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Annual Meeting 26-28 September 2013 Marriott Plaza San Antonio, Texas

“Technology, Crime, and Criminal Justice” Luncheon Keynote Speaker



Dr. Rita J. Villarreal-Watkins
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Claudia San Miguel
President

Hi all,

It's never too early to start thinking about the 2013 SWACJ Conference. After looking at several amazing hotels in San Antonio, we selected the *Marriot Plaza San Antonio* as our conference hotel. The hotel is located in a quiet location in downtown San Antonio yet within easy walking distance to La Villita, the Riverwalk, Tower of the Americas, and other attractions. The Marriot Plaza sits on 6.5 acres of land and is a unique hotel. A historic school, for example, was restored to accommodate 7 meeting rooms and there are two restored 19th-century cottages for small events. The Gazebo Garden, the Courtyard, and outdoors spaces (including the pool) are also distinctive features of the hotel. Overall, the hotel is a great venue to host our annual meeting. Special thanks to Christine Nix for helping to select the hotel.

This year's theme is "Technology, Crime, and Criminal Justice." Our keynote speaker, Dr. Rita Watkins, will discuss current technological strategies for homeland and hometown security. I'm looking forward to attending panels that will highlight this year's conference theme and especially looking forward to our poster presentations, quiz bowl, and student paper competitions.

This year, we are also having several practical workshops. One will focus on qualitative research methods and the other will be more practitioner-oriented. All in all, this year's conference promises to address salient topics in the field, provide a platform to retool practical skills, and of course, the conference promises to be fun!

I'd like to thank the Executive Board for all their hard work since our last conference in Houston.

I look forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio!

Best,

Claudia

2012 Recognitions & Appreciation

2012 SWACJ site coordinators

Dr. Helen Taylor-Greene – Texas Southern University

Dr. Tiffney Barfield-Cottle – University of Houston – Clear Lake

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Brian Lundstrom - sales representative and assisted with the location of the 2013 conference hotel.

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Claudia



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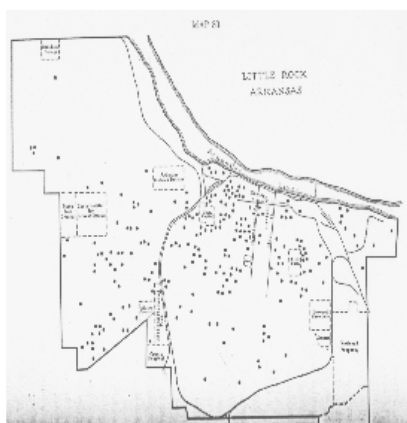
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GISELE HOUSSEL

"Rock Solid or Sheer Hyperbole?: Raisons d'être supreme in *Town of Castle Rock v. Gonzales* (2005)."

JAMES POWELL

"Changes to Vehicle Searches Incident to Arrest: Did the Supreme Court Go Too Far?"

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Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

**Annual Meeting
September 26-28, 2013**

San Antonio, Texas

Conference Theme for 2013:

“Technology, Crime, and Criminal Justice”

Submit abstracts and panel participation electronically to:

SWACJ 2013 Annual Conference Registration

<http://fs18.formsite.com/ws03txstateedu/Registration/index.html>

Visit www.swacj.org for details

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS:

Midnight; September 8, 2013

***No person's name may appear more than twice as author or presenter.**





George R. Franks, Jr.
1st VP

The late 1800's was a time of great fraternalism; many college fraternities had their founding during this period, social clubs expanded, and fraternal orders for men experienced explosive growth. Even following the devastation of the American Civil War, men still made financial provision to be joiners. Albert Pike, a leading member in Freemasonry, wrote of his own fraternity that they were floundering for want of relevancy. In fact, Pike argued that Freemasonry had lost its relevancy hundreds of years before and was just floundering through existence. He went on to lay the same issue on the other organizations that

were around in his day.

I recently participated in a conference of leaders in Freemasonry where this "seeking relevancy" was the main issue. As I listened, I was reminded of similar discussions in other organizations, seems everyone is asking, "How do we become relevant?" This is true of this organization as well; we keep asking how we can become relevant in our region.

Remember, this is a regional organization, covering Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Arizona has had no participation in a considerable time, Colorado has very little, Oklahoma seems to only participate when we have a session there, New Mexico has little participation, Arkansas has little more than Oklahoma and in the grand scheme of things, and we have to be honest that Texas has limited participation. This is true in a time of great expansions in Criminal Justice programs in higher education, our conferences should be consistently above a 250 participant attendance level, and we are not.

