



James O. Finkenauer
42nd ACJS President
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James O. Finkenauer was born and raised in Pennsylvania and after graduating from high school attended Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he earned his B.A. in Sociology. He then pursued his graduate studies at New York University, majoring in Sociology and Human Relations. He first earned his M.A. in 1965, followed by his Ph.D. in 1971.

Dr. Finkenauer then obtained his first academic post in the fall of 1971, as Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at Trenton State College (now the College of New Jersey). He served there until 1974, when, upon completion of his Ph.D., he accepted a position as an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey. He was one of the founding members of the program there. He remained at Rutgers until his retirement, earning the promotion to Professor (Professor I) in 1980, and then Distinguished Professor (Professor II) in 2001. In addition, Finkenauer also served as the Director of the International Center at the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. from 1998 to 2002.

In regard to service to various organizations, Finkenauer served as the President of the New Jersey Council of Educational Institutions for Law Enforcement (1974-1975), as President of the New Jersey Criminal Justice Educators Association, and was President of the International Association for the Study or Organized Crime (1997-1999). In regard to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Finkenauer served on a number of committees including the Ad Hoc Committee on Standards and Accreditation (2002-2003). In 2002, he was elected Second Vice President. After serving as First Vice President, Finkenauer became the 42nd President of ACJS, serving from 2004 to 2005.

During his tenure as President, Finkenauer helped to create, approve and implement the ACJS certification of criminal justice education programs, created and filled the position of Executive Director, purchased the permanent office space for the ACJS national headquarters, implemented the first poster session at the annual meeting, implemented the Donal McNamara publication award, and showcased the Bruce Smith award winner with a plenary address.

After his tenure as President, Finkenauer continued to serve at Rutgers University, until his retirement in 2011. During his years at Rutgers and since, he has served as a visiting professor around the world, including in Australia, China, Germany, Japan, Russia, and has studied or lectured in Europe, Asia, the former Soviet Union, Latin America and the Middle East. In 2007, he was a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Hong Kong. He also served as editor of *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* and *Trends in Organized Crime*. He is widely published in the area of transnational organized crime and has co-authored numerous books, including the well-respected publication *Russian Mafia in America: Immigration, Culture, and Crime* (Northeast, 2001).

James O. Finkenauer has received numerous awards throughout his career, including the Jack A. Mark Memorial Award from the New Jersey Association of Criminal Justice Educators' (2005), the Gerhard O.W. Mueller Award from the International Section of ACJS (2009), and the Founder's Award from the Department of Law and Justice at Trenton State College (1992).