



Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Corrections Section

Corrections Strategic Research Plan 2018-2023

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Scope. The purpose of this plan is to outline NIJ's strategy to support research regarding the role and potential of corrections to contribute to the enhancement of public safety and rehabilitation through the delivery of services and treatment. The plan broadly defines corrections to include jails, prisons, juvenile residential facilities, and community corrections, which may include probation, parole, and other corrections programs involving individuals under criminal and juvenile justice supervision in the community. These settings differ in important ways — for example, structure and organization; staff working conditions, training, and other developmental support; organizational goals and strategies; availability and delivery of programming and treatment; and differences in the populations under supervision. This plan points out these differences and highlights special considerations where appropriate.

The technology and sophistication of corrections strategies are advancing. Currently, there are many corrections schemes, relying on both institutional and community corrections to confine and supervise individuals when needed and to support their reintegration into the community. The essential components of any corrections system include the interventions undertaken, the workforce interacting with those under corrections supervision, the corrections organization, and the individuals under corrections supervision. Each component requires dedicated inquiry and is addressed in this plan.

Strategic Priority I. Promote and support research to optimize workforce development for corrections personnel.

The objectives of Strategic Priority I are to inform and support a corrections workforce that can enhance public safety and support

the reintegration of individuals under corrections supervision. The research will involve a comprehensive assessment of a variety of corrections workforce components to identify the challenges and promising practices of workforce recruitment and development, examine the impact of academic and in-service training and education, and support practices and technologies to advance officer safety.

Strategic Priority II. Promote and support research to enhance corrections practices.

The objectives supporting Strategic Priority II build on the strengths of NIJ's past research agenda. NIJ is specifically interested in understanding and supporting corrections practices in institutional and community settings. These objectives focus on organization, operations, leadership, and strategies. Additionally, the focus on organizational outcomes and performance encompasses all of these topics.

Strategic Priority III. Promote and support research to examine the experiences of individuals involved with the corrections system.

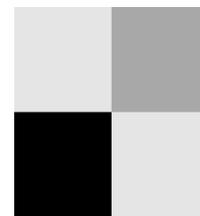
The objectives of Strategic Priority III aim to contribute to the breadth of knowledge about offender decision-making, the process of desistance, and offender reintegration. This strategic priority seeks to move beyond examining the characteristics of individuals engaged with the criminal and juvenile justice and corrections systems — toward a better understanding of how to prevent individuals from entering the corrections system and how to better prepare incarcerated individuals for their re-entry into the community.

Read the NIJ's full Corrections Strategic Plan (NCJ 251919), published in October 2018, here:

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffile/s1/nij/251919.pdf>

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Fall 2018 - Corrections Now

Message from the Chair

As we get into the home stretch of our fall semesters, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that our 2019 conference will be here before you know it. **For the first time since 2006, ACJS will be visiting Baltimore from March 26-20, 2019.**

Although I haven't seen the program yet, if history holds true to form, we'll have many corrections panels that are both thought-provoking and informative, and I'm sure you will want to be there for the sessions. Additionally, we're working hard to secure a great keynote speaker from the Baltimore area, and we've already identified our non-

profit to whom we'll give our charitable donation. **Our tentative date for the annual business meeting and breakfast will be at 8:00 on Friday, March 29.** We'd love to have you there.

You will soon be receiving a ballot where we will elect a new vice-chair and two executive councilors. Be sure and look for that in your email and, please, take a moment to vote for the candidate of your choice. Our newest officers (Meghan Novisky and Lisa Carter) have jumped right in and began working hard, and I know they will do a great job in their roles.

Finally, let me encourage you to buy a section t-shirt at the conference. It's our only fundraiser, and the proceeds from those sales are what we use to provide the donation to the local nonprofit we select each year. Thanks for all you do, and I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore.

~ Dave

Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research — Call for Manuscripts!

CPPR is seeking manuscript submissions for an upcoming special issue of the journal.