In response, we looked at other regional associations to determine if people in ours were choosing to go elsewhere. We found little evidence of this being the case, although there are instances. Conversely, we have participation from other regions as well. We continue to review our own participation, and try to understand how we can encourage more Criminal Justice academics to participate.

One suggestion that bounces around fairly consistently is that we should become the interface for Criminal Justice academia to meet practitioner. This intrigues me, but the question is whether it does the same for others? As a former practitioner, now academic, I appreciate the need for this interface, and as I move away from my practitioner retirement date, I know I have to reach out more to maintain current knowledge with the field application of Criminal Justice.

As an academic, I believe that such an opportunity to have a formal interface portal has potential to benefit our students. The information we gather would allow us to take current field knowledge back to the classroom; open the doors for increased guest lectures in the classroom; promote internship opportunities; build bridges to assist our graduates in obtaining employment, which is increasingly become an issue in academic assessment. The portal would work both ways, by allowing practitioners to a ready source of theory; promote "think tanks" to helping problem solving; and gain assistance in evaluating programs and planning.

As we move forward in planning the 2014 SWACJ Conference, I would appreciate some dialogue about whether we are interested in serving as a portal for the interface between the Criminal Justice academic and practitioner. Have an idea? Please contact me directly to share your thoughts.

George

Annual SWACJ Undergraduate Student Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl (2013)

Team Composition: A team will consist of two to four members. Team members must be registered for the Annual Meeting as students. Teams will be registered on a first to register, first to qualify basis. A maximum of 8 teams will be allowed to participate. Each college or university participating in the SWACJ Annual Meeting may enter *one* team.

Teams must pre-register by contacting **Dr. George Franks** (franksgr@sfasu.edu) no later than midnight, **September 15**, 2013. Teams do not have to list exact members to pre-register for the Quiz Bowl – simply indicate that a team from a particular program will participate. Exact members must be indicated at conference check in where registration for the conference will be verified.

Relays (Rounds): There will be two relays plus the championship round. For the two relays, teams will be divided as evenly as possible. Placement/assignment of the teams for relays will be done randomly. The winning team from each relay will then compete for the championship. The two teams in the championship will not carry any previous points (or standing) from the first relays. Thus, both teams in the championship will start with zero points. The team with the most points in the championship round will receive the first prize (\$250). The second prize winners will receive a cash award (\$150). **Prize money** for first and second place 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 categories of:

1. **Introduction to Criminal Justice** – Five questions commonly found in intro CJ textbooks.
2. **Courts and Criminal Procedure** – Five questions from courts and/or criminal procedure textbooks.
3. **Women and Minorities** – Five questions relating to the impact of the CJ system on Women and Minorities
4. **Criminological Theory** – Five questions about theories of criminality.

In the event of a tie, the category will be *potpourri* for best of two out of three questions.

Teams in the championship relay will compete for first place. They will be quizzed from:

1. **Law of Arrest, Search, and Seizure** – Five questions.
2. **Major Supreme Court Decisions** – Five questions.

In the event of a tie, the category will be *potpourri* for the best of two out of three questions. In all relays, Team Captains will have buzzers to ‘buzz-in’ when their team is ready with a correct answer. The Team that buzzes in first will be given the first opportunity to answer. Should that team give an Incorrect response; the next team to buzz in will be given opportunity to answer, and so on down the line.

Good sportsmanship will be observed at all times by all participants and spectators. Individual participants who engage in rude, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike behavior may be disqualified. Participants must keep cell phones out of sight during the 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.

2013 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 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 stands provided by SWACJ. The visual display includes text, tables, graphs etc. Some people 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 8 September 2013**.

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 coauthor(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 George Franks at franksgr@sfsau.edu with questions regarding the poster session.

-All Students Encouraged To Participate –

Call for Teams

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
is pleased to announce the
Third Collegiate Undergraduate Team
Crime Scene Interpretation Competition

Friday September 27, 2013

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. We ask that teams not include professional, reserve, or former peace officers or crime scene technicians regardless of status as students.

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

**George Eichenberg at:
eichenberg@tarleton.edu**

**To be considered for competition, entries must be received
by midnight, September 15, 2013.**



James Blair
2d VP

Howdy!

When I was nominated and elected as the Second Vice President, I felt much like a person does when they are first invited to sit at the grown-up table at Thanksgiving. Suddenly you sit among people you have known and looked up to over the years. What do you say? How do you not look foolish?

