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From the Desk of VACJE
President Martin Greenberg

**PRESIDENT
GREENBERG'S
REPORT
MEET ME IN
GREENVILLE, SC FOR
THE VACJE ANNUAL
MEETING AT THE
SCJA CONFERENCE,
SEPT. 10-14, 2024,
HYATT REGENCY!**

Annual Meeting

Perhaps, for the first time in history, an ACJS regionally affiliated association will be hosting a statewide criminal justice education association meeting. The region's group is the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) and the statewide education association is the Virginia Association of Criminal Justice Educators (VACJE). The SCJA conference registration information is posted at <https://www.southerncj.org/conference-2024/conference-registration/>. During the SCJA conference, the VACJE annual business meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 11 am to 12:15 pm at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 220 North Main Street, Greenville, just one mile from the Greenville Amtrak station. The keynote speaker for the VACJE meeting is Dr. James Hawdon, Professor and Director of the Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, the recipient of the 2024 VACJE Safe Society Leadership Award. He will be discussing the Cybercriminology Lab and experiential learning activities at the Center. The Safe Society Leadership Award is presented to an educator or practitioner of criminal justice in Virginia whose activities support partnerships to promote justice under law and exemplify leadership, innovation, dedication, and proactive measures to enhance the safety of their community. Dr. Hawdon has authored eight books or edited books and more than 100 articles, book chapters, or research reports in the areas of terrorism and violent extremism. His work has been cited in media outlets in countries from around the world. Dr. Hawdon earned a B.A. from the Pennsylvania State University and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. From 1992 to 2004, he was a faculty member at Clemson University, where he served as graduate director from 1995 to 2004 and director of the Lab for Survey Research from 1993 to 1999. He joined Virginia Tech in 2004 and served as the director of graduate studies from 2005 until 2011, when he became director of the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention. This meeting will also be open to all conference attendees. Opportunities for zoom participation are being planned, but the SCJA conference is a great opportunity for networking and the conference has always been well received.

Southern Living listed Greenville among the "South's Best Cities on the Rise." Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville, SC offers visitors a unique blend of traditional Southern charm and contemporary cool you won't find anywhere else. Its walkable downtown is packed with cultural and culinary distractions. Its tree-lined Main Street buzzes with people, locally owned boutiques, 200 restaurants, and a picturesque 32-acre park situated in the heart of downtown, with a waterfall and a one-of-a-kind floating pedestrian bridge. Bike or hike in the nearby mountains or through one of three state parks. Visit the Greenville website for places to stay and things to do— <https://www.visitgreenvillesc.com>



Dr. James E. Hawdon, Professor and Director, Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, Virginia Tech.

Input Needed

I am interested in learning whether the membership would like to see a portal at our website for listing abstracts for several classical and recent research reports or articles. An example of a classical report is The Task Force Report: The Police. This report presents the research and analysis that formed the basis of the findings and recommendations of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice (also referred to as the "President's Crime Commission"), issued in February 1967. The Commission's work was a joint undertaking, involving the collaboration of Federal, State, local, and private agencies and groups, hundreds of expert consultants and advisers, and the Commission's own staff. The report contains key facts about crime control which may not be fully understood or appreciated by the public; for example, that "the ability of a victim or witness to identify the criminal is the [critical] factor responsible for solving a large percentage of the crimes that are solved" (p. 1). Chapter 9 (pp. 221-228), the report's final chapter, deals with the topic of the "Community's Role in Law Enforcement." It was written by Patricia M. Wald, former Commissioner of the President's Commission on Crime in the District of Columbia. Although this chapter in the Task Force Report appeared in print nearly 60 years ago, several of its sections (like other parts of the report) contain vital information for safeguarding one's family, friends, and neighbors. For example, see, especially, the chapter's section on "Citizen Resources for Crime Prevention." It states, in part, "PTA's can provide volunteer parents, foster homes, remedial tutoring and daytime supervised activities in high delinquency areas. They can see that inner city schools are equipped with adequate numbers of social workers and guidance counselors, and that housing developments have sufficient play space" (p. 224). All the reports of the Commission are in the public domain and as such may be freely reprinted and distributed. The entire 250-page report is available online at <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/Digitization/147374NCJRS.pdf>. Is this the type of a listing you would like to see posted. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and would be deeply appreciated. Examples of more recent articles and related videos appear below.

