

The ACJS Critical Criminal Justice Section

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**We will be holding elections for open offices
(Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) at the
section meeting in Baltimore (250. Thursday,
28 March 2019, 3:30 to 4:45 pm, Fourth Floor:
Galena)**

**Send nominations
to Carla.Coates@saintleo.edu**

**Join the Section, or Renew Your
Membership**

You can renew your membership or join the section
by visiting the ACJS website (acjs.org) or
contacting Cathy Barth at manager@acjs.org.

Message from the Chair



Friends:

I miss the snow. I really do. There were more than a few days in my childhood and during my undergrad years in New York where snowfall was measured in feet. It is hard to complain about the weather in North Carolina, with the tar heel blue skies and year-round temperate conditions, but I have realized recently that the cold carries more than mere memory for me; it has taken some years living in the south to realize what winter brings. But I will get to that in a moment.

Right now many of us in academia are in mid-semester mode, and anticipating spring and all it brings. Hopelessly sentimental, I think of the

time between Thanksgiving and the New Year as the season of the peacemakers – this is our time, when some of us turn our minds more consistently to the nobler voices within and traditions in the wider culture. Likewise, I think of the portion of the year between the beginning of March and the onset of summer as the season of promise; I recall from childhood the smell of sun-warmed pavement wet from melting snow and the sound of philandering red-winged blackbirds making hollow promises from the cattails. Neither peace nor promise is the purview of any faith, or even of all faiths, just as justice is not the exclusive domain of justice agents. The numinous, the transcendent must necessarily be ecumenical in nature or it simply isn't what it promises to be. The same is true of justice: justice is a gift we give to each other. It is not implemented by police, ensured by courts or tended by correctional institutions. It is a thing we give each other daily in the tiniest of interactions. Sure, justice agencies manage tasks, but they are merely an efficient means of bringing to fruition that inspired promise we make to each other that is justice.

The next ACJS meeting, this time in Baltimore, rapidly approaches. Our theme this year will be “justice, human rights, and activism.” As we think about how this theme breaks wavelike over us, let us hold beneath it a sense of the importance of the tiny: the small moments, the simple gifts, the de-powered but mighty moments where justice is truly rendered, where human rights are made meaningful and where activism becomes Satyagraha. The gift of you in the present moment is the grandest, most majestic gift possible and is, in simplest terms, the meaning of love and the abode of justice.

Gratefully,

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**JUSTICE IS LOVE
CORRECTING THAT
WHICH REVOLTS
AGAINST LOVE**

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

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Special Announcements

Remember that our section has social media presence!!

<https://www.facebook.com/ACJS-Critical-Criminal-Justice-Section-166932876794717/>

<https://twitter.com/ACJScritcrim>

We are always pleased to accept works for inclusion in the newsletter. Please consider sending a work: photos, poems, short essays, research shorts....

Upcoming Conference

CRITICAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION EVENTS OF INTEREST

Wednesday, 27 March

017. Policing Black Bodies

Author Meets Critic

9:30 to 10:45 am

Fourth Floor: Essex C

018. Telling Their Story: Activism and Action

Research and Activism Paper Session

Session 9:30 to 10:45 am

Fourth Floor: Falkland

019. The Marginalization of Immigrants from Justice

Complete Panel

9:30 to 10:45 am

Fourth Floor: Galena

026. Animals, Plants, and Corrections

Complete Panel

9:30 to 10:45 am

Third Floor: Grand Ballroom VIII

029. Establishing a Justice Dialog

Research and Activism Paper Session

9:30 to 10:45 am

Fourth Floor: Heron

033. Racism, Mass Incarceration, and Media Deception

Complete Panel

9:30 to 10:45 am

Fourth Floor: Kent B

044. Women Imprisoned and the Intersection of Race and Gender

Complete Panel

11:00 to 12:15 pm Fourth Floor: Falkland

049. Research on Critical Issues in Institutional Corrections

Complete Panel

11:00 to 12:15 pm

Third Floor: Grand Ballroom IV

060. Critical Evaluation of Social Environments

Complete Panel 1:00 to 12:15 pm

Fourth Floor: Laurel A

112. Policing LGBTQ+ Bodies and Communities

Paper Session

2:00 to 3:15 pm

Fourth Floor: Iron

114. Restorative Justice: Serving Various "Community" Needs

Complete Panel

2:00 to 3:15 pm

Fourth Floor: Kent A

138. Activist Scholars: Is the Academy on the Verge of a Paradigm Shift?

Roundtable

3:30 to 4:45 pm

Fourth Floor: Heron

Thursday, 28 March

217. Policing, Race, and Community

Paper Session

12:30 to 1:45 pm

Third Floor: Chasseur

250. ACJS Critical Criminal Justice Section General Business Meeting

3:30 to 4:45 pm

Fourth Floor: Galena

265. The Effects of Marijuana Legalization in

Washington State On Law Enforcement and Crime

Complete Panel

3:30 to 4:45 pm

Fourth Floor: Laurel D

Friday, 29 March

287. Achieving Social Justice Through Community Activism

Open Seminar

8:00 to 9:15 am

Third Floor: Grand Ballroom VI

Articles and Essays

Please send submissions to Michael DeValve at mdevalve@uncfsu.edu.

