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Message from the Division Chair: Emily M. Homer

Hello DWCC,

We hope you have all had a successful and productive 2025 and will have a restful holiday season in the coming months.

As every fall, the Division recently completed our Executive Board elections. Our officers will serve a two year term. We are very thankful to our two departing members, K. Sebastian León and Adam Ghazi-Tehrani. Sebastian and Adam have served this Division for many years, planning socials, organizing awards, and making sure our members’ needs are met while also being great scholars and people. They have paved a great path for the rest of us to follow.

This year, the membership voted to promote Katelyn Golladay from Executive Counselor to Vice-Chair. Megan Parker has been re-elected as Student Committee Chair. José Atiles will be returning as Executive Counselor for a second term. José will be joined by three new Executive Counselors: Heidi Chio, Miranda Galvin, and Li Huang. That’s right; we’ve expanded our Executive Board to better serve our Division. This new group is eager to get started and see what we can accomplish in the next two years.

The DWCC Student Book Club recently completed the third book and are planning our next session. We will be focusing on pharmaceutical crimes with “Killer in a White Coat: The True Story of New York’s Deadliest Pill Pusher and the Team that Brought Him to Justice” by Charlotte Bismuth. All DWCC students and students of faculty DWCC members are welcome to join. The group meets over Zoom and will begin in January. To learn more or join the group, contact me at ehomer@acfe.com.

Our Division is very pleased, as always, to congratulate our award winners for 2025. This year, we gave awards to nine individuals across three categories. The list of award recipients is on page 3 of this newsletter. Of note, we received six nominations for outstanding book. All these books are featured in this newsletter on pages 6-7 or were featured in the Spring 2024 issue.

Please help us show a great Division presence at our annual conference in DC. We have a number of Division-sponsored panels and roundtables and several other sessions of interest. See page 10 for a list of sessions. Don’t forget to join us on Wednesday from 11:00am to 12:20pm in Capitol Hill - Meeting Level 3 for our annual General Business Meeting.

Next year will bring new opportunities for the Division, and we want to know what you’re looking for. Please feel free to send feedback or suggestions any time to DWCCNews@gmail.com. We look forward to continued growth and excellence in research, teaching, and mentorship in the coming year!

-Emily

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Student Spotlight: Dissertation Research

Megan Parker

My dissertation examines victimization resulting from confidence scams, commonly known as romance scams. The study seeks to accomplish two main objectives. First, it investigates how online behaviors, personality traits, emotional well-being, and demographic factors shape an individual's vulnerability to victimization, using lifestyle-routine activity theory as the guiding framework. Second, drawing on the procedural justice framework, it explores how victims perceive and experience their interactions with law enforcement when reporting these scams.

Megan Parker is a graduate student and Instructor at the University of Colorado Denver. She also serves as the DWCC Student Committee Chair.

Nicholas Membrez-Weiler

My research lies at the intersection of economic sociology, white-collar and corporate crime, and the sociology of work and organizations. My dissertation looks at the problem of wage theft, non-payment or underpayment of wages or other violations of wage and hour laws, as a problem of organizational wrongdoing and corporate crime. I combine theories of economic sociology, organizations, and the sociology of work with criminological theory to account for the ubiquity of wage theft in modern day low-wage work. I use qualitative interviews to better understand organizational dynamics leading to more-- or less, rule breaking in organizations. My dissertation deploys a typology of work organizations based upon the dynamics of voice and formal structure. My future research project seeks to understand the widespread emergence of digital gambling markets, both in normalized sports-betting and "prediction" markets that are little more than an obfuscated way to do online gambling.

Nick Membrez-Weiler will be graduating from NCSU this Fall with a degree in Sociology with an emphasis on Crime, Law and Social Control. He is currently on the job market.



Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime

After serving two editorial terms, founding Co-Editor Anne Alevesalo-Kuusi (University of Turku) recently stepped down from the journal and will remain on our editorial board. We are pleased to announce that Co-Editor Kenneth Sebastian León (Rutgers University) began his first three-year term this summer. Having previously served as an Associate Editor and as the inaugural Managing Editor, Sebastian fully intends to honor Anne Alevesalo-Kuusi's legacy of broadening the journal's constituencies beyond the conventional boundaries and professional networks associated with the American Society of Criminology and its affiliated journals.

Anne, first with co-founding Editor-in-Chief, Gregg Barak, and more recently with Co-Editor-in-Chief, Kristy Holtfreter, helped to ensure that the catalog of volumes and issues in the journal reflect a shared commitment to transnational engagement with our European and Global North counterparts. The current editorial leadership team will continue building on these traditions as we extend our reach to include phenomena and perspectives from around the world. Our collective goals for the journal are made possible by further changes in leadership and service roles. Kristy and Sebastian are joined by Associate Editors Stephanie Geoghan (former Managing Editor, Arizona State University) and Jose Atilas (former Book Review Co-Editor, University of Illinois), as well as Managing Editor Margaret Wood (Arizona State University). Hanna Malik (University of Turku) continues as Book Review Editor.

Inaugural Associate Editors Nicole Leeper Piquero (University of Miami), Steven Bittle (University of Ottawa) and Isabel Schoultz (Lund University), all of whom have generously supported the journal since its founding, will remain on the editorial board. We also welcome Marina Zaloznaya (Arizona State University) to our editorial board.

Please continue to submit your high-quality manuscripts to the journal, and encourage your colleagues and students to do the same.

-Co-editors Kristy Holtfreter and Sebastian León

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Celebrating our 2025 Division Award Winners

Outstanding Book Award (Co-Winners)

This award honors exceptional scholarship in a monograph or textbook within the areas of white-collar and corporate crime.

Aitor Jimenez

The Crimes of Digital Capitalism: Corporate Crime in an Age of Exploitation

From the author: “I must say that I could never have imagined that something I had written would end up being selected for any prize, much less the DWCC Outstanding Book Award. I say this sincerely and clearly, it’s not impostor syndrome. It’s simply that when I look at who makes up the Division, and at the awards from previous years, I only see many of the people from whom I have learned, and from whom I continue to learn. So, it is truly an incredible honor.

Regarding the book, I believe it is relevant to the current political moment. It speaks about how a new class of digital capitalists is weaponizing old social technologies and creating new ones to impose a regime of exploitation and domination, firmly supported (and structured around) by state and corporate crimes. At its core, the book doesn’t really bring anything radically new; it simply describes how the dominant capitalist class continues to perpetrate brutal crimes that are destroying us as individuals, as societies, and as an environment. Nothing new that you didn’t already know. What it does offer, however, is a taxonomy of crimes linked to the new web of corporate–big tech structures, and to the set of digital technologies upon which they have built a regime of domination and algorithmic imperialism on a global scale, a regime that stretches from the digital in our computers to the material in the massive data centers that are being fought over in rural territories. The most notable aspect of the book, I believe, is having mobilized the literature on crimes of the powerful and white-collar crime to analyze ultra-contemporary phenomena, naming the criminality of the big tech corporations for what it is: crimes of digital capitalism.”

Anthony Grasso

Dual Justice: America’s Divergent Approaches to Street and Corporate Crime

From the author: “I am honored that my book, *Dual Justice: America’s Divergent Approaches to Street and Corporate Crime*, has been selected for this year’s DWCC Outstanding Book Award. This project was born from a fundamental question: Why, despite overwhelming evidence of the harm caused by corporate actors, does America’s unusually punitive criminal system struggle to hold corporate elites accountable? The book traces the political choices – from the Progressive Era to the present – that created different legal institutions, rules, and political discourses for governing corporate misconduct versus street crime. My hope is that the book contributes to a broader conversation on forging a new path forward in American criminal justice – one that simultaneously finds ways to hold elites accountable, scales back our system of mass incarceration for the poor and people of color, and connects these goals to political-economic reforms aimed at resolving the root causes of both street and corporate crime.”