The Promise of AI Technology

In the online Tes Magazine article—"Salman Khan's Third Attempt to Change the World of Education," posted in mid-August 2024, Salman Khan states that artificial intelligence can finally deliver the shift in education long-promised by edtech pioneers. Khan says AI could help at the classroom level—"A teacher can't replicate themselves 30 times so that they can be with every student all the time," he argues. Now, however, a class of 30 students could 'break out' into five groups, each around an 'Alexa-type device' formatted with AI that facilitates discussion.... Currently AI programs can be a good starting point for lesson planning and for producing tailored resources for students with differing abilities, leaders say." Khan is the founder of the online Khan Academy which has 150 million registered users and videos in 50 plus languages. "In March 2023 Khan Academy launched Khanmigo, an AI function that acts as a 'personal tutor'. Rather than simply answering questions, Khanmigo 'facilitates Socratic

dialogue'...asking students why they think certain things or drip-feeding them with information to lead them to a solution, rather than simply giving answers. While Khan Academy videos remain free, Khanmigo costs \$4 per month for students using it at home, to cover 'significant computation costs'." In order to learn more about AI education and about what this technology means for our society and it's practical, ethical and social implications, view Sal Khan's popular one hour interview (recorded May 21, 2024) and posted online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHvEQ2quhiY>.

Global Perspectives

The VACJE strives to encompass a global reach in both its membership and interests. In keeping with these goals, we acknowledge the passing of one of the world's leading experts in international criminal law. Born in Romania in 1920, Harvard Law School graduate Benjamin Ferencz died on April 7, 2023 at the age of 103 after having devoted his entire career to the pursuit of a more peaceful and humane world. He could speak six languages. As a US Army war crimes investigator, he was among the first outside witnesses to document the atrocities of the Nazi concentration camps of WW II. "In an account of his life, he wrote that he was 'indelibly traumatized' by the scenes he'd encountered. 'My mind would not accept what my eyes saw...I had peered into hell'....Internationally renowned for his role as chief prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials, and for championing the creation of the International Criminal Court, Ferencz dedicated his career to promoting international rule of law to protect the most fundamental rights of human beings everywhere" (C. Perkins, 'Never Give Up,' Harvard Law Bulletin, Summer 2023). He was the "chief prosecutor at the trial of members of the Einsatzgruppen, mobile SS death squads that operated within Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe and are estimated to have murdered more than a million people. Of 22 men who stood trial, all were found guilty on at least one charge, with 14 sentenced to death and four ultimately executed" (see: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-65223756>). The Einsatzgruppen Case was called "the biggest murder trial in history." It was Ferencz's first case and he was 27-years old. To view a one-hour interview with Ferencz conducted by Prince Zeid bin Ra'ad bin Zeid al-Hussein, UN Human Rights Chief from 2014 to 2018, see: <https://unhumanrights.medium.com/a-reflection-on-past-war-crimes-and-todays-crimes-against-humanity-423e60d9fe64>.

Respectfully yours,
Martin
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TREASURER'S REPORT

**THE BANK BALANCE AS OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

\$1,690.64

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Southern Criminal Justice Association

CONFERENCE 2024



"Beyond the Headlines: Unveiling the Truth in Crime and Criminology"

Southern Criminal Justice Association 2024 Annual Meeting

Greenville, South Carolina

September 10-14, 2024

Hotel & Accommodations

Hyatt Regency Greenville
220 North Main Street, Greenville,
SC 29601, United States of America

Use this [Link](#) to secure a room at the group rate for the conference.

Located in the heart of Greenville, the Hyatt Regency offers guests the perfect balance of Southern hospitality and modern amenities. Located in Greenville's trendy downtown, we're near the area's best dining, shopping and entertainment. Whether you're visiting Furman University, exploring Falls Park on the Reedy or staying in town for business, you will find a welcoming room waiting for you in South Carolina. They are pet friendly! Re-read this description and more on the Hyatt Regency [website](#).