**Die to Kill, by Matt Robinson
(a Shadorma poem)**

Not the guns.
They better not come
for our guns.

We're stocked up.

We will all die to protect
our killing machines.
It's our right.
It's all of our rights
to have guns.

You will all die because of
our killing machines.
We're all dead.
Filled with lots of lead.
Not the guns,
rusting away in our lands.
They're still here.

**I Study, by Matt Robinson
(a Rondel poem)**

I study justice, I study crime,
and this is what I've learned.
Some criminals get rewarded and some get
burned:
determinant factors are skin color and
economic climb.

Biases by class, discrimination by race—these
exist full-time!
Second chances to the white and the rich while
others get spurned.
I study justice, I study crime,
and this is what I've learned.

Black people, brown people, red people, their
dreams sublime!
Shot with their hands in the air, equal treatment
they yearned,
by bigoted cops, equality overturned.
In the name of crime-fighting, the flag they

begrime.
I study justice, I study crime.

**This is What I Could Not Say
by Lindsay DeValve**

This is what I could not say;

Of course I saw you then, that shivering boy-
warrior.
Ever armed for battle, always absent for the
fight.
You wore your shackles like a hand me down
medal,

In a perfect prison we did not see.
Please understand me,
I crawled your darkness like a paraplegic.
I could not find you when you went silent.

Here is what I would say:
I only ever see you as I know how.
Forever that famished boy,
nursing nourishment from the sword of your
killers.
What predator convinced you that you were
broken,
when your magic was merely misplaced?
Please understand this,
I search for you again until my sutures split and
splinter.
Maybe I can find you when all goes silent.

ACJS Critical Criminal Justice Section Awards

The Critical Criminal Justice Scholar Award

Honors a person for distinguished accomplishments that represent issues related to critical criminal justice through scholarship across the most recent two-year period in a form of a noteworthy book contribution focusing on critical criminal justice. Nominees for this award need not be a member of ACJS or the Critical Criminal Justice Section at the time of the nomination. It is expected, however, that award winners will, upon notification of having been selected for the award, become a member of ACJS and a member of the Critical Criminal Justice Section. He or she should provide evidence of quality scholarship (primarily through a noteworthy book). Winners of this award will be recognized at the Section meeting each year (attached to the ACJS annual meeting), will receive a plaque and all efforts will be made to sufficiently showcase the work of winners (e.g. in the Section newsletter, posted on its website, etc.).

The Critical Criminal Justice Section's Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award

This award provides recognition of a graduate student who produces an outstanding paper on an issue associated with critical criminal justice and to provide the award winner with a travel stipend intended to be used for attending and presenting at the annual meeting of ACJS. A student who is nominated for the paper competition need not be an ACJS member at the time of the nomination. *It is expected, however, that award winners will, upon notification of having been selected for the award, become a member of ACJS and a member of the Critical Criminal Justice Section. The student must also be enrolled in an*

institution of higher learning at the time he or she submits a paper for consideration. It is recognized that a student could graduate prior to the time of the award or the next annual meeting where the paper will be presented. In order to receive the award and the travel stipend (see below), the student must be present at the annual meeting and actually present the winning paper. The paper can be co-authored with other students but cannot be co-authored with a faculty member. If the paper has multiple authors, the winners will share the established travel stipend.

The 2019 Critical Criminal Justice Section's Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award goes to Christopher Thomas, PhD student, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, for *Pretrial Detention and Employment: Local Carceral Inequality*.

The Critical Criminal Justice Lifetime Achievement Award

Honors a person for distinguished accomplishments that represent issues related to critical criminal justice through scholarship, teaching, or service across a long career focused on critical criminal justice issues. Thus, this award is broad in scope such that nominees can have engaged in critical criminal justice, excellence in teaching on matters that symbolize critical criminal justice, or service/outreach to the community or academy that has had a direct impact on local citizens, criminal justice agencies, etc. Winners of this award will be recognized at the Section meeting each year (attached to the ACJS annual meeting), will receive a plaque and all efforts will be made to sufficiently showcase the work of winners (e.g. in the Section newsletter, posted on its website, etc.).

