Alpha Phi Sigma 2024 Annual Conference
Chicago, Illinois
March 20-22, 2024

Join us for a great conference that includes Excellent Speakers, Quiz Bowl, Student Mixer, Crime Scene Investigation, Awards Ceremony, and much more!

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Alpha Phi Sigma
The Criminal Justice Honor Society
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8:00 am - 9:15 am  
**APS Members, Join us for Coffee & Donuts**  
*Sponsored by the Pi Beta Iota Chapter at Indian River State College*  
APS Hospitality Suite

9:30 am - 10:45  
**Students Mixer**  
*Presented by Executive Student Officers*  
Continental Room C

**Chapters, place your Yearbook on designated table in the Continental Room C by 4 p.m.**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Lunch on your own**

12:15 pm - 12:30 pm  
**Student Registration for Opening Ceremony**  
Continental Room C

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
**Alpha Phi Sigma Opening Ceremony**  
*Procession of Alpha Phi Sigma’s National Executive Board*  
*Honor Guard: Alpha Phi Sigma Members: Dr. John McLaughlin, William Nay, William McLaughlin, Joanna “JP” Poyau*

**Greetings by the ACJS President, Dr. Anthony Peguero**

**Keynote Speakers: Nicki Ali Jackson, Ph.D.**  
**Exonereree, Willie “Timmy” Donald**  
*The Exoneration of an Innocent Man and the Post-Exoneration Experience*  
Sponsored by Missouri State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Sigma Mu Sigma Chapter at Missouri State University

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm  
**Students & Advisors Round Table Discussions**  
Continental Room C

**Online Chapters:** Barbara Van Loon, Pi Zeta Epsilon Chapter, Baker College  
**Recruitment/Electronically:** Dr. Colby Valentine, Sigma Chapter, University of South Florida  
**Recruitment on Campus/Events:** Dr. Veronica Herrera, Gamma Rho Chapter, California State University-Fullerton  
**Fundraising:** Dr. Kimberlie Massnick, Pi Beta Iota Chapter, Indian River State College  
**Scholarships:** Dawn Durney, Headquarters Executive Assistant  
**Pinning and Induction Ceremonies:** Dr. Regina Shearn, Executive Director & Dr. Lorna Grant, Eta Lambda Chapter, North Carolina Central University  
**Chapter Member Leadership:** Prof. Ivy Yarckow-Brown, Sigma Mu Sigma, Missouri State University  
**Chapter Meetings:** Dr. Ellen Cohen, Sigma Phi Alpha Chapter, Florida International University, and Laila Horton & Justin Campbell, Omega Tau Chapter, Nova Southeastern University  
**Successful Community Service Projects:** Prof. LeeAnn Morrison, Epsilon Chapter, Eastern Kentucky University

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
**Chapter Advisor Meeting: Headquarters Requirements & Processes**  
*An opportunity to ask the HQ staff your questions*  
Executive Director, Dr. Regina Shearn, Assistant Director, Adriana Jansen and Headquarters Staff  
Grand Tradition Room

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Crime Scene Investigation Forensic Workshop**  
*Mandatory to Participate in the Crime Scene Investigation*  
*Presented by: Dr. John McLaughlin, South Florida State College and Dr. Kimberlie Massnick, Indian River State College*  
Continental Room C

5:00 pm  
**Crime Scene Investigation**  
*Presented by: Dr. John McLaughlin, South Florida State College and The Pi Beta Iota Chapter at Indian River State College*  
To Be Determined

6:15 pm - 7:00 pm  
**ACJS Welcome and President’s Address**  
International Ballroom South

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm  
**ACJS President’s Reception**  
*Must be Registered with ACJS to Attend*  
International Ballroom North

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
**ACJS Trivia Game Night**  
Marquette Room

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
**ACJS Karaoke Night**  
*Must be Registered with ACJS to Participate*  
Continental Room B
THURSDAY, March 21, 2024

8:00 am - 9:00 am  APS Members, Join us for Coffee & Donuts
Sponsored by the Pi Beta Iota Chapter at Indian River State College
APS Hospitality Suite