Transportation

Google Map Links
[Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport \(GSP\)](#)
[Greenville Downtown Airport \(GML\)](#)
[Greenville Amtrak station](#)

14 Miles
3 Miles
1 Mile

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ABOUT US

AJCE is a professional association serving criminal justice educators, researchers, practitioners, and students committed to the ongoing development of criminal justice science and practice...[READ MORE](#)

AN HISTORIC MEETING AT THE SCJA GREENVILLE, SC CONFERENCE

**Thursday, September 12th, 2024 11:00AM-12:15PM
Magnolia Room, Hyatt Regency**

Aims 1 & 2

- Virginia Association of Criminal Justice Educators Annual Meeting
- A chance to connect with other professionals from inside and outside our respective states

Aims 3 & 4

- Keynote Address by Dr. James E. Hawdon, Director of the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, Virginia Tech
- Presentation of Safe Society Leadership Award to Dr. Hawdon

Aims 5 & 6

- Please join the conversation by sharing your ideas and experiences.
- We wish to support the progress of both academics and practitioners. All welcome!

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vacje.com**

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:

John Wilt
Treasurer
146 Greencroft Place
Danville, VA 24541



CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS

August 2024 — Phased Evaluation

Phased evaluation approaches allow programs to assess their work in stages. Evaluations provide insights about a program's core aspects, describe how it is being implemented, identify areas for improvement, and determine whether it is having the intended effects. Dividing an evaluation into phases allows a program to adjust and improve its processes along the way, increasing the likelihood of positive outcomes at the program's conclusion.

Programs can benefit from evaluations at every implementation stage. Evaluations identify initial successes and challenges, allow early monitoring and modifications, and provide information about short- and long-term outcomes. There are four types of evaluations for programs' different stages: formative, process, outcome, and impact.

Formative

A formative evaluation addresses whether a program is feasible, appropriate, and acceptable for its intended purpose, context, and population of interest. It identifies necessary changes early in the process, thus increasing the likelihood of program success.

Process

Process evaluations, also called implementation evaluations, investigate whether the program is being implemented as designed. They can occur periodically to understand how well the program is operating. A process evaluation also identifies potential facilitators or barriers to implementation and provides information about program improvements.

Outcome

The outcome evaluation phase assesses the program's overall performance and its progress in achieving short- or medium-term outcomes. To measure program effectiveness, outcome evaluations often rely on participant feedback.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS

Florida Seeks New Leads In Cold Cases Via Playing Cards To Inmates

Florida officials are reviving an old initiative to solve cold cases by distributing thousands of playing cards in jails and prisons, hoping to “generate new leads and insights from inmates,” the state Attorney General’s Office announced Monday, USA Today reports. More than 5,000 decks of playing cards that contain photographs and information about unsolved homicide and missing person cases will be issued to correctional facilities across Florida, over 60 county jails overseen by local sheriffs and 145 sites overseen by the state’s Department of Corrections.

“We’re pleased to announce a special initiative, which hasn’t been done here in the state of Florida statewide in about 15 years, but it’s something that we know (works),” said Florida Association of Crime Stoppers President Frank Brunner. “This was the right time to create and distribute another deck of cold case homicide playing cards into Florida’s jails and prisons, and certainly we will also have them available online in some other media form as well.” The new version of cold case playing cards is part of Attorney General Ashley Moody’s efforts to prevent violent crime and solve homicides. Since 2019, Moody has been working to enlist the public’s help in solving cold cases. In 2020, Moody and the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers launched a statewide anonymous tipline. Officials significantly increased reward money for anonymous tips, “nearly doubling the amount for tips on unsolved homicides,” Moody said.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS

2020 marked the start of a global pandemic and the world’s first 24-hour virtual conference on global organized crime, #OC24. Since then, four editions of OC24 have taken place, bringing together researchers and practitioners from all over the world at a scale and in a way that a physical conference cannot match.