Outstanding Article or Book Chapter Award (Co-Winners)

This award recognizes outstanding scholarship in the form of a peer-reviewed article or book chapter in the broadly defined areas of white-collar and corporate crime.

Michael D. Reisig, Kristy Holtfreter, & Francis T. Cullen

“Faith in Trump and the willingness to punish white-collar crime: Chinese Americans as an out-group” in Journal of Experimental Criminology

Diana Sun & Michael L. Benson

“Resiliency in reentry, sensitivity in strangers: An examination of white-collar offenders and their reentry process” in Justice Quarterly

Student Paper Award

This award recognizes exemplary scholarship by students whose research contributes to our understanding of white-collar and corporate crime.

Cooper Maher & Tim Engle

“Knowing is half the battle: Examining the association between acknowledgement of victimization and reporting of fraud” in Journal of Economic Criminology

We look forward to celebrating our award winners at the 2025 ASC conference.

Member Publications

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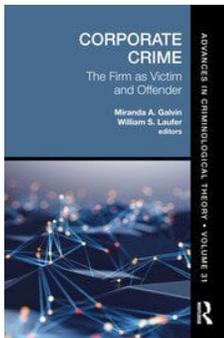
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Featured Books



Corporate Crime: The Firm as Victim and Offender

Edited By Miranda A. Galvin and William S. Laufer

This volume speaks to the fundamental issues inherent in trying to understand the who-what-where-and-whys of corporate crime. Only in addressing these larger issues does it become possible to begin to integrate the study of corporate crime into the larger criminological theory literature. A collection of chapters by experts in the field grapples with three deceptively simple questions:

When are firms morally and legally responsible agents?

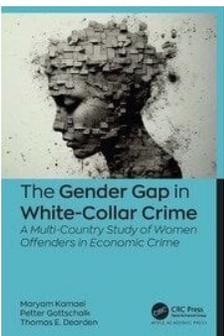
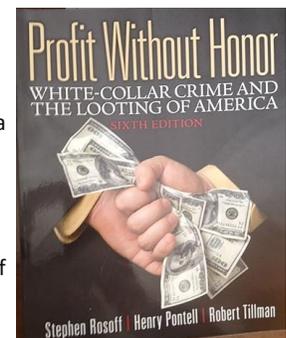
What are the harms of corporate wrongdoing and who are the victims?

What theories offer insight to explain corporate wrongdoing?

Profit Without Honor: White Collar Crime and the Looting of America (6th Edition)

by Stephen Rosoff, Henry Pontell, Robert Tillman

Profit Without Honor clearly exposes the battle between personal gain and individual integrity and provides a comprehensive overview of white-collar crime in American society. Presenting a vivid picture of all types of white-collar crime, the book covers high-profile cases, the latest trends in criminal activity, and a thorough discussion of the victims and consequences of these criminal behaviors. This edition addresses the recurrent financial meltdowns in recent years and the role of fraud and corporate crime in these crises. Utilizing both academic and popular sources, the book challenges readers to grasp the importance and long-term effects of white-collar crime in America.



