



# VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATORS

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**From the Desk of VACJE  
President Mike Wagner**

Welcome to the New Year, I hope that each of you are well! As your new President I want to acknowledge a few important items. First, I want to recognize and acknowledge out Past President and lifelong member Marty Greenberg. Marty's sprit, vision, and desire has made the VACJE a recognized group amongst all disciplines. As a member the last few years it is evident that I will have my work cut out for me to keep up with Marty's passion for education. Marty, we THANK YOU!

I would also like to recognize our past and current Officers and Board of Directors. Without you the mission of our organization would fall short. Many of you agreed to carry on your positions, this is the mark of true dedicated professionals! I Thank You! I hope to speak with each of you over the next few months to get a pulse on your vision for the future of VACJE, and what ideas you would like to bring to a forum as we

together commit to educating our diverse student body in the 21st Century. Our broad and diverse membership brings a wealth of knowledge, capacity and wisdom. The few critical thinking points I would ask all of you to spend some time evaluating and sharing with me are:

- What key areas should our organization focus on over the next two years?
- In the educational setting of our instruction are we meeting the needs of our students, peers and external stakeholders?
- How soon should the executive committee decide who is on what committee, committee responsibilities and timeline for those responsibilities?
- What type of quarterly and annual meetings would you suggest, this would include points of interest, who should attend, agenda format, and guest speakers.

I look forward to serving you as President of the VACJE and remain committed to our responsibility as educators to provide excellence to our entrusted profession.

Respectfully  
Mike Wagner

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**THE BANK BALANCE AS OF  
FEBRUARY 8, 2025**

**\$1,444.46**

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# UNITED KINGDOM

## Hooligans and Homicide: Law Enforcement in the UK and Ireland



### Highlights

- Witness day-to-day police operations in major cities in the United Kingdom.
- Take part in training exercises used to enhance law enforcement operations.
- Participate in intelligence and terrorism briefings that improve police response to increased extremist threats.
- **Prerequisite:** CRIM 401 and/or CRIM 312

Type	Mason-led
Faculty	Kevin Fornshill <a href="mailto:kfornshi@gmu.edu">kfornshi@gmu.edu</a>
Scholarships	Available
Options	6 undergraduate credits in CRIM 485, CRIM 490
Apply by	March 1, 2025



**MISSION STATEMENT**

**We, as criminal justice educators, have as our mission:**

- to advance, inspire, and promote the highest quality and practices of criminal justice education to students and practitioners in the community colleges, colleges, and universities within the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- to foster communication and support among all criminal justice educators in Virginia.
- to inform the membership of pending (or possible) changes in criminal justice programs or agencies among the post-secondary educational institutions in Virginia.
- to articulate a unified voice for official communication with other educational agencies, organizations, and/or the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- to enhance the quality of life-long educational experiences and opportunities for our criminal justice students.

**To accomplish this mission, we propose that the VACJE:**

- 1) Sponsor an annual meeting of criminal justice educators for the purpose of :
  - a. providing a forum for the expression of thoughts, ideas, and concerns;
  - b. share training and teaching methods and techniques;
  - c. conducting an annual business meeting;
  - d. allowing individuals to meet their peers throughout the state, providing an opportunity for individual networking;
  - e. presenting pertinent workshops and programs to enhance individual members professional development;
  - f. allowing an opportunity for the expression of individual viewpoints while arriving at a unified consensus or official position for the Association.
- 2) Sponsor semi-annual meetings as required for the above listed and/or other necessary reasons. These reasons might include:
  - a. providing a forum for Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Administration of Justice (ADJ) Peer Group Conferences;
  - b. discussing various articulation agreements;
  - c. developing or modifying changes in the VCCS ADJ Course Content Summaries;
  - d. providing for Administration of Justice/Criminal Justice Program professional development opportunities.
- 3) Maintain a current (and regularly updated) list of full-time criminal justice educators in the various Virginia educational and other selected institutions. The list should include:
  - a. the individual's name
  - b. faculty rank
  - c. job title or description
  - d. complete official mailing address
  - e. E-mail address
  - f. telephone numbers for: office, fax, residence (if desired)
  - g. home address (if desired for communication)
- 4) Communication with members via an informal newsletter, E-mail or Web Site page as appropriate. As a result of these missions -- the VACJE will create informal and formal networks to communicate, build alliances, and establish an environment of growth, challenge, and unlimited potential for all its members, as we advance quality criminal justice education in the State of Virginia and in the world.

## VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATORS BY-LAWS:

### I. **Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Virginia Association of Criminal Justice Educators, hereafter referred to as the VACJE.

### II. **Purpose:** The purposes of the VACJE are to:

- A. Advocate for professional standards and competencies in criminal justice education;
- B. Continuously search for new techniques and approaches in the delivery of academic criminal justice programs to advance criminal justice education in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- C. Provide professional development opportunities for criminal justice educators;
- D. Inform and update criminal justice educators of the current research findings in criminal justice education;
- E. Enable criminal justice educators to network, connect, collaborate and exchange innovative teaching approaches;
- F. Support criminal justice agencies in the recruitment of an academically and professionally educated workforce in the criminal justice field;
- G. Develop a criminal justice education curriculum at the college, university level, and secondary schools; supports the development in other recognized educational institutions, such as criminal justice training academies,
- H. Develop strategic community partnerships in the criminal justice field

### III. **Members**

- A. Regular membership in VACJE shall be open to all persons who engage in the teaching, training, or administration of education or training programs in the field of Criminal Justice or who are practitioners in criminal justice agencies or organizations.
- B. There shall be five additional categories of membership.
  - 1. Honorary life members, who may, in honor of their retirement and in recognition of at least 10 years of continuous service to VACJE be appointed as such by a majority of the members at a regular meeting of the membership. Honorary life members shall not be required to pay dues.
  - 2. Life members, who have paid in no more than 3 consecutive annual installments a sum to be determined from time to time by the board.
  - 3. Institutions and organizations that deliver or receive criminal justice education or training.

4. Student membership shall be open to those students pursuing academic study in criminal justice or a related field.
  5. Corporate sponsors and community partners who have expressed an interest in criminal justice educational initiatives.
- C. Voting: Each member in the above categories (Section III-A+B-1/2/3) whose dues for the current year have been paid are entitled to one vote in any election, referendum, or membership meeting. Student members, corporate sponsors, and community partners are excluded from voting privileges. Each institutional or organizational member shall appoint one person to carry its vote. No voting by proxy shall be permitted. Ballots shall be sent to the members in a manner determined by the VACJE Board and include mailed ballots (i.e., U.S. Postal Service) or electronic ballots. The Board will determine how ballots are to be returned and the deadline for voting. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure his/her business address and email address are currently on file with the association. Each member shall be assigned a membership number to account for all ballots.
- D. Dues: Membership dues shall be at such rate or rates, schedule or formula as may be approved by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- E. Termination:
1. Any member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting, for conduct prejudicial to the mission and purpose of the VACJE, after due notice and opportunity to be heard by the board.
  2. A member who has not paid dues by December 01 will be dropped from membership.

#### IV. **Meetings**

- A. Timely notice of the location and time of meetings of the membership of VACJE, both annual and special, shall be provided to the membership.
- B. The Annual Meeting shall be held in the fall of each year, unless circumstances require the board to do otherwise.
- C. Special meetings of VACJE may be called by the president, by the board, or by one-tenth of the membership, upon 14 days written notice to the members, stating the purpose of the meeting.
- D. At meetings of the members, twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of votes shall prevail.
- E. The Annual Meeting and special meetings may be held in-person or virtually, as determined by the Board of Directors.

#### V. **The Board of Directors**

- A. The board shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past President, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and not more than four directors-at-large.
- B. The board shall set policy, evaluate operations, monitor finances, and have responsibility for long-range planning.

- C. No public statement of policy by any member, representative, committee, group, volunteer, employee, director, or officer shall be binding upon, or constitute an expression of, the policy of the VACJE unless approved or ratified by a majority of the directors.
- D. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the board shall be held at least four times each year. Special or additional meetings of the Board may be called by the president and shall be called upon the written request of three directors, with at least forty-eight hours written notice having been given.
- E. A majority of the Board (5) shall constitute a quorum.

