



Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Corrections Section

Winter 2013

In Memoriam

Dr. Kelly A. Cheeseman, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice at Messiah College, passed away unexpectedly on December 9 at the age of 38. She served as Chair of the Corrections Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Dr. Cheeseman, who specialized in correctional issues, is remembered for her profound passion for her profession and for teaching and interacting with her students and fellow colleagues. She had an infectious sense of humor and a contagious smile. She was loved and will be missed by many.

Dr. Cheeseman attended the State of New York, Oswego and Youngstown State University, where she received her Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and Psychology in 1997. She received a Master's and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University, College of Criminal Justice in 1999 and 2006, respectively.

Dr. Cheeseman was a professor at several universities, including Old Dominion University, University of Southern Mississippi, and Messiah College. During her career, she also was a correctional officer at the Federal Bureau of Prisons at Allenwood in White Deer, PA and with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Huntsville Unit.

Her areas of research included female sex offenders, prison deviance, correctional officer stress and job satisfaction, institutional corrections, the death penalty, ethics, and sexually deviant behavior.



Dr. Cheeseman was the co-author of *Every Day Ethics for the Criminal Justice Professional* and *The Death Penalty: Constitutional Issues, Commentaries, and Case Briefs* (2nd ed.). She published articles in such academic journals as *Deviant Behavior*, *Criminal Justice Review*, *The Prison Journal*, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Crime and Justice*, *Corrections Compendium*, *Criminal Law Bulletin*, and *Professional Issues in Criminal Justice*.

Dr. Cheeseman also served as secretary of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators. She was awarded the ACJS SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award in 2009.

Dr. Cheeseman, who lived in Enola, PA, is survived by her parents Charles and Marcia Cheeseman, sister Amy and husband Eric Powers, sister Debra Sickler, brother Charles Cheeseman Jr. and wife Wendy, five nephews and four nieces, as well as many other family and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, CNY Chapter, 100 Metropolitan Drive #400, Liverpool, NY 13088.

SECTION NEWS

The Corrections Section would like to acknowledge and congratulate Brandon Applegate from the University of South Carolina for his election as Second Vice-President in 2012-13. We look forward to Brandon's leadership over the next three years and a successful conference in Denver in 2016 when Brandon will be President. We are honored that Brandon will be this year's keynote speaker at the Annual Breakfast. See more details later in the newsletter.

We also would like to thank Craig Hemmens from Washington State University for his leadership during his 2012-13 tenure as President of ACJS.

Please send any news you would like included in the next issue of our newsletter to Cheryl Lero Jonson at jonsonc@xavier.edu.



SECTION AWARDS

Outstanding Student Travel Award

In 2011, the section began awarding the Outstanding Student Travel Award. 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.

Outstanding 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 and a plaque of recognition. They will also be honored at the annual Corrections Section Award meeting. Self-nominations are allowed and encouraged.

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 to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

***ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014 TO
CHERYL SWANSON, CHAIR OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE AT cswanson@uwf.edu***

SECTION COMMITTEES

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee will review all nominations for the following awards: Outstanding Student Travel Award, Outstanding Member Award, and the John Howard Award. After careful consideration, the Awards Committee will select a recipient(s) for each of the honors. Awards are presented annually at the ACJS Corrections Section Annual Breakfast and General Meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee will work closely with the ACJS program chair(s) and the ACJS manager to highlight sections of interest for the ACJS Corrections Section and publicize those sessions to the Section's membership. Additionally, when possible, the Program Committee will work with the Executive Board to plan events of interest for section members while attending the conference.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations and Elections Committee oversee the procedures of all elections and nominations. The Committee will ensure that all policies related to both the nomination and election of Executive Board members are done in accordance with the ACJS Corrections Section Constitution and Bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Any current member of ACJS is welcomed as a new member. We actively seek student members who are studying corrections at the undergraduate or graduate level and provide travel scholarships to interested students. If you know of a student who would benefit from meeting and networking with scholars in the corrections field, please encourage them to become a member. Student participation is vital to our growth and the continued research in the field. Section dues are \$15 for regular members and \$10 for students.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for reviewing, evaluating, and formulating changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the ACJS Corrections Section. In the upcoming year, the committee will conduct a thorough review of the Constitution and Bylaws to insure that current practices match the Constitution and Bylaws. Additionally, we hope to develop a policy and procedures manual as part of that effort.

ACJS ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Panel: Making It Work: Administrative Collaboration, International Support, and Specific Needs in Community Corrections	8:00 AM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Panel: Correctional Personnel: Factors Impacting the Daily Grind	9:30 AM	Room 407, 4th Fl.
Panel: Post-Release Success for Different Offender Groups	11:00 AM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Feature Roundtable: Invisible Implementers: The Nexus between Probation/Parole Officers and Evidence Based Practice	11:00 AM	Room 406, 4th Fl.
Panel: Institutional Corrections #2	11:00 AM	Room 407, 4th Fl.
Panel: Sentencing Disparity and Policy Initiatives in State Courts	2:00 PM	Room 307, 3rd Fl.
Panel: Institutional Corrections #4	2:00 PM	Room 406, 4th Fl.
Panel: Gendered Effects: Offenders and Prisoners	2:00 PM	Room 415, 4th Fl.
Panel: Institutional Corrections #7	3:30 PM	Room 406, 4th Fl.

