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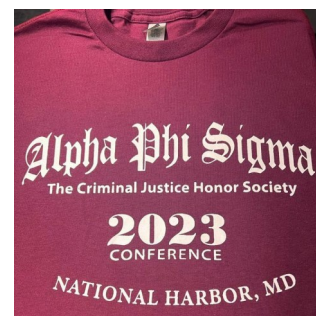
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2023 Conference Program

National Harbor, MD
March 15-17, 2023



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WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023

8:00 am – 9:00 am	APS Members Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by the National Capital Region Alumni Circle Hosted by the Executive Student Officers and Alumni Representatives</i>	APS Hospitality Suite
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Officers Student Mixer <i>Student Mixer Presented by the Executive Student Officers: President Joshua Woolfington (MSU), Vice President Brandon Hubbard (NCCU) Secretary Cassandra Engle (MSU), Treasurer Sierra Sankey (MSU)</i> <u>Chapters, place your yearbook on designated table by 4 p.m.</u>	Maryland 4
9:30 am – 10:45 am	APS Chapter Advisor Meeting (two being offered) <i>Executive Director, Dr. Regina Shearn, Adriana Jansen, and Headquarters</i>	Maryland 4
10:45 am - 11:15 am	2023-25 Executive Student Officers Candidate Speeches	Maryland 4
11:15 am	Lunch on your own	
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Student Registration for Opening Ceremony	Maryland 4
12:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Alpha Phi Sigma Opening Ceremony <i>Procession of Alpha Phi Sigma Executive Board</i> Honor Guard: Alpha Phi Sigma Military Members <i>Sgt. William McLaughlin, Executive Treasurer, Sierra Sankey, Golden Alumni William Nay</i> American National Anthem: Honorary Member Cathy Barth	Maryland 4
	 Greetings by Dr. Denise Boots, ACJS President	
	 Welcome by Sheriff Everett Sesker, Anne Arundel County Office of the Sheriff	
	  Opening Speaker & Panel: Sheriff Everett Sesker, A/Sgt. S. Feliciano, and Lt. A. Mewshaw Anne Arundel County Office of the Sheriff Topic: Police Reform: De-escalation, Mental Illness, and Protests	
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	 Keynote Speaker: Rob Weiner, Senior Council, Civil Rights Division U. S. Department of Justice	Maryland 4
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Forensic Workshop-Pre-Requisite for Crime Scene Investigation <i>Presented by Advisor Moe Miller and the Gamma Rho Chapter at California State University-Fullerton. Makeup for crime scene by Josefina Brown.</i>	Maryland 4
5:30 pm	Crime Scene Investigation Competition <i>Conducted by the Gamma Rho Chapter at California State University, Fullerton</i>	TBD
6:15 pm – 7:00 pm	ACJS Welcome and Presidential Address Students must be registered with ACJS	Maryland A
8:30 pm – 10:00 pm	ACJS Trivia Night <i>Join an ACJS team or create an APS team and have a great time. Presented by ACJS</i>	Maryland D

THURSDAY, March 16, 2023

8:00 am – 9:15 am	APS Members Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by the National Capital Region Alumni Circle Hosted by the Executive Student Officers and Alumni Representatives</i>	APS Hospitality Suite
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Alpha Phi Sigma Judging of Yearbooks. <u>Judges ONLY</u>	Maryland 4

THURSDAY Cont., March 16, 2023

9:15 am – 10:30 am	APS Members Criminal Justice Scholarship Test <i>Written and Administered by Dr. Tamara Wilkins, Minnesota State University, Mankato</i> <i>Proctored & graded by Andrew Giacomazzi and Ivy-Yarckow-Brown</i> Open to all Alpha Phi Sigma Undergraduate and Graduate Members	Maryland 4
9:15 am – 10:30 pm	APS Chapter Advisor Meeting <i>Executive Director, Dr. Regina Shearn, Adriana Jansen, and Headquarters Staff</i>	Maryland 4
11:00 am – 12:15pm	 Guest Speaker Dr. Jason Williams Topic: Understanding Police Reform Through Lived Experiences <i>Associate Professor, Justice Studies at Montclair State University</i>	Maryland 4
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Student Luncheon Sponsored by ACJS – No Advisors Students MUST be Registered with ACJS to Attend Luncheon	Maryland D
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Quiz Bowl Competition <i>Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University</i>	Maryland 4
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Presentations & Judging Chapter Goals & Theme of the Year <u>Chapters presenting Theme of the Year:</u> Eastern Kentucky Univ., & Indian River State College <u>Chapters presenting Goal Awards:</u> Eastern Kentucky Univ., California State Univ-Fullerton & Indian River State College	Maryland 4
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm	 Special Presentation— A talk with Kemba Smith, author of <i>Poster Child</i> Her story about her nightmare at Hampton University that led to her 24.5-year sentence. She tells her story about how it was easy it was falling in love with a drug dealer. The hard part was paying for his crimes.	TBD