**VI. Election of the Officers and Directors**

- A. Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's (See Section VIII, paragraph B) report and ballot, the President shall immediately distribute to all members in good standing, the names of the nominees on a Ballot approved by the Board of Directors and arrange for additional write-in names. The Board shall establish a minimum of two weeks for voting and the date and time by which all ballots must be received by the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The returned ballots shall be tabulated by the nominating committee. The nominees who receive the most votes shall be elected. The nominating committee shall certify the results to the President and a public announcement of newly-elected officers and directors shall be made as soon as appropriate.
- B. The terms of office for Officers and Directors At-Large shall be for two years.
- C. Vacancies
  1. The Board shall declare vacant any office or director-at-large position if that officer or director-at-large has been absent from two consecutive board meetings- Absences may be excused by vote of a majority of the Board, or
  2. There was no one elected to the office or director-at-large position.
  3. Recommendations for filling officer or director-at-large vacancies shall be made by the Nominating Committee. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the board of directors by a majority vote at any regular board meeting.
- D. Upon completing four years of service as a director-at-large, an individual shall be ineligible to serve as a director-at-large for the following term in that position.
- E. Individuals who are not current in dues payment shall not be eligible for election, and when directors or other officers are not current, they shall be removed from office, and a vacancy declared within 30 days of the dues becoming due.

**VII. Officers and Duties**



- A. The officers of the VACJE shall be the President, the Vice President, and the immediate Past President, the secretary, and the treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws.
- B The term of office for the officers shall be as follows:
  - President – Two-Years
  - Immediate Past President – Two Years
  - Vice President – Two Years
  - Secretary – Two Years
  - Treasurer – Two Years

The term of office of the President and Immediate Past President shall be limited to two (2) years following installation (or until the end of the respective term of the predecessor, if the person shall not have completed such term) and until the election of a successor. If the out-going President cannot fulfill the term of Immediate Past President, the most recent Immediate Past President will be asked by the Board to serve the remainder of that term.

In the event the President cannot fulfill the term of that office or his/her duties, the Vice President shall succeed to that office for the balance of that term.

The Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer may serve two terms. If the Vice President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer cannot fulfill the term of that office, or his/her duties, the Board shall appoint a person from the membership at-large to serve for the balance of the term. To receive the appointment from the Board, the member must receive a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The term of office of the newly-elected officers and directors-at-large shall commence on January 1 following the election and end on December 31, at the end of the two-year term.

The officers and directors-at-large shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be provided by the Bylaws, parliamentary authority of the VACJE, *Robert's Rules of Order*, or as the Board of Directors may determine.

- C. No member shall hold more than one position on the Board at a time.
- D. The President of the board shall:
  - Serve as the executive head of the VACJE, and shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the board.
  - Appoint all committee chairs from the Board members and approve all committee members.
  - Be an ex-officio member of all VACJE committees, but is under no obligation to attend committee meeting and is not counted as part of the committee's quorum.

- Serve as the official spokesperson for the Association and shall speak and act on behalf of the Board and the members within existing policy and Board decisions. The President may, at his/her discretion, delegate the spokesperson responsibility to another Officer or Director-at-large for a specific period of time.
  - Have authority to approve expenses not to exceed \$100 per occurrence without prior approval of the Board.
  - Have other duties as assigned by the Board from time-to-time.
  - Report to the Board, at every Board Meeting all issues addressed and actions taken in keeping with the provisions of this section.
- E. The Vice President shall serve as President-Elect and as program chair. In the absence of the president, the Vice President shall exercise the functions of the President.
- F. The immediate Past President shall assist the President in such duties as may be mutually agreed upon and shall chair and recruit members for the nominating committee.
- G. The Treasurer shall maintain the roll of the membership. The Treasurer also shall oversee receipt and proper disbursement of all funds by the VACJE. Such funds shall be kept on deposit in financial institutions approved by the board. Checks shall be signed by any two of the following: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Checks drawn for less than \$100 require only the signature of one of those aforementioned. The Treasurer shall develop internal controls for the association which shall be reviewed and approved by the Board.
- H. The Secretary shall keep a formal record of each meeting and provide same promptly and in electronic form to the webmaster.

