



**Todd Clear**  
**38<sup>th</sup> ACJS President**  
**2000-2001**

Todd Clear was born and raised in Indiana, and upon graduation from high school attended Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana. He graduated with a B.A. and Honors in Sociology, Social Work in 1971. He then pursued graduate studies in the School of Criminal Justice at State University of New York in Albany, graduating with his M.A. in Criminal Justice in 1972. He remained at SUNY-Albany to work on his Ph.D., which he earned in 1977.

Clear began teaching early in his graduate career, first as a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Sociology at SUNY-Albany (1973-1975), then as an Instructor in the Department of Sociology at DePaul University in Chicago (1975-1976), and then with the Department of Criminal Justice at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana (1976-1978). Clear then moved to the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University in Newark, NJ, in 1978, where he served from 1978 to 1996, moving through the ranks to become Professor of Criminal Justice. In 1996, he was hired by Florida State University to serve as the Associate Dean in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, a role he served in until 1999, when he became Distinguished Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at John Jay College, City University of New York.

Clear served in a number of organizations including as President of the American Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (1998-2006), as Vice President of the National Council in Crime and Delinquency (1991-1993), and on the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology (1998-2001). In 1997, Clear was elected Second Vice-President of ACJS, and he served as the 38<sup>th</sup> President from 2000 to 2001.

During Clear's presidency, he ushered in the new millennium, helped to settle the national headquarters in Washington, D.C., and set up the ranking system for U.S. News and World Report.

Since his Presidency, Clear returned to the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University as the Dean (2010), where he continues to serve today. In the Academy, he returned to the Executive Board as a Trustee-at-Large (2006-2009). At the same time, in 2008, he was also elected as the President of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), only one of four individuals to have served as president of both organizations.

Clear has also had a prolific career as a scholar and researcher, authoring or co-authoring a dozen books, including *Imprisoning Communities: How Mass Incarceration Makes Disadvantaged Neighborhoods Worse* (Oxford University Press, 2007) and *Community Justice* (Wadsworth, 2003). He is also the author or co-author of several dozen book chapters and journal articles. Clear is also the founding editor of the American Society of Criminology's second journal publication: *Criminology & Public Policy*.

Over the course of his career, Clear has received numerous awards and recognitions. Among these include the Ron Beattie Award for Research from the Association for Criminal Justice Research, the Distinguished Scholar Award of the Division on Sentencing and Corrections of the American Society of Criminology (2003), and the ASC Herbert Bloch Award (2007). Within the Academy he is the recipient of the Bruce Smith Sr. Award in 2004.