FRIDAY, March 17, 2023

8:00 am – 9:15 am	APS Members Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by the National Capital Region Alumni Circle</i> <i>Hosted by the Executive Student Officers and Alumni Representatives</i>	APS Hospitality Suite
9:30 am – 10:45 am	 Guest Speaker Rodney E. Hill, Esq. Topic: <i>Police Reform through Accountability, Supervision and Technology</i> Rodney Hill is an attorney and a police consultant in the area of police accountability, discipline, use-of-force investigations, and internal investigations, and he is a Certified Litigation Specialist in the area of Police Discipline.	Maryland 4
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch on your own	
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Chapter T-Shirt Competition <i>Chapters Present and in good standing will receive (1) ballot to vote.</i>	Maryland 4
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm	Campaign Wrap-up Speeches for Executive Student Officers Voting for Executive Student Officers <i>Chapters Present and in good standing will receive (1) ballot to vote.</i> Installation of 2023-2025 Executive Student Officers and Advisors	Maryland 4
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Alpha Phi Sigma Business Meeting Chapter Roll Call & Executive Officer's Reports	Maryland 4
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Alpha Phi Sigma Scholarships & Awards Presentation <i>V.A. Leonard Scholarship, Regina B. Shearn Scholarship, Nay-Latocki Veteran Scholarship, Best Paper Competition, Student Member of the Year Award, Student Member Achievement Award, Advisor of the Year Award, Chapter Goal Awards, Star Chapter, Community Service Project Award, Outstanding Yearbook Competition, Web Page Grants, Grants, Distinguished Lifetime Award & Attendance Scholarships.</i>	Maryland 4
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Executive Board Meeting (Executive Board Members Only) <i>All Executive Board members must attend closing meeting.</i>	Maryland 4

Guest Speakers & Presenters



Dr. Denise Paquette Boots
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) President

Dr. Denise Paquette Boots is the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education in the School of Economic, Policy & Policy Sciences, a Professor of Public Policy and Political Economy, and the Senior Research Fellow in the Institute for Urban Policy Research at the University of Texas at Dallas. She received her doctorate from the University of South Florida in 2006. She is a former U.S. Border Patrol Agent trainee and a Level 4 juvenile counselor for adjudicated youth. She has been at UT Dallas for over 16 years.

She is a proud member of Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society, having been inducted as an undergraduate. Her research and teaching focuses on issues related to interpersonal violence, with an emphasis on domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, campus sexual assault, mental health, capital punishment, human trafficking, gender pathways to crime and victimization, parricide, and outcome and process evaluations of courts and criminal justice programs. She has published over 50 books, chapters, articles, and has been awarded over \$1.7 million dollars in private and public sponsored research projects. Since March of 2022 she has served as President of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dr. Boots has a distinguished history of being recognized for her excellence in both teaching and research.



Sheriff Everett Sesker

The Anne Arundel County Office of the Sheriff provides law enforcement and public safety services through the service of warrants and civil processes, the protection of the Circuit Court, the enforcement of court orders, document control, and prisoner detention and control, while actively engaging in positive community outreach.

See more about Sheriff Sesker in the speaker insert of this program.



Keynote Speaker
Robert N. Weiner
Senior Counsel, Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice

Rob Weiner is Senior Counsel in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He was a partner at the Washington D.C. law firm of Arnold & Porter for many years and headed its Litigation Department. In the Obama Administration, he served as Associate Deputy Attorney General and, in the Clinton Administration, as Senior Counsel in the White House Counsel's Office. He also worked as Senior Counsel at the Campaign Legal Center, a voting rights nonprofit. He has taught as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown and UVA Law Schools.

