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President's Message



*Brian Payne, President, ACJS**

Greetings, ACJS members! I hope that your new year is off to a great start. Our annual conference is fast approaching. The ACJS team has been hard at work finalizing details for what promises to be an extraordinary conference. As I have noted in earlier newsletter columns, our keynote speakers will include Julia Pierson (former director of the Secret Service), Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré (author of *Leadership in the New Normal*), and Piper Kerman (author of *Orange is the New Black*). In addition, we will have the Bruce Smith awards presentation by Steven Chermak (on March 4 at 12:30) and an awards luncheon on March 6 at 11:30. We also have a number of other presentations scheduled, including one with a group of death penalty exonerees.

Along with these events, we have 496 panels scheduled. This is the most panels we have ever had at any of our conferences. If you have not already done so, please make sure you make your hotel reservation soon. The rooms are filling up.

I want to thank Robert Worley for his fine efforts in editing *ACJS Today*. Inside this edition you will find a number of articles on the theme of "Emerging Topics in Corrections." As an association, we have the privilege (and the responsibility) to identify issues in our field that should be addressed by various constituents. It is within this framework that I am proud to announce a new journal created by the Corrections section: *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*. The journal will be published by Taylor and Francis. Thank you to Jeff Bouffard and Dave May for their efforts in creating this new journal. As you think about where to send your future articles, please keep the new journal and *ACJS Today* in mind.

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Upcoming ACJS Meetings

March 3-7, 2015	Orlando, FL
March 29-April 2, 2016	Denver, CO
March 21-25, 2017	Kansas City, MO

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