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# The White Collar Times

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Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime (DWCC)

## Message from the Division Chair, Emily M. Homer

The DWCC Executive Board is happy to share the latest member news, publications, and Division updates in this spring 2024 edition of *The White-Collar Times*.

In November 2023, we met as a group in Philadelphia as part of the ASC annual conference to share information, socialize, and network. Our business meeting closed with a celebratory awards ceremony for our many Division award recipients from 2022 and 2023. Thanks to all who were able to attend the business meeting and the Division-sponsored panels and events, especially those who traveled far distances to join us. We hope to see many of you again in person this November in San Francisco.

Since January of this year, we have been working to create events and activities that will allow us to grow as a Division and encourage collaboration from scholars spread across the world. We are pleased to announce two upcoming Division-sponsored events. We hope you will consider attending and share the details with your colleagues.

On July 25, we will hold the first of a series of virtual professional development webinars. The webinar series is co-sponsored with the Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes, with Erin Kearns serving as the DTBC's Chair. The first webinar will cover internal and external grant funding/ applications. We will hold webinars the last Thursday of every third month. The next session, held on Halloween, will discuss preparing for a successful ASC conference. These sessions are open to any ASC members, but may be more applicable to students and early-career researchers. If you have a suggestion for a webinar topic, please let an Executive Board member know.

This summer, the Division will host a book club for student members. The format will be determined by the participants. The text will be a memoir entitled "The Less People Know About Us: A Mystery of Betrayal, Family Secrets, and Stolen Identity" by Dr. Axton Betz-Hamilton. In her memoir, Betz-Hamilton discusses her life, from childhood through achieving her PhD, while under a cloud of paranoia that she and her family felt for decades. The Division will provide copies of the book. Please note that participants must be student members of the Division.

As you can see, one focus for 2024 is to encourage student involvement in the Division. Megan Parker has been working to increase networking among our student members. We would like to thank Megan for her willingness to help in this role, and also for assisting with the contents of this newsletter.

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## ASC DWCC Organization

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## Message from the Division Chair (continued)

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Emily M. Homer,  
DWCC Executive  
Board Chair

As part of our goal to increase student involvement, we will include voting for Student Committee leadership in our fall elections. For more info about joining the Student Committee as a general member or part of the leadership, go to <https://ascdwcc.org/student-committee/>.

We would like to encourage as many of our members as possible to attend the 24th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology in Bucharest, Romania, from September 11-14, 2024. This year's keynote speakers include two of our Division scholars, Sally Simpson and Nick Lord. We also encourage all who are able to attend the Erasmus University Rotterdam's pre-conference session entitled "Environmental crime, crisis & conflict" on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Our fields had a great presence at last year's ESC conference. We look forward to seeing many DWCC scholars in Europe, just as many of our scholars outside the U.S. have attended our ASC conferences. See page 6 for more information about the ESC conference and pre-conference session.

Of course, the biggest Division events are in November. The ASC annual conference will be held in San Francisco, CA, from November 12-16. The Division plans to have a number of sponsored panels and roundtables, as well as a general business meeting and awards ceremony, full Division social, and a student social. Our committee of Chair José Atiles with members Adam Ghazi-Tehrani, K. Sebastian León, Katelyn Golladay, and Jamie Snyder are seeing that we have a great conference. We will provide more details about the Division events closer to November.

Speaking of the annual conference, we are currently seeking Discussants for Division-sponsored roundtables on the topics of researching and teaching white-collar and corporate crime and global perspectives on white-collar and corporate crime. We will also be premiering a roundtable featuring recent book authors to promote and receive feedback on their books, as well as to facilitate general discussions of the book publication process. See page 11 for more details about serving as a Discussant.