CPPR will be running a special issue entitled, "What Works in Corrections: Program and Policy Evaluations." CPPR seeks submissions that offer evaluations of programs or policies implemented in adult

and juvenile correctional settings. The submission deadline for this issue is **June 1, 2019.**

All manuscripts should be submitted through the online submission website: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cppr>.

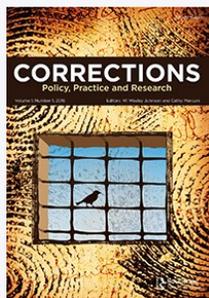
Any questions can be addressed to the Editor, Dr. Cathy Marcum, or to the Associate Editor, Dr. Tina Freiburger.

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Call for Section News & Op-Eds

Section News

We would like to include information about our members' recent accomplishments in the Spring 2019 issue of our newsletter. If you have some professional news to share about yourself or a fellow member, please let us know! We are especially interested in hearing about recent publications, successful grant proposals, and awards.

Op-Eds

Have a great idea for an op-ed about an issue involving corrections? Pitch it to us! **We are seeking solicitations for an op-ed to run on the cover of our Spring 2019 newsletter.**

Op-eds should be fully developed and focused on a corrections-related issue. Submitted op-eds should be approximately 800 words or less.

E-mail submissions for section news and op-eds to:

ACJS.Corrections@gmail.com

2019 Section Awards and Scholarships: Nomination Deadline Extended

The nomination deadline for the 2019 Division awards and scholarships has been extended through **December 1, 2018**.

Nominations can be sent to:

ACJS.Corrections@gmail.com.

Please check the Corrections Section website for further information about each award.

John Howard Award

The John Howard Award is given intermittently, upon significant demand, to recognize an individual who has made significant and sustained contributions to the practice of corrections. The nominee **MUST** have made significant contributions to practice, but also can have made significant contributions in scholarship, teaching, policy, or service. Nominators can make the argument that a nominee's scholarship or work in teaching, policy, or service **DID** make a significant contribution to practice. This is encouraged.

Nominations are accepted every year and the committee will seriously consider all nominees. However, the awarding of this honor is solely at the Committee's discretion and may not be awarded each year. Nominees should send a description of the nominee's contributions, explaining how the nominee meets or exceeds the criteria, along with a copy of the nominee's CV.

Outstanding Section Member Award

Criteria for nomination for the Outstanding Member award are: 1) membership in and preferably contribution to the ACJS Corrections Section; and 2) significant research and/or scholarship in the field of corrections. Winners will receive a \$100 cash award, a plaque of recognition, and will be honored at the annual Corrections Section Award meeting. Self-nominations are allowed and encouraged.

Dr. Kelly Cheeseman Student Paper Travel Scholarship

Students presenting papers at the ACJS annual conference are encouraged to submit their papers to the Awards committee for consideration for receipt of the travel scholarship. A letter of recommendation/support from a faculty advisor is advised.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 56th annual meeting of ACJS will be held **March 26– March 30, 2019 at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, MD**. The conference theme is “Justice, Human Rights, and Activism.”

The Section’s awards ceremony and general business meeting will take place on **Friday March 29th at 8a.m.**

Your assistance will be called on to cover the Section table during

the conference. Table volunteers will be asked to answer questions about Section membership and to sell Section t-shirts. Look for that e-mail in early January, and thank you in advance for your support!

Proceeds from t-shirt sales will be donated to a corrections-related charitable organization in the Baltimore area. This year we have selected “The Lazarus Rite” as our charity. This organization is doing

great re-entry work and we are proud to support them. The Lazarus Rite focuses largely on linking returning citizens with vocational trainings, such as CDL licensures, and employment opportunities. Thanks to those who submitted suggestions for charities!

You can read more about The Lazarus Rite here:

<https://thelazarusrite.org/>



See you in Baltimore!!!

Corrections Section Purpose

The purpose of the Corrections Section is to bring together academy members who have a particular interest in corrections, to facilitate and encourage research and theory development related to corrections, to encourage appropriate and effective teaching techniques and practices for corrections courses, to serve as a resource network for and encourage interaction among academic, research, practitioner and policy-making sectors in order to further knowledge about corrections, and to encourage the organization of corrections-related conference activities.

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