With various and innovative session formats, the previous four editions of #OC24 in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 attracted more than 10 000 participants worldwide. As with the previous iterations of OC24, this year’s conference will bring together 320+ leading organized crime scholars and practitioners from over a dozen countries to present and discuss a wide range of topics, including human trafficking, drug trafficking, cybercrime, corruption, and the impact of climate change on organized crime worldwide.

24h CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ORGANIZED CRIME

2024

#OC24

Call for applications

65+ sessions of 75 minutes each

24 consecutive hours

starting 30 October 2024

► **Deadline for applications: 31 July 2024**

- A 24-hour virtual conference accommodating a global audience in all time zones.

- Open to presenters and attendees without fees.

- Room for audience interaction with questions and discussions.

About the conference

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2 500+

Participants worldwide



320+

Scholars and practitioners
from over 45 countries



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Session formats

**FREE TO PARTICIPATE
AND FREE TO ATTEND**

We encourage speakers from diverse backgrounds, particularly those from the Global South and early career researchers, to participate.

Previous OC24 conferences' session recordings, videos and other material can be viewed here:
<https://oc24.heysummit.com/replays/>

► Possible topics

Drug trafficking, the role of gender in organized crime, illicit trade and counterfeiting, organized crime and the environment, the impact of conflict on organized crime, technological developments and organized crime, and any other topics related to organized crime.

► Audience and participants

Academics, practitioners, policy-makers, journalists, students and others working on or interested in organized crime



Regular panel session (RPS):

a moderator and three or four panelists, limited to 10-minute presentations on the latest research. Introductions by the moderator, followed by 30 minutes of presentations (3 x 10) and Q&A. Submit individual submission proposals to Dina Siegel d.siegel@uu.nl or full panel submissions to Jay Albanese jsalbane@vcu.edu



Roundtable discussion session (RDS):

a conversation between a moderator and up to four speakers on a specific themes, policy and topics (no presentations). Speakers could be journalists, civil society actors, academics, activists, policy-makers or practitioners. The moderator will lead the discussion. Lots of interaction encouraged. Submit full session proposals to Felia Allum F.S.Allum@bath.ac.uk



Book presentation / interview session (BPS):

a moderator will interview a recent (2021–2024) book author, or the author(s) present(s) a short summary of their book, followed by an interview with the online audience submitting questions. Submit full session proposals to Felia Allum F.S.Allum@bath.ac.uk



Video and visual session (VVS):

short and recent videos, documentaries, photographs, art work, music / audio and visual materials related to organized crime are viewed during this session. These can be documentary, educational, artistic or journalistic in nature. Creators and discussants will interact with the virtual audience. Submit full session proposals to Jay Albanese jsalbane@vcu.edu

Session #	17 session time slots beginning as follows	New York	Amsterdam	Sydney
1	Sessions begin every 90 minutes for 24 hrs All sessions 75 minutes in length	(Oct 30) 08:00	(Oct 30) 14:00	(Oct 30) 23:00
2	Second session	09:30	15:30	(Oct 31) 00:30
17	Last session	(Oct 31) 08:00	(Oct 31) 14:00	(Oct 31) 23:00

Please note that English is the official language of the OC24 conference. If you or your panel's speakers are presenting in a language other than English, please arrange your own interpreters for your session.

Please also inform us if you are planning on using interpreters for your session, as we will need to register them in our system accordingly to ensure the technical support is in place when needed.

Please send submissions no later than 31 July 2024.
Early submissions are strongly encouraged and will be given priority.
Please address queries to iasoc@globalinitiative.net



A membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges.



Jillian Noel
Faculty, Criminal Justice
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Why do you teach?

I teach because I'm passionate about shattering stereotypes and showing students the vast possibilities within criminal justice. I love using technology to ignite curiosity and explore this dynamic field. Many students only see patrol officers, but criminal justice offers diverse career paths. My goal is to show them, regardless of background or experience (volunteer work or student clubs can be stepping stones!), that they can contribute meaningfully. Attending the NISOD conference will equip me with even more strategies to engage and retain these future leaders. They deserve the education and skills to succeed, and I want to be the best teacher I can be to empower them. This year's conference is particularly exciting—sessions on AI technology, building student engagement specifically within community colleges (which is so valuable for our student population!), and even bridging success internationally really resonate with me. Building international contacts at NISOD is another key goal. I'm hoping to collaborate with colleagues and students to create a research project with a global perspective. This would be an incredible opportunity to broaden our students' horizons and contribute to the field in a meaningful way.

