



James W. Marquart
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James W. Marquart was born and raised in Illinois, and upon completion of high school, attended Western Illinois University. In 1976, he graduated with a B.S. in Law Enforcement Administration. He enrolled in the Department of Sociology graduate program at Kansas State University in 1976 and in the summer of 1977 he worked as a Correctional Officer in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. In 1978, he graduated with his M.A. in Sociology. Marquart then continued his studies in the Ph.D. program in the Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas where he worked as a teaching and research assistant. In 1981, Marquart obtained a position as Correctional Officer in the Eastham Unit, Texas Department of Corrections, and after serving one year, was promoted to Sergeant in the same unit. He supervised 105 employees. This practitioner experience in corrections would set the course for much of his academic research in the years to come. He graduated in 1983 with his Ph.D. in Sociology.

Marquart obtained his first academic post upon graduation, starting as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Mississippi State University, where he served for three years. He then obtained a similar position in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. In 1989, he was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor, and in 1995, he was promoted to Professor. Marquart also served in a number of additional capacities, including as the Director of Research for the College of Criminal Justice (1999-2000 & 2004-2005), Director of the National Institute for Victims Studies (2000-2003), and as the Director of the Crime Victims' Institute at Sam Houston State University (2003-2005). In the fall of 2005, Marquart became Professor and Director of the new Criminology Program at the University of Texas-Dallas, and in 2008, he was promoted to Associate Provost, the capacity in which he served when he became the ACJS President.

Early in his career, Marquart became involved in both the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. In 2008, he ran for Second Vice President of the Academy and won. After serving as both Second and First Vice Presidents, Marquart became the 48th President of ACJS, serving the 2010 to 2011 term in office. During his term in office, he oversaw the selection of new editors for both of the Academy's journals and oversaw one of the few international ACJS international conferences in Toronto, Canada. Since his term as President, Marquart continues to serve as the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas-Dallas as well as to publish books and papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Marquart holds an impressive publishing record with numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and books. Two of his books have won awards, *An Appeal to Justice: Litigated Reform of Texas Prisons* (University of Texas Press, 1989) won the ACJS Outstanding Book Award in 1991, and *The Rope, the Chair, and the Needle: Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990* (University of Texas Press, 1994) won the American Library Association's Outstanding Book Award for 1995.

In addition, Marquart has been recognized with many awards throughout his career including being made an Academic Fellow of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (2007-2008) and he was awarded the Bruce Smith Sr. Award by the Academy in 2005.