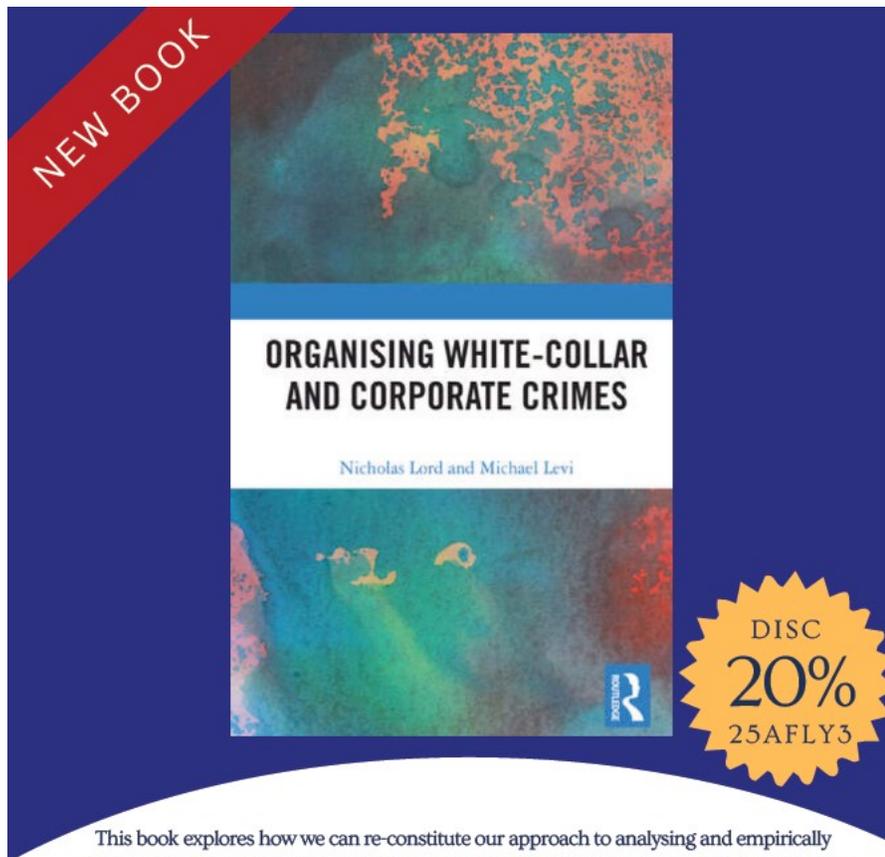
The Gender Gap in White-Collar Crime: A Multi-Country Study of Women Offenders in Economic Crime

Edited By Maryam Kamaei, Petter Gottschalk, Thomas E. Dearden

In recent years, women's involvement in business is more frequent, leading to an interesting question: Does this increase in economic participation by women lead to an increased proportion of women committing white-collar crime?

Employing a variety of theoretical perspectives and empirical works to explain women's white-collar crimes from an international perspective, this new book helps to answer this question by extensively studying white collar crime, focusing on the disparity in such crimes between men and women. It also looks at how pink collar crime differs dramatically in different countries, with case studies from countries such as Norway, US, Iran, Denmark, and others to further enhance the understanding of the explained concepts.

Featured Books (continued)



This book explores how we can re-constitute our approach to analysing and empirically investigating the organisation of white-collar and corporate crimes, with a view to building fuller theoretical and empirical accounts.

The work demonstrates how knowledge can be produced and systematised within a conceptual and analytical framework concerned with understanding how such crimes are organised, why they are organised as they are, who gets involved in them as primary offenders and as facilitators, and the 'real' factors that shape these organisational dynamics over time in particular contexts and under varying conditions. Finally, the book assesses the human, social, cultural, and material antecedents that enable white-collar crimes to flourish or fade.



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Member spotlight: Marina Zaloznaya



Marina Zaloznaya is Associate Professor of Criminology at Arizona State University and a leading scholar of corruption, law, and authoritarianism in post-communist and Global South contexts. She is also a co-founding

director of the Corruption in the Global South Research Consortium, which promotes interdisciplinary research on corruption in developing and transitional states. Prior to joining ASU, Dr. Zaloznaya worked as an Associate Professor Sociology and Political Science at the University of Iowa, where she was also the Director of the European Studies Group. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University and an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

We wanted to ask Marina some questions.

What first sparked your interest in studying white-collar crime?

My interest in white-collar crime emerged from a moment of cultural dissonance early in my academic journey. As an international student from Eastern Europe studying at a small liberal-arts college on the East Coast, I was struck by how my peers related to rules in a professional setting. Where I grew up, students were expected to “game the system” by collaborating on exams, quietly consulting notes, or otherwise bending rules when opportunities arose. So, when I encountered classmates who took a self-timed, closed-book take-home exam and appeared to follow the instructions literally, without looking for loopholes, I was genuinely surprised. That experience sparked a deeper curiosity: why do norms around compliance, integrity, and rule-following vary so dramatically across contexts, and how are these norms shaped by broader political, economic, and institutional environments? That question has since become a leitmotif in my research on corruption, elite deviance, and the organizational and geopolitical conditions that enable or constrain white-collar misconduct.

