



Larry Bassi
17th ACJS President
1979-1980

Larry Bassi grew up in Washington State, and after completing high school, attended Washington State University, where he majored in police science under V.A. Leonard and Felix Fabian. In fact, Bassi was a student there in 1963, when the retirement party for V.A. Leonard became the first meeting of the International Association of Police Professors (IAPP). He continued his education at Washington State University, completing his Master's Degree in police science and administration.

Bassi obtained his first teaching post in the Law Enforcement Department at Central Missouri State University, where he also was an instructor at the Missouri Highway Patrol Academy. Professor Bassi then accepted a position in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and again taught at the State Law Enforcement Training Center. While in Nebraska, he pursued further graduate study at the University in Lincoln. Bassi then moved to New York where he held two academic positions, first with Niagara County Community College and later with the State University of New York at Brockport (SUNY). He planned, initiated and, for an extended period, supervised the criminal justice programs at both of these institutions.

Bassi became involved in the Academy of Criminal Justice Science in 1969, and was an ardent promoter of accreditation and standards in the criminal justice academic field. He participated in a number of workshops regarding accreditation and the training of future program evaluators. He also became a member of the Board of Directors of the Joint Commission on Criminology and Criminal Justice Education and Standards, a member of the Criminal Justice Accreditation Council of ACJS, and he served in the role of Chair for the ACJS Accreditation and Standards Committee. For his hard work and dedication on these committees, he was elected President of ACJS in 1979.

After his tenure as ACJS President, Bassi remained a member, but became less involved as accreditation did not move forward. His new interest, however, became the study of international criminal justice. This had started in the late 1970s, when his international interests focused on Denmark, being located in the capital of Copenhagen. Since then, he has served in similar posts at Brunel University in England and the Centro Bilingue in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He also received a grant from the Canadian government to develop a course covering its criminal justice system. More recently, he completed a sabbatical leave studying criminal justice in San Jose, Costa Rica. Professor Bassi has also served as a resident co-director in three international education programs for American students.

Bassi retired from SUNY Brockport in 2004 and moved to Arizona. He continues his involvement in the field by teaching on-line graduate courses for California University of PA, Department of Professional Studies. As an adjunct, he has been responsible for providing instruction and mentoring in Law and Public Policy as well as Law, Culture and Society. He has taught in the criminal justice field for more than 41 years .