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Message from the Division Chair: Emily M. Homer

Dear DWCC,

We hope this letter finds you all in good spirits and health wherever you are in the world.

This oversized issue of *The White-Collar Times* could be subtitled *The Book Issue*! In addition to our typical list of member publications on pages 4-5, Dawn L. Rothe and Victoria E. Collins shared their reflections of writing their most recent text, *Space Expansionism and Criminology: The Emerging Terrain of Crime, Harm, and Violence*. You can read their insight on page 6. Next, be sure to review the **six** featured books on pages 7-8! These recent and upcoming publications written by our Division members help bring the message of white-collar and corporate crime to new audiences. You'll also find information about our Division book club at the bottom of page 8. Finally, on page 9, Gregg Barak shares how Shepherd.com can be used to connect book writers and book readers.

The DWCC is looking to revive its student and early career scholar mentoring program! As of April 1, we have 15 students in the Division, some of whom may not have existing relationships with financial crime scholars. Our students come from American University, University of Cincinnati, Arizona State University, John Jay College, North Carolina State University, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Colorado Denver, University of Minnesota, and University of Maryland. We also have a number of early-career researchers navigating complex times in their careers, some of which are outside traditional academia. We are currently seeking both mentors and mentees to be part of this program. See more information on page 11 of this newsletter.

Also, to serve our student membership, we will be starting our third student book club session around June 2. The text we will be reading is "Playing Dead: A Journey Through the World of Death Fraud" by Elizabeth Greenwood. All DWCC students or students of DWCC members are welcome to join for free. If you are interested in joining the book club, check out the information on page 8 of this newsletter or email ehomer@acfe.com.

In response to member feedback, we have decided to discontinue using Twitter/X for our Division's social networking needs. Instead, we have created a Bluesky social networking account, consistent with several other Divisions. If you are on Bluesky, please follow us [@asc-dwcc.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/dwcc.bsky.social). We also recently started an Instagram account with the handle [@asc.dwcc](https://www.instagram.com/asc.dwcc). We plan on using these accounts to share ASC and DWCC updates and information, relevant news items, and reminders of important dates, timelines, and events. If you are interested in helping with our social media, please reach out to Katelyn Holladay at kgollada@uwyo.edu.

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Emily M. Homer,
DWCC Executive
Board Chair

November will be here before we know it! We're quickly closing in on the time of year that is so busy for the DWCC Executive Board. In that vein, we are currently seeking Discussants for Division-sponsored roundtables. We are proposing roundtables on the topics of Methodological Challenges and Opportunities Conducting Financial Crime Research, Teaching White-Collar and Corporate Crime, International Regulation and Deregulation of White-Collar and Corporate Crime, and Mentoring and Networking for Scholars of Crimes of the Powerful, White-Collar, and Corporate Crime. See below for more details about serving as a Discussant.

We are also currently accepting nominations for our Division awards, which will be handed out at this year's conference. Read more about the nominations on pages 12-13 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. Nominations are due **June 30, 2025**. We would like to thank the committee of Adam Ghazi-Tehrani, Jose Atilas, and Katelyn Goladay for their help with the awards process.

The *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime* continues to be a leading journal in the criminal justice and criminology fields. To support its mission, the journal will be selecting a new co-editor to begin in the summer 2025. We would like to thank Anne Alvesalo-Kuusi for her years of dedicated service to the journal. Please read the latest journal updates on page 11.

Additionally, remember that the deadline for Posters, Lightning Talks and Roundtables for this year's ASC conference is May 16, 2025. We always love to see our members' presence at the conference.

We hope that you enjoy the summer coming ahead.

-Emily M. Homer

Seeking Roundtable Discussants

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

If you would like to act as a Discussant for any of these topics, please email ehomer@acfe.com by **May 15**. We will submit the roundtables before the deadline.

- **Methodological Challenges and Opportunities Conducting Financial Crime Research:** During this session, scholars will discuss their research experiences and address topics such as obstacles in studying financial crime, designing effective financial crime studies, getting published, sources of data, and finding funding opportunities.
- **Teaching White-Collar and Corporate Crime:** This session is designed to discuss strategies and trends 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. Discussions will also include trends in teaching these topics across various institutions.
- **International Regulation and Deregulation of White-Collar and Corporate Crime:** Both the regulation and deregulation of white-collar and corporate crime has occurred in waves around the world. This session is an opportunity for scholars to discuss how regulation and deregulation affects individuals, industries, overall crime rates, deterrence, law enforcement bodies, and economies broadly.
- **Mentoring and Networking for Scholars of Crimes of the Powerful, White-Collar, and Corporate Crime:** This roundtable brings together those interested in creating mentoring and networking opportunities for those working in the fields of crimes of the powerful, white-collar, corporate crime, and other related areas.

