



The University of Texas at Austin
School of Law

NACOLE Academic Symposium at the University of Texas

March 6, 2020

Call for Papers - *New Frontiers in Independent Oversight of Jails, Prisons, and Police*

Abstract submission deadline: November 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

Invitations issued: November 25, 2019

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) and the University of Texas School of Law and Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs are soliciting manuscripts for the 2020 NACOLE Academic Symposium, which will be held at the University of Texas School of Law on March 6, 2020. The event will bring together practitioners, policy makers, policing and corrections experts, and advocates for independent civilian oversight of law enforcement with a broad range of academics pursuing research and scholarship in the areas of policing, corrections, and/or civilian oversight of law enforcement and corrections. Papers that contribute to an evidence-based research agenda on law enforcement and corrections transparency and accountability and the work of oversight entities, broadly defined, is of interest and appropriate for submission, as are papers that touch on challenges of special relevance to policing and/or corrections. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Models of oversight: advantages and challenges
- Case studies in the development of oversight entities
- Use of standards
- Data-driven oversight
- Defining and measuring success of oversight
- Involving people with lived experience in oversight
- Addressing racial and gender inequities in policing and/or corrections
- Enhancing cultural competence
- Oversight in small to medium jurisdictions
- Oversight of correctional medical and mental health care
- Policing and/or incarcerating vulnerable populations such as people with mental illness or other disabilities, immigrant communities, LGBTQ individuals, and the homeless
- Use of predictive data and/or technology (e.g., drones, body-worn cameras)
- Community engagement and partnerships
- Officer wellness
- The role of the media
- Current innovations in policing and/or corrections

Abstracts should be a maximum of 500 words. Accepted authors will present at the March 6th Symposium.

Select manuscripts related to accepted abstracts will be published in a special issue of the *American Journal of Criminal Law*, and/or featured on additional platforms as NACOLE and the University of Texas collaborate to build a dynamic evidence base for use by oversight professionals.

Interested authors should submit a **500-word abstract** to mcellhiney@nacole.org by **November 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. PST**, along with a CV or link to an online institutional biography. Organizers will notify applicants of their decisions by November 25, 2019.

Symposium Co-Chairs

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