



**Richter H. Moore, Jr.**  
**16<sup>th</sup> ACJS President**  
**1978-1979**

Richter H. Moore, Jr. was born on August 19, 1928, in Cowpens, South Carolina. Upon graduation from high school he attended the University of South Carolina, studying both English and Psychology, and graduating with his B.S. in 1949. He continued on at USC in the law program, graduating with his J.D. in 1951. Moore then joined the U.S. Air Force as an active duty J.A.G. Officer during the Korean War. When the war was over, Moore left the service, but joined the U.S. Air Force Reserves, where he remained for another 30 years before retiring as a Colonel.

Moore continued his education by enrolling in the Master's degree in Political Science at the University of Kentucky, and then continued on to earn his Ph.D., graduating in 1964. His first academic appointment was teaching part-time at East Tennessee State University in 1955, and upon completion of his Ph.D., he became the Chair of the Political Science Department there. In 1970, Moore took another academic position as Chair of the Political Science Department at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. He served in that capacity until 1983. While there, Moore became interested in the development of criminal justice across the nation and was instrumental in starting the program at Appalachian State.

The creation of the criminal justice program in the Department of Political Science led Moore to become involved in ACJS in the early 1970s, becoming close associates with Gordon Misner, William Mathias, and Larri Bassi. In fact, in the wake of the embezzling scandal, Mathias as president asked Moore to step in and clean up the finances, which he was able to accomplish, keeping the organization from going bankrupt. In recognition of this and his dedication to criminal justice as a liberal arts education, he was elected ACJS President in 1978.

In addition to ACJS, Moore played a significant role in getting the Southern Association of Criminal Justice started, and then a few years later the North Carolina Association of Criminal Justice Educators (now the North Carolina Criminal Justice Association).

Moore developed not only an interest in American criminal justice, but soon began to expand his research interests into legal and criminal justice systems abroad. Starting in the late 1970s, Moore began traveling overseas each summer, eventually establishing the study abroad program at Appalachian State and co-editing a book on *Comparative and International Criminal Justice* (Waveland).

In 1981, Moore was honored as an ACJS Academy Fellow. Two years later, in 1983, Moore decided to retire from teaching. In honor of his service to ACJS, the Academy bestowed upon him the ACJS Founder's Award, which he called "the proudest moment of my career." He and his wife Carolyn were also honored by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Association with an award named in their honor, and the Southern Criminal Justice Association named their Founder's Award for Moore.

Dr. Richter H. Moore, Jr., died on March 12, 1996. His papers are housed in the library at Appalachian State University.