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**WELCOME**

Welcome to Issue No. 26 of the ACCCJ Newsletter! This Spring issue has the column of president's message, featured board members, award recipients, job search update, good news from our members, as well as recent publications of interest. Wherever you are, we hope everyone have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer, and we are grateful for your continuous support and contributions to the ACCCJ!

# President's Message

By the time this fall 2024 edition of the ACCCJ newsletter is out, I will have completed my two-year term as ACCCJ President. To reflect on this journey, I could not help but to look back at what I wrote in my first President's Message in spring 2023. Here were my stated goals:

- To provide opportunities for members, especially young members (e.g., students and young scholars), to help them achieve a successful and fulfilling career in the field of criminology and Criminal Justice;

- To enhance ACCCJ's reputation and impact through inter-institutional partnership and projects that have sustainability and a long-lasting policy impact.

Indeed, in the past two years, we tried to establish and formalize multiple platforms to achieve these two main goals while providing members with a more rewarding experience. Below is the highlight of several of the main initiatives.



Photo 1 / Mentorship Luncheon, Nov. 2024

**Mentorship program.** This program originally had twelve members with three advisors. We had the first luncheon meeting at the 2023 ASC where members' needs and program goals were discussed. The program was officially launched in 2024 with six online meetings (co-chaired by two members) and one in-person luncheon meeting at the ASC. Dr. Vincent Cheng and Shujing Shi turned their meeting discussions on IRB and professional ethics into a research note published in the inaugural edition of the ACCCJ Research Bulletin (RB). Dr. Chenghui Zhang and Kathy Mao's piece on data transparency has been submitted to the RB as well. At the 2024 luncheon meeting, some members suggested that the discussions on AI (cochaired by Dr. Yiwei Xia and Yunming Jia) were so fascinating that we should have one or two more meetings solely on this topic! With four new student members joining the mentorship program, it currently has 16 members with three advisors.

**Database program.** This program is taking in shape faster than I could have planned. After securing the special issue of the Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, the three co-editors, Dr. Bin Liang, Dr. Shanhe Jiang, and I have helped assemble eight research teams working on crime and punishment data in Hong Kong (led by Dr. Enshen Li and Dr. Vincent Cheng), Macao (led by Dr. Jianhua Xu), Taiwan (led by Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh and Dr. Kevin Wang) and mainland China (led by Drs. Chenghui Zhang, Yiwei Xia, Shanhe Jiang and Moulin Xiong). At the ASC's roundtable on data transparency and accessibility in greater China, members discussed the preliminary findings and issues encountered while compiling the data for this project. With this special issue, our initial goal is to reduce barriers and

enhance accessibility to crime and punishment data in greater China. Moving forward, I hope that the mentorship and database program will thrive beyond the initial two-year duration, and that more members be involved in mentoring (in various forms) and building/expanding databases beyond crime and punishment by including other important data, such as the police and court data.



**Photo 2** / Database program, Roundtable on data accessibility, Nov. 2024

**Leadership Forum.** Leadership Forum has been held twice since its establishment in 2023. At the 2024 ASC, four of our members, Yunming Jia, Qingyang Hong, Dr. Vincent Cheng, and Dr. Xinting (Cyndi) Wang led the discussions with our distinguished guest speakers, Dr. Jennifer Gibbs, Dr. Bit Na Kim, and Dr. Min Xie. They raised questions on time management, acquiring leadership skills, balancing research, teaching, and service responsibilities at various stages of professional careers, dealing with a sense of belonging or otherness, and the importance of having mentors. Based on the feedback I received, the discussions were lively, heartfelt, and impactful for our members. All three guest speakers expressed to me that they

would like to take part in similar events and to have further collaborations with our association! I hope future boards continue this tradition, providing opportunities to our students and young scholars while building connections with other associations and/or ASC divisions in impactful and sustainable ways.

