio in 2018 with Nadine at the helm.

I would like to welcome three new members to the leadership team. Paul Reynolds, from the University of North Texas at Dallas, was recently elected as Second Vice President and will do an excellent job for SWACJ. Paul has been a member of SWACJ for a number of years starting when he was a doctoral student at Texas State. Molly Smith, from the University of Arkansas Little Rock is also joining the board as webmaster. Bill Stone held the position for over 20 years, so those are large shoes to fill. I have no doubt that Molly will be excellent in the position, although she may not want to be in the position as long as Bill was in it. Finally, Lynne Vieraitis takes over the journal editor position from our temporary editor, Nadine Connell. Lynne's impressive CV made her the top choice for the position and we look forward to her stewardship of the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*.

I was fortunate enough to be one of the judges for the undergraduate and graduate paper awards for 2017. The papers in both categories were amazing and SWACJ is lucky to have these quality students as part of the organization. It is never too early to start thinking about papers for the 2018 SWACJ paper competition, so remember to send those papers to Paul, who will be in charge of the paper competition for 2018. For 2018, I will be lucky enough to be in charge of the Quiz Bowl. I talked to quite a few students about how great this year's quiz bowl was, so the bar is set pretty high. However, with your help and participation I am sure that the quiz bowl in 2018 will be even better.

See you next year in San Antonio.-----Mike

2nd Vice President's Report

Upmost, I want to thank the membership for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Second-Vice President in this amazing association. I wish to offer my congratulations to Past President Milt and the rest of the executive board for an amazing time during the 2017 annual meeting in Ft. Worth. I know under Nadine and Michael's leadership and Milt's guidance that this organization will continue to grow and do great things. I am looking forward to supporting the executive board and our SWACJ members in the upcoming years. I am excited about our upcoming meeting at ACJS in New Orleans this spring and our annual meeting next fall in San Antonio. Speaking of locations, I have begun probing into potential locations for our highly anticipated meeting in 2020. Given all options are currently on the table, I would love to get your input. I am currently leaning toward going out of state since we will have been in Texas for three years straight.

As the second vice president, I will be responsible for the student paper competition. I will be working closely with Michael to enhance the competitiveness and increase participation. If you (or someone that you know) are interested in serving as a judge for the undergraduate or graduate (or both) divisions, please let me know. My email is Paul.Reynolds@untDallas.edu or Second-Vice-President@swacj.org. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance.

Additionally, I plan on working with a committee selected by Nadine, with the tasks of examining the feasibility and practicality of revitalizing the Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice. If you recall from the membership meeting, bringing the journal back to life is a major goal I have for this organization moving forward. I believe restoring this journal will not only provide an additional outlet for research among our membership and peers, but will also enhance the reputation of our association. In fact, an article from the previous journal was recently referenced in a criminal justice related article in *Crises Magazine* – an online Catholic Magazine. Thanks Will for bringing this to our attention!

As we move into the holiday season, I want to extend a symbolic hug to all my SWACJ family. I truly feel blessed for the amazing friendships and wonderful experiences shared. I am excited about this upcoming year and look forward to making new friends and great memories. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Wishing all of you good cheer and happiness this upcoming year.

Respectfully,

Paul Reynolds



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Treasurer's Report

Here we are again, closing out 2017 and looking forward to 2018. Keeping in the tradition of my predecessors, I write with good news about our financial status. We had great attendance at this year's conference with 157 attendees (15 non-members; 68 professional members; and 74 student members). In addition to some generous donations from many of our partners (ACJS, Boise State University, Curriculum Technology, Jones & Bartlett Learning, Northeastern State University, Peregrine Academic Services, Stephen F. Austin University, Sage Publishing, Sam Houston, TCU, Texas State University, UT-Dallas, and UT-Tyler), we ended up making money at this year's conference. The increased capital is even more impressive given the organization decided to invest in some capital expenditures that should last us for the next 5-10 years (i.e., presentation technology and lanyards—together costing almost \$5,000).

