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From the Chair

I have been honored to serve as the Chair of the Division of Policing for the past year. I am grateful to the other members of the Executive Board – Justin Nix (Vice Chair), Carlena Orosco (Secretary-Treasurer), Connie Koski, Christi Gullion, and Thor Dahle (Executive Counselors) – for their assistance and service as well.



And of course, I owe immense gratitude to Carol Archbold, the prior chair, for her wisdom and guidance. She has been an invaluable sounding board and I am thankful for her mentorship. Next week, we will gather at the ASC annual meeting in Washington, DC. I hope you will be joining us at our annual division reception on Wednesday, November 12th at 2:00pm (Georgetown, MI). This reception serves as a gathering place for policing scholars of all ranks. It is truly one of my favorite events at ASC, as I get to see so many old friends and new faces.

This year, we will have a special keynote address from Executive Assistant Chief Andre Wright of the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department. I am looking forward to his remarks about policing in our nation's capital. Additionally, we will be hosting a fundraiser this year in the form of a book raffle. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$1 per ticket (cash or Venmo). Proceeds will go to the general fund, primarily for use for our student endeavors (e.g., student travel awards). If you are unable to attend the event but wish to make a contribution, please feel free to contact me (jgaub@charlotte.edu) or you can do so through the Division of Policing website [HERE](#) (scroll down to "Division of Policing Initiatives and Awards Fund" click on "Donation Form", and sign in to your ASC account)."

As always, we will be giving out our awards during the reception. A special thank you to Connie Koski for leading the charge with our Awards Committee, and to Cynthia Lum, Carol Huynh, and Lexi Goodijohn for serving on our committee. As we move into the new year, we will have opportunities for service in the division. First and foremost, please consider nominating a friend or colleague for one of our awards. The criteria are posted on our website and nominations are typically due in early summer.

From the Chair (cont.)



We also appreciate volunteers to serve on the awards committee. If you are interested, please contact Connie Koski (connie.koski@ndsu.edu). Finally, we will be conducting an election in the coming year. All Executive Board positions will be up for election, so please consider nominating yourself for inclusion on the ballot. More information for that will be forthcoming. We also need volunteers to run the election – so if you are not planning to run for a Board position but are willing to help facilitate the election, please contact Carlana Orosco (corosco5@calstatela.edu) and we will be in touch at the appropriate time. If you have ideas for the division as to additional ways that we can serve the membership, please do not hesitate to contact us (ascpolicing@gmail.com).

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our reception in DC in November, as we recognize our award winners and catch up with friends, colleagues, mentors, and new acquaintances.

Janne E. Gaub
Chair, ASC Division of Policing

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Division of Policing Award Winners



All award winners are invited to receive their award at this year's Division of Policing reception at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. We hope you can join us!



Lifetime Achievement Award – Wesley G. Skogan

Wesley G. Skogan is emeritus professor at Northwestern University. His research focuses on the interface between the public and safety institutions – in community organizing, neighborhood crime prevention, fear reduction, and policing. His books on Chicago focus on community policing and—more recently—the politics of stop & frisk. In its early days he worked on the British Crime Survey at the Home Office and has participated in all redesigns of the US National Crime Victimization Survey. He chaired the National Research Council Committee on Research on Policies and Practices and co-edited its report *Fairness and Effectiveness in Policing: The Evidence*.



Distinguished Scholar Award – Jacinta Gau



Jacinta M. Gau, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Gau has studied varied facets of policing for nearly 20 years. Her work has included procedural justice and police legitimacy, community satisfaction, racial issues, police culture, organizations, policies, and use of force. She approaches her research with the goal of producing actionable findings readily translatable into policy. Dr. Gau's work highlights the importance of organizational policies and climate in producing outcomes at the street level. Her teaching and mentoring of doctoral students revolves around understanding communities, organizations, and police officers as intertwined with mutually reinforcing effects on each other. Dr. Gau has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and written two books.

Early Career Award – Jessica Huff

Jessica Huff is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. Her research focuses on policing and program evaluation, with an emphasis on using experimental methods to examine the effectiveness and fairness of police policies and practices. Dr. Huff is an NIJ LEADS Academic who has partnered with police agencies across the U.S. to evaluate violence reduction strategies, police training, and police technology. She is currently collaborating with the Tacoma Police Department to examine the impact of gun crime identification and investigations technologies. She is additionally working on a statewide assessment of police officer retention efforts in Ohio. Dr. Huff's work has been funded by the Department of Homeland Security, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. She serves as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Research Advisory Committee. In 2025, she was the recipient of the inaugural Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Police Section Emerging Policing Scholar Achievement Award in recognition of her contributions to the field of policing.