#### VIII. **Standing Committees**

Standing Committees are those identified in these Bylaws. The Chair of each Standing Committee shall be a member of the Board

- A. A Program Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President, who shall, with the assistance of the Board, recruit additional members to serve on the Committee. The program committee shall plan, publicize, and manage the annual meeting.
- B. A Nominating Committee composed of three members and chaired by the Immediate Past President shall be appointed by the President and approved by the board promptly after the new officers are installed.
1. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to recruit and gain the consent of candidates for the board and for offices within the board, as well as for appointments and nominations made by the board to external groups.
  2. Every reasonable effort shall be made to recruit candidates who within the preceding three years have participated actively in VACJE



- meetings and projects, and to recruit a sufficient number of candidates to give the membership a choice at the time of election.
3. The Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations (including self-nominations) from the membership.
  4. The Nominating Committee shall submit its Report and Ballot to the President and the Board not later than October 1 of each even numbered year. The Board shall approve the Ballot and the President shall direct its publication and distribution to the members for voting. The list of candidates and their biographical information shall be made available on the VACJE Website and newsletter. The outcome of the election shall be made know at the Annual Meeting.
  5. The nominating committee shall also present to the board for its approval the names of candidates to fill unexpired terms within 30 days of the Board's declaration that the position is vacant.
- C. The Communications Committee shall be chaired by a board member, who shall be appointed by the president with the consent of the board. That individual, and other committee members appointed by the President shall assume responsibility for printed and virtual communications materials and methods employed by VACJE.
- D. Other committees, such as ad hoc, special, or advisory, shall be appointed by the President as the Board or President shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the VACJE. Each Committee shall have a chair appointed by the president and shall report at the annual meeting on its activities during the preceding year.
- E. The term of membership on any committee is two (2) years and may be renewable.

#### IX. **Finances**

- A. The VACJE's fiscal year shall begin on September 1 and end on August 31.
- B. The accounts of the VACJE shall be audited bi-annually by two members appointed by the president with the consent of the board at the beginning of a new term of officers and Board members. The audit report shall be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.
- C. The VACJE shall be registered with the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the Internal Revenue Service.
- D. At the beginning of every new term for Officers and Board members, the Board will review and approve the internal controls of the Association.

#### X. **Parliamentary Authority**

- A. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the VACJE in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the VACJE may adopt.

XI. **Amendment of Bylaws**

These bylaws may be amended by the membership by a two-thirds vote of those eligible to vote, provided that the amendment has been recommended by the Board and subsequently distributed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the close of voting.

XII. **Dissolution**

The VACJE shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these bylaws. On dissolution of the VACJE, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific, or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the board of directors.

# VACJE

## Virginia Association of Criminal Justice Educators

### Membership Application and Information

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY RANK \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### **ASSOCIATION DUES**

Annual Dues: \$30.00 • Life Membership: \$300.00 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return The Completed Membership Application with the dues payment to the treasurer  
(Check made payable to VACJE)

For further information on membership, contact:

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Treasurer  
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## VACJE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & DIRECTORS

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**Jay Malcan**

**Lynda Cooksey**

**John Mocello**

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**Michelle Newton-**

**Francis**

**Dennis DuBuc**

**Vickie Holland Taylor**

**Martin Greenberg**

**Tom Varner**

**Jim Johnson**

**John Wilt**

**James Husband**

**Nicolle Parsons-Pollard**

**Tim Kindrick**

**Robin Widener**

**Delmar Wright**

## IN MEMORIUM

**Irving Comer**

**Jerry Lane**

**Ray Smith**

## MEMBER NEWS



Am Kiprop Evans a graduate of criminology and criminal justice from Kenya. My research interests are criminal justice, forensics and victimisation. Equally am a trainer and educator in matters of crime and law.

## MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED



On December 21, 2024, three members of the ACJA-LAE Alpha Upsilon Lambda Professional Chapter gathered 5 bags of litter on a 4.5 mile stretch of Goodyear Blvd. Pictured (L-R) are John Wilt, Chapter Advisor, Shirley Redd, President and Andrew Van Der Hyde, Vice President. For ACJA-LAE membership, contact advisor Wilt at [jbwilt@aumail.averett.edu](mailto:jbwilt@aumail.averett.edu) or call (434) 770-8822. During the month of February, chapter members will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts as a fundraiser to defray conference travel expenses. Other than a Spring national and Fall regional conference, chapter activities also include a May rummage sale, June run for justice, July jail-a-thon, August "50-50" at the South Boston Speedway and litter projects on Goodyear Blvd.