Could you share some of your key contributions to the field—for instance, your work on corruption, gender and corruption, and your article on the whiteness of white-collar crime?

The core contribution of my work lies in empirically linking macro-level political processes such as regime change, democratic backsliding, and contestation of state authority to ordinary people's participation in the corruption economies. My reliance on a mixture of methodological approaches, including ethnographic fieldwork, comparative-historical inquiry, survey methods, and network analysis, allows me to challenge several dominant assumptions in the study of corruption. For instance, a central finding across my research is that low-level corruption is not always antithetical to the health of democracy. In authoritarian and hybrid regimes, informal exchanges often sustain dense, outward-facing networks that resemble civic associations in liberal democracies and that enable mobilization, mutual support, and sometimes even collective resistance to the state. I also challenge the pervasive assumption that

anti-corruption efforts are automatically democratizing. My work illustrates how campaigns focused on everyday corruption can empower populist or authoritarian-leaning leaders, delegitimize bureaucratic institutions, and sideline professional expertise. In places like Ukraine, donor-driven reforms and anti-corruption bodies have reconfigured state authority in ways that elevate certain technocratic actors while weakening democratic accountability.

Most recently, my research has shifted to the global arena, examining how anti-corruption has become a tool of geopolitics. My current book project analyzes how the United States, the EU, and other powerful actors use sanctions, transparency initiatives, and anti-kleptocracy frameworks not only to promote integrity, but also to pursue their own strategic interests, shape global norms, and define who gets to be seen as a legitimate political actor on the world stage. Together, my work pushes beyond the usual moral binaries to show corruption and anti-corruption as political forces that shape inequality, state power, and international order.

Do you have a theoretical framework or explanation of crime that informs your work? How is your work helping to expand that theoretical framework?

My approach to white-collar crime and corruption is fundamentally interdisciplinary. I draw on sociological theory to understand how organizations function, how informal norms emerge, and how inequality shapes access to both licit and illicit opportunities. At the same time, my work is also informed by comparative politics, because white-collar crime is never just about individual wrongdoing; rather, it is embedded in political systems, power struggles, and institutional arrangements. Corruption looks different in an established democracy than in a hybrid regime or an electoral autocracy, and theories of regime type, state capacity, and political turnover are crucial for explaining those differences. In other words, begin with a premise that white-collar crime is always political, and any effort to understand it requires thinking seriously about the structure of corresponding regimes and behavior of political actors.

I also draw on sociological theories of global inequality, including scholarship on neocolonialism and imperial power, to examine how anti-corruption becomes a tool in international relations. This perspective helps me think critically about who gets labeled “corrupt,” who gets to define integrity standards, and how anti-corruption agendas can both challenge and reinforce existing hierarchies. Ultimately, bridging criminology, political science, and sociology allows me to see corruption and anti-corruption not only as legal categories or governance challenges, but as deeply political and historically situated processes with implications for global justice and democratic development.

What is one area in white-collar crime research that you think would benefit from renewed or updated attention?

I am a strong believer in international and comparative research, which remains underrepresented in criminology in general, and the study of white-collar crime in particular.

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Member spotlight: Marina Zaloznaya (con't)

Our field has made important contributions to understanding crime and punishment, but it has historically been deeply U.S.–focused, often treating American institutions and experiences as universal. White-collar crime research, in particular, tends to concentrate on corporate misconduct and regulatory failures in advanced democracies, leaving little room for variation in political systems, state capacity, or informal governance. By contrast, I see international and comparative work as essential, both because corruption and elite deviance unfold differently in different regime types, and because studying those differences helps us better understand dynamics at home. For instance, looking across contexts reveals how political competition can fuel anti-corruption crackdowns, how state weakness shapes enforcement, and how informal networks substitute for formal accountability. These insights travel: they illuminate the fragility of democratic institutions, help us recognize when anti-corruption rhetoric is weaponized for political gain, and show that elite deviance and abuse of power are not unique to any one country. In short, expanding our field’s geographic horizons strengthens theory and sharpens our understanding of white-collar crime everywhere, including the United States.