As I conclude my two-year term, I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Boards, as well as multiple ad hoc committees such as the naming rights committee, election committee, and the award guideline committee. To our donors, award committee chairs and members, and award director, Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh, thank you all for your dedication and service! Because of you, we currently offer seven awards and six are funded! My special thanks also go to our student office managers, Shujing Shi and Kathy Mao, and the entire Student Affairs Committee members! Last, but not the least, our members! In the past two years, our memberships have grown from 80 to 132 members (a 65% increase), with 19 new life members and 30 new student members! Thanks to our Treasurer, Dr. Chenghui Zhang, the incoming President, Dr. Sara Zhong, and many other members such as Drs. Ivan Sun, Liqun Cao, Jianhua Xu, Spencer Li, and Nicole Cheung, who advocated for our association whenever they can. At this year's ASC, I met two potential members, who were introduced to me by our student members! Thank you all for your dedication and support for this great association!

Now the baton is in the hands of the 2024-2025 Board. Under the incoming President, Dr. Sara Zhong's leadership, we wish our memberships continue to grow and our members more involved and successful!

Thank you all and happy holidays!

Hong Lu

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# Featured Board Members

## Getting to know Yan Zhang Ph.D.

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**Q1.** Thinking about your career in criminology/criminal justice, what and who has influenced you?

The greatest influences on my career have been my graduate school mentors, Dr. Chris Maxwell and Dr. Merry Morash. Dr. Maxwell was my first mentor when I came to the U.S. and entered the master's program at Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice. He played a crucial role in developing my quantitative skills, which ultimately shaped my expertise in statistics within criminology and criminal justice.

Dr. Morash, my doctoral mentor, is a person of integrity and high standards. She has always been supportive of her students, working tirelessly throughout her career. She is open-minded yet principled, and she has inspired me not only as a scholar but also as a person—to be responsible, work hard, and maintain ethical standards in research and academia.

**Q2.** Can you tell us about your research interests, and how did you become interested in that field?

My expertise lies in quantitative research methods. While pursuing my degree in criminal justice, I also earned a master's degree in applied statistics, which provided the foundation for me to continue learning and applying new methods throughout my research career. Over time, I have incorporated all different analytic techniques into my work as I encountered new research challenges and opportunities.

My primary research area is policing, with a focus on law enforcement program evaluation, crime distribution, and the effects of police interventions on crime patterns. My interest in these topics developed in two ways: first, through the technical skills I gained during graduate school and my experiences working with my mentors, and second, through my collaborations with colleagues and law enforcement agencies at Sam Houston State University. Since 2019, I have served as the principal investigator (PI) of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative in the Southern District of Texas, which has been renewed annually.

**Q3.** If you were compelled to identify one or two key books which you would recommend to all students to read, what would it be? Why?

I would recommend The Practice of Social Research by Earl Babbie. If you want to be a good researcher, this book is essential. It provides a comprehensive foundation in research methodology, covering both qualitative and quantitative approaches, and it is invaluable for anyone who wants to conduct rigorous and meaningful research in criminology or social sciences.

**Q4.** How do you manage work-life balance?

I do not have a specific answer to this question. Work-life balance is about doing what you need to do to get through life. Everyone has their way of navigating responsibilities, and there is no universal formula. I take responsibility for the work I commit to, and I manage my time based on what needs to be done.

## Getting to know Siying Guo Ph.D.

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**Q1.** Thinking about your career in criminology/criminal justice, what and who has influenced you?

The greatest influences on my career in criminology and criminal justice have been a combination of academic mentors, real-world practitioners, and personal experiences. My professors during my undergraduate and graduate studies played a significant role in shaping my understanding of the field, particularly through their emphasis on critical thinking and evidence-based approaches. Additionally, working with law enforcement professionals and community organizations provided me with practical insights into the challenges and complexities of the criminal justice system.

A particularly transformative aspect of my journey has been collaborating on interdisciplinary research projects, which have exposed me to diverse perspectives and innovative methodologies. Working with experts from fields such as data science, psychology,

and computer science has refreshed my ideas and allowed me to approach problems in criminology from new angles. These collaborations have not only deepened my understanding of the field but also inspired creative solutions to complex issues. These experiences have shaped my commitment to bridging the gap between theory and practice, while also fostering a multidisciplinary approach to advancing criminal justice research and policy.

