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

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

Hilton Chicago
720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605
Continental Room C—Lobby

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The Criminal Justice Honor Society
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WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

Greetings by the ACJS President, Dr. Anthony Peguero

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

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm  
**Round Tables Discussions**  
Online Chapters, Recruitment, Fundraising, Scholarships, Pinning and Induction Ceremonies, Chapter Member Leadership, Chapter Meetings, and Successful Community Service & Unity Projects  
*Leaders / Chapters to be Announced*  
Continental Room C

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
**Chapter Advisor Meeting I**  
Executive Director, Dr. Regina Shearn, Assistant Director, Adriana Jansen and Headquarters Staff  
Continental Room C

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Forensic Workshop - Pre-Requisite for Crime Scene Investigation**  
*Presented by:* Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces  
Grand Tradition Room

5:00 pm  
**Crime Scene Investigation**  
*Presented by:* Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces  
To Be Determined

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

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

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

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
**ACJS Karaoke Night**  
*Must be Registered with ACJS to Participate*  
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<td>9:15 am - 10:45 am</td>
<td><strong>Criminal Justice Knowledge Scholarship Test</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Administered by Dr. Tamara Wilkins, Minnesota State University, Mankato&lt;br&gt;&amp; Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University</em>&lt;br&gt;Open to all Alpha Phi Sigma Undergraduate and Graduate Members</td>
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<td><strong>Student Luncheon Sponsored by ACJS – No Advisors</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students MUST be Registered with ACJS to Attend Luncheon</td>
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<td>12:15 pm – 1:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Speaker: Marcus Beach, Illinois Innocence Project</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wrongful Conviction Awareness and Avoidance-A Police Training Initiative&lt;br&gt;Sponsored by Missouri State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Sigma Mu Sigma Chapter at Missouri State University</td>
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<td><strong>Alpha Phi Sigma Presentation and Judging of Chapter Goals &amp; Theme of the Year</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Chapters Participating to be Announced</em></td>
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**FRIDAY, March 22, 2024**

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<td><strong>Alpha Phi Sigma Business Meeting</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Roll Call &amp; National Officer’s Reports</em></td>
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<td>2:20 pm - 4:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Alpha Phi Sigma Scholarships &amp; Awards</strong>&lt;br&gt;V.A. Leonard Scholarship, Regina B. Shearn Scholarship, Nay-Latocki Veteran Scholarship, Best Paper Competition, Student Member of the Year Award, Student Member Achievement Award, Advisor of the Year Award, Chapter Goal Awards, Star Chapter, Community Service Project Award, Outstanding Yearbook Competition, Web Page Grants, Chapter Grants, Advisor Grants, Distinguished Lifetime Award &amp; Attendance Scholarships.</td>
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<td>4:15 pm – 5:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>National Board Meeting (National Board Members Only)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>All Board members, including newly elected Advisors, must attend closing meeting.</em></td>
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Guest Speakers & Presenters

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

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

In 2022, The Victimology of a Wrongful Conviction: Innocent Inmates and Indirect Victims, for which she was lead author, was published by Routledge. She also edited the Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence in 2007. Her passion for truth, social justice, equality, and philanthropy has resulted in numerous awards by a variety of organizations. Her most notable awards include receiving the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest civilian honor granted to an Indiana resident, for her humanitarian efforts by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb in 2021. Recently, she won a Torchbearer “Heart of Indiana” award from the Indiana Commission for Women. This award is the most prestigious recognition of women in our state. In January 2024, she received the 2023 Visionary Impact Award at the Champions of Diversity Award ceremony, the largest diversity awards event in the nation, hosted by Indiana Minority Business Magazine and Minority Business Review.

**Willie “Timmy” Donald**
In 1992, Willie “Timmy” Donald was convicted of first-degree murder and two counts of armed robbery. This conviction was based on two eyewitness identifications from a faulty photo line up. Despite having an alibi, Mr. Donald spent nearly 24 years in prison for robberies and murder he did not commit. During this time, many of his appeals were dismissed, but he maintained his innocence. Through the help of Northwestern undergraduate students and attorney Thomas Vanes, Mr. Donald was able to prove his innocence. Like other exonerees, Mr. Donald experienced post-exoneration challenges. Outside of family, he lacked resources to help him get back on his feet. That changed when Dr. Nicky Jackson read his story in a newspaper and reached out to Mr. Donald’s attorney hoping to meet Mr. Donald. A meeting did take place and, at that time, Dr. Jackson offered Mr. Donald post-exoneration assistance. They built a personal and working friendship. Recognizing the struggles of exonerees, Mr. Donald and Dr. Jackson worked to create the Willie T. Donald Exoneration Advisory coalition to provide resources to exonerees in Indiana. Recognizing the great amount of work to be done in addition to post-exoneration needs, they established the Center for Justice and Post-Exoneration Assistance at PNW (CJPA). Mr. Donald is the Project Manager at CJPA. He spends countless hours reviewing letters from inmates requesting assistance. Additionally, he works directly with exonerees on their post-incarceration needs. Mr. Donald also mentors undergraduate students interning at CJPA.

**Marcus Beach**
Marcus Beach started his law enforcement career in 1996 with the Rantoul Police Department in central Illinois. During his 27-year career, he worked a variety of assignments including dispatch, patrol, narcotics, SWAT, and Investigations. Marcus retired March 10, 2023 at the rank of Sergeant and was a supervisor on the day shift patrol division. After retirement, Marcus began working with the Illinois Innocence Project through the University of Illinois-Springfield as the Associate Director of the Wrongful Conviction Awareness and Avoidance training project. This project has brought training on Wrongful Convictions, and the common contributing factors that lead to Wrongful Convictions, to recruit police officers in the State’s many police academies. This training was made mandatory by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in 2023. Marcus is long time trainer of Law Enforcement and holds certifications as a Senior Master Taser Instructor, a certified Master Control Tactics Instructor, Master Firearms Instructor, and was an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Illinois Police Training Institute in Champaign, Illinois.

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

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**Alpha Phi Sigma**

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Visit our merchandise booth for our 2024 commemorative t-shirt, new soft and warm sweats, jackets, cups and more.

We are located in the Continental Room C and open from 9am to 5 pm.

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