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Coronavirus. Political negativity. Tornadoes. It seems like so much of the news is negative—and scary. As a parent, I often wonder how to raise my child in a positive world, when so much around me seems negative. But I also have hundreds of other "kids" I have the privilege to guide in various ways: my students. Sometimes, it is hard to put on a

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happy face when so much of the subject matter I am teaching is negative. I face this challenge by encouraging discussion and requiring projects that explicitly address the social problems in our society, challenging students to explore ways to alleviate some of this negativity—even if it is on a small scale.

In a personal effort to dodge some of the bad news that surrounds me, I have been listening to the podcast "Finding Fred," about the life and work of Fred Rogers. As I've become an adult, I still think back to one of my favorite childhood shows, Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood: I am always looking for the helpers, no matter how bad things get. I guess, in my work as a professor (and my life as a mom), I am also trying to CREATE the helpers. Students of criminal justice will go on to a variety of careers, some inside the criminal justice system and some in other fields. But all of these students will be coming into contact with fellow human beings on a regular basis. I hope that I am encouraging these young minds to search for solutions so they can be the helpers as they move forward in their future lives.

But what does this have to do with our association? I can say with all honesty that our conferences are my favorite conferences, more personal than the big national gatherings, allowing for all of us to participate in discussions, which has always been very meaningful to me. But even during the five years I have been a member of this organization, the number of members has declined and participation has waned. And now I step into the role of president. I think we are at a crossroad. Do I see the shrinking numbers and feel discouraged and hang my head? Or do I see if this is an opportunity to help revive this amazing organization and try to be a helper in setting it on a new, exciting path? I'm striving for the latter. Over the coming year, I am excited to see how we can work together to make our association livelier. I hope we can join together and discuss the ways that we are working to create helpers in our respective places and, in the process, help VACJE move forward with strength. I look forward to working with you all!

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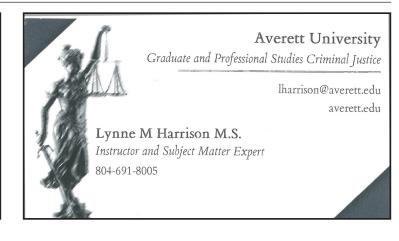
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 State of Virginia.
- to foster communication and support among all criminal justice educators in Viriginia.
- 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 a 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.

LIFE MEMBERS

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ELECTION RESULTS

I am very pleased to announce the results of our election for our 2020 VACJE Officers:

President: Dr. Beth Easterling- Mary Baldwin University

Vice President: Dr. Delmar Wright- St. Leo University

Treasurer: Ms. Paige Reed- Mary Baldwin University

Secretary- Mr. Charles J. Kehoe- Virginia Commonwealth University

Past President: Dr. James F. Hodgson-Averett University

Thank you to everyone who participated. I look forward to working with our new team of leaders to continue to move the VACJE forward in addressing Criminal Justice educational issues in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please join me in congratulating our new officers.

- James F. Hodgson Ph.D

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MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Danielle Wade of South Boston, VA who is a December 2019 graduate in Criminal Justice from Old Dominion University. Ms. Wade is seen receiving the American Criminal Justice Association-Lambda Alpha Upsilon coveted Gold Key academic award (G.P.A. of 3.5+). Ms. Wade is the treasurer of Alpha Upsilon Lambda which is a newly-chartered A.C.J.A.-L.A.E. Professional Chapter in Danville, VA. Pictured with Danielle is John Wilt who is the chapter's advisor.



MEMBER NEWS

Hello friends, my name is Paige Merkord-Reed. I reside in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley and am currently an Adjunct Instructor for Mary Baldwin University and a Family Services Specialist with the Department of Social Services. I hold a MS in Criminal Justice and will be ABD this summer at the Nova Southeastern University School of Criminal Justice, expecting to complete my PhD by the summer of 2021. I consider myself a lifelong learner and I enjoy researching different topics. You can find my recent publication titled "Punishment Beyond Incarceration: The Negative Effects of Sex Offender Registration and Restrictions" in the Journal of Law and Criminal Justice, 5(2). In addition to sex offenders, my areas of interest include criminological theory, gender and crime, LGBTQ+ crime, racial disparities in sentencing, juvenile justice, and prisons and punishment. My spouse and I are foster parents so our family is always changing and growing. In our spare time we enjoy hiking, traveling, and attending sporting events (Go Orioles!). I'm excited to begin my role as Treasurer with VACJE and am eager to meet and collaborate with you all.



MEMBER NEWS FROM DELMAR WRIGHT

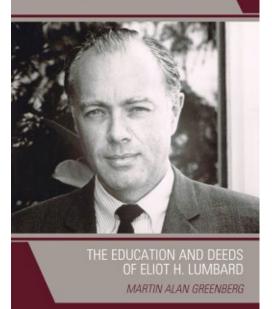
Dr. Delmar P. Wright, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, Saint Leo University, our VACJE member and current member of our Board of Directors received conferral of Tenure status with Saint Leo in February of 2020. Delmar was promoted to Associate Professor two years ago. He also co-authored a chapter titled Animal-Human Relationships in the Context of the Criminal Justice System in the book Interdisciplinary Approaches to Service and Therapy Animals published by Kendall Hunt Publishing in 2020. Additionally, an excerpt of his book review for Terrorist Recruitment of U.S. Gangs published in 2020 appears on the book's cover.

