



Dorothy Bracey
22nd ACJS President
1984-1985

Dorothy Bracey was born in Queens County, New York, and became interested in social science while in high school. Upon graduation in 1958, she attended the College of William and Mary in Virginia, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with an A.B. in Sociology and Anthropology in 1962. Bracey then attended Harvard University, where she earned her Ph.D. in Social Anthropology in 1967. That fall she began a long career with the City University of New York and she was present at the inception of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

It was Donald Riddle (ACJS President 1970-1971) who suggested that Bracey become involved in the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. She followed his advice and joined the Academy, becoming the first editor of *ACJS Today*. In the early 1980s she was elected as Secretary/Treasurer, and then following her two year term was elected to the presidency for the 1984 to 1985 term, becoming the first female President of the Academy.

During her tenure as president, ACJS saw the publication of its first volume of *Justice Quarterly*, and she signed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court case of *Tennessee v. Garner* on behalf of the Academy. That amicus brief sided with the eventual opinion that overturned the common law fleeing felon rule and as Bracey has noted, "this was the first and, I believe, the last time that ACJS took such a public opinion."

After her presidency, Bracey remained active in ACJS and continued her career at John Jay College. While there at different times she served as Department Chair, Director of the Criminal Justice Center, and Acting Executive Officer for City University's Criminal Justice Ph.D. Program. In addition, she served as a Visiting Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the South Australia Institute of Technology, The Police Study Center of the Netherlands, and the Police Staff College in Bramhill, UK. She has been a Visiting Scholar at Australia's National Police Research Unit, lecturer at Beijing's Public Security University, Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the American University in Washington, and holder of the George Beto Chair at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Still further, she has served with the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT), the Texas Police Chief Leadership Series, the State Departments International Law Enforcement Academy.

Bracey's research interests, like her visiting appointments, have spanned across the globe to rural Hong Kong and many of her other studies have explore Native Americans, cross culture issues and policing. She is the author of *Exploring Law and Culture* (Waveland), has written numerous journal articles, and served as the editor of *Police Studies* and the Academy's own *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

In 2003, she retired from full-time teaching become Faculty Emeritus at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She retired to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she continues to write, travel, and explore other cultures. Bracey also serves on the Board of the Museum of New Mexico Foundation.

Bracey has received a number of awards in her lifetime, including a certificate of Exemplary Public Service to New York from then Governor Cuomo, the Person of the Year by the American Academy for Professional Law Enforcement, and the Gerhard Mueller Award for her contributions to international criminal justice.

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences has made her an Academy Fellow (1983) and bestowed upon her the Founder's Award (1995).