Several youngsters participated in a forensic science class held at the Camp Grove Recreation Center. The Parks and Recreation-sponsored class was taught by DCC Emeritus Professor John Wilt. After discussing the importance of crime scene evidence, participants learned the importance of recording the crime scene with pictures, note-taking and rough and finished sketches. Categories of evidence found at a crime scene--glass, soil, hairs, fibers, blood and fingerprints--plus the importance of securing all crime scene evidence with proper packaging methods was emphasized. The forensic science class concluded with participants practicing the latent print lifting technique on a variety of porous and non-porous surfaces.

## MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED



A November 7-8-9, 2024 ACJA-LAE Region IV conference organized by Conference Director John Wilt saw participation from four Region IV chapters--Alpha Upsilon Lambda Professional Chapter, Danville, VA, Chi Nu Chapter, Radford University, Delta Xi Omega Chapter, Ferrum College, GEZR Chapter, Newark, DE and Alpha Sigma Omega Region V Chapter from Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama. Conference activities included three days of academic exams in criminal law, corrections, juvenile justice, police administration, LAE Knowledge; physical agility and mock crime competition events; three speakers from Arlington County and Harrisonburg Police Departments who addressed "Wellness for First Responders: Building Strength from Within". All activities were held at the Blue Ridge Community College

**Excerpts from ‘Reason to know’ in the International Law of Command Responsibility:  
An Article in the IRRC**

Martin Alan Greenberg

In 2020, an official report found evidence of 39 murders of civilians and prisoners by (or at the instruction of) members of the Australian special forces, which were subsequently covered up by Australian Defense Force (ADF) personnel. The report stated 25 ADF personnel were involved in the killings, including those who were "accessories" to the incident. Some of those believed to be involved were still serving with the ADF. The unlawful killings discussed by the report began in 2009, with most occurring in 2012 and 2013.<sup>1</sup> In 2022, Aaron Fellmeth and Emily Crawford (professors of law), published a critical article about the conclusion of the report known as the *Brereton Report* (led by Paul Brereton, who has been both a New South Wales Supreme Court judge and a major general in the Australian army reserve), “that further investigation was not warranted of commanders regarding their responsibility for failing to investigate suspicious behavior of subordinates in Afghanistan, who were accused of violations of international humanitarian law.”

In their article, Fellmeth and Crawford (2022) identify “the conflicting precedents and scholarship regarding the law of command responsibility, which create uncertainty, and proposes a clarification of that law, with a special focus on the ‘reason to know’ standard that triggers responsibility for failing to prevent or punish war crimes. It refutes the popular claim that commanders must act willfully, and it rejects the common dichotomy between a commander who orders or otherwise directly participates in the war crimes of subordinates and one who unwittingly fails to prevent or punish such crimes. Using the empirical psychological literature, the article further explains how commanders can insidiously signal toleration of war crimes without giving direct orders. Finally, the article argues that international law, by absolving commanders who fail to properly train their subordinates to respect the law of armed conflict, misses a rare opportunity to deter war crimes, and offers some suggestions to fill this gap in the law” (Fellmeth and Crawford 2022). When and if, the wars in Gaza and Ukraine ever end, the issues of command responsibility in international law and gaps in the law of command responsibility will surely be topics for major consideration. The following brief paragraphs are excerpted from the Fellmeth and Crawford (2022) article:

....Group solidarity represents a powerful force in military culture that can lead to greater unit cohesion and effectiveness but also to mutual support in committing, tolerating or covering up war crimes.

Similarly, military culture is particularly adapted to ‘groupthink’ – the situation in which high group cohesiveness and a perceived need for unanimity override an individual's independent judgment and motivation to think realistically and rationally. The result is overestimation of the group's judgment, closed-mindedness, and enhanced pressure toward cognitive conformity. In the military context of extreme threats to the group, anyone who questions an order or a group consensus about appropriate measures may be seen as disloyal and pressured into conformity through fear of...[being ostracized] or worse.