MEMBER NEWS

NEW BOOK BY MEMBER MARTIN GREENBERG: RENAISSANCE LAWMAN: THE EDUCATION AND DEEDS OF ELIOT H. LUMBARD (ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD, 2020)

Association lifetime member Martin Greenberg has had a new book published entitled Renaissance Lawman: The Education and Deeds of Eliot H. Lumbard. Its 15 chapters and 464 pages explore the life, educational path, and career choices of a forgotten pioneer of the criminal justice field-and how he helped reform and develop the American Criminal Justice system into what we know today. In the book's foreword, Jay S. Albanese, PhD, professor and former chair, School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University as well as past president, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (1995-1996), writes: "The reader will not be disappointed in Martin Greenberg's well-researched and well-written book which reveals a great deal of unreported history with relevance to the issues of crime, law, and criminal justice we continue to face today." Eliot Lumbard was a lawyer, who during most of his life, lived and worked in Manhattan and whose legal career spanned nearly fifty years beginning in the early 1950s. Lumbard is easily identified as a "renaissance lawman" for having gained considerable expertise in the operations of the political and justice systems, and for proceeding to capitalize on this knowledge to become both an advocate and initiator of progressive reforms for criminal justice. He was an accomplished and even visionary leader in his thoughts and actions. Although his contributions on behalf of public safety have been largely forgotten, Greenberg weaves together many of Lumbard's professional activities with several of the major historical developments and challenges of his time. The chronicled events emphasize what motivated the people in his generation to behave as they did. Readers of

RENAISSANCE LAWMAN



Renaissance Lawman should quickly be engrossed as they learn about: Lumbard the WW II merchant marine midshipman and ship's officer; Lumbard the federal prosecutor; Lumbard the NY State Crime Commission's chief counsel; Lumbard the John Jay College of Criminal Justice adjunct professor; and Lumbard in his role as an effective advocate for the New York City Police Foundation. His perseverance was also responsible for the creation of the New York State Identification & Intelligence System (NYSIIS) as well as the Schools of Criminal Justice at Rutgers and the University at Albany.

According to Alida V. Merlo, PhD, professor of criminology and criminal justice, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; president, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences from 1999 to 2000, the book "provides a comprehensive account of the development of criminal justice and crime policy in the 20th Century. Martin Greenberg's well-researched and in-depth study of the life and contributions of Eliot Lumbard is impressive. From the development of educational programs in criminology and criminal justice to the evolution of our current strategies, Greenberg has enhanced our knowledge and appreciation of Eliot Lumbard and the field."

Renaissance Lawman offers readers various views of merchant marine history, police work, criminal justice history, public service leadership, and legal ethics. There are no other comparable books on the market. Lumbard had a unique legal career and his practical contributions on behalf of public safety continue to resonate to this day.

Martin Greenberg JD, PhD is the author of five books concerning crime prevention and community safety and serves as the volunteer director of education and research for the New York State Association of Auxiliary Police, Inc. His academic career has spanned more than four decades during which time he has chaired criminal justice college programs in Pennsylvania, Hawaii, Virginia, and New York. In New York, he taught at both SUNY Ulster and the College of Saint Rose for nearly 20 years. His book, American Volunteer Police: Mobilizing for Security (CRC Press, 2015) and study guide is used as a textbook for classes on community safety. It explores how average Americans may assist public safety officers in reducing violence and crime, including school settings.

For more information and exam copies of Renaissance Lawman, see: https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781538136577/ Renaissance-Lawman-The-Education-and-Deeds-of-Eliot-H-Lumbard

DRAFT MINUTES

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATORS

In Jim Hodgson's absence, Vice President Beth Easterling called the meeting to order at Mary Baldwin College at the Wharf on October 4, 2019 at 2:40 p.m.

<u>Attendees:</u> Beth Easterling, Ray Smith, Jason Ferguson, John Wilt and Terrence Jeter. <u>Excused</u>: Jim Hodson, Lynne Harrison, Brian Flick, Doug Davis, Paige Reed and Delmar Wright. Draft minutes from October 5, 2018 annual meeting held in Danville at Averett University's Riverview Campus were approved with no modifications or corrections.

There was brief discussion of the paid membership list and the need to launch a campaign to increase the membership in the Virginia Association of Criminal Justice Educators. There was a suggestion to change the VACJE constitution to allow for student membership. E-board members will follow up on this suggestion.

Each VACJE member present was provided **Code of Virginia Title 23.1** regarding "Institutions of Higher Education; other educational and cultural institutions, particularly Section 23.1-602:

"Payments to Institutions of Higher Education for Certain Courses Taken by Law-Enforcement officers". At a later time, Jim Hodgson will provide the membership regarding the success—or failure—of an effort to pay institutions of higher learning and thus have more police officers receive financial assistance so that they can continue the education process.

Because of Jim Hodgson's absence from the October 4, 2019 meeting, an update of a meeting with Virginia Association of Criminal Justice Academy Directors was not available. More will be provided regarding an initiative to have the VACJE join forces with the VACJA in support of financial support for academic education for police officers. Beth volunteered to reach out to others and make a determination as to who is most appropriate to receive monies to support higher education for police officers.

The <u>slate of officers</u> for the 2019-2020 year include: Beth Easterling was nominated to become the next VACJE President. Amanda Trent was nominated to fill the Vice President's position, Paige Reed was nominated to fill the secretary position and John Wilt and Ray Smith will continue as newsletter editor and treasurer respectively.

Ray Smith provided all members with a <u>financial report</u> which shows a bank balance as of August 31, 2019 of **\$2,667.02**. F.Y.I. the organization's fiscal year is from September to August. There was brief discussion of the Fall/Winter 2019 VACJE Newsletter. Election of VACJE officers was deferred to a later time as was the (1) location of the Fall 2020 annual meeting and (2) probable topics for the Fall 2020 annual conference.

The business meeting was <u>adjourned</u> at: 3:40 p.m.

























Two Pairs of Glasses

Nurturing RelationEAD TOGETHER

- Adversarial approach: the more you punish the less likely they will do it again
- Restorative approach: the stronger the relationship the less likely we will act inappropriately towards each other

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