**Q2.** Can you tell us about your research interests, and how did you become interested in that field?

My current research focuses on the intersection of technology and criminal justice, particularly in the areas of cybercrime, AI, and big data analytics. I am passionate about leveraging advanced technologies to analyze complex crime patterns, enhance criminal justice strategies, and inform evidence-based policies. My interest in this field stems from a fascination with how technology can transform traditional approaches to crime prevention and investigation.

During my academic and professional journey, I became deeply engaged in exploring how tools like AI, crime mapping, and GIS can improve policing effectiveness and decision-making. This has inspired me to pursue collaborations with law enforcement agencies, where I aim to integrate AI into practical applications, such as body-worn cameras and patrol strategies, to optimize accuracy and efficiency. My current projects aim to address the challenges of cybercrime and develop data-driven solutions that support early intervention and ethical use of technology in criminal justice. By combining my technical expertise with a commitment to practical impact, I strive to create innovative solutions that enhance public safety and advance the field of criminal justice in the digital age.

**Q3.** If you were compelled to identify one or two key books which you would recommend to all students to read, what would it be? Why?

*"The Art of Invisibility: The World's Most Famous Hacker Teaches You How to Be Safe in the Age of Big Brother and Big Data"* by Kevin Mitnick – This book provides a fascinating look into cybersecurity and cybercrime, offering practical insights into how data privacy and digital vulnerabilities intersect with criminal justice. It complements my focus on cybercrime and the role of technology in modern policing, making it a valuable resource for students interested in the digital aspects of criminology.

**Q4.** How do you manage work-life balance?

I prioritize effective time management and planning to maintain a healthy work-life balance. Each week, I create a structured schedule to allocate specific tasks to designated days. For example, I typically dedicate Tuesdays and Thursdays to teaching-related responsibilities, while Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are reserved for research. On weekends, I adjust my schedule as needed, balancing work with rest. This approach allows me to focus on one type of task at a time, which significantly improves efficiency. Additionally, I prioritize tasks based on deadlines to ensure all work is completed on time.

Outside of work, I have several hobbies, such as drawing/painting, archery, chess, and outdoor activities, which help me unwind and recharge, especially during stressful periods. Cultivating these interests has been incredibly beneficial for my mental well-being and overall productivity. By maintaining a clear separation between work and personal life, I can stay focused and motivated in both areas.

# Award Recipients



Presidential commendation award: Jianhong Liu

Acccj general meeting and celebrations of Dr Jihong Zhang and Jianhong Liu 70th birthday day

# Job Search Update





Yang "Vincent" Liu will join the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice at Oakland University as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in Fall 2025. Vincent is a Ph.D. Candidate in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. His research broadly examines the intersections of transnationalism, sexualities, and public opinions of crime and justice; currently, Vincent is working on his dissertation research on digital voyeurism (toupai) among Chinese queer men.

Xinyi (Sammy) Situ will join the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) as an Assistant Professor this coming fall. Xinyi (Sammy) Situ is currently a doctoral candidate in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park. His research interests include urban mobility, neighborhood and policing, race/ethnicity, and juvenile delinquency.

# GOOD NEWS FROM MEMBERS

## *Members' Awards, Grants, and Editorial Leadership*

Dr. Guangzhen Wu was awarded the 2024 Superior Teaching Award (for tenure-line junior faculty) from the College of Social and Behavioral Science at The University of Utah.

Dr. Meng-Ru Shih received three grants: Professional Development Travel Grant ($1,000), Sustainable Development Research Awards ($2,000), and Faculty Research Travel Grant ($1,500) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Dr. Vincent Cheng (as principal investigator) received an Early Career Scheme grant from the Research Grants Council HKSAR for a project titled "Impact of Later Life Events on Criminal Trajectories Among Older Offenders in Hong Kong: A qualitative mixed-methods approach" (HK$685,000) (from January 2025 to December 2026).

