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#### **WELCOME**

Welcome to Issue No. 27 of the ACCCJ Newsletter! This Fall issue has the column of 2025 ASC Highlights, 2025 ASC Photos, good news from our members, as well as recent publications of interest. Wherever you are, we hope everyone have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable spring, and we are grateful for your continuous support and contributions to the ACCCJ!

## 2025 ASC Highlights

Professor Liqun Cao attended the 80th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology from November 11 to 15. Below are some of his personal highlights and reflections from a memorable week:

The most significant moment, for me, was the arrival of Professor **Jing Zhang**—the first criminologist from mainland China to attend the ASC conference entirely on his own initiative. While many scholars from China have come to ASC during visiting appointments in the U.S., Jing is the first to travel with private funds solely for the purpose of participating in the meeting. That alone marks an important moment in the history of Chinese criminology.



**Photo 1** / Professor Jing Zhang and Professor Liqun Cao

I reached Washington, DC around 6 p.m., just after dusk. After settling into the Residence Inn—conveniently across from the conference hotel, the Marriott—I headed to Chinatown to meet Jing and his lovely wife, who had arrived earlier at noon. Seeing them in Washington felt both surreal and joyful. Over the past 20 years, whenever I was in Beijing, Jing would attend my seminars or organize one for me. After dinner, I walked them to the Marriott to show them the conference layout. Jing asked about the opening ceremony; I explained that ASC has none, only a welcoming reception with finger food, where all awards are presented—a reception, unfortunately, scheduled at the same time as the annual meeting of the Association of Chinese Criminology and Criminal Justice in North America (ACCCJ).



**Photo 2** / ACCCJ Annual meeting group photo

**Wednesday** began with my 8 a.m. presentation.

Afterwards, Jing registered, paying the late fee and the Division of International Criminology luncheon fee. In the afternoon, we attended my Polish friends' panel, and afterwards, greeted newly arrived colleagues before attending the ACCCJ annual meeting at 6 p.m.

During the meeting, ACCCJ President Zhong Hua delivered the annual report, followed by the award ceremony. Yan Zhang, the president-elect, had prepared all the award plaques. As chair of the Steven F. Messner Outstanding Book Award Committee, I presented the award to Amy Adamczyk for *Fetal Positions* and to Bin Liang and Jianhong Liu for *Chinese Netizens' Opinions on Death Sentences*. I used the occasion to introduce the donor, Steven F. Messner, who, as an associate professor, was among the pioneering sociologists who conducted a series of seminars at Nankai University in the mid-1980s. Alongside Peter and Judith Blau and Nan Lin, Messner helped nurture a new generation of Chinese sociologists and criminologists. Some of those young scholars—Bian Yanjie, Zhou Min, Zhang Lening, and Liu Jianhong—came to the United States and became well-known figures in the field.



**Photo 3** / The Book Award recipients and the committee members from left to right: Liqun Cao, Jianhua Xu, Amy Adamczyk, Kevin Wang, and Bin Liang.

Professor Zhang was invited to speak next. He told the audience that he organized “Capital Symposium of Criminology” (京城犯罪学研讨会) eight times, single-handedly. In addition, he also held the Forum for Crime Prevention in China four times after his retirement in 2017 and before the pandemic. He encouraged everyone to reach out when visiting Beijing. He offered to hold a seminar for anyone passing through. Together with Professors Pi Yijun and Qiu Geping, he is what I jokingly call one of my “three musketeers” of Chinese criminology, financially independent criminologists.

After the meeting, the group headed to Chinatown for dinner. I pointed out that the inscription on the Chinatown archway was written by Chen Xitong, former mayor of Beijing. Jing was struck; he remarked that in China, once a leader falls from grace, all of his inscriptions are erased within a few days.

Dinner itself was a feast. Jing gifted me a bottle of Maotai—China’s most prized liquor—and I opened it for the table. After several rounds, the atmosphere warmed; formal conversations gave way to laughter, muttering, and the clinking of glasses. Jing and his wife were touched by the genuine camaraderie—warmth in a cold world.

**Thursday**, Jing presented at his panel. Later, I attended the Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology’s David P. Farrington Award lecture. That evening, Ivan Sun and Bin Liang hosted a dinner in Jing’s honor. Afterwards, Jing joined Lu Hong and others for an enthusiastic poker game.

