



**Robert M. Regoli**  
**24<sup>th</sup> ACJS President**  
**1986-1987**

Robert M. Regoli was born and raised in California and upon graduation from high school attended Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California, where he earned an A.A. in U.S. History. He then enrolled in Washington State University, earning first his B.S. in Psychology in 1971, then his M.A. in Police Science & Administration in 1972, and finally his Ph.D. in Sociology in 1975.

Upon completion of his Ph.D., Regoli obtained his first academic posting in the Department of Criminology at Indiana State University. He served there for two years as an Assistant Professor before taking a similar position in the Department of Sociology at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. He left Texas in 1981 for an Associate Professor's position in the Department of Sociology at the University of Colorado, in Boulder, Colorado, where he has been ever since.

He joined ACJS in 1975, and served on a number of committees, including the Subcommittee on Deterrence and Application of Sanctions (1978-1979) and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Education and Training (1978-1979). He also served on the Site Selection Committee in 1979-1980, then was a member of the Program Committee for 1980-1981, and was finally the Program Chair from 1981 to 1982 for the annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. After serving as the Program Chair, Regoli became Trustee-at-Large (1982-1984), before being elected as Second Vice President in 1984. After moving through the Vice-Presidencies, he served as the ACJS President from 1986-1987.

In addition to his service to ACJS, Regoli was actively involved in serving the academic journals. Among his many positions included: consultant to *Criminal Justice and Behavior*; associate editor to *Justice Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and *The Social Science Journal*; co-editor of *The Social Science Journal* (1983-1984), and finally the Executive Editor of *The Social Science Journal* (1984-1986).

Regoli has presented over 80 papers at conferences worldwide, published a dozen book chapters, and well over 100 journal articles. He is also the co-author on a number of noted books, including: *Exploring Criminal Justice* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Jones & Bartlett), and *Delinquency in Society* (8<sup>th</sup> Ed. Jones & Bartlett).

In 1996, Regoli became the Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Sociology at the University of Colorado, serving in that position for two years, while becoming Professor in 1997.

In 2011, Regoli retired from teaching full-time, and was awarded the distinguished title of Professor Emeritus.

For his service to the Criminal Justice Discipline, as well as the Academy, he was named a Fellow of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in 1991.