



Jay S. Albanese
33rd ACJS President
1995-1996

Jay S. Albanese, was born and raised in the state of New York, and upon graduation from high school, he attended Niagara University. There, Albanese majored in Sociology and graduated with his B.A. in 1974. He continued his academic pursuits in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University, first earning his M.A. in 1976 and his Ph.D. in 1981.

Albanese returned to his alma mater, Niagara University, in the fall of 1981 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice. There he was promoted to Associate Professor in 1985, became the Department Chair in 1988, was promoted to full Professor the same year, and served as the Director of the Graduate Program beginning in 1994.

While at Niagara University, Albanese became involved in the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences (NEACJS) and was elected as the regional organization's president in 1988. He also became involved in Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, serving on a number of committee assignments. In 1993, he was elected Second Vice President of ACJS, and after serving as First Vice President (1994-1995), he became the 33rd ACJS President.

While President, Albanese oversaw the formation of the ACJS Committee on Education and Minimum Standards, based on his previous work in establishing minimum standards in NEACJS. These minimum standards became the foundation for the Academic Review Committee and the certification of academic criminal justice programs throughout the United States. He also oversaw the publication of the first ACJS Media Guide which highlighted the expertise of ACJS members and was distributed to various news organizations. After his presidency, Albanese remained active in the Academy, Chairing the Sage Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award Committee, serving as Vice-Chair of the ACJS International Section, and serving as Chair of the Academic Review Committee from 2009 to 2011.

In 1996, Albanese accepted a new position as Chair and Professor in the School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, Virginia. While at VCU, he took a four year leave to work for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) in Washington, D.C., serving as Chief of NIJ's International Center. Upon his return to VCU he served as the Graduate Director from 2006 to 2009.

Albanese, known for his work on international/transnational crime, organized crime, white collar crime, and ethics, has published numerous articles and books on these subjects. He is the author of *Organized Crime in Our Times*, now in its 6th edition (Elsevier, 2011), *Transnational Crime and the 21st Century* (Oxford University Press, 2011), *Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice: Being Ethical When No One is Looking* (3rd ed., Prentice Hall, 2012), and co-author of *Comparative Criminal Justice Systems* in its 5th edition (Wadsworth, 2013).

Albanese has earned numerous awards for his teaching, research, and service, including the Outstanding Achievement Award from NEACJS in 1997, the Elske v.P. Smith Distinguished Lecturer Award from VCU in 2001, and the G.O.W. Mueller Award for his outstanding contribution to comparative and international criminal justice in 2011. For his dedication to the Academy, he received the Founders Awards (2000) and was made an Academy Fellow (2002).