I've decided that I should probably just listen and pay attention, to learn what I can as fast as I can. This isn't exclusive to members of the executive board though, this is for everyone. What do YOU (yes, you) have to say? How can we do things better? What are we doing that is great? What can I do to help? Please feel free to let me know and I'll do what I can to make it happen.

I had a wonderful week in Dallas at ACJS, getting better acquainted with the other officers, listening and learning, and occasionally being a good wingman. I saw several members there, and I even managed to catch up to some of you between sessions to say hello. If I didn't catch up to you, rest assured in the knowledge that my wife is planning to take me to Zumba with her at least once a week from now on, so maybe I can pick up some style and grace as well as stamina. Or not. We'll see.

I look forward to seeing everyone again this year at our annual meeting in San Antonio. A lot of hard work has gone into planning it thus far, and it is shaping up very well. Quiz bowl, CSI competition, student paper contest, panels, presentations, poster sessions, receptions, food, drinks... what more could you want? Peacocks and pheasants roaming the grounds? I hear tell that we'll have those as well. Massive kudos to the site committee for their hard work on our behalf.

Most importantly, a special thank you for each and every one of you, for all that you do to make SWACJ such a great organization.

Until we meet again, be safe and be happy!

James



2013 SWACJ STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled for the fall 2013 semester) in a university, college, junior college or community college within the Southwest Region.

AWARDS:

	Graduate Student	Undergraduate Student
First Prize	\$250*	\$100
Second Prize	\$150	\$75
Third Prize	\$100	\$50

* The winner of the graduate student paper competition will be invited to have their work included in the

Special Conference Edition of *The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*.

JUDGES

Judges must be active within SWACJ and will be selected from the updated membership list. Judges may or may not elect to award all of the prizes available depending on the number of entrants and quality of the papers.

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Student(s) must author the paper; no faculty/student joint papers will be considered.
2. The paper must be an original work; it may be especially prepared for the 2013 SWACJ annual meeting, or it may be a revision of a paper prepared for coursework at the student's home university or college.
3. The paper must be submitted electronically to: jblair@southtexascollege.edu
4. To be considered for competition, entries must be received by **midnight, September 8, 2013.**
5. The paper must meet standard publication formats as established at the student's home university or college.
6. The title page of the paper should include the student's full name and address, school affiliation and status as either graduate or undergraduate.
7. The author's name and affiliation **should not** appear on any other page of the submitted paper.

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 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS WILL BE MADE AT THE CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators Tory J. Caeti Student Presentation Scholarship

Who is Eligible?

Undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled September 2013) in a university, college, junior college or community college within the Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.

Presentation of submitted papers:

Students are required to attend the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice annual conference and present their papers to be eligible for the scholarships.

Awards:

Registration fee for the top two winners for the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice annual conference.

Criteria:

1. The paper must be authored by student(s) only. No Faculty/student joint papers will be considered.
2. The paper must be an original work.
3. Undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled September 2013) in a university, college, junior college or community college within the Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.
4. The paper **must not** be a winner in the SWACJ Student Paper Competition.
5. Three copies of each paper must be submitted before **September 15, 2013** to **James E. Blair**

**South Texas College
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jblair@southtexascollege.edu**

Papers received after the deadline will not receive consideration.

6. The paper must meet standard publication formats as established at the student's home university or college.
7. The paper will be judged at the conference after the luncheon by a panel of 3. The panel will be appointed by the current president of the Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators.
8. The title page of the paper should include the student's full name and address, school affiliation and status as either graduate or undergraduate.



Tom Jordan
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

It was great to see a number of our members in Dallas at the ACJS Annual Meeting. This was my first ACJS attendance in several years and I thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with some friends, meeting new colleagues, and interacting with leadership from ACJS and our affiliated regional associations. We had some lively and fun discussions about shared issues and concerns.

A look at our finances shows that we are in good shape as we plan for the annual meeting.

Current Balances as of April 1, 2013

PayPal	\$ 1,708.94
Wells-Fargo	\$ 9,584.32
Balance on Hand	\$ 11,293.26
Incumbered	\$ 8,000.00 (approx.)
Available	\$ 3,293.26

Below is a summary of our 2012 finances.