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Panel: Family, Religion, and Support In Prisoner Reentry	8:00 AM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Panel: Institutional Corrections #6	8:00 AM	Room 406, 4th Fl.
Panel: Social Support and Employment: Components for Reentry Success	9:30 AM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Panel: Assessment, Diversion, and Treatment of Special Needs Offenders	11:00 AM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Panel: Institutional Corrections #1	11:00 AM	Room 406, 4th Fl.
Panel: International Corrections Issues	11:00 AM	Room 407, 4th Fl.
Panel: Juvenile Justice Processes and Outcomes	11:00 AM	Room 408, 4th Fl.
Panel: Testing the Treatment Principle in Community Supervision: Treatment Effects on Recidivism	3:30 PM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Panel: Moving People and Systems Toward Change in Corrections	3:30 PM	Room 406, 4th Fl.

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Friday, February 21, 2014

Roundtable: Teaching Corrections: Prison Programs and Their Impact of Offenders During Incarceration and Following Their Release	8:00 AM	Room 403, 4th Fl.
Panel: Putting the Community in Community Corrections: NYC's Model of Probation	1 2:30 PM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Panel: Institutional Corrections #3	12:30 PM	Room 406, 4th Fl.
Roundtable: Academia and Community Corrections: Working Together to Develop a Model Curriculum	2:00 PM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
2 Panel: Institutional Corrections #5	2:00 PM	Room 406, 4th Fl.
Roundtable: American Jails and the Mental Health Challenge: What Should We Do That We Are Not Doing?	2:00 PM	Room 407, 4th Fl.
Panel: Predicting Risk and Recidivism	3:30 PM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Panel: Issues Influencing Correctional Personnel	3:30 PM	Room 406, 4th Fl.
Panel: Juveniles in Adult Courts, Jails and Prisons	3:30 PM	Room 409, 4th Fl.

Saturday, February 22, 2014

Panel: Developing Partnerships and Innovative Reentry Programming	11:00 AM	Room 405, 4th Fl.
Panel: Examining Special Offender Groups and Controversial Issues In Corrections	11:00 AM	Room 406, 4th Fl.
Panel: Incarceration, Programs, and Recidivism	11:00 AM	Room 412, 4th Fl.

Section Meetings

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2014, 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM, Room 414, 4th Fl.

General Business Meeting

Friday, February 21, 2014, 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM, Salon I, 5th Fl.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Current 2014 members, please join us for the annual Corrections Section Breakfast and General Business Meeting on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 7:30 AM. The 2014 keynote speaker will be Dr. Brandon Applegate, Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of South Carolina and current Second Vice-President of ACJS. Dr. Applegate will talk about the role of the Corrections Section in ACJS and the role of ACJS in the field of Corrections. He will also discuss his current research in the area of corrections. An email will be sent in the beginning of February requesting your RSVP.

The 2013 keynote speaker was Ms. Carey Welebob, the Director of the Texas Community Justice Assistance Division. Ms. Welebob provided an engaging discussion of community supervision in Texas and her agency's role in that area. Previous keynote speakers have included: Michael Jacobson, President and Executive Director of the Vera Institute (2012); Sonya Spencer, Executive Director of St. Leonard's Society of Toronto and President-Elect of the International Community Corrections Association (2011); and Dr. Daren Dalton, Director of Programs, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (2010).

T-SHIRT SALE & TABLE

This year's limited edition t-shirt design is of Eastern State Penitentiary. The t-shirts will be sold for \$15 for S-XL and \$18 for 2XL and 3XL at the Corrections Section table. At the table, you may also renew your Corrections Section membership for 2014 if you have not done so already online.

Assistance is needed to cover the Corrections Section table at the conference. An email will be sent out soon asking for help in two-hour increments from Wednesday through Friday.

EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY TOUR

ACJS has arranged for two guided tours of Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia. For a detailed look at this facility, visit www.easternstate.org. Please note the facility does not have climate controls, and the tour is an indoor/outdoor experience, rain or shine. Dress accordingly and wear sturdy, closed toe shoes as the building is in semi-ruin. Visitors should exercise caution when exploring the facility and stay within clearly marked public areas. Finally, tour participants must arrange their own transportation to Eastern State Penitentiary for the tour.

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 OR Thursday, February 20, 2014

Time: The guided tour will begin at 10:30 AM and last approximately one hour

Cost: \$11 per person, payable at time of registration

How to Register: Email (manager@acjs.org) or call (301-446-6300) the ACJS National Office. Please provide the names of participants, email addresses, and credit card information payment

Deadline for Registration: January 31, 2014

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Term of office ends: March 2016

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Term of office ends: March 2016
(Vice Chair becomes Chair of the Section in 2016)

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Term of office ends: February 2014

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Term of office ends: March 2017