Altogether, we have \$25,382.01 in the Wells Fargo checking account and \$391.73 in the PayPal account. This will change as we are waiting for a few invoices to pay that will total about \$1000. Furthermore, given the feedback that we got from our members at the General Business meeting, there may be some additional expenditures next year before the conference with the exploration of the new SWACJ branding approved by the membership.

As we move forward as an organization, there are certainly some financial challenges that we will face. First, with a growing membership comes growing conference costs for the organization. Currently, we seem to be doing well in managing costs for the organization, but since costs are based on a head-count basis, more participants means higher cost. This is not a problem as long as we continue to grow the number of professional members who are attending the meetings. However, if we continue to grow our student attendance at the same rate it has been over the past few years, the organization will start to lose money. This means we will either need to increase our fundraising efforts and/or increase the costs to attendees—since students are poor that means professional members will be paying more.

This brings me to my last point: please if you have colleagues who are not SWACJ members, please drag them along (hopefully not kicking and screaming, but we will take what we can get) with you next year. The conferences are also a great place to network, hone our craft, and professionally socialize our students (a.k.a., dote on their wonderful success!). To date, I have always had a great time at the SWACJ conferences, and I am certain that others will too. Secondly, if you have any thoughts on whom we might reach out to for fundraising efforts, please let me know. We are trying to everything we can to make the conferences as nice and affordable for you as possible. If this means we need to set up time and/or space at the conference to introduce attendees with vendors, I know that I speak for the board when I say we are happy to do this! Please let me know.

Jon Maskály



Secretary's Report



Hello everyone! It has been a couple of months since our conference in Ft. Worth and I think everyone had a great time. Thank you Milt for leading us over the past year and now I am looking forward to see what Nadine will have in store for us as we continue to make SWACJ the best it can be. Congratulations are also in order for all of the recipients of this year's awards and competitions! I am looking forward to my last year as your secretary and the location Nadine has selected for next year's conference will be memorable. Therefore, be thinking about entering a team for the CSI competition, Quiz Bowl, and also about presenting your research either in a panel session or via the poster session. Students, now that the fall semester is over and you have completed a paper for a course or have been working on a long range project, it is time to consider entering your work in one of our paper competitions. Please

contact your professor to discuss your potential for being awarded money! Your board is dedicated to making each conference better than the last one, so if you have a suggestion about what has worked well or areas that need improvement, please let us know; and yes, the sooner the better.

The ACJS conference is the highlight of my Spring semester and I hope that everyone is looking forward to joining me at the conference in New Orleans. Our SWAJ meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 in the Grand Salon 21 located on the first floor of the Hilton. What better time to mark it on your calendar about this important meeting than right now as you are reading my words. So take a moment and take your phone out and notate "Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 5-6pm as the SWACJ Business meeting at ACJS." I just did that as I wrote this piece, so why don't you go ahead and do that yourself? We will be following up on an important vote regarding our logo. Remember the discussion we had in regard to the logo at the SWACJ meeting? If not, you missed out. The membership has a voice, so please make every effort to attend your SWAJ General Business meeting at ACJS.

Now take some time to relax a little over the semester break as you work on your research, prep Spring semester courses, and enjoy family and friends. Enjoy your time and I look forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans!

Rick



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Past President's Report

As I begin this column, I am at once happy and sad. SWACJ has been a very important part of my life for ten years, but especially so over the past three years. Although I am still on the board as Immediate Past President, I am sad that time has gone so quickly. I am happy, though, to have handed the reins over to Nadine's capable guidance. Because of the makeup of the Executive Board, I know that SWACJ is in good hands, and I am excited to see what the next year brings.

This past year was challenging in many ways, and I could not have had a successful year without the selfless assistance of so many people. In particular, I would like to thank Nadine, who, in addition to her already exceptionally heavy commitment schedule, and in addition to her various duties as First Vice President of SWACJ, volunteered to serve as interim journal editor for our *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology* when our previous journal editor unexpectedly resigned early this summer. Nadine was also a member of our site committee for Fort Worth while, at the same time, she was preparing site visits and making preparations for next year's conference in San Antonio!