What projects or research directions are you currently working on?

One of my current projects develops the concept of the sanctioned oligarch as a new form of global deviant. My goal in this work is to draw on interviews with policymakers, investigative journalists, sanctions lawyers, and civil-society actors in the U.S. and U.K., as well as analysis of legal frameworks and political discourse, to show how Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine catalyzed a dramatic reframing of certain ultra-wealthy elites. Virtually overnight, this group of people went from celebrated participants in Western markets and cultural circles to pariah figures stripped of access to assets, mobility, and reputational capital. Unlike traditional international criminals, sanctioned oligarchs are not subject to universal legal norms; instead, they are designated through opaque administrative processes, and their punishment is enforced by private-sector compliance networks. As a result, I argue that sanctions create a hybrid penal regime at the intersection of law, finance, and geopolitics, challenging conventional criminological assumptions about due process, individual responsibility, and the boundaries of punishment.

Member News

Mike Levi and **Nick Lord** have been appointed to the [Home Office Science Advisory Council](#), the first time people with white-collar crime expertise have been appointed to this group.

Mike Levi is a Director/Trustee of the [Fraud Advisory Panel](#).

Shichun Ling has earned early tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics at California State University, Los Angeles.

Kenneth Grossberger is working on a research project called *Punishing Politicians*, which focuses on crimes committed by politicians. There are 3 articles in the works: Members of Congress (in edit); US Governors (in research); and US Mayors (in research). The conclusions are about the criminal justice and political punishments these politicians receive. Email kgrossberger@jjay.cuny.edu if you’d like more information.



Student Book Club

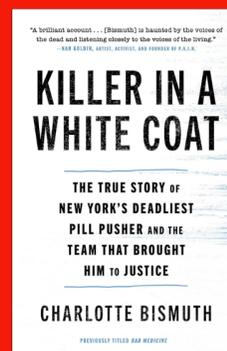
Students, join the DWCC to take part in a book club for student members!

Format: Synchronous or asynchronous, depending on the participants’ needs

Cost: Free for DWCC student members

Beginning: January 2026

To RSVP or for more information, contact Emily Homer at ehomer@acfe.com.



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Offender Pathways: Sentencing, Adjustment, and Perceptions of Powerful Crime	2:00PM	3:20PM	Wednesday	Gallaudet - M1
Authors Meet Critics: Organising White-Collar and Corporate Crimes	9:30AM	10:50AM	Wednesday	Catholic University -
Roundtable: Teaching White-Collar and Corporate Crime	3:30PM	4:50PM	Thursday	Holly - Second Floor
Roundtable: Mentoring and Networking for Scholars of Crimes of the Powerful,	2:00PM	3:20PM	Wednesday	Woodley Park - M3
From Boardrooms to the Bench: Theories of Elite Criminality, Neutralizations,	12:30PM	1:50PM	Wednesday	Chinatown - M3
The International Markets of Money Laundering and of Anti-Money Laundering	3:30PM	4:50PM	Friday	Dogwood - Second Floor

List of Sessions of Interest for DWCC Scholars

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Corruption, Compliance, and the Politics of Accountability	9:30AM	10:50AM	Thursday	Independence Salon G - M4
The Crimes of Digital Capitalism	2:00PM	3:20PM	Friday	Cherry Blossom - Second Floor
Law, Courts, and Public Perspectives on Crime, Punishment, and Justice	2:00PM	3:20PM	Wednesday	Mount Vernon Square - M3
Blame Attribution and Public Opinion	3:30PM	4:50PM	Friday	George Washington - M1

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Division of White Collar & Corporate Crime Executive Board Meeting	9:30AM	10:50AM	Wednesday	Capitol Hill - M3
Division of White Collar & Corporate Crime Business and Awards Ceremony	11:00AM	12:20PM	Wednesday	Capitol Hill - M3