January 1, 2012-December 31, 2012

	<u>Wells-Fargo</u>	<u>PayPal</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>sum</u>
Start Balance	\$ 5,872.67	\$ 273.52	\$ -	\$ 6,146.19
Income	\$ 5,834.35	\$ 9,142.03	\$ 1,017.00	\$ 15,993.38
Expenses	\$ (9,799.03)	\$ (357.27)	\$ (1,017.00)	\$ (11,173.30)
End Balance	\$ 1,907.99	\$ 9,058.28	\$ -	\$ 10,966.27

2012 Expenses by Category

Conference	\$ 8,926.00
Student awards	\$ 318.00
Supplies	\$ 72.00
Tax Accountant	\$ 500.00
Journal Stipend	\$ 1,000.00
PayPal Fees	\$ 357.00
	\$ 11,173.00

At our 2012 Annual Meeting, the Executive Board voted to move all of our business to a calendar year. This move directly improves record keeping and membership status determinations. As a result, everyone's membership requires renewal for the 2013 year. **Your membership dues are due at the first of each year.** You will find a membership renewal form attached to this newsletter as well as on our website. You may send it with a check made payable to Southwestern Criminal Justice Association; or you may pay now using PayPal by clicking this link and using your credit card: <http://www.swacj.org/Payment%20Page.htm> . Encourage your colleagues in our region to join and participate in SWACJ this year.

Many thanks to Bill Stone. His reorganization of the PayPal page has brought more clarity to the variety of membership, meeting, and vendor options and I think you will appreciate its ease of use. Currently on that page, membership payment buttons are live. Annual Meeting Registration payment buttons will be activated at a later date. I hope that you have already planned to attend our Annual Meeting in San Antonio, September 26-28. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions that I can answer please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
Tom Jordan, Treasurer
Treasurer@swacj.org

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Dear Vendor/Advertiser:

The Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice will be held Thursday, September 26th through Saturday, September 28th, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice is a regional organization consisting of numerous criminal justice/criminologist educators, practitioners, and researchers. We want you to reach this customer base with a vendor and/or program advertisement.

SWACJ will make every effort to provide accessible, comfortable, and visible exhibit space for you to display your products at our Annual Meeting. The Exhibit Table Reservation Form details the deadlines and fees for acquiring table exhibit space. All exhibit reservation functions/negotiations are handled by the President Claudia San Miguel. The table exhibit fees include:

- 6' table

- Two chairs

- Name badges for all attendees

- One program per exhibitor

- One professionally drawn sign/placard identifying your company

- Two lunch tickets for the Plenary Lunch on Friday.

Dr. Claudia San Miguel can be contacted at president@swacj.org.

DATES AND HOURS OF EXHIBITION

Thursday, September 26 th	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, September 27 th	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, September 28 th	8:30 am - 11:00 am

EXHIBITORS' SET-UP TIME

Table spaces will be ready for exhibitors to arrange their displays at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 26th.

DISMANTLING

All exhibit material must be packed and removed from the exhibit area by 12 noon, Saturday, September 28th.

TABLE EQUIPMENT

Each table will also be supplied with one 6' draped table, two chairs, and an identification name sign showing company name and table number.

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We would also encourage you to place an ad in the *ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM*. Even if you are unable to exhibit this year, you can still reach the program participants through this medium. You also have the option of sending us *ADVERTISING INSERTS* to be placed in the meeting bags. **Please note that the deadline to have the inserts sent to our office is a hard deadline. We need to do this to allow time to get them in the bags.** The reservation form details the fees and deadlines for program advertisements. The printed program is distributed to all those who register for the meetings.

SWACJ's objective is to bring together a multi-disciplinary forum fostering criminological study, research, and education. To facilitate the objective, SWACJ also publishes these items on a regular basis:

THE SOUTHWESTERN REGION NEWSLETTER -- the official newsletter of SWACJ. It is published and distributed to all SWACJ members and affiliates several times a year. It contains information about SWACJ, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, news events and covers matters of interest associated with the study and practice of criminal justice and criminology.

JOURNAL OF QUALITATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY (JQCJC), a new journal first published April 2013, is currently soliciting manuscripts for volume one.

JQCJC is an international, peer-reviewed journal focused on the qualitative interpretation and analysis of deviance, law, and social control. The journal will feature both theoretical and analytical research, as well as manuscripts based on methods such as interviewing, participant observation, ethnography, historical analysis, content analysis, and others which do not rely primarily on numerical data. *JQCJC* will welcome submissions from a variety of perspectives focusing on the qualitative study of crime and society, including criminological, criminal justice, sociological, historical, philosophical, cultural, political, psychological, anthropological, and jurisprudential approaches.

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Claudia San Miguel

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January/February, April/May, August/September

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The Annual Conference of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice will be Thursday, September 26th through Saturday, September 28th in San Antonio, Texas. SWACJ is a regional organization consisting of criminal justice/criminologist educators, students, and researchers.

