



Craig Hemmens
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Craig Hemmens was born and raised in North Carolina and after completing high school he attended the University of North Carolina, where he earned a B.A. in American History (1985). He then attended the North Carolina Central University School of Law, earning his J.D. (1988), and after a few years of working as a furniture delivery person, he continued his education in the Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University in Criminal Justice. It was at Sam Houston, as Hemmens explains, "I had the privilege of working closely with Rolando V. del Carmen and James Marquart, from whom I learned how to conduct research and how to conduct myself."

Upon completion of his Ph.D. in 1996, Hemmens obtained his first academic post in the Department of Criminal Justice at Boise State University. There he obtained the rank of Professor, and served at different times as Chair of the Department, Director of the Paralegal Studies Program, and Director of the Honors College.

Hemmens has been a member of ACJS since 1993, and served as the Region V (Western Region) Trustee from 2007-2010. As a member of the Western Association of Criminal Justice he served not only as the trustee, but two terms as president, and as first vice-president, second vice-president, and secretary/treasurer.

In addition to his service as the Region V Trustee, he has served as Editor of the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* (2002-2005), and on numerous ACJS committees and has been active in both the Corrections Section and the Law & Public Policy Section. He was the Program Chair for the 2007 conference in Seattle. He was elected ACJS President for the 2012-2013 term, and during his tenure he worked toward celebrating the 50th Anniversary of ACJS at the annual meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Since 2011, Hemmens has served as Department Head and Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Missouri State University.

Hemmens has written or edited nineteen books and more than two hundred articles, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, and other publications on a variety of criminal justice-related topics. His primary research interests are criminal law and procedure, corrections, and Bruce Springsteen. He has served as a guest editor of the *Prison Journal* and the *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, and as the Book Review Editor for the *Prison Journal*. He has served on the editorial board of *Criminal Justice Review*, the *Prison Journal*, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, and *Criminal Justice Studies*. His publications have appeared in *Justice Quarterly*, the *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Crime and Delinquency*, the *Criminal Law Bulletin*, and the *Prison Journal*.

Craig is married to Dr. Mary Stohr, with whom he has worked with since 1996. According to Craig, "Mary is truly my better half, as she is smarter, prettier, and much nicer than I." They also have one daughter, Emily Stohr-Gillmore, who is a student at the University of Oregon and, as Craig explains, "still refuses to acknowledge that she will one day be a nerd like her parents."