We are currently accepting nominations for our Division awards, which will be handed out at this year's conference. Read more about the nominations on pages 10-11 of this newsletter. We will be giving out the Gilbert Geis Lifetime Achievement Award, David O. Friedrichs Teaching Award, The Young Career Award, The Student Paper Award, the Outstanding Book Award, and the Outstanding Article or Book Chapter Award. We would like to thank the committee of co-leaders Adam Ghazi-Tehrani and K. Sebastian León, as well as members Henry Pontell and Katelyn Golladay for their help with the awards process.

We hope to create a Division that is responsive to our members' needs and wishes, and we need volunteers to achieve that mission. If you would like to join a committee, please see the list on page 8 for details. If you have any feedback on our Division's activities, please feel free to reach out to me at [ehomer@acfe.com](mailto:ehomer@acfe.com).

We look forward to seeing many of you virtually during our July webinar and in November in San Francisco!

-Emily M. Homer

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## *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*

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Since January 2024, the *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime* has published eight articles and book reviews online first. Please consider the journal for your publications!

The journal was recently featured in the Editor's Corner of *The Criminologist* in an article titled "Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime: Special Issue on Anti-Corruption(ism)" by Steven Bittle and Jon Frauley. Read their article [here](#).

Click [here](#) to visit the website for the *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*.



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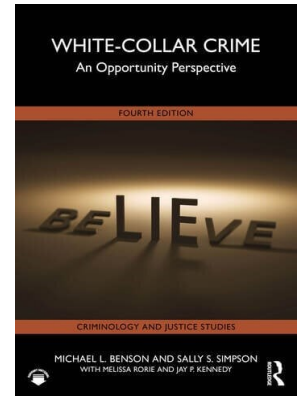
## Featured Books

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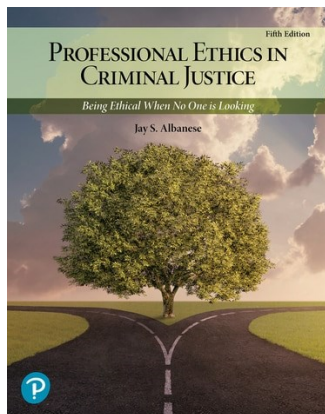
### *White-Collar Crime, An Opportunity Perspective, 4th Edition*

By Michael L. Benson, Sally S. Simpson, Melissa Rorie, Jay P. Kennedy

*White-Collar Crime: An Opportunity Perspective* analyzes white-collar crime using the opportunity perspective, which assumes that all crimes depend on offenders recognizing an opportunity to commit an offense. The authors explicate the processes and situational conditions that facilitate opportunities for white-collar crimes and the likelihood of being victimized by white-collar crime. In addition, they offer potential policy solutions that will mitigate this persistent and widespread social problem while being realistic and balanced in their treatment of the difficulties of control. With this fourth edition, Benson and Simpson have enlisted the aid of two young white-collar crime scholars, Jay P. Kennedy and Melissa Rorie, who bring new areas of expertise to the book that enhance its analytical depth and coverage of both white-collar crime and the opportunity perspective. New up-to-date case studies are included along with examinations of recent investigations into white-collar crime and its control. These timely updates reaffirm that this rigorous yet accessible book will remain a core resource for undergraduate and early graduate courses on white-collar crime.



Click [here](#) for more information about this text.



### *Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice: Being Ethical When No One is Looking, 5th edition*

By Jay Albanese

*Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice* provides a framework for analyzing ethical dilemmas in criminal justice, including policing, courts and corrections. To show how ethical decisions are made, author Jay Albanese examines three ethical schools of thought (virtue, formalism and utilitarianism) and how each is applied, with emphasis on their strengths and limitations. He draws on current events and media to raise ethical questions and to give you practice with ethical thinking.

The fifth edition offers 20 new thought-provoking exercises, plus new current events, posing a range of new ethical scenarios for you to assess. With this expansion, you'll have ample opportunity to develop your ethical-reasoning skills.

Click [here](#) for more information about this text.