Rob served as President of the District of Columbia Bar, chaired the American Bar Association Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice and the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, served on the ABA's Board of Governors and its Executive Committee, and was a member of the Commission on Women in the Profession. He also chaired the National Health Law Project, a nonprofit protecting access to healthcare by the poor. He has received awards for public service from the D.C. Legal Aid Society, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, National Association of Pro Bono Professionals, and the Legal Times of Washington, among others.

After graduating from Yale Law School, Rob clerked for Judge Henry Friendly on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Justice Thurgood Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Speaker Panel: Sheriff Sesker, Lt. Mewshaw, Sgt. Feliciano



Sheriff Everett Sesker

On October 22, 1990, Everett Sesker started his law enforcement career in the Prince George's County Police Academy as a member of recruit class Session 76. During his career, Everett worked various assignments while on a path to the rank of Major including Patrol Officer, Sergeant Narcotic Enforcement Division, Special Assignment Sergeant for the Deputy Chief Bureau Patrol, Shift Commander, Assistant Commander, Press Information Officer, Executive Officer for the Deputy Chief, Bureau of Support Services, Commander of the Training and Education Division, Executive Officer for the Deputy Chief, Bureau of Support Services, and Commander of the Training and Education Division.

After retiring from the Prince George's County Police Department, Everett was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to be the Executive Director of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, where he oversaw law enforcement officers in the State of Maryland.

During the past five years, Everett traveled the state of Maryland as a law enforcement consultant for Local Government Insurance Trust, where he provided training and guidance to over 100 Police and Sheriffs agencies. Sheriff Everett Sesker was sworn in on December 6th, 2022 and is now the first African American Sheriff for Anne Arundel County.



Adrian Mewshaw

Training Coordinator, Anne Arundel County Office of the Sheriff

Adrian Mewshaw is a twenty six year veteran of law enforcement. In 2019 after 23 years of service, Lieutenant Mewshaw retired from Prince George's County (PG) Sheriff Office. After six days of retirement, he joined the Anne Arundel County Sheriff Office as a Deputy. He is presently the Training Coordinator for the agency and focuses on improving training to better equip deputies in the ever changing climate of policing.

During his career in Law Enforcement he has been involved in every type of criminal investigation at the local, state, and federal levels. For nine years Mewshaw served as a PG Department of Correction Special Operations Division. During that time, he was a member of the VIPER team, a dignitary protection and high risk team that supports the SWAT team and handles all high profile trials, prisoners, and witnesses. In 2012, Mewshaw graduated from SWAT school. Sergeant Mewshaw was the team leader of operations and training. His responsibilities were the SWAT Team, Crisis Intervention, and Emergency Petitions. On average, his team served approximately 70-100 orders a month. Throughout this time period, he was also actively assigned to a full time warrant team.

At the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office, Mewshaw was immediately assigned to Warrant Team 2 where he was involved in high risk arrests while serving as a member of the warrant team, and recently was a critical pertinent piece in the successful capture of an escaped inmate from Jennifer Road Detention Center. Mewshaw is now the Training Coordinator for the Anne Arundel County Office of the Sheriff.



Sgt. Saadia Feliciano

Acting Sergeant of Field Operations Warrant Team 1, Anne Arundel County Office of the Sheriff

Saadia Feliciano obtained her Bachelors and Masters in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). While at UMES Feliciano joined Alpha Phi Sigma's Gamma Omicron Chapter where she served as chapter President. In 2013, Saadia was elected as National Student President and served two terms in office. Feliciano was instrumental in the formation of the Alpha Phi Sigma National Capital Region Alumni Circle and serves as Secretary and on the Veteran Scholarship Committee. As an Alpha Phi Sigma Alumna, Feliciano continues to focus on supporting students, alumni, and military veterans.

After graduation, Feliciano completed an internship with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Investigative and Enforcement Services (USDA IES) in Raleigh, NC. With USDA IES Saadia was instrumental in creating an 1805 Investigative Analyst Question Library for a USA Jobs announcement. She was offered a full time position but decided to continue with her education. While in graduate school, Feliciano was employed at Wicomico Partnership for Families and Children where she served as a System Navigator. She provided screening for linkages to services for families in need, performed intakes, and processed applications through ETO software. She also served as an individualized education program (IED & 504 behavioral) advocate. After obtaining her Masters degree, Feliciano was employed with the U.S. Secret Service as an Operations Support Specialist holding a top secret clearance. In 2019 she decided to expand her work experience and graduated from the Anne Arundel County Police Academy, and in 2021, completed Field Training Officer School becoming a certified training officer. She is presently Acting Sergeant of Field Operations Warrant Team 1 with the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office. She has also served as a member of the employment hiring interview board and applicant testing.

