



Larry Gaines
26th ACJS Presidents
1988-1989

Larry Gaines was born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. Upon graduation from high school he went to work for the Kentucky State Police as a Communications Officer. In 1969, he was hired by the Lexington Police Department in Lexington, Kentucky, as a police officer, serving there for three years. In 1972, while working on his Master's Degree, Gaines accepted his first teaching position as an Instructor at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, Virginia. He served there for one year before enrolling full time in the Criminal Justice Program at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. In 1975, he graduated with his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice.

The newly minted Dr. Gaines then applied for a tenure-track position at Eastern Kentucky University, and he began teaching there in the fall of 1975. Gaines would remain there until 1998, rising to the rank of Professor and serving as the Department Chair from 1984 to 1997. It was at Eastern Kentucky University that Gaines became involved in both the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). In 1984, Gaines became the Managing Editor for SCJA's *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, from 1984 to 1987.

In regard to ACJS, Gaines immediately became involved first by serving on the Publications Committee in 1976, and numerous other committees over the following years, including the Program Committee and Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee. In 1984, he was elected to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer and two years later, in 1986, he was elected Second Vice-President. Graduating through the ranks, he served as the 26th ACJS President from 1988 to 1989. During his tenure as ACJS President, he worked closely with Gary Cordner in developing and implementing the Sections of ACJS during his Presidency. After his Presidency, Gaines continued to be very active with ACJS, service in a number of roles, including in one of the sections he helped to create – the Police Section.

In 1998, Gaines retired from Eastern Kentucky University and was granted the title of Professor Emeritus. He then moved to California and joined the faculty in the Criminal Justice Department at California State University, San Bernardino, as Professor and Chair, where he continues to teach and conduct research today. Gaines is a noted authority in the area of all-things policing, having published dozens of articles and book chapters, as well as many of the leading books on policing, including *Policing in America* (Lexis Nexis with Victor E. Kappeler), now in its seventh edition.

In 1995, Gaines was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the ACJS Police Section, and he received the Outstanding Educator Award from SCJA.

For his hard work and dedication to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Gaines was awarded the distinguished Founders Award in 1991.