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## Call for Syllabi

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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 experienced 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](mailto:Megan.2.Parker@ucdenver.edu) and/or [Mary.Dodge@ucdenver.edu](mailto:Mary.Dodge@ucdenver.edu).

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

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## Member News

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**Mary Dodge** is the scheduled speaker for the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI) Rocky Mountain Chapter Conference in April.

**Pete Duncan** submitted his PhD and has started a Lecturer role in the Department of Criminology at The University of Manchester.

**Qingli Meng** is serving as the Conference Registrar for Niagara University's Conference on Workplace Mobbing on July 22-24, 2024. Click [here](#) for more information about this conference.

Research conducted by **Jamie Snyder** and **Katelyn Golladay** was featured in the article titled "When fraud hits again and again: 'Rebound' scams target recent crime subjects" in the December 2023 *AARP Bulletin*.

**Lieselot Bisschop** is part of a group sponsoring the pre-conference session "Environmental crime, crisis & conflict" before European Society of Criminology's annual conference on September 11, 2024, in Bucharest. See page 8 for more information about this session.

**Xia Wang** received the ACJS Outstanding Mentor Award at the 2024 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting.

**Cheryl Johnson** received the ACJS/Sage Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award at the 2024 ACJS meeting.

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

Format: synchronous or asynchronous, depending on the participants' needs  
Cost: Free for DWCC members

To RSVP or for more information, contact Emily Homer at [ehomer@acfe.com](mailto:ehomer@acfe.com).



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## Researching Legal Actors in Brazil

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By Eduardo (Ed) Gutierrez Cornelius, PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto

Over the past year, I've observed legal events and conducted interviews with legal actors in Southern and Southeastern Brazil. This fieldwork is part of my PhD dissertation about globalization and the resistance to penal discourses and practices in the aftermath of Operation Car Wash, the world's largest corruption scandal. Between 2014 to 2021, an investigation revealed a billionaire scheme involving politicians bribing state officials to favor firms in procurement bids across Latin America. High-ranking politicians and businesspeople, including President Lula, were charged and arrested. Given the extent of the scandal, Car Wash became probably the most debated topic in the country, putting the legal field in the spotlight.

Corruption trials were widely televised, legal actors became national celebrities, and there was even a fictionalized account of the operation portrayed in the Netflix series *The Mechanism*.

Specifically, my research examines legal actors' debates around two federal bills spearheaded by Car Wash legal actors. The bills proposed importing both the global anticorruption regime and American criminal law, but they were fiercely resisted by Brazilian defense attorneys. My interviews help me to understand this process by constructing a collective biography of the field, capturing how actors' legal socialization, professional identities, and competition with other actors across time shape how they adapt and resist these global ideas. The interviews are also part of a broader project in which I investigate legal actors' role in shaping and resisting punishment discourses and practices in post-dictatorship Brazil.

So far, this fieldwork has been as enriching as challenging. In particular, it has been difficult to continue my other academic and even personal commitments while doing interviews. I need to make the most of my time here, but I also have other things to do, like analyzing documents, writing, and reading, so it's been challenging to organize my schedule. Because I interview very busy professionals, I tend to accept whatever time and place they suggest; otherwise, I may not be able to conduct the interviews. Those who answer my initial message and are willing to participate tend to respond and schedule interviews quickly (usually the same week and sometimes the same day). I typically reach out to several people at the beginning of the week and wait to see how things turn out. Sometimes, I have one or two weekly interviews, or as many as seven, so it's hard to plan ahead.

Being Brazilian and having studied law in the country really contributed to the research. I went to law school in Southern Brazil from 2009 to 2014, and I concentrated my studies on youth justice and criminal law. This previous experience facilitates my understanding of interviewees' references to legal norms, cases, authors, and books that are often crucial to grasping their main point. My previous legal studies also helped me access to these professionals. Even though I returned to Brazil for the research almost 10 years after graduating, I still have a lot of contacts, such as former professors and classmates, who put me in touch with potential interviewees.