SWACJ is committed to promoting the Annual Conference as a forum for presenting and discussing current research in Criminal Justice and Criminology. SWACJ is territorially defined as encompassing Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas; participants generally come from across the United States.

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Christine A. Nix
Secretary

All,

I hope this finds each of you and yours doing well. It was good to see and visit with so many of you at the 2012 conference in Houston. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and SWACJ as secretary for another three years. I am beyond honored. I hope that by the end of the this term on-site registration will be seamless and smooth as butter.

Before I move away from the topic of last year's conference, I would like to express my gratitude to those who worked behind the scenes without expectation of reward or recognition. First, I will be forever grateful to Dr. Helen Taylor-Greene for undertaking the responsibilities of site coordinator. In addition to site coordinator, Dr. Taylor-Greene enlisted the aid of students from Texas Southern University to help where needed and provided the conference bags. She kept us organized, on task, and informed. She was tireless in her efforts. I would not be surprised if she blocked my email and phone number!

Another debt of gratitude is owed to Dr. Tiffiney Barfield-Cottledge of the University of Houston -Clear Lake. The UH-CL Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma hosted, what we hope will become a tradition, the first SWACJ student reception. Students stated it was a pleasant and unexpected surprise to have the opportunity to visit with students from other institutions in a comfortable environment. Dr. Barfield-Cottledge and her students not only hosted the student reception, they assisted in all areas of the conference when needed.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge Rebecca Dickerson, a University of Mary Hardin-Baylor history major who was enrolled in a criminal justice independent study course and took on the task of conference preparation as part of her course of study.

Last and certainly not least is an ongoing appreciation and admiration for assistance provided by Niki Nix for the second year. As the Board moved into crunch time with conference preparations – Niki completed requests in such an efficient manner that we were able to slow the rate of losing our sanity the closer we approached the date of the conference. We are uncertain how much longer we can depend upon Niki's active role in helping with the conference as she begins her second semester of graduate school. I am keeping my fingers crossed!

We are well into the preparations for the 2013 conference. The conference hotel, the Marriott Plaza and the staff are awesome. We owe Brian Lundstrom of the Hilton NASA thanks for hooking us up with the Marriott Plaza. He made a phone call to the Marriott on our behalf. It is not what, but who you know – even in conference prep. The Marriott is in a great location and the grounds are beautiful and historic. The rooms are very spacious, as well as, comfortable. We are working with Mike Fross and he reduced the cost of parking for conference attendees. I was taken aback at the cost of parking at San Antonio hotels. Mike is allowing attendees to pay

a much lesser charge with in and out privileges. As good fortunate has it, the Marriott is close but not too close to the River walk and less than half of a block from the downtown mall area. Everything is within a comfortable walking distance and the area appears to very pedestrian friendly (safe). Walking may be a good idea due to the numerous and various restaurants nearby. I encourage you to show your support of SWACJ and take advantage of all the Marriott has to offer. Most importantly you will be close enough to enjoy late night and early morning chats with one another in the same hotel.

And speaking of lots of early morning and late night chats, we as a Board enjoyed a lot of those while attending ACJS in March. I believe we broke bread together three times a day. It was a rare opportunity to visit, laugh, and plan for the upcoming conference at a leisure pace.

Some items of consideration for the 2013 conference include panel sessions of practice to theory and vice versa for both practioners and academicians. For practioners who have or are pursuing graduate degrees the panels would provide an opportunity for them to better understand the theory side of practice. James Blair will look into continuing education credits for their individual training records. Claudia and I met with Dr. Cody Ardvison of Design Solutions about the possibility of a presentation designed to help graduate students (and other interested attendees) navigate the writing process. We will keep you posted.

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio in September.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments – please contact me.

Take care and be safe in your travels.

Christine

secretary@swacj.org

- I. Welcome- Lorie Rubenser
 - a. Craig Hemmens- ACJS President
 - i. Appreciate invitation
 - ii. Updates
 - 1. ACJS Program in Dallas (March 2013)
 - 2. New York was best attendance for ACJS
 - 3. Professional development workshops for JR/SR faculty members re: publishing opportunities
 - 4. In good shape:
 - a. Changes to ACJS board
 - i. New Executive Director
 - 5. Different:
 - a. Going green- no hard copies of programs
 - i. On website- program is now divided by days
 - ii. Available on flash drive
 - iii. App for Smartphone
 - 6. Commemorative t-shirt
 - 7. Book- Will Oliver, Historian
 - 8. Pre-registration deadline in December for ACJS 2013
- II. Describe regional relationships with ACJS- (Tom Jordan). Reply by Hemmens:
 - a. Not a fiduciary connection
 - b. Chance to work together
 - i. To promote one another
 - ii. Regular representative (regional trustee) has to be a regular member
- III. Discussion- Hemmens
 - a. Possibility of merging ACJS and ASC (ACJS split from ACS 50 years ago)
 - b. Benefits:
 - i. One national organization/conference
 - ii. Stronger
 - iii. Regions become better
- IV. Presidential Address- Lorie Rubenser
 - a. A lot of consideration in regard to the 2012 SWACJ theme to promote conversations.
 - b. 10 years good milestone for 9-11 theme
 - c. Lunch speaker covered same issues and concerns re: national security
 - d. The more members are involved in SWACJ the more you will get out of it
 - e. Urge to get involved with conference and Executive Board