Thank you to Jon and Mike, who, in addition to being Treasurer and 2nd Vice President, volunteered to co-chair the search committee for our new journal editor. We had several very strong candidates, and through their (and the committee's) tireless work, we appointed Lynne Vieraitis from the University of Texas at Dallas as our new journal editor. We are excited for the future of the Journal in her capable hands! Welcome, Lynne! Thank you to the journal search committee members for their service on the committee and for doing such a standout job! In addition to Jon (UTD) and Mike (UHD), the members of the committee were Chip Burns (TCU), Will Oliver (Sam), Paul Reynolds (UNT-D), Jiletta Kubena (OLLU-SA), and Tusty ten Bensel (UALR).

Rick Helfers must be one of the most organized people that I have ever met—or maybe he just keeps me fooled! I do know how he could otherwise keep up with all of the thoughts, ideas, and whims that we throw at him. I believe the success of the Fort Worth conference was largely due to Rick's efforts, and, as many members can attest, the office of Secretary is often a very thankless position. Although he may not be seen in the spotlight as often as others, he is quite often the reason that we even have a spotlight. Thank you, Rick.

Jon, you took over as Treasurer last year with almost impossible shoes to fill. Tom Jordan had done a simply outstanding job as Treasurer for SWACJ for six years, and we knew that it was a monumental task that you faced to transition into that position. Not only did you make that transition well, but you were able to keep the organization running smoothly without a single major hiccup. And, above all, you kept your sense of humor—and that keeps us all going sometimes!

Bill, I do not want to say goodbye to you as Webmaster. There are very few members of SWACJ (as in maybe one or two) that remember SWACJ not having a Webmaster, so it will not be the same without you. I look forward to working with you in other ways, and I know that I am not alone when I thank you from the bottom of my heart, as a SWACJ officer and as a SWACJ member, for your 22 years of service as SWACJ Webmaster. You have an almost encyclopedic knowledge of SWACJ, and your stories were both entertaining and informative! Welcome to Molly Smith (UALR) as our new Webmaster; we wish you well, and we look forward to the future with you at the controls!

Camille, I was glad to hear that you (and Mike) were safe after Hurricane Harvey. My heart went out to you during such a difficult time, and I was impressed that you never seemed to miss a beat. Your work as trustee/liaison between SWACJ and ACJS has been remarkable, and as I told you recently, it amazes me that you so effectively communicate from one level to the other, in both directions, so clearly and effortlessly. Thank you so much for your hard work—especially considering your regular workload and the unexpected interruptions and hardships caused by the hurricane!

Finally, I wish to thank everyone who helped to make the Fort Worth conference one of the best SWACJ conferences that I have ever attended. We had a record turnout of both professional members and student members. We had record numbers of competitors in EVERY event! So please allow me to simply say thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the students and faculty sponsors! You guys are awesome!

Thank you to our keynote speaker, Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson. We appreciate you taking time out of your very busy schedule to meet with us, and we enjoyed hearing how your office is actively pursuing the “multidisciplinary team approach” in dealing with victims and survivors and child abuse, sexual abuse, and domestic violence. We wish you and your office continued success.

Thank you to Chip Burns, Johnny Nhan, Kendra Bowen, Brie Diamond, and Pam Carlisle from TCU for serving as representatives from our host university and for providing students to help us throughout the conference. You guys helped in so many ways, from early conference planning to wrap-up. The conference simply could not have run so smoothly without your help. Thank you also to Rhonda Dobbs (Tarleton State – Fort Worth) for providing students to help throughout the conference. And thank you to Nadine, Jon, and the University of Texas at Dallas for serving as co-host university for the conference.

It was wonderful to get to host our ACJS President, Nicole Leeper Piquero, and our recently appointed ACJS Executive Director, John Worrall. We were very honored by your attendance, and we look forward to working with ACJS in whatever ways we can to advance both of our great organizations!

As I hope to have made clear throughout this newsletter column, I could not have had such a successful year as President without the help and support of a LOT of people. Sadly, there are many more people that are not even mentioned here that should be. If you are one of those, please accept my sincere gratitude for all that you have done, and please forgive me for not naming you specifically.

In closing, I would like to once again congratulate Dr. George Eichenberg (Tarleton State University) for being named this year’s recipient of the Felix Fabian Founders Award. You have been a great role model for our organization and for our Executive Board, and you should be commended for receiving this esteemed award that you so richly deserve!