But despite these difficulties, I have enjoyed this process. The almost 100 hours I spent observing legal events have allowed me to understand how these different legal actors think, what they find controversial, what they take for granted, how they perceive their work, and what they want to change in Brazilian criminal law. I attended several lectures about academic topics on criminal law, such as "Procedural Violations in Criminal Law" and "Practical Challenges of Non-prosecution Agreements." I also attended larger conferences, such as the Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences' International Seminar, which invited over 30 lecturers from different countries to talk about topics ranging from "Criminal Justice and Racial Profiling" to "Corruption, Money Laundering, and Politics." The interviews have been just as fascinating. As Brazil has a young constitution (from 1988) that recreated its legal institutions, I am talking to people who have witnessed and participated in the creation of institutions and intellectual movements.

After over 90 interviews, I have learned so many things have changed, which appears in the most unusual anecdotes of how things used to be done decades ago. For example, it is not uncommon for experienced prosecutors to narrate how they began their career in the early 2000s, undergoing no training and being placed in a situation to charge a local politician with corruption, with little support and at significant personal and political risk. But these same prosecutors would tell me how, twenty years later, they would participate in highly sophisticated lawsuits charging politicians implicated in Operation Car Wash before the Brazilian Supreme Court. In a relatively short period, these prosecutors (in tandem with other actors, such as the Federal Police) developed a legal and institutional machinery to charge powerful politicians and businesspeople for corruption, which was innovative for a country whose 800,000 carceral population is comprised of predominantly Black, poor defendants incarcerated for drug or property offences.

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## Researching Legal Actors in Brazil (continued)

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I have conducted so many interviews because it is difficult to reach interview saturation with a topic like this. Each interview gives new information, especially when interviewing people of varying ages and experiences. This is one the biggest challenges. I am covering a large period (1988 to present), two cities, and actors from several occupations and different ages.

My fieldwork shows that this process of revolution was contested. I have also learned how Brazilian academics and criminal defense lawyers have, for decades, developed a cohesive professional identity and legal doctrine oriented toward minimizing punishment against blue-collar defendants and, more recently, white-collar ones.

In the interviews, events observed, and documents analyzed, I observed a complex dispute revolving around punishing crime and protecting defendants' rights. Reconstructing this process has been incredibly rewarding, with some interviews feeling like movies in which I see the country's history unfolding. I feel fortunate to be able to do this project and hope to continue in the years to come.

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## Help Wanted

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Your DWCC Executive Board is currently seeking volunteers to serve on multiple committees. Student members are eligible to join committees, as well as full members. The responsibilities and commitments for each group vary. Email [ehomer@acfe.com](mailto:ehomer@acfe.com) to volunteer. See the committee descriptions below.

**Awards:** Chief responsibilities include soliciting nominations for Division awards, selecting recipients, and presenting awards at the ASC meeting.

**Conference Organization:** Chief responsibilities include seeking volunteers for Division-sponsored roundtables, planning the social, and coordinating the recruitment table. *This committee could especially use volunteers to make sure we have a great experience in San Francisco!*

**Constitutional Review:** Chief responsibilities include updating the Division Constitution and By-laws based on passed amendments.

**Communications:** Chief responsibilities include creating the Division newsletter, updating the website, maintaining the Twitter/X account, and any additional social media/networking resources. *Students are encouraged to join this committee!*

**Membership:** Chief responsibilities include recruiting members.

**Nominations:** Chief responsibilities include nominating our members for ASC awards and conducting the Division's yearly Executive Board nominations and elections.

**Student:** Chief responsibilities include supporting the Communications and Conference Organization committees and helping with Student member recruitment. If you are a student, you are automatically a part of this committee!

