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Congratulations! I am confident that, through the efforts of the editorial board, this journal will make significant contributions to the body of knowledge which deals with Criminology and Criminal Justice as it relates to people of African descent.

I am particularly pleased that our Department of Criminal Justice hosts the journal. I am convinced that it will serve as a source of great pride to your staff, our Department and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Again, congratulations and I wish you much success.

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TRIBUTE TO A DEPARTED COMRADE – JULIANNA BENJAMIN

Faded away like the morning star
Which lost its light before the glorious sun stare
So has Julianna passed from this earth and its toiling
You shall be missed as we reap in your springfields
But eternally remembered by the indelible mark you made on ACJA

We mourn that you departed too early
Too early to reap the fruits of your academic labor
But take solace that as sowers must pass from their labor
You had made your life sublime
And in departing left your footprints on the sands of time

Adieu, have your rest, till we all meet to part no more

Julianna Benjamin was a founding member, and first Treasurer of African Criminology and Justice Association (ACJA). Until her passing, she was a Criminal Justice doctoral student at the University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY). She is remembered as a student and member who never missed any ASC and ACJS annual conferences, and one of the pioneers in the establishment of ACJA. May her soul rest in peace.

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