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Message from the Division Executive Board

Dear DWCC,

It's hard to believe that it is time again for a fall newsletter and an annual ASC meeting. This year's annual meeting in Philadelphia is sure to be a great event. The program will feature several DWCC-sponsored sessions and roundtables, as well as a handful of sessions of interest focusing on prevention, theory, victimization, and perpetration of white-collar and corporate crime. Several panels and roundtables feature an international focus, and we look forward to hearing from our DWCC scholars from around the world. The last page of this newsletter contains a list of sponsored and suggested panels.

If you will be at the conference, besides attending these sessions, we invite you to join us for our General Business Meeting and Award Ceremony on Thursday at 2 PM in the Independence Ballroom III - Headhouse Tower on the 3rd floor. We will be honoring our 2022 and 2023 Division awards recipients, listed on page 3 of this newsletter. We would especially like to recognize Russell Smith of Flinders University as the recipient of the 2022 Gilbert Geis Lifetime Achievement Award and Matthew Yeager of King's University College at Western University as the inaugural recipient of the David O. Friedrichs Teaching Award. Please join us in celebrating all of our recipients' achievements. Thanks to the committee of Averi Fegadel, K. Sebastian León, Mike Benson, Nick Lord, and Shanna Van Slyke for their service on the awards committee.

Each fall brings nominations and elections for DWCC Executive Board members. Please be sure to keep an eye out for an email in the coming weeks including a link to vote. We will be voting for **Executive Counselor**, **Vice-Chair**, and **Chair**. All non-student members in good standing are eligible to vote for officers. We would like to thank Nominations Committee members Asminet Ling, Erin Kearns, and Marie Springer for their assistance with the nomination and voting process. We would also like to thank our outgoing Executive Board members: Shanna van Slyke, Adam Ghazi-Tehrani, K. Sebastian León, and Emily Homer, for their service to the Division.

The *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime* continues to share high-quality content on all manner of white collar and corporate crimes. Thanks to co-editors Anne Alvesalo-Kuusi and Kristy Holtfreter, as well as the journal's Editorial Board, for helping to spread research on these important topics. Consider the [Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime](#) for your next manuscript submission!

The Executive Board would like to wish you all a happy and healthy upcoming holiday season and safe travels to those of you joining us in Philadelphia. We will see you there!

-The DWCC Executive Board

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Reflections from the ESC Conference



Nick Lord,
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The 23rd annual European Society of Criminology conference was held in Florence, Italy, from September 6-9, 2023. The conference featured at least a dozen panels in the broad category of white collar, organizational, corporate, and financial crime, as well as many panels in related fields of cybersecurity, green criminology, and crimes against humanity.

Participants came from all over the world to share their research. Among the presenters were many DWCC members, as well as several who jointly represent the DWCC and European Working Group on Organizational Crime, and others who have an interest in related fields. Those who submitted abstracts included Nick Lord, Diana Bociga Gelvez, Fiona Chan, Tracy Sohoni, Melissa Rorie, Mike Levi, Danielle McGurrin, Jana Macfarlane Horn, Benjamin van Rooij, Marieke Kluin, Nicky Piquero, Wim Huisman, Mary Dodge, Diana Sun, Mike Benson, and Lieselot Bisschop. Here, Professor Nick Lord shares his perspective of the conference.

The renaissance of European criminology continued this year in Florence, or *Firenze* as the locals call it; a city whose Historic Centre has been on the UNESCO's World Heritage List since 1982. In September 2023, criminologists from across Europe, the US and beyond, joined the millions of tourists who travel there each year, to learn more about the region's 600 years of artistic activity, seeing the work of great masters such as Giotto, Brunelleschi, Botticelli and Michelangelo in-between cutting edge research insights from the likes of DWCC greats such as Dodge, Huisman, Levi, Pontell, and Simpson. Of course, the ever-expanding criminological community (and, or most likely, the location) led to another record number of participants (over 2000), previously set by Malaga in 2022 (1835 participants).

The European Working Group on Organisational Crime (EUROC) continues to be the largest such group within the European Society of Criminology (ESC) with over 180 members (caveat – it is free to join us, providing you are a member of the ESC!), and this led to a

coordinated series of 13 panels over four days on topics from state-corporate crime, green criminology, corporate criminal careers and the life-course, financial crimes and corruption, food crimes, and more, plus roundtables on bribery and corporate accountability. Several of these panels involved our colleagues from the DWCC, reinforcing the close relationship that now exists between researchers based either side of the Atlantic.

