



Robert Bohm
30th ACJS President
1992-1993

Robert “Bob” Bohm, was born and raised in Missouri, and upon graduation from high school, attended the University of Missouri at Columbia where he majored in Psychology. Upon graduation with his A.B. in 1972, he continued his education at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, where he earned a M.A. in Secondary Education in 1975. He then moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where he began work on his Ph.D. in Criminology at Florida State University. He was awarded the Ph.D. in 1980.

Prior to earning his Ph.D., Bohm accepted his first academic position at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama, as an Assistant Professor. In 1982, he was promoted to Associate Professor and awarded tenure in 1984. In 1989, he accepted a position in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, where he was tenured and promoted to Professor in 1992.

Bohm became involved with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) in the early 1980s. He served on the Annual Meeting Program Committee in 1985, the White Paper Committee from 1985-1987, and became a Trustee-at-Large in 1987. He also played an important role in the Strategic Planning Committee from 1991 to 1993, served as the Chair of the Finance Committee (1990-1991), and was involved in establishing a process for implementing national criminal justice policy statements, the ACJS affirmative action policy, and establishing the sections.

As a result of his very active role in ACJS, he was elected Second Vice President in 1990, and after serving as First Vice President (1991-1992), Bohm became the 30th President of ACJS, serving from 1992 to 1993. While President, Bohm helped secure the funds to hold a special conference that would create the Minorities and Women Section of ACJS, gave the first Presidential Address to the Academy, and was the first to attend all of the ACJS Regional meetings. In light of his concern for inclusiveness, Bohm was also the first ACJS President to open the Presidential Reception to the entire membership. After his term as ACJS President, Bohm has remained very active in the Academy, continuing to serve on numerous committees.

In 1995, Bohm moved to Orlando, Florida, accepting a position as Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at the University of Central Florida, where he continues to teach and conduct research today. He has published numerous books, book chapters, journal articles, and non-referred articles, many in the area of capital punishment/death penalty. He is the author of *Deathquest: An Introduction to the Theory and Practice of Capital Punishment in the United States*, 4th edition (Elsevier/Anderson 2012) and co-author of *Introduction to Criminal Justice*, now in its seventh edition (McGraw Hill 2012).

In recognition of his dedication and service to the Academy and his prolific record of research, Bohm is one of only four academics to have earned all three of the ACJS key awards: Academy Fellow (1999), Founder’s Award (2001), and the Bruce Smith, Sr. Award (2008).