Professor Zhang, Yan (PI), Jason Ingram (Co-PI), & William Wells (Co-PI) received funding for "Evaluating Project Safe Neighborhoods in the Southern District of Texas FY2025" from the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice. Pass through the Office of the Texas Governor, Grant Number 3912306. Amount of Award: $105,849 (2024-2025).

Professor Zhong, Hua (PI, collaborated with Prof. Nicole Cheung, Prof. Jin Sun & Prof. Xiaojin Chen) received a GRF grant for "The relationship between boarding status and pathological internet use among Chinese rural students: an investigation of mediating and moderating social mechanisms." HK$459,000 (2025-2026).

Dr. Jessica Li received the Best Paper Award in the 15th Annual Conference of the Asian Criminological Society (2024) for her paper on "police procedural justice for arrested youth in Hong Kong: the narratives of guardians and legal practitioners".

Dr. Liqun Cao received the Outstanding Reviewer Award in the 2024 Emerald Literati Awards, selected by the editorial team of Policing: An International Journal.

## *Members' Publications*

Book/Book Chapter:

Gao, H. (2025). Youth involvement in street gangs in California's Central Valley. Routledge.

Journal Articles:

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Zhao, J., & Zhang, Y. (2025). The impact of hurricane Harvey on crime in Houston, Texas: A partial test of routine activity theory at the neighborhood level. Journal of Criminal Justice, 96. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102332

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Zhang, Yan, & Lening Zhang. (2025). Racial structural conditions and anti-Asian hate crimes. Sociological Perspectives. https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214251318707

The present study utilizes a conceptual framework derived from Blau's structural theory to assess the effects of racial group size, racial heterogeneity, racial inequality, and racial segregation on anti-Asian hate crimes. The analysis is performed using data from California law enforcement agencies (2002–2021) and U.S. Census and American Community Survey data. Results show that the sizes of the White and Black populations positively affect anti-Asian hate crimes, while the Hispanic population size has a negative impact. Racial heterogeneity is negatively associated with anti-Asian hate crimes, whereas racial inequality between Whites and Asians has a positive effect. Residential segregation between Whites and Asians reduces anti-Asian hate crime rates, while segregation between Hispanics and Asians increases them. The implications of the findings are discussed.

Wu, G., Durante, K., & Melton, H. (2024). Pipe dreams: Cannabis legalization and the persistence of racial disparities in jail incarceration. Journal of Criminal Justice, 94, 102230. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102230

There is an emerging body of research examining the impact of adult-use recreational cannabis legalization on racial disparities in arrests, yet this is among the first studies to examine changes to the jail population composition. We use a quasi-experimental design, including difference-in-differences (DiD) analysis and matching via the synthetic control method (SCM) to examine the impact of recreational cannabis legalization on Black–White disparity in jail populations in Colorado and Washington State. Our findings reveal that Black–White disparity has overall declined in both legalized and criminalized states. We observe more of a reduction in Black–White disparity in legalized states; however, the results are not substantially or statistically significantly different. This research provides important insight into continued racialized social control even when laws become liberalized. Further, the findings of this study have important policy implications, as voters and legislative bodies should seek policies more purposefully designed to reduce racial disparity in the jail population if this is their goal.

Makin, D., Wu, G., Broussard, M., & Krishnamoorthy, B. (2024). Predicting police integrity: An application of support vector machines (SVM) to the police integrity instrument. Asian Journal of Criminology, 1-25. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11417-024-09417-1

Research using the 11-scenario police integrity instrument designed by Klockars et al. document a range of factors influencing the willingness to report a fellow officer for police crime and police misconduct. A consistent quandary within this scholarship is that while

some findings are consistent, when disaggregated by scenario type, there are wide variations obscuring patterns that may allow for targeted interventions improving police integrity. This study applies support vector machines (SVMs) to construct predictors for 608 responses to the Police Integrity Instrument from police officers enrolled in a police university for in-service training in China. Results confirm that while perceptions of seriousness remain the most successful predictors of the self-reported willingness to report a fellow officer, perceptions of seriousness associated with ethical dilemmas display high survivability suggesting targeted interventions may be an effective pathway towards improving police integrity.

