

## 2011 - C. Ronald Huff, Ph.D.

C. Ronald Huff, Ph.D., Class of 1964, is Professor of Criminology, Law and Society and of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine, where he also served as Dean of the School of Social Ecology for 10 years (1999 - 2009). He has also taught at The Ohio State University (1979 – 1999), where he directed both the John Glenn School of Public Affairs and the Criminal Justice Research Center; Purdue University (1976 – 1979); and as a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii (1975). He is a 1964 alumnus of Elida High School, where he was a member of the Ethan Allen Honor Society and played football for the Bulldogs varsity team all 4 years, serving as a co-captain during his final season, when he was also named to the *Lima News* All-Area football team. He received a B.A. in psychology from Capital University in Columbus (1968), where he also played football, and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan (1970). From 1970 – 1972 he served as Director of Psychiatric Social Work at Lima State Hospital, which was then a maximum-security facility for mentally disordered offenders, and as the Chief Inpatient Clinical Social Worker at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima. He then returned to graduate school and obtained his Ph.D. in sociology with a specialization in criminology from The Ohio State University (1974).

His current research focuses on gangs, wrongful convictions, and public policy. His publications include more than 100 journal articles and book chapters and 12 books, the most recent of which are *Wrongful Conviction: International Perspectives on Miscarriages of Justice* and a third edition of *Gangs in America*. He is a Fellow and Past-President of The American Society of Criminology, the world's largest and most prestigious professional association in the field of criminology. His other honors include an Outstanding Academic Book Award from the American Library Association (for *Convicted but Innocent: Wrongful Conviction and Public Policy*); the Donald Cressey Award from The National Council on Crime and Delinquency; the Paul Tappan Award from the Western Society of Criminology; the Gerhard O.W. Mueller International Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the Herbert Bloch Award from the American Society of Criminology. He has served as a consultant to the attorneys general of California, Ohio and Hawaii; the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee; the F.B.I. National Academy; the U.S. Department of Justice; and numerous other federal, state, and local agencies throughout the nation and continues to serve as a consultant on gangs to the Columbus Division of Police and a member of the advisory board of the National Gang Center in Florida.

Ron has been married for 43 years and he and his wife, Pat, live in San Clemente, California. Pat taught at Pioneer Elementary School in Elida from 1970 – 1972 and teaches science in the lower grades in Corona del Mar, California. They have two daughters, Tamara (a fashion stylist in Atlanta) and Tiffany (a high school teacher in Irvine, California).