There is, finally, notable pressure from politics and personal ambition in military organizations. As Amy Sepinwall has noted, ‘political expediency may ... lead a commander to pass over his troops’ crime; where, for example, support for the military effort is waning, a commander may seek to avoid the negative publicity that investigation into an atrocity will undoubtedly invite. Then again, a commander may be motivated to forego punishment not for the sake of some larger national goal, but instead for the sake of personal ambition and, in particular, a fear that his subordinates’ offense will taint his future professional prospects.’<sup>2</sup>

Career ambition of this kind apparently joined with instincts for unit cohesion to prevent reporting of the war crimes by the Australian SAS. According to the Brereton Report: ‘It is evident that fear of the consequences of reporting misconduct to the chain of command has deterred some from doing so. In most cases, this is fear for career prospects, although in some there has been fear of physical reprisals. In any event, experience shows that where a complaint or report is adverse to a member's chain of command, there are powerful practical constraints on making it.’<sup>3</sup>

The result was that junior officers aware of suspicious practices by subordinates refrained from alerting superiors or investigating the circumstances vigorously themselves....

The function of international criminal law is to end impunity for the most serious offences against the LOAC [the law of armed conflict], and this can be accomplished most reliably not only by punishing individual soldiers who commit murders, torture and other war crimes *ex post facto*, but by creating the conditions that discourage the commission of war crimes in the first place.

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup>Fellmeth, A. & Crawford, E. (2022, June). “Reason to know” in the international law of command responsibility. *International Review of the Red Cross (IRRC)*, No. 919. Retrieved January 28, 2025, from [https://international-review.icrc.org/articles/reason-to-know-in-the-international-law-of-command-responsibility-919#footnoteref3\\_4gtmzx2](https://international-review.icrc.org/articles/reason-to-know-in-the-international-law-of-command-responsibility-919#footnoteref3_4gtmzx2)

<sup>2</sup>See Sepinwall, A. J. (2009). “Failures to Punish: Command Responsibility in Domestic and International Law,” *Michigan Journal of International Law*, 30(1), 290. Available online at: <https://repository.law.umich.edu/mjil/vol30/iss2/1/>

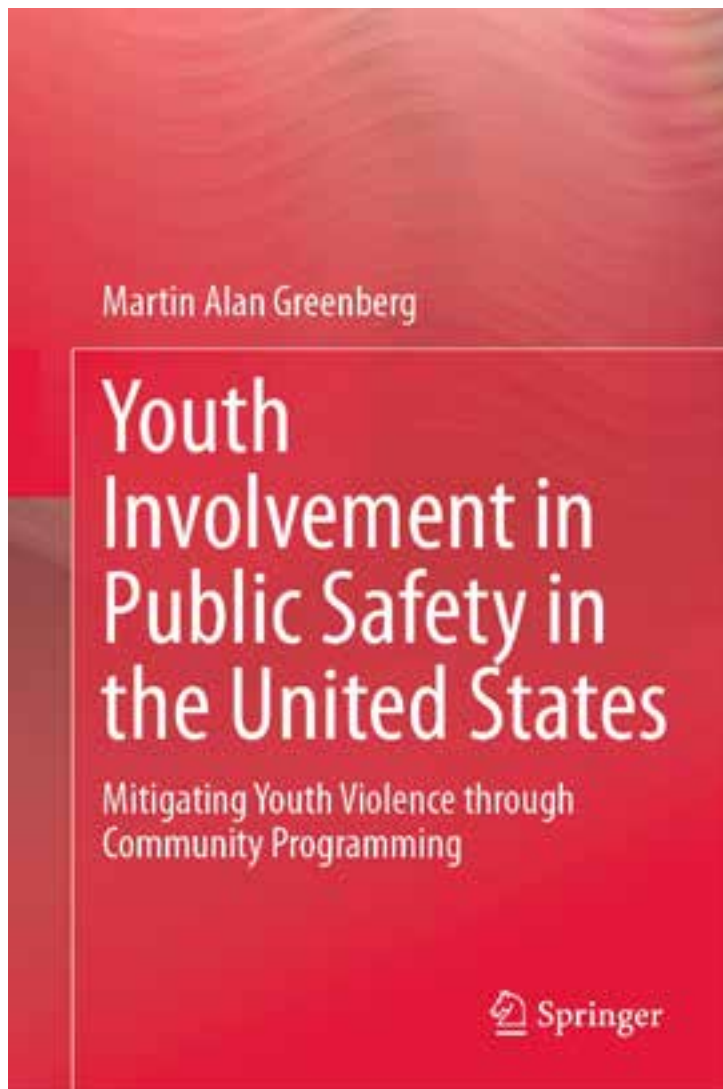
<sup>3</sup>The Inspector-General of the Australian Defense Force (IGADF) Afghanistan inquiry was commissioned by the ADF in 2016 after rumors and allegations emerged relating to possible breaches of the “Law of Armed Conflict” by members of the Special Operations Task Group in Afghanistan over the period 2005 to 2016. See *Inspector-General of the Australian Defense Force Afghanistan Inquiry Report*, p. 326 (Brereton Report), Available online is a 531-page (redacted for security, privacy and legal reasons) copy of the report at: <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/reviews-inquiries/afghanistan-inquiry>