Why are you excited to attend the 2024 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence?

I'm thrilled to attend the 2024 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence! This is my first time at a NISOD conference, and I'm eager to learn from renowned educators and explore innovative teaching strategies. The sessions on building international contacts without leaving your campus, AI technology, and student engagement particularly resonate with my desire to improve my criminal justice curriculum. Of course, experiencing San Antonio, including the iconic River Walk, will be a wonderful bonus!

Tell us a fun fact about you.

Even though I have a fear of heights, I conquered my nerves and went zip-lining in Costa Rica! Talk about facing your fears and enjoying the view....with your eyes closed!

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MEMBER NEWS



Thomas "Scott" Liverman, J.D., M.A.

Scott is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, and is the current the Chair for the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Virginia Wesleyan University. Scott has been teaching full-time at Virginia Wesleyan since 2005. He teaches a variety of courses that include Criminal Law, Law Enforcement, Global Terrorism, Courts in the American Criminal Justice System, and Intro to Criminal Justice.

Education. Scott completed his Master of Arts in Criminology, Law, & Society at George Mason University. His research interest involves an examination of police compliance to constitutional mandates; more specifically, the legal compliance of reasonable suspicion stops as set forth in Terry v. Ohio. In 2002, Scott completed his Juris Doctor degree at Regent University School of Law. While working as a full-time police officer, Scott graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Saint Leo University in 1999. During his law school experience, Scott was awarded a coveted "Leadership Scholarship," and while completing his third year of law school, Scott co-authored a legal article that was later published in the William & Mary Women's Law Journal.

Legal Experience. Scott passed the Virginia State Bar Examination in July of 2002, and practiced a wide variety of law in the Hampton Roads and Peninsula areas of Virginia. As a lawyer, his primary focus has been criminal law, traffic, real estate, contracts, and civil litigation. Although he is still a member of the Virginia Bar, Scott stopped practicing law full time in 2005 because of his love of teaching at the college level.

Policing Experience. After over 14 years of service, Scott retired from the Virginia Beach Police Department in July of 2000. His policing experiences include: Sergeant, Narcotics Detective, Field Training Officer, Mobile Tactics Coordinator, Master Police Officer, and Patrol Officer. In addition, Scott has attended scores of police training academies, conferences and schools.

MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED



I have been working in the Criminal Justice field since 1989. I am a retired Correction Sergeant with the Michigan Department of Corrections. I have also worked in the West Virginia Division of Corrections as a Unit Manager/ Director of Classifications, Tennessee Department of Corrections as a Probation Officer (Absconder Coordinator), and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department as a Corrections. I possess a BS in Business Mgmt., MS in Administration of Justice And Security, and a Ph.D. In Criminal Justice. Life Membership of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and a member in good standing with several other organizations.

Widower with one adult son.

L.G. Caldwell, Ph.D.
Criminal Justice Scholar / Consultant



Richard R. Bennett, PhD, is a Professor Emeritus of Justice in the Department of Justice, Law and Criminology at American University. He has published extensively in the area of cross-national crime, policing and comparative police systems. His articles have appeared in journals such as Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Social Forces, Police Quarterly and Sociological Quarterly. He serves on the editorial board of various criminal justice journals. Earlier he served as a police officer, a police trainer, criminal investigator, and is currently a criminal justice consultant to national and international governmental commissions, universities, and contract research organizations. He has been both a Senior Fulbright Scholar and president of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. He has won several national awards for his research and work in the field.

VACJE member Kingsley Ejiogu is the author of a novel published October 13, 2023. The novel--Rouse of Widowhood--discusses colonial Nigeria in 1929 and is published by Austin Macauley publishers.

MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED



May 4, 2024 Combined Kiwanis-Alpha Upsilon Lambda (AUL) 14th Annual Rummage Sale AUL Chapter Advisor: John Wilt



May 25, 2024 AUL Litter Project on Goodyear Blvd

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June 7, 2024 23rd Annual “Run for Justice” John Wilt, Race Director



July 31, 2024 combined AUL-Kiwanis Club 4th Annual Jail-A-Thon at the James F. Ingram Criminal Justice Center

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August 17, 2024 --"50-50" fundraiser at South Boston Speedway AUL Chapter Advisor: John Wilt



August 31, 2024 AUL Litter Project on Goodyear Blvd.

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March 6, 2024

Martin Greenberg, Ph.D.
Russell Sage College
Albany, New York

Re: Teaching, Learning, & Scholarship Section Fellow Award

Dear Dr. Greenberg:

Congratulations! The Teaching, Learning, & Scholarship Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences has awarded you the 2024 Fellow Award in recognition of distinguished contribution to criminal justice education. The TLS officers were in unanimous agreement that you have made outstanding contributions to teaching and learning and are thrilled to award you with our section's highest honor.

As the award winner, you will receive \$100 and a plaque of recognition. The TLS section officers and I hope to see you in Chicago. The TLS annual award winners will be announced and honored at the ACJS meeting on Wednesday, 3/20 at 9:30AM at the TLS General Business Meeting in the Lake Huron Room, 8th Floor, Hilton.

Kindly respond to this letter to confirm your acceptance of this award and your conference attendance. In addition, please confirm the mailing address and how your name should appear on the plaque.

In closing, I would like to congratulate you again on your outstanding achievement. Your tireless commitment to education is inspiring. Thank you for your contributions to criminal justice teaching, learning, and scholarship!

Very truly yours,

Tara Parrello

Tara Parrello, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Dominican University New York
Executive Counselor, Teaching, Learning, & Scholarship Section, ACJS

LIFTE @ Liberty University

The inaugural session of The Leadership Institute for Tomorrow's Executives (LIFTE) started in August 2024.

LIFTE is an 8-month comprehensive program designed for current and emerging leaders in Criminal Justice agencies.

The in-person sessions begin on Monday afternoon and students are released at noon on Friday, to allow for transportation to and from LU.

The LU LIFTE program design focuses on adult learners and works to engage students, allow for reflection, peer interaction, and critical thinking. Real-world problems are considered in the classroom, with students wrestling with issues and framing potential responses in teams.

This innovative course combines in-person sessions with online participation, creating a dynamic and interactive learning experience. You will begin to “peel back the onion” on many issues confronting policing and society.

Key Features:

- Blended learning approach: In-class sessions and online engagement
- In-person weeks: Monday afternoon to Friday noon, accommodating travel needs
- Adult learning-centered: Tailored for working professionals
- Course requires 5 days a month for 8 months with online individual and group assignments.
- The schedule allows attendees to reduce their time away from the agency. This time allows for the use of leadership approaches to be tried and discussed in the coming sessions.

Learning Approach: LIFTE embraces adult learning principles, emphasizing:

1. Student engagement through interactive sessions
2. Reflective practice and critical thinking
3. Peer-to-peer learning and collaboration
4. Real-world problem-solving in team settings

Core Topics:

Effective Leadership, Strategic Planning, Legal Issues, Wellness. Fiscal Awareness, Innovative approaches to problem identification and problem solving
Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Facilitation: Our diverse cadre of presenters includes:

- Liberty University faculty and staff
- Academics and Scholars from various institutions
- Pracademics and authors
- Experienced practitioners
- Notable industry leaders

These experts will **facilitate sessions** designed to:

- Encourage active participation
- Foster group discussions and debates
- Promote application of concepts to real-world scenarios (Applied Research)

By focusing on practical application, peer interaction, and critical analysis, LIFTE prepares participants to lead effectively in the constantly evolving field of Criminal Justice.

The program's emphasis on collaborative problem-solving, real-world application, and access to seasoned leaders ensures that participants graduate with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential for success in current and future leadership roles.

An application, recommendations from the agency leader, and an interview are required, prior to formal acceptance. All sessions must be attended. Undergraduate or graduate-level degree credit are available, upon prior request.

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