- V. Constitutional Amendments
 - a. Some housekeeping functions
 - b. Some required by IRS
 - c. Tax exempt status
- VI. Substantive Issues
 - a. Add 2 members to Executive Board
 - i. Web Master
 - ii. Immediate Past President w/specific duty
 - iii. Chairing awards committee
- VII. Discussion re: adding a Webmaster and Immediate Past President as Constitutional Changes
 - a. Katy Eichenberg – motion to accept the changes as is
 - b. George Franks – second
 - i. No discussion:
 - ii. Vote: All ayes; none opposed
- VIII. Officer Elections- Lorie Rubenser and Claudia San Miguel
 - a. Vote for position of Second VP
 - i. Katy Eichenberg nominated James Blair
 - ii. George Day -second
 - iii. George Eichenberg made motion accept nomination by acclamation
 - iv. Milt Hill nominated Jilletta Kubena
 - v. Wendi Pollock – seconded the motion
 - vi. George Franks made motion to close the nominations
 - vii. Sue Ritter seconded the vote
 - viii. Vote: All yes; none opposed.

B. Comments from the nominees:

- 1. James Blair
 - a. Honored for the nomination
 - b. Has been a SWACJ member since 2002 as student.
 - c. As a member of the Executive Board would like to build stronger ties with community colleges.
- 2. Jilletta Kubena
 - a. Involve more students in SWACJ
 - b. Would love the opportunity to serve SWACJ

C. Committee to count ballots- Will O. and George E.

- 1. New 2nd VP- James Blair

P. 3 (Minutes – SWACJ business meeting – 5 October 2012 –con't)

D. Nominations for Secretary

1. Wendi Pollock – nominate Christine Nix
2. Milt Hill – second
3. George F. – motion to close nominations
4. Will O. – second
5. Vote – All Yes; None opposed
6. Nix – reelected to secretary

IX. Lorie - Turn over Presidency

- A. Ceremonial gavel presented to Claudia San Miguel

X. Claudia S. – Presentations and awards

- A. Presented plaque to Lorie for years of experience and 2012 conference
- B. Plaque- Christine Nix, secretary (2010-2012)
- C. Crime Scene Investigation completion (CSI)
 1. Thank you to Gerald Piechocki and George Eichenberg
 - a. Two teams- 1st place East Texas Baptist Univ. (ETBU)
Prize - tactical kit provided by Sirche
 - b. 2nd – South Texas College (STC)
 2. The decision came down to documentation
 3. Thanks to the participating students

XII. George F. - 1st VP

- A. Reminder of publication opportunity - p. 12 of conference program
 1. Publication opportunity is an edited book
 2. Proceeds to SWACJ- offset conference expenses
 3. This is a 1st attempt- hope is successful, if not, will continue to offer
 4. Conference attendance mandatory- not pres.
- B. Round table discussion
 1. Director
 2. Consider a simple feedback sheet to members- over next couple of years- assess SWACJ based on feedback
 3. Thanks for coming

XIII. VP James Blair -2nd VP

1. Good conference
2. Poster session was good interaction for everyone involved

XIV. Claudia S. Special thanks - site committee

- A. Thank Helen Taylor Greene & Tiffney Cottle-Barfield
 1. Wonderful and dedicated
 2. Set the pace for the success of the conference

XV. Will O. – Journal editor

- A. Old journal - *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice* (SWJC) obsolete as of 2011 SWACJ regional conference

B. New journal – Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology (JQCJC)

1. Ads for new journal: 29 submissions in May 2012
2. The old journal did not receive 29 submissions in a year
3. As of the conference only one article accepted for publication
4. Ten are out for review
5. 18 rejected
6. High rejection/low acceptance=high prestige