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## Join the DWCC at the annual ESC conference

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The 24th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology in Bucharest, Romania, will be held from September 11-14, 2024. Plenary speakers include DWCC members Sally Simpson and Nick Lord, as well as Thomas Ugelvik, Anna-Maria Getos Kalac, Ioan Durnescu, Marieke Liem, Josep Maria Tamarit Sumalla, and Andra-Roxana Trandafir. Click [here](#) for more details.

Additionally, prior to the conference, Erasmus University Rotterdam will be hosting a pre-conference seminar entitled "Environmental crime, crisis & conflict" on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 9:30 - 3:30.

The event aims to foster an open and honest discussion on existing empirical and theoretical successes and challenges in green criminology to strengthen our field of research. The program aims to achieve balance in terms of researcher gender and experience, representing scholars from the Global North and the Global South, exploring the range of environmental crimes, and engaging with qualitative, quantitative, and mixed method research. Click [here](#) for more details.





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## DWCC Call for Awards Nominations

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The DWCC is seeking nominations for 2024 Division Awards, designed to promote and highlight scholarly efforts in the broad areas of **white-collar crime, corporate crime, organizational deviance, crimes of the powerful, and corruption**. These six awards are described below.

*All nominations (including self-nominations) must come from individuals who are DWCC dues-paying members in good standing as of May 31, 2024. Award winners must agree to join the Division prior to receiving the award.*

**Deadline for receipt of nomination materials is May 31, 2024.**

### Submission Procedures

A letter of nomination that includes a brief discussion of your reasons for the recommendation. Self-nominations are accepted for the Student Paper Award, the Outstanding Book Award, and the Outstanding Article/Book Chapter Award. Where relevant to the award, a copy of the paper(s), chapter, or book to be considered (PDF/electronic versions preferred). Nominations will be reviewed by the DWCC Awards Committee, and winners will be announced by September 1, 2024.

Send nominating materials to Adam Ghazi-Tehrani ([aghazi@ua.edu](mailto:aghazi@ua.edu)) on/before May 31, 2024.

#### **1. Gilbert Geis Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award recognizes sustained outstanding professional contributions by an individual to the broadly defined areas of white-collar crime and corporate crime. Scholarly contributions may be empirical or theoretical. Professional contributions also include advocating for white-collar crime as an area of scholarship within criminology and related disciplines and mentoring graduate students. Persons who have made substantial practical contributions to white-collar crime control also are eligible to receive this award. The committee may elect not to make this award in any given year.

#### **2. David O. Friedrichs Teaching Award**

This award celebrates the life and achievements of David O. Friedrichs, who passed away on December 1, 2022. His text, *Trusted Criminals: White Collar Crime in Contemporary Society* – now in its fourth edition – helped countless students embark on both research and practitioner-oriented careers related to confronting white-collar crime and crimes of the powerful. The award recognizes innovative contributions to teaching in the area of white-collar crime. Persons who have developed courses, seminars, and/or pedagogical materials on the study of white-collar crime within and beyond the criminology and criminal justice curriculum are eligible to receive this award. The committee may elect not to make this award in any given year.

#### **3. Young Career Award**

The award recognizes outstanding contributions to scholarship to the broadly defined areas of white-collar and corporate crime by persons early in their professional careers. To be eligible for this award, an individual must have received their terminal degree no more than eight years before the year of the award and have developed a strong research agenda in white-collar or corporate crime since the time of the terminal degree as indicated by regular publications in these areas. The committee may elect not to make this award in any given year.

#### **4. Student Paper Award**

The award recognizes scholarly work of students in the broadly defined areas of white-collar and corporate crime. Students working by themselves or as part of a team of co-authors who are currently enrolled in an academic program or a recent graduate of such a program (no more than one year removed from the year of the award) at either the undergraduate or graduate level are eligible for the competition. Paper submissions may be conceptual, theoretical and/or empirical (quantitative or qualitative) and must be a completed project directly related to white-collar or corporate crime. Papers must be the work of one or more students but should not be co-authored with a faculty member, though a review and endorsement by a faculty member of the student's choice is required for submission. Papers must also be a maximum of 30 pages (including tables and references) and formatted in APA style. The committee may elect not to make this award in any given year.

