



Crime and Grits

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Criminal Justice Association*

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CONFERENCE MESSAGE FROM THE 2024 PRESIDENT

Hello SCJA!

It has been a busy and exciting year since our last issue of Crime and Grits. I am happy to share with you a recap of our 2023 Conference in Mobile, our mid-year meeting at ACJS in Chicago, and to highlight our upcoming SCJA meeting this September 2024 in Greenville, SC!

In September of 2023 we were at the Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel. The hotel was beautiful and maintains much of its historical look. I think everyone was impressed by both the historical grand lobby and the contemporary meeting spaces available to us. We offered 23 panels and roundtables and 27 posters throughout the week. We had just over 150 people preregister for the conference and 35 register onsite. Our membership numbers remain healthy at 262 which includes 60 students and 71 lifetime members. Dr. John Sloan, Professor Emeritus at UAB, was the keynote speaker at our Awards Luncheon and shared with us some of his work on the ACJS Directory Project. Award recipients included Teresa Collier, as our Outstanding Professional. She works with the Child Trafficking Solutions Project; Dr. John Stogner, UNCC, is our Educator of the Year; Ter'Ricka Brundidge of UAB received the Tom Barker Outstanding Undergraduate award; the Outstanding Master's Student is Shelby Gilbreath from the University of Mississippi; and McKenzie Josie, UF, is our Outstanding Doctoral Student. Congratulations, again, to all of our award winners. Nominations for our 2024 Awards are open and are due in late June to early July. You can find information on submitting nominations on our website or by emailing Dr. Shaun Thomas (shaun@uark.edu).

At our mid-year meeting during ACJS in Chicago, 1st VP Dr. Julie Baldwin announced that we have a contract with the Francis Marion Hotel in, drum roll please, Charleston, SC. It has been almost a decade since we held our meeting in Charleston and we are excited to return! The hotel is located downtown on Marion Square and is within walking distance of the magnificent gardens, house museums, antique shops, local boutiques, restaurants, and nightlife that has made Charleston one of the south's premier cities. Our 2nd VP Dr. Shaun Thomas is hoping to take us back to the beach for 2025, so let him know if you have any hidden beach gems for him to consider! Our membership remains strong at around 260 members! We will be exploring a variety of ways to boost membership in the coming months, so stay tuned.

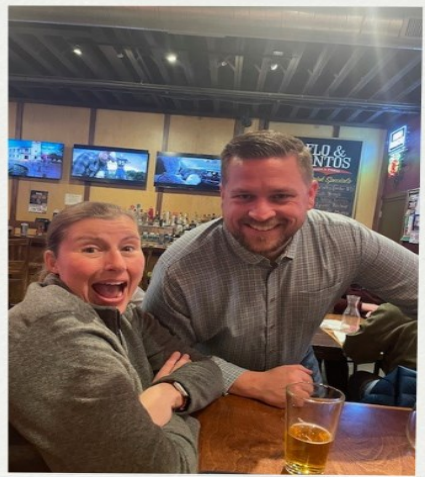
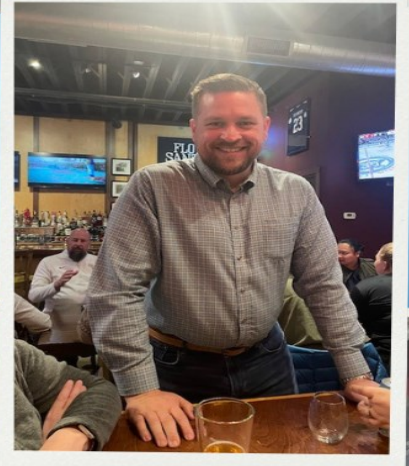
We want to thank Dr. Mitch Miller, again, for being our AJCJ Editor for the past six years. He's taken the journal to new heights and we appreciate his dedication to SCJA and the journal. Our new AJCJ Editor is Dr. JC Barnes who has served the SCJA in a number of different roles over his career. We'll be providing more information as JC settles into the editorship. Thanks to the search committee for their time and energy in selecting JC as the editor. Over the next few months you'll also see some changes to our website. Dr. John Eassey will be giving us a facelift of sorts and we'll share that reveal with everyone as soon as we can.