C. Home for the new journal

1. Major publishers said “no”
 - a. Models can’t be agreed upon
 - b. Cannot add new journals
 - c. Open source= open to public, fee charged to individual authors
 - d. Several publishers- going back to old journal format
 - e. SHSU copy center- look like print journal

D. Publication of new journal

1. First issue 15 Apr 2013
2. Annually - two issues 15 April and October

E. Publication submissions

1. Send to Will for reviews/feedback
2. Also accepting qualitative book reviews

F. Advertising- getting a lot of attention by changing the format

1. Discussed the new journal at 2 round tables- ACJS and ASC
2. Craig Hemmons (ACJS) & Taylor, and Francis publisher
 - a. Seemed excited but could not find right formula
 - b. SWACJ numbers not high enough

XVI. Bill Stone – Webmaster

- A. Website is up to date
- B. Developing online registration & membership forms to automatically copy to the treasurer
- C. Forward conference photos
 1. Don’t worry about the format
 2. Identify who is in the photo
- D. Posting employment ads to SWACJ website
 1. Consider whether membership wants to charge for ads

XVII. Tom Jordan - Treasurer

- A. Attendance down
 1. 2012- 55 professors
 2. 2011- 72 professors
 3. Denver was the next closest in regard to low attendance
 4. Touches on George Franks’ serious discussion who we are
- B. Financial report

P. 5 (Minutes – SWACJ business meeting – 5 October 2012 –con’t)

1. \$9500/checking
2. \$1300 - pay pal
3. \$2500 - pending deposit
4. Good financially
- C. Need to express appreciation to vendors and sponsoring schools
- D. IRS
 1. Jan/Feb
 2. Reinstated 501 C (3) not for profit status
 3. Turned in 1st tax return as a nonprofit - Good to go
 4. SWACJ status - classified as a private foundation
 - a. Decades didn't file taxes; resulted in lost nonprofit status
 - b. Default for not filing as a private classification
 - c. Must reinstate as a private foundation
 - d. Does not pertain much for members; does mean more for Treasurer
 - e. Executive Board did approve the hire of an accountant
- E. George Franks
 1. Only related note- Minor change- declare a fiscal year for IRS purpose
 - a. Dues year begin Jan 12013
 - b. Have to adjust align for IRS
 - c. Line up all reports/business/journal to the fiscal year
 - d. Change bookkeeping status- makes easier all the way around

XVIII. Secretary – Christine Nix

- A. Need suggestions for 2013 conference sites & host institutions
 1. Sue Ritter- South Padre Island
 2. Jilletta K- Our Lady of the Lake
 3. Lorie- this conference site - no food within ½ mile to eat
 4. Katy- cruise out of Galveston
 - A. Is international travel an issue?
 1. George E – motion to empower Claudia to explore options for international & out of state travel options
 2. Katy E. second
 3. Discussion
 - a. Gerald P- not in constitution that travel out of state is mandatory
 - b. George F.- No – it is tradition for SWACJ to travel out of state (Texas) every 3d year
 4. Vote – Non opposed

XIX. Other issues

- A. Poster Presentation - different time than panels
- B. Jilletta K. – More assistance needed at registration desk for Tom J (Treasurer) and Christine N. (secretary) to attend and present
- C. George F.- Modify times for registration
- D. Gerald- IRS
 1. Does this apply to state organizations?

P. 6 (Minutes – SWACJ business meeting – 5 October 2012 –con't)

2. Collect Dues
3. Are state organizations required by constitutional by-laws?
 - a. SWACJ is not affiliated with state organizations
 - b. Texas only one to pay state dues
 - c. Phil Rhoades - Texas has dues/constitution
 1. Texas only one in existence
 2. Tom - Texas group can meet after this meeting and discuss
- E. Texas Association of Criminal Justice Ed.
 1. Sue Ritter- Student organization comes under same microscope
 2. Need to talk to IRS
- F. Have large student organization quite helpful (2013 Conference)
 1. Lorie R. - help by pre-register for food counts
- G. Claudia asked students for their perspective of the 2102 conference
 1. Wonderful time
 2. One problem – nothing w/i walking distance
 3. Honored to attend
 - a. Heard about from professors
 - b. Learned a lot
 - c. Met others from other colleges (networked)
 - d. Opened their minds to future research, conferences, and four year institutions
 - e. Would love to come again
- H. Janet Adamski (guest – panel moderator) - Practical side
 1. Poster session suggestions
 - a. Quality more defined in call for submissions
 - b. More by theme
 - c. Students were very engaged
 - d. Hilton was wonderful choice for conference site- great food
- I. George Day- No winner for undergrad student competition
 - a. Suggest a rubric for expectations
 - b. George F. - Does not become a competition until it reaches acceptable level
 1. Faculty working with students?
 2. Preparation time
 3. Should provide feedback to students after the competition
 4. Rubrics tend to quantify the minimum requirements
 5. Graduate papers are acceptable when publishable quality