#### **5. Outstanding Book Award**

This award recognizes outstanding scholarship in a monograph or textbook within the broadly defined areas of white-collar crime and corporate crime. Books published **within three years** (i.e., a publication date of 2020 or later) of the award are eligible for consideration. The committee may elect not to give this award in any given year.

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## DWCC Call for Awards Nominations (continued)

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### 6. Outstanding Article or Book Chapter Award

This award recognizes outstanding scholarship in the form of an article or book chapter in the broadly defined areas of white-collar and corporate crime. Articles or chapters published **within three years** (i.e., a publication date of 2020 or later) of the award are eligible for consideration. The committee may give one primary award as well as award an “Honorable Mention” – or may elect not to give this award in any given year.

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## Roundtable Discussants Wanted



The Executive Board is seeking volunteer Discussants for themed roundtables and lightning talks for November’s annual conference in San Francisco. Four suggested topics are below.

If you would like to act as a Discussant for any of these topics, please email [jatiles@illinois.edu](mailto:jatiles@illinois.edu) and/or [ehomer@acfe.com](mailto:ehomer@acfe.com) by **May 15**. We will submit the roundtables before the deadline.

If you have other ideas/suggestions for a roundtable or lightning talk (and would like to be a Discussant) please let us know.

- [Researching White-Collar and Corporate Crime](#)

During this session, scholars will discuss their research experiences and address topics such as obstacles in studying white-collar crime, getting published, sources of data, and finding funding opportunities.

- [Teaching White-Collar and Corporate Crime](#)

This session is designed to discuss strategies used in teaching white-collar crime and related topics. Panelists will share their experiences in the classroom including course design techniques, class assignments, and other practices to address student engagement.

- [Global Perspectives on White-Collar and Corporate Crime](#) (roundtable or lightning talk, depending on the Discussants’ preferences)

This session is an opportunity for scholars to discuss white-collar and corporate crime issues that affect people around the globe, as well as the complexities of studying these topics across national lines. Discussions might include transnational crime, comparative criminology, and how we can work collaboratively across borders to investigate the global effects of crime.

- [White-Collar and Corporate Crime Book Launch and Publishing Roundtable](#)

This roundtable brings together authors of newer books related to white-collar and corporate crime and their readers to celebrate the publication of those books. The roundtable aims to be a space for open conversation in which authors and the audience share their experiences of the publication process, discuss their books' contributions to the field, and explore the linkages and contentions in the scholarship. The roundtable will serve as an opportunity for authors to share their new books and for the audience to become acquainted with the latest scholarship.

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## Events of Interest

[London School of Economics Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice](#), May 31-June 1, 2024

[Law and Society Association Annual Meeting](#), June 6-9, 2024

[Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Global Fraud Conference](#), June 24-26, 2024

[The Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime](#), September 1-8, 2024

[European Society of Criminology Annual Conference](#), September 11-14, 2024

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## In Memoriam: Vincenzo Ruggiero

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Vincenzo Ruggiero passed away in his adopted 'home' city of London on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 with his partner and his daughter at his side. Vincenzo was the Renaissance Man of international criminology - a critical polymath and scholar of politics, economics, sociology, history, literature, languages and art - all of which, in unique style, he brought to his original and stimulating essays, books, lectures and wonderful conversations over food and wine.

Born to Neapolitan parents in Ferrara, Italy, in 1950, his family, like so many southerners, migrated to the north of the country for work but remained deeply rooted in their Neapolitan heritage. He lived for many years in Torino where he studied and taught and, in the 1970s, was a dedicated political activist along with many of his friends during the period of social conflicts and unrest that came to be known as "The Years of Lead".