As a reminder, I will chair the Fabian Award committee for next year. I need volunteers to assist me on that committee, and you may find the requirements for nomination [here](#). 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!

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



Regional Trustee's Report

Greetings from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Board!

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans February 13-17, 2018 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. The conference theme is "*So what? Understanding What It All Means.*" You will want to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible as these dates are on the tail of Mardi Gras. Pre-registration for the conference ends December 15. Note: Saturday February 17th will be a full schedule at the conference (instead of the previous half day). At this time, the draft program is available for your review. There were concerns

about traffic being a problem if we kept our usual conference days, hence the change in schedule this year.

The Academy continues to do well in terms of conference attendance and finances and as such, it welcomes your input on ways that it might increase its service and value to its members. Please consider being an active member in terms of offering your assistance as an officer in the Academy's sections and on its committees. Such participation should allow you to get to know people on a personal level. Also, consider service on the Academy's Board. For the next leadership slate, contact Nicky Piquero, the current President about your interest in serving.

In terms of other news, Faith Lutze is busy preparing for an extra practitioner-friendly meeting in Baltimore for 2019 and Prabha Unnithan will be the president of ACJS in 2020 when the annual conference will be in the Southwest, San Antonio! Additionally, a new journal, the *Justice Evaluation Journal* is on the horizon. This outlet will solicit shorter, but still scientifically rigorous, practitioner-friendly articles.

Please feel free to let me know if there are items that you would like me to take to the ACJS Board.

A Merry Holiday Season to All!

In Service,

Camille Gibson
ACJS Southwestern Regional Trustee, Region 4



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Journal Editor's Report

I want to thank the SWACJ search committee and board for electing me to serve as Editor of the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*. It is an honor to serve and I look forward to continuing the great work of former editor, Tom Holt. I would also like to thank Tom for his generous assistance with the transition process.

As someone who has conducted both quantitative and qualitative research, I understand the value of qualitative methods and the need for the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*. My own research agenda has increasingly involved qualitative methods and our field benefits greatly from a scholarly journal dedicated to highlighting the contributions of qualitative researchers. Quantitative research benefits immensely from the contributions of qualitative research and vice versa, yet the number of journal articles devoted to the latter is limited.

As the new editor, I would like to continue guest-edited special issues focused around specific methodologies, criminal justice issues, or types of crime and deviance. Special issues are a way to increase the presence of the journal among researchers as they can become highly citable. If you are interested in serving as a guest editor for a special issue, please contact me. While I'm on the issue of service, in the coming month, I will be reaching out to current and potential editorial board members to ask for their commitment to reviewing manuscripts for the journal. Serving as a manuscript reviewer is tedious but an important part of our profession.



I look forward to serving as the Editor of the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology* and welcome your feedback and input on how to raise the status of the Journal in our field. The new website and email address for the Journal will be coming soon.

Lynne Vieraitis



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SWACJ General Business Meeting—October 13, 2017 at Ft. Worth

Present: Milt Hill, Nadine Connell, Michael Cavanaugh, George Day, Jon Maskály, Camille Gibson, Rick Helfers, Bill Stone

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm by Milt

Milt present Sgt Hitch a plaque of appreciation for all his work coordinating and judging the CSI competition of the past 6 years.

Sgt Hitch announced the winners of the CSI competition:

- 3rd place-University of Arkansas-Black
- 2nd place-Central Texas A&M-Maroon
- 1st place-Lone Star College

Special announcement that Northeastern State Oklahoma sponsored the lunch today

Past President

- Felix Fabian award winner was Dr. George Eichenberg
- Milt will accept nominations for next year's Felix Fabian award

President

- The turnout for this conference has been the best in memory

First VP

- 2018 Conference will be in San Antonio and in the process of finalizing the hotel. The dates will be Oct 16-19, this is a Wed-Fri, rather than the traditional Thurs-Sat. This is a trial to determine if this helps members while keeping family and personal life free on the Saturdays. The hotel will not exceed \$124/night

Second VP

- Paper competitions went well. The submissions were the most ever, but will be tweaking the graduate paper call for papers for next year to provide more clarity regarding the expectations.
- The 2019 conference will be in Houston

Secretary

- This is the last year for the current secretary term. Therefore, at next year's conference there will be a new member elected to the secretary position. The current secretary will not continue for another term.