Meeting adjourned at 1825



Bill Stone
Webmaster

A membership application/renewal web form has been created and it is posted on the SWACJ.ORG home page. When you fill out the form, it will send you a copy of what was submitted as well as providing the information to the SWACJ secretary and treasurer. When you click on submit at the bottom of the form you will be redirected over to the SWACJ payment page so you can conveniently pay your membership dues. For those of you who prefer snail mail, there is a print option at the bottom of the form which will allow you to print out a blank form which can be filled out and submitted with a check. We will also be making an annual meeting registration web form available when it is time to register for our 2013 Annual Meeting. These new web forms will make your membership renewal and meeting registration process as painless as possible.

Thanks,

Bill

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Lorie Rubenser
Past President

Now that my term as President is over I get to sit back and contemplate what it all meant. And I have to say I am very proud to have served with this organization and the set of officers you have. I feel like it is a luxury now to still be part of the executive board and still be associated with such fine people. The best times I have had with SWACJ came from my times doing service for the organization.

Last year the Executive Board created the Felix Fabien Founders Award to honor those among us who have given of their time and talents through the years in service to SWACJ. Our first ever award was given to Phil Rhoades, a two time President (2 and a half if you count the year Will got called up to the war). I'm so pleased for Phil and can't think of anyone who was more deserving of that first award.

Now is the time to start considering who deserves the award this year. There are many candidates, so please send your nominees to me. I'll create a selection committee and we'll honor another deserving person at our upcoming conference in San Antonio. Nominations are due by **15 September 2013**.

Thanks all!

Lorie

Felix Fabian Founder's Award 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.

The deadline for nominations is **September 15, 2013**.

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.

All nominations must be submitted electronically to:



Lorie Rubenser, rubenser@sulross.edu

Willard M. Oliver
Editor, JQCJC

As I write this newsletter entry for the Spring of 2013 SWACJ Newsletter, I am in the throes of putting together the first issue of our new journal – *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology (JQCJC)*. As you can imagine, my letter will be brief (well, brief for an academic).

That said, I think you will be happy with the way the new journal came together. As you remember, we lost our editor, and I was contacted by the SWACJ President (George Eichenberg at the time) to see if I had any ideas on what to do with the journal. As the SWACJ board originally created the journal with the goal of having it become a high quality national and internationally prestigious journal, there was some belief that the original journal did not meet this goal for it had become too regionally focused. It just so happen that I had an idea because of some of the issues I was facing in getting a qualitative course launched in the Ph.D. program at Sam Houston. Thus, the need from SWACJ and my idea resulted in the Association's new journal.

On Monday April 15, 2013, the first issue of volume one of the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology (JQCJC)* was made available on our new dedicated website for the journal www.jqcjc.org or by following the link on our homepage www.swacj.org. The journal is sponsored by SWACJ and supported by Sam Houston State University and will be published twice a year, April 15 and October 15.

If you look at the first issue you will note that many of the leading qualitative scholars have joined the editorial board. In addition, many of the leading qualitative scholars have authored papers for the first issue, and although not acknowledged in the first issue, many of the leading qualitative scholars have also offered their time in the conduct of peer reviews for the journal (the complete list of reviewers will appear in issue 2).

As the SWACJ journal editor, I also should note that I attended both ASC and ACJS and served on a roundtable at both conferences which were formed to discuss the journal. The one at ASC was chaired by Patrick Carr and the one at ACJS was chaired by Dean Dabney. I also passed out flyers at both conferences, and there was much buzz about the new journal (both positive and negative!).

I have been very pleased with the number of submissions to the journal. Since opening up submissions in May of 2012, I have received 52 articles, rejected 35, and have accepted 7. The rest are currently under review. Six of the seven articles were published in the first issue of the journal on April 15, along with four book reviews and what we hope will be a permanent feature

– a historical book review – covering a seminal book in qualitative research that may be overlooked today.

While I think the new journal is off to a great start and looks to be a successful endeavor, as the saying goes, “the proof is in the pudding” and all of you will be the judge of your new journal. I am always willing to listen to feedback, positive and negative, so please, if you have any input on the journal, please let me know. Finally, I hope you all will consider sending along your qualitative research for the new journal.

Willard M. Oliver
Editor, JQCJC

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