8:30 am - 9:15 am  Alpha Phi Sigma Judging of Yearbooks
Judges Only
Continental Room C

9:15 am - 10:45 am  Criminal Justice Knowledge Scholarship Test
Written by Dr. Tamara Wilkins, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Administered by Prof. Ivy-Yarckow Brown, Missouri State University &
Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University
Open to all Alpha Phi Sigma Undergraduate and Graduate Members
Continental Room C

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  Student Luncheon Sponsored by ACJS – No Advisors
Students MUST be Registered with ACJS to Attend Luncheon

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm  Speaker: Marcus Beach, Illinois Innocence Project
Wrongful Conviction Awareness and Avoidance-A Police Training Initiative
Sponsored by Missouri State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
and the Sigma Mu Sigma Chapter at Missouri State University
Continental Room C

1:45 pm - 3:15 pm  College Quiz Bowl
Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University
Continental Room C

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm  Chapter Advisor Meeting: Chapter Business
Running a Successful Chapter
Executive Director, Dr. Regina Shearn, Assistant Director, Adriana Jansen, and Headquarters Staff
Grand Tradition Room

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Alpha Phi Sigma Presentation and Judging of
Chapter Goals & Theme of the Year
Continental Room C

Theme of the Year Presenters: Eastern Kentucky University, Epsilon Chapter
North Carolina A&T State University, Eta Upsilon Chapter
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Gamma Omicron Chapter
California State University, Fullerton, Gamma Rho Chapter
Indian River State College, Pi Beta Iota Chapter

Goal of Leadership: Indian River State College, Pi Beta Iota Chapter
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Gamma Omicron Chapter
Eastern Kentucky University, Epsilon Chapter

Goal of Service: Florida International University, Sigma Phi Alpha Chapter
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Gamma Omicron Chapter
California State University, Fullerton, Gamma Rho Chapter
Indian River State College, Pi Beta Iota Chapter
Eastern Kentucky University, Epsilon Chapter

Goal of Unity: California State University, Fullerton, Gamma Rho Chapter
Fairmont State University, Epsilon Iota Chapter
Eastern Kentucky University, Epsilon Chapter
Indian River State College, Pi Beta Iota Chapter
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Gamma Omicron

Alpha Phi Sigma Alumni Member, Lt. Steve Troyano will be available throughout our conference to
speak with students who may be interested in a Law Enforcement career.
Lt. Troyano is a member of the Capital Region Alumni Circle.

Stop by his table to inquire about a career in policing and join him on Friday for his presentations on:
Modern Crowd Control Tactics and the Impact of January 6th and
What a Police Department Really Wants You to Know Before You Apply
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<td>Following the Awards&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>National Board Meeting (National Board Members Only)</strong>&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>All Board members, including newly elected Advisors, must attend closing meeting.</strong></td>
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**Alpha Phi Sigma Merchandise Booth**

Visit our merchandise booth for our 2024 commemorative t-shirt, new soft and warm sweats, jackets, cups and more. We are located in the Continental Room C and open from 9 am to 5 pm except during speaker sessions.
GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS

Nicky Ali Jackson, Ph.D.

Dr. Jackson, a Victimologist and Criminologist, is an author, researcher, and professor of criminal justice at Purdue Northwest University. She is also the Executive Director at the Center for Justice and Post-Exoneration Assistance at PNW.

Dr. Jackson has appeared in a variety of tv, radio, and print media outlets including People magazine, News Nation podcast, True Crime Daily, People Magazine Investigates, Profiling Evil, Freedom Files, Righteous Conviction podcast, Wrongful Conviction podcast, CrimeHQ to name a few. She currently serves on numerous boards including two prison advisory boards, Reform Alliance Advisory Board, and Free at Last Coalition, to name a few.

In 2022, The Victimology of a Wrongful Conviction: Innocent Inmates and Indirect Victims, for which she was lead author, was published by Routledge. She also edited the Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence in 2007.

Her passion for truth, social justice, equality, and philanthropy has resulted in numerous awards by a variety of organizations. Her most notable awards include receiving the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest civilian honor granted to an Indiana resident, for her humanitarian efforts by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb in 2021.