The temperature in Florence was hot; the non-air conditioned conference rooms were hotter; but the EUROC panels' content was on fire. I've been a regular participant at the ESC Annual Conference since 2008 (Edinburgh, UK) and in that 15 year period the quality of research on white-collar crimes and cognate areas has continued to improve in terms of methodological rigour, intellectual sophistication, and originality and societal significance; this was again clear to observe in Florence. There is an emerging group of young academics across both the DWCC and EUROC that are contributing to this, which makes the field feel exciting and vibrant. And this new lease of life was evident in Florence as we learned about the research of PhD students and early career academics, building on earlier events in 2023 such as the inaugural DWCC-EUROC joint online workshop in April, and the in-person workshop on new perspectives in white-collar crime research in July (organised by early career researchers from the Manchester Organisational Non-Compliance Initiative). And of course, the ESC conference once again hosted the EUROC social get-together, this year held on a rooftop bar in the city centre with views of the city the backdrop to research discussions amongst the 40+ members in attendance.

Last year in Malaga, our very own Mike Levi won the ESC European Criminology Award, and we asked him to reflect on the evolution of the field in our 2023 (Issue 1) EUROC newsletter. In Mike's words, "as criminology grows, and the complexity of corporate and organisational crimes is better understood, there is a clear need for cross-border and intra-national collaborative work and critique", so let us heed this advice as we explore the domestic and international dimensions of white-collar crimes, and continue our DWCC-EUROC collaborations, building on what has been a highly productive year as we head towards the ASC Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

Call for Syllabi

Dr. Mary Dodge, Professor and Program Director of the Master of Criminal Justice program at the University of Colorado Denver, and her PhD student, Megan Parker, are currently working on a research project detailing the best teaching practices in white collar crime. Their research will be based on a collection of syllabi on the topic and a short follow-up survey focused on experiences teaching white-collar crime. The study is designed to promote educational advancement and the circulation of knowledge while encouraging universities to offer related courses.

Mary and Megan are seeking contributions of syllabi for white collar crime courses. The collection of syllabi may also be used to establish an online repository for the DWCC. Identifying information will be removed from all syllabi and surveys as part of the research.

If you are interested in participating, please send your syllabi to Megan.2.Parker@ucdenver.edu and/or Mary.Dodge@ucdenver.edu.

2022-2023 ASC DWCC Awardees



2023 David O. Friedrichs Teaching Award

Matthew Yeager, King's University College at Western University

2023 Young Career Award

Jon Davies, University of Manchester

2023 Outstanding Book Award

Adam Ghazi-Tehrani, University of Alabama; Henry Pontell, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Wayward Dragon: White-Collar and Corporate Crime in China (Springer, 2022)

2022 Outstanding Book Award (2)

Katie Benson, University of Manchester

Lawyers and the Proceeds of Crime: The Facilitation of Money Laundering and its Control (Routledge, 2020)

Jeremy Wilson, Michigan State University

Brand Protection and the Global Risk of Product Counterfeits: A Total Business Solution Approach (Edward Elgar, 2022)

2022 Outstanding Article

Michael J. Lynch, University of South Florida; Averi Fegadel, University of Arkansas; Michael A. Long, Oklahoma State University

Green Criminology and State-Corporate Crime: The Ecocide-Genocide Nexus with Examples from Nigeria. *Journal of Genocide Research* (2020)

2023 Outstanding Article

Henry Pontell, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Robert Tillman, St. John's University; Adam Ghazi-Tehrani, University of Alabama

"In-Your-Face Watergate": Neutralizing Government Lawbreaking and the War Against White-Collar Crime. *Crime, Law, and Social Change* (2021)

2022 Outstanding Student Paper Award

Eduardo Alencar, University of California – Irvine; Bryant Jackson-Green, University of California – Irvine

The Impact of Lava Jato on Worldwide Governance Indicators: A Synthetic Control Method Approach. *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime* (2021)

2022 Gilbert Geis Lifetime Achievement Award

Russell Smith, Flinders University

2023 Outstanding Book Chapter

Wim Huisman, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; Susanne Karstedt, Griffith University; Annika van Baar, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

"The Involvement of Corporations in Atrocity Crimes" in the *Oxford Handbook on Atrocity Crimes*, edited by Barbora Holá, Hollie Nyseth Nzita'ra, and Maartje Weerdesteijn (2022)

Renew your ASC membership now!
Remember to include the DWCC section membership!