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Treasurer

- AV equipment is SWACJ property as it is more cost-effective.
- Piloted “square” at the conference this year and it went well
- After closing the books on this conference we will have approximately \$23k in the account
- Board will look at making a short term investment of some of the funds. Short term investment just means a secure account (CD), not any risky “market-type” investment. Just looking to make a little on our money. Will be checking with our CPA to determine the viability/legality of that. Currently all money is in a non-interest bearing account.

Trustee

- John Worrall is the new ACJS Executive Director
- New journal that will be evaluation and practitioner friendly. This journal is looking for an editor. JCJE the editor is Shaun Gabbidon.
- Faith Lutz’ conference will be in Baltimore and pushing for practitioner involvement
- Make your travel arrangements soon for ACJS conference in February
- Encourage ACJS members to run for national office as many of the current positions will be unopposed.
- ACJS is open to membership ideas

Webmaster

- Web is up and running
- Passed all files to the Secretary via a thumb drive

Journal Editor

Search committee report

- Jon and Mike co-chaired the committee
- Nadine has been the interim editor
- Mike reported that there were 6 applications. The committee narrowed the list to 3 for the board listing the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate. The board unanimously voted to select Lynne Vieriatias, UT Dallas as the editor.

Audit Committee reported that the audit was completed and everything balanced.

Old Business

- Officer responsibilities will be voted on at SWACJ next year.
- In regard to Colorado wanting to be affiliated with the WACJ, they are free to do so. SWACJ is not taking any action.
- President has the authority to appoint ad-hoc committees according to the SWACJ Constitution

New Business

- Logo—looking at updating the logo. What does the membership think? A discussion on the color choice (orange) was brought up by a member. There was no problem updating the logo, the issue with a member was just the color orange. A motion was made to update the logo by Tammy Bracewell and 2nd by Lynn Greenwood. Vote was unanimous. At ACJS options will be provided.

- Nominations for 2nd VP: Paul Reynolds was nominated by Brett Fitzgerald
Brittany Rodriguez was nominated by George Eichenberg
Howard Kurtz was nominated by James Blair
Tusty ten Bensel was nominated by David Montague
 - Nadine moved to close nominations and David Montague 2nd
 - Each candidate made a brief statement introducing themselves and why they should be elected.
 - The members present voted on the candidates and Paul Reynolds received the majority of the votes.
- Nadine, now the President, stated she will be appointing an ad-hoc committee to consider resurrection of the SW Journal and one to look at the logo. If interested in either of the committees, please contact Nadine.
- Our percentage of students and faculty is 50%/50%. Ideally we would want it 40%/60% as this would help us to break even. A discussion about dropping the student membership lead to increasing the student conference registration to \$75. This would also provide students a complimentary membership for the year. More discussion on allowing just a \$20 sustaining membership if a student would want. This was agreed. A motion was then made by Nadine and 2nd by Mike Cavanaugh. Passed unanimously.
- Nomination for Webmaster: Mary (Molly) Smith nominated by David Montague. None others and Molly was elected.

Bob Lytle was appointed to the Audit Committee.

George Day made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Wendi Pollock.

Meeting adjourned 5:40pm



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Call for Conference Papers & Posters
Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
(SWACJ)

October 17-19, 2018
San Antonio, Texas

Working Together for Justice: The Need for
Inter-Disciplinary Collaboration
Conference Theme

Conference information including registration, abstract submission, and hotel reservations will soon be available at www.swacj.org

Deadline for abstracts: Midnight, September 20, 2018



*No individual may appear more than twice in the program as an author or presenter



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2018 Poster Session



Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

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 Ft. Worth.

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 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 (1st place), \$100 (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 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 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 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.
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 (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.

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4. The cover letter must specify that the paper is to be entered in the graduate student competition.
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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

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) 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

***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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