Recently, she won a Torchbearer “Heart of Indiana” award from the Indiana Commission for Women. This award is the most prestigious recognition of women in our state. In January 2024, she received the 2023 Visionary Impact Award at the Champions of Diversity Award ceremony, the largest diversity awards event in the nation, hosted by Indiana Minority Business Magazine and Minority Business Review.

Willie “Timmy” Donald

In 1992, Willie “Timmy” Donald was convicted of first-degree murder and two counts of armed robbery. This conviction was based on two eyewitness identifications from a faulty photo line up. Despite having an alibi, Mr. Donald spent nearly 24 years in prison for robberies and murder he did not commit. During this time, many of his appeals were dismissed, but he maintained his innocence. Through the help of Northwestern undergraduate students and attorney Thomas Vanes, Mr. Donald was able to prove his innocence. Like other exonerees, Mr. Donald experienced post-exoneration challenges. Outside of family, he lacked resources to help him get back on his feet. That changed when Dr. Nicky Jackson read his story in a newspaper and reached out to Mr. Donald’s attorney hoping to meet Mr. Donald. A meeting did take place and, at that time, Dr. Jackson offered Mr. Donald post-exoneration assistance. They built a personal and working friendship.

Recognizing the struggles of exonerees, Mr. Donald and Dr. Jackson worked to create the Willie T. Donald Exoneration Advisory coalition to provide resources to exonerees in Indiana. Recognizing the great amount of work to be done in addition to post-exoneration needs, they established the Center for Justice and Post-Exoneration Assistance at PNW (CJPA). Mr. Donald is the Project Manager at CJPA. He spends countless hours reviewing letters from inmates requesting assistance. Additionally, he works directly with exonerees on their post-incarceration needs. Mr. Donald also mentors undergraduate students interning at CJPA.

Presenters Dr. Nicki Ali Jackson and Willie “Timmy” Donald, and speaker Marcus Beach are sponsored by Missouri State University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Sigma Mu Sigma Chapter.
**GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS**

**Marcus Beach**

Marcus Beach started his law enforcement career in 1996 with the Rantoul Police Department in central Illinois. During his 27-year career, he worked a variety of assignments including dispatch, patrol, narcotics, SWAT, and Investigations. Marcus retired March 10, 2023 at the rank of Sergeant and was a supervisor on the day shift patrol division.

After retirement, Marcus began working with the Illinois Innocence Project through the University of Illinois-Springfield as the Associate Director of the Wrongful Conviction Awareness and Avoidance training project. This project has brought training on Wrongful Convictions, and the common contributing factors that lead to Wrongful Convictions, to recruit police officers in the State’s many police academies. This training was made mandatory by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in 2023.

Marcus is long time trainer of Law Enforcement and holds certifications as a Senior Master Taser Instructor, a certified Master Control Tactics Instructor, Master Firearms Instructor, and was an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Illinois Police Training Institute in Champaign, Illinois.

He has an AAS degree in Criminal Justice from Parkland College, a Bachelor of Arts degree through Eastern Illinois University, and a Master’s of Public Administration degree through the University of Illinois-Springfield. He is the proud father of five children and is married to his wonderful wife, Kelly.

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**Lieutenant Steve Troyano**

Steve Troyano joined Alpha Phi Sigma in 1998 while a senior at The College of New Jersey, and was founding Vice President of the local chapter. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law and Justice from TCNJ and holds a Masters in Forensic Science from the George Washington University.

He joined the Arlington County (Virginia) Police Department in 2001, and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant and oversees the Training Unit.

He has worked in many capacities throughout his career, including Patrol, Community Engagement, Crime Scene Processing, and investigative positions. He is currently the Commander of the Honor Guard, and a Platoon Commander for the Civil Disturbance Unit.

Steve is currently a member of the National Institute of Justice Special Technical Committee for Civil Disturbance Equipment, and was a contributing member to the National Tactical Officers Association Working Group for Public Order Standards. He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his role in responding to the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.