Outstanding Book Award – Sanja Kutnjak Ivković, Jon Maskály*, Chris Donner, Peter Neyroud & John Roch



Sanja Kutnjak Ivković is a Professor at the School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, USA. Dr. Kutnjak Ivković serves as a Co-Editor of Policing: An International Journal. Dr. Kutnjak Ivković is the Second Vice-President of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dr. Kutnjak Ivković received the 2017 Mueller Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Criminal Justice, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences International Section. She has served as the Chair of the Division of International Criminology, American Society of Criminology (2017-2019; 2019-2021) and the Chair of the International Section, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011-2013). Dr. Kutnjak Ivković has co-authored/co-edited 14 books and published over 90 journal articles and 50 book chapters. Her work has appeared in leading academic and law journals such as the Law and Society Review; Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology; Criminology and Public Policy; Stanford Journal of International Law; Policing and Society; Policing: An International Journal; Policing: A Journal of Police and Practice; Police Quarterly.



Peter Neyroud is an Associate Professor in Evidence-based policing based in the Jerry Lee Centre for Experimental Criminology at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge. His research focuses on police diversion of offenders, crime harm, police ethics, community policing, the impact of COVID 19 on policing and police leadership and management.



Chris Donner is an Associate Professor and Chairperson in the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology at Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Donner's main research interests are focused in American law enforcement, and, in particular, police integrity. He also has interests in criminological theory, cybercrime, and quantitative methodology. Dr. Donner has worked on several funded research projects, and he worked closely with policing scholars and practitioners to produce translational research. Dr. Donner is a member of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the Midwest Criminal Justice Association. His recent work has been published in multiple peer-review journals, such as Policing, International Criminal Justice Review, and Crime & Delinquency.



John Roch is a retired Detective Superintendent in the Metropolitan Police London, a graduate of the Senior Leaders Master's Degree in Applied Criminology and Police Management delivered at Cambridge University, and a Chartered Manager of the Chartered Management Institute. John has led a diverse career spanning 35 years working in the financial services industry for NatWest bank before joining the Metropolitan Police Service, which has included spending time seconded to the National Crime Squad, and Serious and Organised Crime Agency. His career includes leading criminal investigations in a number of London boroughs and he has performed the role of Senior Investigating Officer in Homicide and high profile Child Sexual Abuse Investigations; John specialises in Covert Policing tactics and Serious and Organised Crime Investigations and is currently the Head Of Economic Crime, a portfolio that includes Fraud, Money Laundering, Asset denial and Cryptocurrency responsibilities. He is also a Kidnap and Extortion Senior Investigating Officer, a Strategic Firearms Commander and a Covert Policing Authorising Officer. During the Covid-19 Pandemic John also led the strategic delivery of the MPS Covid 19 enforcement response in London working directly to Deputy Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist. John is now a Deputy Director for the Met Police overseeing the vehicle fleet.

*not pictured



Outstanding Student Article Award – Joseph Risi



Joseph Risi is currently a 6th year PhD candidate in Criminology and Data Science at Penn State University. His research is focused on using computational methods and novel datasets to understand the effects of the criminal legal system on individuals as well as the broader community. His most recently published work examined how shifting racial demographics in the Chicago police force led to less aggressive policing practices. He is currently working on several different projects including understanding how contact with the criminal legal system affects individual mortality and how incarceration admission rates affect childhood wellbeing at the community level. When not doing research, he likes to go backpacking, learn Chinese, and spend time cosplaying with his wife, Yuzhu (pronounced You-zoo), and their cat, Opal.

Outstanding Student Dissertation – Seth Watts

Seth Watts is an Assistant Professor at Texas State University in the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology. He received his doctorate from the school of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University in 2024. His research interests include policing, technological innovation, and public health. He would like to give a shoutout to a non-exhaustive list of people who impacted his dissertation in one way or another: Sergeant Rob Ferraro, Officer Dave Hanson, and Officer Aaron Williams with the Tempe Police Department; Daniel Petty with Tempe Fire and Medical Rescue; Nick Margiotta and Dennis Douglas with La Frontera Empact; and finally, his dissertation committee – Jacob Young, Alyssa Chamberlain, and Brandon del Pozo – and especially his dissertation chair, Michael White.