Gao, H. (2025). Youth involvement in street gangs in California's Central Valley. Routledge.

This groundbreaking book examines youth gang activities in the rural areas of California's Central Valley. Incorporating information from interviews with 96 active youth gang members and associates in three of the rural counties of California's Central Valley, this book provides an in-depth look at youth involvement in gang life in rural settings. It addresses the underlying factors leading to the socialization of rural youths into gang life. Besides extensive interviews with the youths and official records collected from local criminal justice agencies, data from more than 300 surveys of community members, accompanied by extensive field research in local communities, provides groundbreaking insights into a wide spectrum of issues related to gangs in rural settings. While the Central Valley of California serves as the research site for this extensive work, its findings are equally relevant to other rural areas in the United States and the larger global context.

Li, J.C.-M., Zhang, S.Y., Sun, I.Y., & Ho, A.S. (2024). Police legitimacy and procedural justice for children and youth: a scoping review of definitions, determinates, and consequences. Frontiers in Sociology, 9. https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2024.1409080

This scoping review offers readers a comprehensive and comparative understanding of this topic by answering the following questions. (1) How can we define police legitimacy and procedural justice for children and youth? (2) What are the determinants of police procedural justice and legitimacy for children and youth? (3) What are the consequences of police procedural (in)justice and (il) legitimacy for children and youth? (4) Among children and youth, who are the vulnerable groups receiving less legitimate and unjust treatment from the police? A scoping review of the literature published between January 1, 1990 and May 31, 2022 was conducted based on four databases: PubMed, Web of Science, Scopus, and ProQuest. Guided by the scoping review screening framework proposed by Arksey and O'Malley, that is, the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis guidelines, and the checklist provided by the Joanna Briggs Institute for quality assessment, 47 publications, consisting of 38 quantitative studies and 9 qualitative studies, were retained in the final sample.

Cheung, Y.K., Li, J.C.-M., & Zhu, S. (2024). Predictors and mediators of work-related stress among Hong Kong police officers: a

quantitative secondary survey data analysis. Policing: An International Journal. https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-12-2023-0176

The aim of this study is to examine predictors and mediators of work-related stress among Hong Kong police officers. Quantitative secondary survey data were used, based on surveys collected from 335 police officers in Hong Kong between May and June in 2020. It was found that operational stressors were directly and positively related to work-related stress among Hong Kong police officers. The more the operational stressors, the more the work-related stress. It was also found that internal procedural justice had an indirect effect on work-related stress via work engagement among Hong Kong police officers. More internal procedural justice fostered an increased work engagement, causing less work-related stress. Given that the nature of secondary cross-sectional survey data, causal relationships are difficult to make.

Wang, X., Lee, J. S., & Zhao, J. S. (2024). Determinants of Volunteers' Perceptions of Crime and Disorder: Do Perceptions Reflect Reality?. International Criminal Justice Review, 10575677241237491.

Perceptions of crime and disorder are conducive to the quality of life in a neighborhood and closely related to social stability and residents' psychological health. If residents' perceptions overestimate the reality of neighborhood crime and disorder, it can generate a significant amount of personal fear and stress. To identify factors associated with public perceptions of crime and disorder, the current study investigated a sample of 394 volunteers who participated in a community policing program in Houston, Texas. Results from the structural equation modeling analysis indicated that volunteers' crime and disorder perceptions were not influenced by the reported crime in their neighborhoods. The findings showed that the significant predictors were associated with collective efficacy in the neighborhood and their attitudes toward the police. Moreover, perceptions of crime had different predictors from perceptions of disorder. Implication for future research was discussed in the end.