



*Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
Corrections Section*

**Midyear Report  
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## **Section Update:**

The section's annual business meeting was well attended this year, offered in the afternoon instead of in the morning, with an inspiring presentation from Julia Lazareck from Prison Families Alliance.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Mary Stohr, the first to Chair the Corrections Section, was the recipient of the section's most prestigious John Howard Award.<sup>2</sup> Dr. David May, one of the more recent Chairs of the section, also received the Outstanding Member Award. In addition to these two annual awards the section provided awards to outgoing executive board members to recognize their service to the association. This included Dr. Kathrine Johnson (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Stacy Haynes (Executive Counselor), and Dr. Ryan Labrecque (Executive Counselor). Finally, the annual CPPR paper of the year award was recognized during the section meeting.<sup>3</sup> Unfortunately, Dr. Ebony Ruhland was unable to attend the conference but we were able to work with one of her colleagues at the University of Cincinnati to get the plaque delivered to her.

At our subsequent quarterly meeting on May 6, 2022, committee chairs were reorganized as two new executive counselors joined the team. Dr. Robert Hanser was moved to Chair of the CPPR Liaison committee while Dr. Christina Mancini has taken on Chair of the Social Media Outreach committee. Dr. Haynes has moved from an Executive Counselor to Secretary/Treasurer which means she now serves as Chair of the Membership committee (per the bylaws). As a result, Dr. Renee Lamphere agreed to Chair the Section Merchandise committee. Each executive board member is the chair of one section committee. A list of each committee and its members is provided on the following page.

Over the spring and summer the Constitution and By-laws committee proposed several updates specific to Sections 6 and 7. These changes concern the election procedures. These changes would better align with the latest practices of the section and ACJS National Office. The proposed changes were sent to the membership for vote. If approved, these changes would formally go in effect after the next annual meeting.

This fall, the section will once again be soliciting nominations for its three annual awards; the Kelly Cheeseman Outstanding Student Travel Award, Outstanding Member Award, and John Howard Award. In addition, the section will be seeking out candidates to fill the Vice Chair role of the section which will be vacated when the current Chair finishes his term at the next annual meeting and the current Vice Chair, Dr. Peter Wood, advances to the Chair position. There are no other vacancies to fill this year.

The section's executive board will continue to meet quarterly through the next annual meeting. There has been some discussion of a joint reception amongst multiple sections at the next conference. Once more information is received the prospect will be reviewed with the section's executive board for further consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> To learn more about Prison Families Alliance visit <https://prisonfamiliesalliance.org/>.

<sup>2</sup> See story published by Washington State University on Dr. Mary Stohr's impressive career and accomplishments at <https://cas.wsu.edu/2022/03/09/professor-former-prison-guard-honored-by-acjs-corrections-section/>.

<sup>3</sup> The winning article by Dr. Ebony Ruhland was entitled *It's all about money: An exploration of probation fees* which can be located at <https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2018.1564635>.

**Section Committees (as required by the section's bylaws):**

Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Article VII, Sections 1 and 4)

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**Ad Hoc Section Committees (established by Chair per Article VII, Section 2):**

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### Corrections Journal-Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research (CPPR)

Dr. Tina Freiburger currently serves as Editor and Dr. Ryan Labrecque as Associate Editor. Prior editors of the journal include Dr. Catherine D. Marcum and Dr. W. Wesley Johnson. Each position is a three-year term with the Associate Editor transitioning to Editor at the end of their term. Dr. Labrecque will assume the role of editor in 2024. Jackie Fernholz serves as the point of contact for the publisher Taylor & Francis.

The journal was initiated in 2016 as a quarterly journal. However, beginning in 2020 the journal transitioned to releasing five issues per year. When articles are accepted, they are published online after completion of the copyediting process. The journal has demonstrated consistent sustainability with submission and publication since its inception. Dr. Freiburger hosted an editorial board meeting at the annual conference. Based on data provided at that meeting (as of March 2022), the acceptance rate of the journal was 35% for 2021. There were about 7,500 downloads of CPPR content in 2021. The rate of downloads has continued to increase steadily. For the current year the number of downloads was up 22% over the prior year at the time of the meeting. Dr. Freiburger and Dr. Labrecque continue to work with Ms. Fernholz towards obtaining an impact factor for this relatively young journal.<sup>4</sup>

The journal awarded its 2021 paper of the year award to Dr. Ebony Ruhland for the manuscript entitled *It's All About the Money: An Exploration of Probation Fees*. The award was formally recognized by the section at the 2022 meeting.

### Corrections Now Newsletter

Dr. Stacy Haynes, incoming secretary/treasurer, is in the process of developing the section's latest e-newsletter for distribution in Fall 2022. The Membership Committee continues to explore new ideas for structure and format (i.e., web-based options) in terms of how the newsletter may best be organized and disseminated.

### Social Media Presence

Beginning in 2016, the section established several accounts across multiple prominent social media outlets. The section has continued to be active on Twitter and Facebook. As of August 26, 2022, the section's Twitter account (@ACJS\_CS) had 1,248 followers. The section's Facebook page (@ACJSCS) has 265 followers. Dr. Christina Mancini now serves as the Chair of the section's Social Media Outreach Committee. Section member volunteer Dr. Chantal Fahmy continues to assist with the section's Twitter account while Dr. Matz continues to update the section's Facebook page. These outlets are used primarily to encourage membership in ACJS and the section, promote the latest CPPR article releases, share section news, and share relevant corrections news.

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<sup>4</sup> For more information about the journal *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research* (CPPR) and the report shared at the annual conference contact Dr. Tina Freiburger ([freiburg@uwm.edu](mailto:freiburg@uwm.edu)) or Jackie Fernholz ([Jacquelyn.fernholz@tandf.co.uk](mailto:Jacquelyn.fernholz@tandf.co.uk)). For general information about the journal visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/ucor20>.

### Membership

As of June 22, 2022, the section had a total of 132 active members including 12 lifetime members and 18 student members. The membership for the section has remained relatively stable. For comparison, as of November of each respective year, the total membership was 130 in 2020 and 136 in 2019. That said, it regularly drops just under 100 members at the start of the year and then peaks at about 130 by the end of the year. As of February 1, 2022 the section was at 102 members.

### Website

In April and May updates were made to the section's webpage on the ACJS website located at <https://www.acjs.org/page/CorrectionsSection>. Updates included changes to the executive board and associated contact information for Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Counselors, updates for 2022 award winners, and new file attachments (e.g., latest annual report).

### **Action Items for ACJS Executive Board**

- None at this time.

### **Action Items for the Section's Executive Board**

- Begin exploring selection of a Keynote Speaker for the next meeting.
- Begin exploring selection of a non-profit organization to receive \$500 donation.
- Begin exploring T-Shirt designs and merchandise options for the next meeting.
- Solicit nominations for section awards (Due October 31<sup>st</sup>).
- Solicit nominations for Vice Chair with term beginning April 2023.
- Produce and disseminate section e-newsletter.
- Continue to encourage section membership through email and social media outreach campaigns.
- Continue to promote CPPR through the section's social media outreach.