Student Travel Award – Godwin Egbe & Kevin Hagans Jr.



Godwin Egbe is a PhD candidate in the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at the University of Mississippi. His research primarily focuses on terrorism, cybercrime, policing, and victimology. Godwin's work has been published in peer-reviewed journals, and he has presented his research at prestigious international conferences, including the American Society of Criminology (ASC) and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). Godwin currently serves as an early-career editorial board member of the Journal of Economic Criminology; he has received several awards and scholarships and has served as a reviewer for high-impact journals and highly competitive government-funded fellowships and programs, including the U.S. Department of State Mandela Washington Fellowship.



Kevin Hagans is a first-year Master of Arts student in Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University. A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, he earned his bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University. His academic interests center on policing and police reform, as well as the intersection of race and crime. Kevin is dedicated to advancing the field of criminal justice and advancing knowledge through his academic and professional pursuits.

Teaching & Mentoring, Non-R1 – Alexis Rockwell

Dr. Alexis R. Rockwell is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of South Alabama and serves as the department's Online Programs Coordinator. She is recognized for her innovative teaching, having developed courses such as Issues in Mental Health Justice, and for her dedication to mentoring students through honors theses, independent studies, and professional development opportunities. In her role as Online Programs Coordinator, Dr. Rockwell has expanded access to quality education, advising dozens of students each semester and creating engaging initiatives to support online learners, such as adapting all core CJ courses to be delivered in a Hylfex modality. Her commitment to teaching innovation and mentorship has made a lasting impact on her students and the field.



Teaching & Mentoring, R1 – Rylan Simpson



Dr. Rylan Simpson is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University. As a court-recognized expert in policing, Dr. Simpson conducts research related to public perceptions of police, police organizations, and police effectiveness. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his policing scholarship and engagement with policing officials, including from the Academy of Experimental Criminology and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology's Policing Thematic Group. He has also received various accolades for his teaching, including both the Early Career Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Cormack Teaching Award from Simon Fraser University. Motivated by frontline experiences, Dr. Simpson has participated in more than 1,700 hours of ride-alongs with police agencies from around the world, including in Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as worked as a police dispatcher since 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

For more information on awards criteria, please visit: <https://ascpolicing.org/awards/>

Don't know what panel to attend next?

Check out our list of panels that include presentations from our members!

We also have a list of posters presented by our members, including our amazing students

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DIVISION OF POLICING RECEPTION AT THE 2025 ASC NATIONAL MEETING



WED, NOV 12, 2:00 – 3:20PM
GEORGETOWN – MEETING LEVEL 1



80th Annual Meeting

Theme:

Criminology, Law, and the Democratic Ideal



November 12 – 15, 2025
Marriott Marquis
Washington, DC

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENTFUL
LINEUP!

- KEYNOTE ADDRESS FROM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT CHIEF ANDRE WRIGHT OF THE DC METRO POLICE
- NEW!! BOOK RAFFLE -- \$1 PER TICKET AT THE DOOR
- CELEBRATING OUR AWARD WINNERS
- CELEBRATING OUR MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Please see our fundraising table at the reception. All funds will go towards Division initiatives, including student funding opportunities.





Become a Member Now!

Join the Division of Policing today or the next time you renew your membership!

Our Mission

- We seek to advance theory, knowledge and practice in policing through rigorous research and evaluation, recognizing the fundamental importance of the police for maintaining order, protecting civil liberties, and enhancing public safety in free societies.
- We are committed to advancing the science of policing, testing innovation in the field, and promoting excellence in practice through translational activities.
- We seek to facilitate a dialogue and build partnerships among policing scholars, practitioners, policy makers, community leaders, and students of policing.

Benefits of Membership

1

You are eligible to nominate and be nominated for a range of ASC Division of Policing awards including the early career, distinguished scholar, teaching and mentorship and outstanding book awards.

2

If you are a student of policing, Division of Policing members are eligible for nomination to receive the student travel award to assist you in attending the ASC Annual Meeting. You are also eligible to be nominated for the outstanding dissertation and student article awards.

3

You can be listed on our member expertise register. This is publicly available and can be used by fellow police scholars, police agencies, policy makers, and journalists looking for someone with your type of expertise in policing.

4

You have the opportunity to be part of and network with an amazing group of policing scholars, practitioners and policy makers.