



**Steven P. Lab**  
**41<sup>st</sup> ACJS President**  
**2003-2004**

Steven P. Lab was born and raised in Ohio and upon graduation from high school, he attended the University of Akron, working on both his A.A.S. in Law Enforcement Technology and his B.A. in Sociology. After graduating in 1976, Lab continued on to graduate studies in the School of Criminology at Florida State University, earning his M.S. in 1980, and his Ph.D. in 1982.

Lab's first academic post was as an Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina- Charlotte, where he served from 1982 to 1985. Dr. Lab then accepted a similar position at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he served from 1985 to 1987. Lab then returned to his home state, securing a position as Assistant Professor at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. In 1990, he was promoted to Associate Professor, and in 1996, to Professor. In 1991, Lab took over as the Director of the Criminal Justice Program. In 1998, Lab served a one year appointment as Visiting Professor in the Criminology Department at Keele University in Staffordshire, England. In 2001, Lab was elevated to Associate Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, a role in which he served two years.

Lab became involved in ACJS in the early 1980s, and served on a number of committees, including the Constitution and By-Laws Committee (1987-1988), the Strategic Planning Committee (1992-1994), and the Academic Review Committee (1990-1996). In 1995, he was elected to serve on the ACJS Executive Board as Trustee-at-Large, and in 2001, he was elected Second Vice President. After serving as First Vice President, Lab was elevated to become the 41<sup>st</sup> President of ACJS, serving the 2003-2004 term in office.

As President of ACJS, Lab oversaw the contract with Taylor and Francis that would see both journals, *Justice Quarterly* and *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, published by this publishing company. In addition, Lab oversaw the selection of property purchased to house the national office of ACJS.

After his term as president, he continued to serve as Chair of the Department of Human Services at Bowling Green State University. In 2007, he took time off to serve as a Visiting Professor at the Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science at the University College London, as a Visiting Fellow at Loughborough University, and as a Research Consultant to the Perpetuity Research Group at Leicester University.

Lab is widely published in the criminal justice field, with numerous peer-reviewed articles to his credit, as well as book chapters, book reviews, and technical reports. He is the co-author of a number of books, including *Victimology* 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (Elsevier 2012), *Criminal Justice: The Essentials* 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Oxford University Press, 2013), *Crime Prevention: Approaches, Practices and Evaluation* 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (Elsevier 2013), and *Juvenile Justice: An Introduction* 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (Elsevier 2012). He also served as the Editor of *Journal of Crime and Justice* from 1990-1994.

Lab was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the International Honor Society in 1995, and was recognized with the Outstanding Chair/Director Leadership Award from Bowling Green State University in 2003. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Police Section, awarded Lab the Outstanding Service Award in 1996, and in 2006, he was the recipient of the ACJS Founder's Award.