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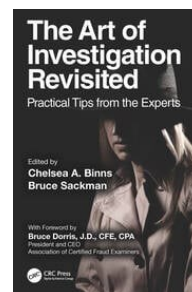
Featured Books

The Art of Investigation Revisited: Practical Tips from the Experts

Edited By [Chelsea A. Binns](#) and [Bruce Sackman](#)

The Art of Investigation Revisited: Practical Tips from the Experts examines the qualities required to be a professional, thorough, and effective investigator and is a follow up to the authors' highly touted book, *The Art of Investigation* (2019). This book features a wholly new line-up of investigators, experienced professionals in the field, who delve into the "soft skills" that make an investigator effective. Each chapter examines a specific quality required to be a professional, thorough, and—most importantly—successful in this challenging discipline.

The editors, and contributing authors, are all top in their field and bring a wealth of real-world knowledge and experience to the subject. While several publications exist on the procedures and steps of an investigation, few books cover the creative and intuitive skills required. Such traits are necessary to continually question in the face of investigative roadblocks, unique qualities endemic to an inquisitive mind that can be trained to improve an investigator's professional skill set. Each chapter discusses the applicability of the traits and requirements to the contributor's own work and experience as an investigator. In doing so, the contributors will provide valuable stories from their personal experience, which demonstrates their use or a given trait and its importance in the course of their investigative work and career.



Indicting the 45th President: Boss Trump, the GOP, and What We Can Do About the Threat to American Democracy

Gregg Barak

Gregg Barak's sequel to *Criminology on Trump* (2022), entitled *Indicting the 45th President: Boss Trump, the GOP, and What We Can Do About the Threat to American Democracy*, will be published as part of the Crimes of the Powerful series for Rutledge in Winter 2024.

If you are going to attend the ASC annual meeting this November in Philadelphia, there will be an Author Meets Critics session on Thursday afternoon chaired by Mary Dodge and critics Nicholas Lord, Adam Ghazi-Tehrani, Henry Pontell, and Natalie Schell-Busey where both books will be discussed.

Attention Students!

We are currently recruiting for members of our Student Division!

Masters and PhD students at any institution who have an interest in white-collar and corporate crime (broadly defined) are welcome to join us. In the past, our students have been involved in mentoring programs, planning Division events and activities, creating flyers and newsletters, running social media, etc.

If you will be in Philadelphia, please come to our Business Meeting and Awards ceremony on Thursday at 2 PM in the Independence Ballroom III - Headhouse Tower on the 3rd floor to learn more about how you can be involved. Also be sure to attend our sponsored roundtable where you will have a chance to meet and talk with White-Collar Crime Award Winners on Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 10:50 AM in Conference Suite I, 3rd floor.

For more information about the Student Committee and to join, go to <https://ascdwcc.org/student-committee/>.



Have you reviewed the *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime* lately? Click [here](#) to review the most recent articles.

Member spotlight: Jose Atilés



Jose Atilés is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Coimbra (Portugal) and a MA in Sociology of Law from the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (Oñati). His research and publications primarily focus on the criminological and sociolegal implications of US colonialism in Puerto Rico, shedding light on how corruption, state-corporate crime, and state violence exacerbates Puerto Rico's unequal and undemocratic condition. His work has been published in peer-reviewed journals, including British Journal of Criminology, Critical Criminology, Critical Sociology, and The Sociological Review, among others. He is on the Editorial Board of several journals.

Jose Atilés is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Coimbra (Portugal) and a MA in Sociology of Law from the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (Oñati). His research and publications primarily focus on the criminological and sociolegal implications of US colonialism in Puerto Rico, shedding light on how corruption, state-corporate crime, and state violence exacerbates Puerto Rico's unequal and undemocratic condition. His work has been published in peer-reviewed journals, including British Journal of Criminology, Critical Criminology, Critical Sociology, and The Sociological Review, among others. He is on the Editorial Board of several journals.