Please send nominations or graduate papers for these awards to Michael DeValve at mdevalve@uncfsu.edu. The deadline for these awards is January 31 of each year.

The Critical Criminal Justice Section's Outstanding Undergraduate Student Essay Award

This award provides recognition of an undergraduate student based on an assigned essay focused on an issue associated with critical criminal justice. Students need not be an ACJS member at the time of submitting their written essay. It is expected, however, that award winners will, upon notification of having been selected for the award, become a member of ACJS and a member of the Critical Criminal Justice Section. The student must also be enrolled in an institution of higher learning at the time he or she submits a written essay for consideration. The essay must be a single-authored student contribution. A certificate will be conferred to the winning student and announced at the Annual Business Meeting and in the Section newsletter. Please send inquiries for additional details to Michael DeValve at mdevalve@uncfsu.edu.

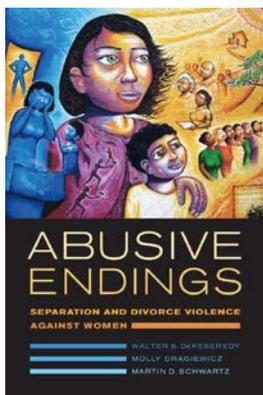
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General Announcements

Abusive Endings:

Separation and Divorce Violence against Women

Walter S. DeKeseredy, Molly Dragiewicz,
Martin D. Schwartz

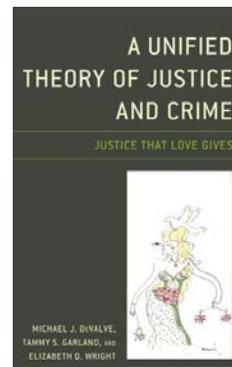


Abusive Endings offers a thorough analysis of the social-science literature on one of the most significant threats to the health and well-being of women today—abuse at the hands of their male partners. The authors provide a moving description of why and how men abuse women in myriad ways during and after a separation or divorce. The material is punctuated with the stories and voices of both perpetrators and survivors of abuse, as told to the authors over many years of fieldwork. Written in a highly readable fashion, this book will be a useful resource for researchers, practitioners, activists, and policy makers.

Get your copy while you're in Baltimore!!

A Unified Theory of Justice and Crime: Justice that Love Gives

Michael J. DeValve, Tammy S. Garland and
Elizabeth Q. Wright



“[T]hey tap into something so essential, yet so neglected in our understanding of crime and criminal justice: the centrality of love in what it means to be human. Empathy, compassion, moral duties and responsibilities, connection, and mercy are all filtered through the notion of love and distilled into a refreshing unified theory of justice and crime where humanity, humaneness, and humanization are front and center.”

-Scott Vollum, University of Minnesota,
Duluth

Share your announcement with the CCJ family!
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ACJS Critical Criminal Justice Section Mentor Program

The ACJS Critical Criminal Justice Section is initiating a Mentor Program. Our desire is to connect new faculty members with more experienced criminal justice faculty who specialize in using Critical Criminology as a tool for writing and research. The mentor activities can take the form of offering advice or other agreed upon functions such as evaluating materials written for professional publication. Please contact Lloyd Klein (lklein@hostos.cuny.edu) if you wish to serve as a mentor or seek a mentee. Applications for mentees should include a brief description of a proposed project. We will gather mentor and mentee requests and facilitate matchups soon as there is a sufficient initial pool.

About our Section and Newsletter

Mission Statement: The Critical Criminal Justice section promotes empirical and theoretical work on the ways in which ethnic/racial, class, and gender inequality contribute to crime and social control.

Section News: We are always interested in hearing from our members and invite you to submit postings for our electronic newsletter. Send submissions to Michael DeValve at mdevalve@uncfsu.edu

Member Benefits: Our section website and e-mail list-serve serves as a clearinghouse for information and an exchange of ideas among section members. Membership gets you access to our electronic newsletter (twice a year) and an opportunity to interact with criminal justice scholars from around the U.S. and the world. We also are always seeking individuals interested in contributing to service to the Section and in a variety of ways.

Maintain your membership to the Section at:
http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167_671_2920.cfm

Section Awards: The Section currently has four awards: 1. The Critical Criminal Justice Scholar Award, 2. The Critical Criminal Justice Lifetime Achievement Award, 3. The Critical Criminal Justice Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, and 4. The Critical Criminal Justice Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Award. The criteria are included elsewhere in this newsletter and the submission date for all four awards will be January 31.

Executive Board:

- Chair: Michael DeValve, Fayetteville State University
- Vice-Chair – Carla Miller Coates, St. Leo University
- Secretary/Treasurer – (vacant)
- Executive Counselors – Joshua Klein, Moneque Walker-Pickett
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- For future newsletters, please send submissions to the newsletter editors!