**Friday morning** began with the *International Criminology* editorial board meeting. It was a gathering of deeply interconnected scholars: editors of *Policing: An International Journal*, the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, the *Asian Journal of Criminology*, and many board members who serve across multiple journals. A Springer representative joined us, urging us to increase our annual output. He spoke with the competitive urgency of a shark. Our journal has grown from 24 to 48 articles per year, and we are committed to 56 next year. Springer

promised SSCI inclusion in 2027. The acceptance rate, however, has risen from 75% to 100%. I objected, noting that *Police Quarterly* publishes only 24 articles a year and remains the top police journal. My point landed nowhere; the growth mindset prevailed.

The International Division luncheon was, as always, packed—though without Canadians or British scholars this year. The past, current, and president-elect of ACJS all attended, as did the presidents of the European Society of Criminology and the Asian Criminological Society. The Polish delegation was also present. Awards were distributed.



**Photo 4** / The 2025 President of ASC Katheryn Russell-Brown and me

Late in the afternoon, I attended the presidential address by Katheryn Russell-Brown, who had appointed me to the ASC Nominations Committee. I ran into many colleagues, including Ruth Peterson, Simon Singer, Steven F. Messner, Gary LaFree, and Laurence Sherman. In the evening, I drifted through various receptions and eventually settled at Sam Houston State University's reception for the rest of the night.

At the Nominations Committee meeting, I put forward four candidates, but none were selected for the upcoming ballot. Still, I found the process fair: no single person dominated, and everyone voted independently.

It was a full, rewarding, and enjoyable conference. I look forward to returning—and to seeing more participation from mainland China in the years ahead.

Liqun Cao  
November 17, 2025

## 2025 ASC Photos

### ACCCJ Mentorship Program Luncheon

Nov 13, 2025

#### Attendees:

Hong Lu, Bin Liang, Shanhe Jiang, Hua Zhong, Chenghui Zhang, Sishi Wu, Yunming Jia, Bo Zhang, Shujing Shi



## ACCCJ Leadership Forum 2025

Nov 13, 2025

**Chair:** Dr. Xiaoshuang Iris Luo

**Guest speakers:**

- Dr. Hong Lu, Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
(Formal President of ACCCJ)

- Dr. Greg Ridgeway, Rebecca W. Bushnell Professor of  
Criminology, and Professor of Statistics  
and Data Science, University of Pennsylvania

- Dr. Rick Dierenfeldt, Department Head and U.C.  
Foundation Professor of Criminal Justice,  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

**Discussants:** Dr. Xinyi Situ, Wenyi (May) Wang, Shujing  
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## GOOD NEWS FROM MEMBERS

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

Guyu Sun (University of Maryland, College Park) received the 2025 ASC Gene Carte Student Paper Award (Third Place) for "Contextualizing Stigma: How Cultural and Structural Contexts Influence Interpersonal Exclusion Following Criminal Justice Contact."

### Members' Publications

Book/Book Chapter:

Yunhan Zhao and Steven F. Messner. 2026. *Markets, Politics, and Crime in Contemporary China: Putting Criminological Theory to Work*. Solana Beach, CA: Cognella.

Zhuo, Y. and Zhong, H. (eds.). (2025). *Juvenile Delinquency, Victimization, and Justice in Chinese Societies*. London, UK: Routledge. ISBN 9781032471990.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Zhuo, Y. and Zhong, H. (eds.). (2025). *Juvenile Delinquency, Victimization, and Justice in Chinese Societies*. London, UK: Routledge. ISBN 9781032471990.

Exploring the pressing issues of juvenile delinquency, victimization, and justice in Chinese societies, this book showcases contemporary research on these critical topics.

The collections provide a comprehensive examination of youth-related challenges and justice systems across mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. Featuring contributions from top scholars in the field, the book is presented in three thematic sections – the nature and correlates of juvenile delinquency, the nature and correlates of juvenile victimization, and juvenile justice in Chinese societies. The chapters, applying a variety of mainstream criminological theories, address both persistent and emerging challenges facing Chinese adolescents, such as drug use, sexual offenses, cyberbullying, and victimization among left-behind children. The book enhances the theoretical and empirical understanding of youth delinquency, victimization, and justice within Chinese societies, while advancing the knowledge base in the field and offering valuable insights for future international and comparative research.

Yunhan Zhao and Steven F. Messner. 2026. *Markets, Politics, and Crime in Contemporary China: Putting Criminological Theory to Work*. Solana Beach, CA: Cognella.

*Markets, Politics, and Crime in Contemporary China: Putting Criminological Theory to Work* explores the landscape of criminal activity in contemporary China and examines the applicability of Western criminological theories to this cultural landscape. The text examines the nature and spectrum of crime in China, including public perceptions and government responses within the context of China's shift from a planned to a market economy and the consequences of this transformation for social inequality and criminal activity.

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