



Larry T. Hoover
20th ACJS President
1982-1983

Larry T. Hoover was born and raised in Michigan. He attended Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice earning his Bachelors (1967) and Master's (1971) degrees while working as a police officer for the Lansing, Michigan Police Department (1967-1971) and then as a staff member of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (1971-1972). Upon graduation with his Master's in Criminal Justice, he began working full-time on his Ph.D., graduating in 1974. Hoover served as a lecturer in criminal justice during his studies and was then hired as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University upon graduation. In 1977, he was hired by Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, at the rank of Associate Professor, and was later promoted to full professor in 1983.

While at Michigan State, Hoover became active in the Michigan Criminal Justice Educators' Association, and was elected as their president in 1974, whereupon he served a two-year term. He was also active in the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in the early 1970s and served as a Trustee-at-Large (1977-1980) and Chair of the Accreditation Committee (1978-1980). He was elected president of ACJS in 1982. During his presidency, the major undertaking was the establishment of the Academy's own journal – *Justice Quarterly*.

After stepping down as president, Hoover remained active in ACJS, serving on the Nominations and Elections Committee in both 1987-1988 and 1988-1989, on the Executive Board of the Police Section (1998-2000), and as a member of the Awards Committee in 2003. He also became active in the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, being elected as their president, and serving the 1985-1986 term in office.

Hoover has continued to serve on the criminal justice faculty at Sam Houston State University since 1977, where he directs its Police Research Center. He has conducted extensive research into policing, served as a consultant for numerous agencies, and has published widely on the topic of policing to include editing four books, co-authoring another, and most recently as the sole author on *Police Crime Control Strategies* (2013).

For his contributions to the Academy and the criminal justice discipline, Hoover was awarded the Academy's *Founder's Award* in 2003, and he received the *O. W. Wilson Award* from the Police Section in 2001. He is also the recipient of the *Excellence in Research Award* from Sam Houston State University in 2002, and was recognized in 2005 by Michigan State University with his induction into the School of Criminal Justice *Wall of Fame* which "honors alumni and faculty who have achieved the highest level of professional accomplishment while demonstrating strong personal integrity and character."