We wanted to ask Jose some questions.

Do you recall what first sparked your interest in studying white collar crime?

Growing up in Puerto Rico, a US colony since 1898, it's challenging to identify the exact moment my interest began. Inequality, injustice, and violence are at the core of everyday life in a colony. However, I became more interested in exploring crimes of the powerful and white-collar crimes during my third year of college when two significant events unfolded in Puerto Rico. Firstly, on September 23, 2005, the FBI and the local authorities carried out the extra-judicial killing of Filiberto Ojeda Rios, a well-known pro-independence activist. Secondly, on May 1, 2006, the Puerto Rican government faced a shutdown due to the emerging fiscal crisis, a crisis that persists to this day. These two events marked my intellectual journey and led me to pursue graduate school in the areas of sociology of law and criminology.

For example, the first event sparked my interest in state crime, Puerto Rican anti-colonial mobilizations, and the uses of law and legality within a colonial context. I have published and written on the concept of state crimes, striving to develop the concepts of colonial state crimes and colonial state terrorism. The second event, the economic and financial crisis, has had a lasting impact on the livelihood of Puerto Ricans. This experience further fueled my interest in the study of economic crisis, examining both legal and extralegal responses to crisis, and the criminogenic dynamic at play in Puerto Rico's multilayered crisis since 2006. In this field, I have aimed to develop the concepts of colonial state-corporate crimes, coloniality of anticorruption, neoliberal colonial legality, and other studies related to corruption and financial crimes. My scholarship is deeply intertwined with the sociolegal and political history of Puerto Rico and the efforts to build a more just society.

Why do you continue to study white-collar crime?

In white-collar crimes and crimes of the powerful scholarship, I have found a critical community that seeks to name, define, and chal-

lenge the structure of power inherent in neoliberal capitalism. Engaging with this scholarship entails critically analyzing sociolegal and political dynamics that may not immediately appear criminogenic. The ever-evolving nature of the field of white-collar and crimes of the powerful, coupled with the intellectual challenges it presents, is a primary reason I remain committed to this area of study.

What is your favorite theoretical explanation of crime?

My alignment is primarily with the scholarship on crimes of the powerful and its critical exploration of power, deviance, and social control. In conjunction with this, I have increasingly been drawn to zemiology and its critical emphasis on social harm. For instance, one of the topics that I would like to explore is the theoretical interconnections between Colonialism, Zemiology, and the continuity of Historical Harms generated by Western Imperialism in the Caribbean.

What is one area you think could use updated research?

While the study of white-collar crimes and crimes of the powerful has developed a sophisticated understanding of power, law, and crime, there are certain areas that have not received the same level of attention. I can identify three such areas: the examination of Empire and colonialism, the study of white-collar crimes and crimes of the powerful in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the critical scrutiny of global tax policy and tax havens.

Who do you admire as a scholar? As an individual?

I hold deep admiration for the scholarly contributions, rigorous research, and generosity of numerous scholars in the field of white-collar crime and crimes of the powerful. From the work of scholars who are no longer with us, such as Bill Chambliss, David Friedrichs, to the pioneering scholars who have shaped the field, to the emerging generation of scholars dedicated to critical research and teaching on white-collar crime and crimes of the powerful, I have been fortunate to find myself among such a vibrant community. I have particularly been influenced by the meticulous work, scholarship, and generosity of scholars like David Whyte, Steve Tombs, Anne Alvesalo-Kuusi, among others. Particularly, I am thankful to David Whyte for his support and friendship spanning over 16 years.

What are some of your current projects?

My upcoming research project, titled *Open for Business: Law, Financialization, and Tax Haven Economy in Puerto Rico* focuses on the legal transformation of Puerto Rico into a secrecy jurisdiction or tax-haven. This project studies the criminological and sociolegal impact of Puerto Rican legislation and policy aimed at attracting investors, international financial institutions, banks, corporations, and crypto entrepreneurs to the archipelago. The manuscript explores the impact that the enactment of the 2017 US Tax Cut and Jobs Act had in Puerto Rico, including its transformation into a 98% opportunity zone. Finally, the manuscript details the role that local law and accounting firms played in this transformation.

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