Guest Speakers & Presenters

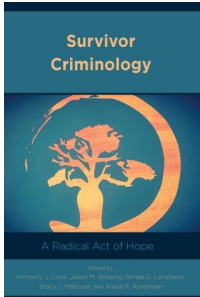


Jason Michael Williams, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Justice Studies at Montclair State University

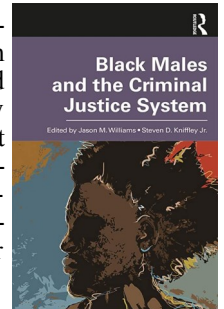
Dr. Jason M. Williams was born in the City of Passaic, he grew up in the Alfred Speer Village Housing Project and was raised by his maternal grandmother; and the experiences of living in public housing, poverty, and a single-parent home is what led Dr. Jason Williams to his commitment to social justice and the study of criminal justice and law.

While growing up at Alfred Speer Village he was introduced to the importance of sustained activism by elders in the community on issues involving housing, food, and education insecurities, and he developed an affinity for philosophy and a strong propensity for questioning inequality and the mechanisms that create and sustain social-economic and racial disparities; and after graduating from Passaic High School, he attended New Jersey City University where he earned a BS and MS in Criminal Justice, he credits NJCU with preparing him for a lifelong commitment to both social and academic activism. He later earned his Ph.D. in Administration of Justice from Texas Southern University and is currently employed by Montclair State University.



He has published books and articles on race, justice, social control, and social justice. He recently published a co-edited book titled, *Black Males and the Criminal Justice System*. Much of his work is grounded in community-based projects around the NY Metro community—and he's been recognized for this work as he was awarded a Proclamation by the Passaic County Board of Freeholders and received many academic awards for his scholarly contributions. But

he has also gone to places such as Ferguson, Missouri, Baltimore, Maryland, and others to engage in community-based research around issues of community and police relations and broader justice issues. Dr. Williams is regularly sought for comment by local and national media press around justice issues. When he isn't in the field researching and engaging in social justice work, he is on the college campus teaching courses on policing, prisoner reentry, social problems, and theory.



Rodney E. Hill, Esq.

Senior Advisor to the Vice President of Public Safety - John Hopkins Public Safety Department
Former Police Commander, Chief of Internal Affairs, and Assistant State's Attorney, MD

Rodney Hill is an attorney and a police consultant in the area of police accountability, discipline, use-of-force investigations, and internal investigations, and he is a Certified Litigation Specialist in the area of Police Discipline. He has over 38-years of combined experience in the Criminal Justice profession as both a police commander and criminal prosecutor. Formerly he is the Chief Legal Advisor for the Baltimore County Department of Police. Rodney Hill also served as the Chief of Internal Affairs Division for the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD); a position he held for 5-years (the longest in BPD history). In that role he helped lead several

in-custody death investigations, to include the Freddie Gray investigation. Additionally, he received a Commendation of Recognition from the Director of the FBI for his cooperation and assistance in the BPD Gun Trace Task Force police corruption investigation – which led to the arrest and conviction of several BPD detectives and officers.

Rodney Hill started as a Police Officer with the Montgomery County Police Department in 1985, where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. He held various assignments, to include Detective in the Child Physical & Sex Abuse Unit, Plainclothes Surveillance Officer, the Deputy Commander of the Special Events Response Team, the Director of the Legal & Labor Relations Division, and he participated in the DC Sniper investigation (he retired after 20-years of service).

Rodney Hill served as a Criminal Prosecutor for 5-years with the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office, where he specialized in prosecuting Domestic Violence Assault and Homicides, and Human Trafficking cases. He served as a member of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, and was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the Maryland U.S. Attorney (Rod Rosenstein) for his outstanding contributions to the Task Force. He has worked as a Chief Solicitor in Baltimore City, where he prosecuted police officers before administrative hearing boards, he worked briefly as an Associate General Counsel at Morgan State University, where he advised the campus police on policy and procedure. He is a Certified Police Instructor, an Adjunct Professor at Stevenson University, and an experienced guest lecturer. He is the recipient of numerous training certifications, awards, and commendations.