In this decade he moved from London, where he worked as a porter at university hospital, and parts of Italy, where he was involved in penal reform campaigns. In 1976 he founded a bi-annual paper on prison issues, coordinating a network involving prisoners, their families and reform activists and in 1977 established a new publisher - 'Senza Galere' ('Without Prisons') - later renamed 'Ruggiero Edizioni'. The press mainly published fiction and poetry and all authors were either prisoners serving a sentence or ex-prisoners. As Vincenzo suggested, this was surely an early example of 'Convict Criminology'. In the following years, between 1979-1983, he published his first academic books, on prison issues and drugs debates, writing about communities he saw as marginalised but engaged in resistance and it was important to him that he had undertaken this research and advocacy from outside the formal bounds of the university system.

Between 1986-1990 he studied for his Doctorate in Sociology and Criminology at the University of Bologna but in the early 1990s settled in London, feeling an affinity to bohemian Fitzrovia and Soho. He took up posts as, initially, a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics and then a Research Fellow at Middlesex University, subsequently - and swiftly - becoming a Reader and then Professor (1996) at Middlesex, contributing to its rich tradition of being a centre for critical criminology. In 1998 he undertook a secondment to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna leading pathbreaking research on Transnational Organised Crime and contributing to the study of human trafficking at a point when its significance was still only emerging. In Vienna he also founded a journal, *Forum on Crime and Society* and was among the organisers of the 2000 UN 'Congress on Crime and the Treatment of Offenders' (writing most of the official papers for conference deliberations), as well as contributing to the formulation of the UN Convention against Organised Crime, launched in Palermo in 2000. He was a long-standing member of many professional associations and took on committee roles for the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control (1986-1993), and the American Society of Criminology Divisions on International Criminology (2016-2017) and Critical Criminology (2017-2018). He also served as Director of the Centre for Social and Criminological Research at Middlesex University.

Vincenzo was not only one of the leading theorists within our field but also an innovator in the use of multi-methods approaches to data-gathering - very often in contexts that are among the most hard to research - the worlds of organised criminals, corrupt politicians, traffickers, and political activists. He could be the classic lone scholar - disciplined in sitting at his desk, working his way through his piles of books and papers, then launching into a new writing project but he also led various funded research collaborations and initiatives and was a great co-author and co-worker, sociable and inspirational. Vincenzo loved to write, to set down ideas and engage with his peers and students and in doing so he was astonishingly productive. He spoke and published in Italian, French and English and his work was also translated into German, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Lithuanian, Turkish and Mandarin Chinese. His many publications include numerous academic articles and pieces of journalism as well as books such as: *Western European Penal Systems* (1995), *Eurodrugs* (1995), *Organised and Corporate Crime in Europe* (1996), *The New European Criminology* (1998), *Crime and Markets* (2000), *Movements in the City* (2001 Winner of the 'Premio Nazionale G. Arena - Città di Acri'), *Economic and Financial Crime in Europe* (2002), *Crime in Literature* (2003), *Crimes of the Economy* (2013), *Punishment in Europe* (2013), *Power and Crime* (2015), *Dirty Money: On Financial Delinquency* (2017 Outstanding Book Award, American Society of Criminology, Division on White Collar and Corporate Crime), *Organised Crime and Terrorist Networks* (2020), *Visions of Political Violence* (2020), *Critical Criminology Today: Counter-Hegemonic Essays* (2021). In 2016 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Society of Criminology, Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice.

He completed his latest book just two months before his death and was able to choose a cover design while in hospital. Appropriately the book is a survey - in inimitable style - of *Keywords in Criminology: A cultural dictionary* (Routledge, 2024).

Vincenzo leaves behind a daughter, Lucia, and his partner Cynthia, with whom he formed a civil partnership after 33 years together - as well as an international family of friends, students and admirers who will all remember Vincenzo as embodying *gioia di vivere* - he will be missed so much. Please raise a glass....

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# **JOINT WEBINAR SERIES PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY DIVISIONS:**

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