



Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Corrections Section

Veterans' Dorm—Orange County Corrections
 Capt. Malik Muhammad, *CJM, CCM, CCT, LEFS*
 Speaker—ACJSCS Reception & General Business Meeting

The Armed Forces Dorm was developed in 2012. Captain Malik Muhammad (SFC US Army) was charged with implementing a housing community that would serve as an alternative for those inmates suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse dependency, homelessness and those who require assistance from the Veterans Administration.

The overall objective is to provide re-entry for incarcerated veterans housed in county & state correctional facilities, and provide incarcerated veterans opportunities to seek and receive any and all benefits earned prior to incarceration.

The program provides inmates with outlets to address their addictions through individual and group counseling to include life skills classes, substance abuse education, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, relapse prevention education, Toastmasters, and Money Sense classes. The program

also offers inmates the chance to prepare for successful reintegration into society. The Veterans program works in close collaboration with the Veteran Administration, Orange County Health Services-Mental Health Services, as well as with the Community Providers Network, to



provide inmates with the opportunity for continued care upon release. All programming and services is provided at no cost to the agency.

The program is open-ended and comprised of six indi-

vidual phases lasting 30 days each. Successful completion of the three month program required inmates to complete all three phases. The program was developed and geared towards the in-mates' length of stay. Inmates remaining in the jail for only one month will complete and graduate from one phase of the program, while inmates incarcerated for longer durations of time can complete up to the full six phases of the program. Overall, the program has a low recidivism rate.

It was a pleasure to have Capt. Muhammad speak to the Section about this success story!

On a related note, CJPR has a call for papers for a special edition on justice-involved veterans (page 5)!



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Spring 2015 - Corrections Now

Message from the Chair

As no surprise to those who were there, the Orlando conference was a huge success! Attendance was higher than the average over the past few years, no doubt a reflection of the attractiveness of the venue. Piper Kerman's keynote address was standing room only and an excellent way to wind down our meetings. Afterward, she signed hundreds of books and took many pictures with fans of all ages. And, some

of those signatures ended up 2015 Corrections Section t-shirts, including her name and prison ID number! You will see in this issue an opportunity to get one of these two signed shirts.

We're looking forward to the meetings in Denver in Spring of 2016. We will again be hosting our Awards Breakfast meeting and supporting a number of other interesting events. See you all there!! ~ Jeff



Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research —Call for Papers!



Cheryl Swanson, Ph.D.

CPPR is a peer-reviewed journal with a broad correctional focus encompassing a wide range of relevant topics and innovative approaches from new theoretical perspectives and research findings to their implications for improving policy and practice. Both national and international in scope, the journal will address these issues and challenges as

they relate to sentencing, prisons, jails, and community corrections.

The initial submission deadline is **May 1, 2015**. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the editor at the email listed below. Manuscripts should be no more than 40 double-spaced pages, Times New Roman, 12 point font, 1" margins. **No color**

pictures, graphs or tables should be included. Authors should follow all formatting guidelines of the APA Publication Manual, 6th Edition.

Anticipated publication for the first issue is January 2016. Questions and submissions should be directed to Dr. Wes Johnson, william.w.johnson@usm.edu.

2015 Outstanding Section Members: Shelly Listwan & Cheryl Swanson



Shelly Listwan, Ph.D.

Shelly Listwan is an associate professor at UNC – Charlotte. She has authored or co-authored 32 academic publications and 3 books - all with a corrections focus. Her externally funded grants have subsidized evaluations and assessments of drug courts, diversionary programs and reentry outcomes. Dr. Listwan has consulted with state and national agencies in an effort to improve assessment practices and correctional treatment. In accepting the award, Dr. Listwan, stated, "I have so much respect for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and all of the work the members of the Corrections section have accom-

plished over the last several years. Thank you again for this honor and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver at the ACJS 2016 annual meeting!"

Cheryl Swanson is professor emeritus – University of West Florida. Her research interests include restorative justice, alternatives to incarceration, reentry issues, victims and the justice system. Dr. Swanson's curriculum vita demonstrates an active research agenda, professional service in the field, a number of peer-reviewed publications and years of community service.

Cheryl has served on the ACJS Corrections Section executive board since 2008 – serving on its committees and as vice-chair, chair, and immediate past chair. The following is shared from her acceptance, "I am most honored to be the recipient of a special ACJS 2015 Outstanding Member award. It has been a pleasure to serve with such a talented and committed group of academics and practitioners. It has been especially rewarding to see our efforts to create a much needed corrections journal come to fruition. But most importantly I value meeting many new friends which would not have been possible without the Correction Section."

Piper Kerman—Keynote Speaker for ACJS Conference

Piper Kerman entertained and educated an overflowing ballroom of students, academics, and practitioners with her keynote speech at the 2015 conference. She provided her background, system-involvement and lessons learned. Since the release of her memoir, *Orange is the New Black*, and its widely acclaimed adaptation on Netflix, Ms. Kerman has served as an advocate for prison and sentencing reform.

Currently, she is teaching a writing class at a men's prison and women's prison in Ohio.

In a recent interview with, *The Week*, Ms. Kerman stated, "It's very gratifying and humbling to advocate for issues that are important for me," she said. "Since we're most likely to incarcerate disproportionately people of color, I'm eager to lend my voice. We need to send fewer people to prison; you cannot accomplish rehabilitation when

they are crammed and overflowing past capacity. We need to take a good, hard look at who is in prison and jail, since many of them don't pose a pressing danger to public safety. There are other ways to hold people accountable."