SCJA 2023 Mobile, AL



SCJA at ACJS



Chicago

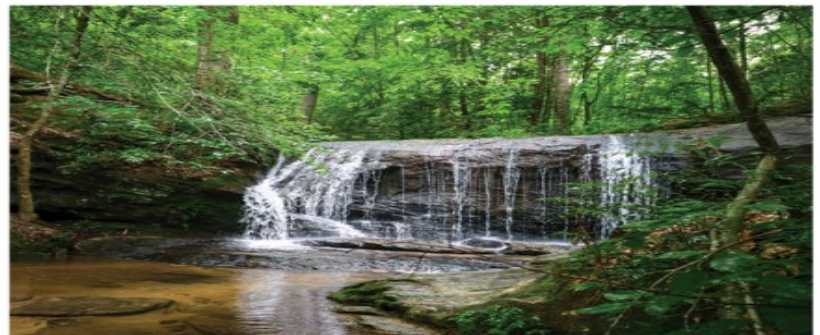
SAVE THE DATE

Greenville, South Carolina
September 10-14, 2024



Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting

“Beyond the Headlines: Unveiling the Truth in Crime and Criminology”



VISIT
GREENVILLE
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ANNUAL MEETING

GREENVILLE, SC

SEPTEMBER 10-14, 2024

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 14, 2024

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Student Member: \$5

Regular Member: \$40

Student Non-Member: \$20*

Regular Non-Member: \$55



ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Student Member: \$5

Regular Member: \$70

Student Non-Member: \$20*

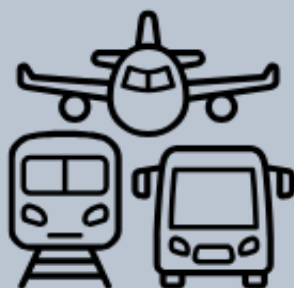
Regular Non-Member: \$85

HOTEL

Hyatt Regency Greenville
220 North Main Street
Greenville, SC 29601

Group Rate: \$179/Night

Link used to secure a room at the group rate
is available on the SCJA website.

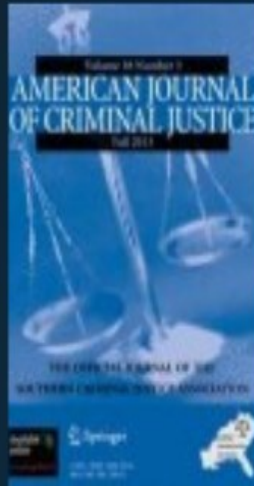


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Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport
(GSP)

Greenville Downtown Airport (GMU)

Greenville Amtrak Station



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Stephanie Koskinen

Stephanie Koskinen is a third-year doctoral student in the Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law at the University of Florida. She received her Bachelor's and Master's in criminal justice from the University of North Florida. She has worked with several mentors on Bureau of Justice Assistance grants in Missouri and Georgia conducting interviews and gathering and analyzing data. Her research interests include jail diversion programs, juvenile offenders, and crimes against children. In 2020, she was awarded the SCJA Outstanding Master's student award.

Stephanie has served SCJA as the managing editor of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice (AJCJ)* for four years. We thank you, Stephanie, for all your service and dedication in this important role and to the association.

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Not Yet a Member? Join the SCJA Association Today!

Cost:

- ◆ Student Membership: \$15
- ◆ Faculty Membership: \$50
- ◆ 3-Year Membership: \$140
- ◆ Lifetime Membership: \$500

How to Join:

- ◆ Visit southerncj.org for more information.
- ◆ To sign up, click on the membership tab and register.
- ◆ Paypal, credit card, and checks are accepted.



BENEFITS:

- ◆ Visit great locations including Mobile (2023), Asheville (2022), Daytona Beach (2021), Nashville (2019), Pensacola Beach (2018), New Orleans (2017), Savannah (2016), and Charleston (2015).
- ◆ Discounted rates at the regional association conference.
- ◆ Welcoming, friendly atmosphere suited for professional fellowship, networking, and research presentations.
- ◆ Numerous social receptions and activities for faculty and students.
- ◆ Student members are eligible for a variety of financial awards such as the student poster competition and three other annual awards.
- ◆ Two networking meals for students to meet with Board Members and Journal Editors.
- ◆ Subscriptions to the *American Journal of Criminal Justice* and an electronic subscription

Our members come near and far. Member states include:

Alabama Georgia Florida Tennessee South Carolina
North Carolina Mississippi Louisiana Kentucky Virginia
West Virginia Puerto Rico Virgin Islands



Southern Criminal Justice Association

2024 Annual Meeting



Greenville, SC
September 10-14, 2024

**HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER
BREAK!**

**SEE YOU IN
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA!**

