

ACJS 2025-2026 AWARDS COMMITTEES

	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	AFFILIATION	EMAIL
Chair	Jason	Williams	Montclair State University	williamsjas@montclair.edu
Deputy Chair	Kimerbly	Dodson	University of Houston Clear Lake	DodsonK@uhcl.edu
ACJS Board Liaison				
<u>Bruce Smith, Sr. Award</u>				
Chair:	Henry	Pontell	University of CA Irvine	pontell@uci.edu
Member	Matthew	Matusiak	The University of Arkansas Little Rock	mmatusiak@ualr.edu
Member	Jennifer	Gibbs	Penn State Harrisburg	jengibbs@psu.edu
	Walter	DeKeseredy	West Virginia University	walter.dekeseredy@mail.wvu.edu
<u>Academy Fellow Award</u>				
Chair	George	Higgins	University of Louisville	gehigg01@louisville.edu
Member	Ashley	Blackburn	University of Houston Downtown	blackburna@uhd.edu
Member	John	Sloan	University of Alabama Birmingham	prof@uab.edu
Member	Jennifer	LaPrade	Missouri State University	jlaprade@missouristate.edu
<u>Academy Founder's Award</u>				
Chair	Brian	Payne	Old Dominion University	bpayne@odu.edu
Member	Christopher	Schreck	Rochester Institute of Technology	cjsgcj@rit.edu
Member	Sarah	Kuehn	Slippery Rock University	sarah.kuehn@sru.edu
<u>Academy New Scholar Award</u>				
Chair	Aleksandra	Snowden	Marquette University	aleksandra.snowden@mu.edu
Member	Yuliya	Zabyelina	University of Alabama	yzabyelina@ua.edu
Member	Kevin	Wang	Tartleton State University	kwang@tarleton.edu
Member	Heather	Alaniz-Salas	Sam Houston State University	haa034@shsu.edu
<u>Donal MacNamara Award</u>				
Chair	Volkan	Topalli	Georgia State University	vtopalli@gsu.edu
Member	George	Day	Stephen F. Austin State University	daygj@sfasu.edu

Member	Chae	Jaynes	University of South Florida	jaynes@usf.edu
	Maisha	Cooper	University of North Carolina	mcoope51@charlotte.edu
Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award				
Chair	Daniela	Peterka-Benton	Montclair State University	peterkabentd@montclair.edu
Member	Tara	Kane	Schoolcraft College	tkane@schoolcraft.edu
Member	Siyang	Guo	Wayne State University	sguo@wayne.edu
Member	Susan	McNeeley	Minnesota Dept of Corrections	susan.mcneeley@state.mn.us
Outstanding Book Award				
Chair	Melissa	Morabito	University of Massachusetts Lowell	melissa.morabito@uml.edu
Member	Tanya	Grant	St. Mary's University	tgrant@stmarytx.edu
Member	Elizabeth	Gloyd	Stephen F. Austin State University	Elizabeth.Gloyd@sfasu.edu
Member	Andrea	Krieg	Elmhurst University	andrea.krieg@elmhurst.edu
Member	John	Brent	Eastern Kentucky University	John.Brent@eku.edu
Member	Cassandra	Young	University of Denver	Cassandra.Gonzalez@du.edu
Outstanding Mentor Award				
Chair	Candace	Griffith	Augusta University	cagriffith@augusta.edu
Member	Brooke	Nodeland	Sam Houston State University	bnodeland@shsu.edu
Member	David	Mailloux	University of Phoenix	DMAilloux@email.phoenix.edu
Member	Riane	Bolin	Radford University	rbolin1@radford.edu
Minority Mentorship Grant Award				
Chair	Lee	Ross	University of Central Florida	lross@ucf.edu
Member	Hector	Garcia	Southern New Hampshire University	h.garcia@snhu.edu
Member	Dianna	Carmentay	Park University	dianna.carmentay@park.edu
Ken Peak Innovations in Teaching Award				
Chair	Sherill	Morris-Francis	Prarie View A&M University	svmorrisfrancis@pvamu.edu
Member	Daniel	Lytle	University of MD Eastern Shore	Djlytle@umes.edu
Member	Jeffrey	Rush	The University of South Alabama	andysip@gmail.com jeffreypush@southalabama.edu
William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award				
Chair	Katherine	Durante	The University of Utah	katherine.durante@soc.utah.edu
Member	Joshua	Ruffin	Towson University	joshuaruffin@towson.edu
Member	Kadee	Crandall	Elizabethtown College	crandalk@etown.edu

[illegible]