Piper Kerman & ACJS President Brian Payne

2016 Section Awards and Scholarships

Nominations for the 2016 awards and scholarships are being accepted now through **October 1, 2015**. Nominations can be sent to ACJS_Corrections@yahoo.com. Please check the Corrections Section website for further information.

John Howard Award

The nominee MUST have made significant contribu-



tions to practice, but also can have made significant contributions in scholarship, teaching, policy, or service.

Outstanding Section Member

Requires membership in and preferably contribution to the ACJS Corrections Section; and significant research and/or scholarship in the field of corrections. Self nominations are allowed and encouraged.

Dr. Kelly Cheeseman Student Paper Travel Scholarship

Students presenting papers at the ACJS annual conference are encouraged to submit their papers to the Awards committee for consideration for receipt of the travel scholarship. A letter of recommendation/support from a faculty advisor is advised.



Nominations and Elections Information

Nominations for the positions of vice chair (2016-2018), secretary (2016-2018), and 2 executive counselor (2016-2018) are being accepted through **October 1, 2015**. Nominations, including self nominations, can be sent to ACJS_Corrections@yahoo.com. Please provide a statement of purpose/interest and your curriculum vitae for the position.

Those holding the position of

executive counselor plan, direct, coordinate or assist in activities designed to create or maintain a favorable public image or raise issue awareness for the Section. Individuals in this position will serve on at least one of the standing committees within the Section (program, membership, constitution/by-laws, and nominations/elections).

This position is ideal for those

interested in becoming involved and it is hoped would continue to serve in various capacities with the Section!! All members are welcome to apply!!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS WILL BE EMAILED AS SOON AS CANDIDATES ARE VETTED!



DENVER NEWS

The 53rd annual meeting of ACJS will be held **March 29– April 2, 2016, at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in Denver, Colorado.** The conference theme is “Advancing Justice on All Fronts.”

Paper and poster submissions are due **September 15, 2015** with a

final deadline of September 30, 2015.

The Section encourages faculty, students and professionals in the field to submit a paper or poster presentation. Also do not forget to submit conference papers for student travel funds!

Suggestions are welcome for a **corrections-related charitable organization** in the Denver area. Please inform the E-Board via email:

ACJS_Corrections@yahoo.com for consideration of a donation made on behalf of the Section **by December 1.**



See you in Denver!!!!

Corrections Section Purpose

The purpose of the Corrections Section is to bring together academy members who have a particular interest in corrections, to facilitate and encourage research and theory development related to corrections, to encourage appropriate and effective teaching techniques and practices for corrections courses, to serve as a resource network for and encourage interaction among academic, research, practitioner and policy-making sectors in order to further knowledge about corrections, and to encourage the

organization of corrections-related conference activities.

Solicitations for op-eds or research items are welcome for the next edition of the newsletter!! Email us!

Executive Board

Jeff Bouffard, Chair

David May, Vice Chair

Deborah Vegh, Secretary

Executive Counselors:

Gaylene Armstrong, & Natalie Goulette & Stacy Parker

CALL FOR PAPERS – SPECIAL ISSUE: JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS

Submission Deadline: August 14, 2015

Criminal Justice Policy Review (SAGE Publications) is a multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal committed to the study of criminal justice policy through quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methodological approaches. The journal publishes original research, essays, research notes, and book reviews. It also provides a forum for occasional special issues on notable topics in crime and justice. The journal appeals to criminologists, sociologists, political scientists, and practitioners with an interest in criminal justice policy. For more information about *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, please go to <http://cjp.sagepub.com>.

The journal currently is soliciting manuscripts for a special issue on justice-involved veterans. Manuscripts considered for this special issue could:

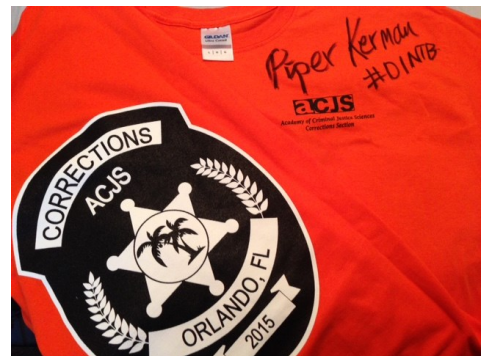
- **present exploratory, descriptive, explanatory, or evaluation research focusing on justice-involved veterans;**
- **examine justice-involved veterans at any stage of justice system processing (e.g., arrest, pre-trial, conviction, sentencing, incarceration, and community corrections); and/or**
- **study justice-involved veterans being processed in problem-solving or specialized courts (e.g., veterans' courts).**

All submitted manuscripts should contain discussion of relevant implications for criminal justice policy and practice.

AUCTION: Piper Kerman T-Shirt

Thank you to everyone who purchased this year's corrections-themed t-shirt! Just prior to selling out of orange t-shirts, these two were saved and signed by Piper Kerman!! The Corrections Section is auctioning off these tees (a large and a 3XL) to its members only!

In order to be part of the auction, the monies which will support the charitable donation made in Denver, please email your bid and t-shirt size (L or 3XL) to ACJS_Corrections@yahoo.com with the subject line: **PIPER'S SHIRT** by **May 15 at 12pm (noon)**. We are starting the bids at \$50 each. The individuals who bid the highest for each t-shirt will be contacted. The determining factor for a high bid by more than one person is the date the email is received—so send early!



Interested in the full interview with The Week: <http://theweek.com/articles/540378/orange-new-blacks-piper-kerman-opens-about-catharsis-prison-memoirs>