**Martin Greenberg's newest book is *Youth Involvement in Public Safety in the United States*. Some details about his newest book are available online at:**

**<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-74172-2>**

***This book explores youth involvement in public safety, measuring the success of historic programs in school districts, fire departments, and police departments, and evaluating their potential to mitigate youth violence in the U.S. In its examination of structured community youth programs, such as the Police Athletic League and EMS Exploring, this volume examines the pros and cons of harm reduction and public safety activities through community empowerment of juveniles.***

***The book includes chapters devoted to the history of a few of the earliest programs established for youth (see attached photos). Digital review copies of the book are available for persons interested in preparing a book review. Please directly contact the author for additional information.***



**STARTERS OF THE MOVEMENT**  
Captain John W. Scoville of the 17th Precinct in New York, organized the idea for the Junior Police. Henry Jacobs was one of the first members of the Junior Police in the original group.



## **Why is it wrong to teach students about diversity, equity and inclusion?**

The college where I teach had always been very progressive. It encouraged faculty and staff to exercise freedom of speech and welcomed inclusive speakers, lessons and events.

Texas Senate Bill 17 was passed in May 2023, and almost overnight things changed. This law, similar to ones in the Southern Poverty Law Center's focus states of Florida and Alabama, bans diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in public colleges and universities. Colleges that do not comply can lose millions in state funding. Administrators explained to us what speech was prohibited, such as requiring attendance for certain speakers.

***“I wondered how I could teach without violating the law and how it would affect events for students.”***

Last June, I joined other faculty and staff on a civil rights tour. During the tour by the Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, a nonprofit advocacy group, we would learn about U.S. history on a deeper level and share what we learned with our students. I joined because I had recently learned that I have ancestors who were enslaved. I also enjoy learning history. This was an opportunity to visit places I have only read about in textbooks.

Our first stop was the Whitney Plantation in Louisiana, where the tour focused on life from the enslaved person's perspective. I was moved by the plaques bearing the names of enslaved people and their country of origin. Through ancestry websites, I had traced my paternal grandfather to a New Orleans plantation, so I listened intently. The tour guide mentioned that in some schools, enslavement isn't taught. The subject has become taboo. I left wishing my students could experience this tour.

<https://www.splcenter.org/resources/stories/why-wrong-teach-students-about-dei>

## **Facts and Evidence - Navigating the Gun Debate in America**

**1 hr. approx.**

**June 7, 2022**

**Vanderbilt University and the Vanderbilt Project on Unity and American Democracy hosted a live virtual panel discussion on “Facts and Evidence: Navigating the Gun Debate in America,” about the issue of gun violence in America. The discussion featured expert faculty and guest speakers, including Vanderbilt University’s Jonathan Metzl, Sophie Bjork-James and James Blumstein and Duke University’s Joseph Blocher.**

**First Question considered: Whose responsibility is it in America today to fix the problem of gun violence?**

**View the webinar at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEj0Uybr21I&list=PLB1EPeYUwa4k8BecUDjAtpB2hU47wH0EZ&index=32>**

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