Member News and Announcements

- Sarah Pedigo Kulzer recently accepted a new position as an Assistant Professor of Criminology in the Department of Criminology at Randolph-Macon College.
- K. Sebastian León was elected to serve as Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Rutgers University - New Brunswick, effective July 1, 2025.
- Ivy Ken (GWU) and K. Sebastian León (Rutgers) secured funding from the National Science Foundation (Sociology; Science of Organizations) to study land use, migration, and state-corporate power in the meatpacking sector.
- K. Sebastian León was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Latino and Caribbean Studies and Criminal Justice at Rutgers University – New Brunswick (2024).
- Henry Pontell was awarded the Outstanding Mentor Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March 2025.
- Mike Levi recently served as a keynote speaker at the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners European Fraud Conference. His speech was entitled “Tackling Emerging Fraud Trends: Insights from Europol and the Power of Public-Private Partnerships.”
- Katelyn A. Golladay was recently granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Criminal Justice & Sociology at the University of Wyoming.
- Jamie Snyder was recently promoted to Full Professor of Criminal Justice & Sociology at the University of Wyoming.
- Katelyn A. Golladay and Jamie Snyder were interviewed as part of the *Red Rock Relationships* podcast to discuss their research on catfishing. The episode can be heard through podcasting platforms or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gngOel2m2cE>.

Events of Interest

ComplianceNet 2025

Theme: Evolving Compliance

Location: Fordham University School of Law in New York City

Date: May 28, 29, and 30, 2025

<https://www.compliancenet.org/2025>

The deadline to submit a paper at the conference has passed, but it is possible to register and attend without presenting. If you would like to attend, but do not want to present a paper or a panel, go to the above link and choose the “Attendance Without Presenting” option.

Law And Society Association Annual Meeting

Event Type: Meeting

Location: Chicago, IL

Date: May 22 – 25, 2025

<https://www.lawandsociety.org/chicago-2025-homepage/>

Stockholm Criminology Symposium

Event Type: Conference

Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Date: June 9 – 11, 2025

<https://criminologysymposium.com/>

World Association for Research on Workplace Mobbing

Event Type: Conference

Location: Niagara University, New York

Date: July 21-23, 2025

www.niagara.edu/mobbing

See more details on this conference on page 12 of the newsletter.

European Society of Criminology Meeting

Event Type: Meeting

Location: Athens, Greece

Date: September 3 – 6, 2025

<https://esc-eurocrim.org/v2/>

Member Publications

- Albanese, J. S. (2024). Book Review: Why hackers win: Power and disruption in the network society. *Criminal Justice Review*.
- Albanese, J. S. (2025). Corruption as the cause, not the effect, of organized crime? A review and assessment of cases across the world. *Journal of Economic Criminology*.
- Alvesalo-Kuusi, A., & Holtfreter, K. (2025). White-collar and corporate crime in North American and European Contexts. *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*, 6(1), 3-3.
- Amagnya, M. A., & Karstedt, S. (2025). A matter of facts: Officers' belief systems about corruption in Ghana's police and criminal justice system. *International Criminology*, 1-15.
- Atiles, J., & Whyte, D. (2025). Fossil capital in the Caribbean: The toxic role of "regulatory havens" in climate change. *Regulation & Governance*.
- Atiles, J. (2025). Economic sanctions as state crime: Empire, law and the United States' economic warfare in Latin America. *The British Journal of Criminology*.
- Atiles, J. (2025). Funding the colonial tax haven: unpacking the role of the paycheck protection program in Puerto Rico's state-corporate crimes. *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 83(1), 7.
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- Dodge, M. (2025). A commentary on victimization and gender in white-collar crime. *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 83(1), 6.
- Doig, A., Levi, M., & Luker, J. (2025). Will the future policing of fraud be 'a fundamental shift in our approach to tackling fraud' or largely more of the same? Reviewing the 2023 UK fraud strategy through evidence on the ground. *Security Journal*, 38(1), 1-33.
- Drew, J. M., & Chevroulet, C. (2024). Broken promises in policing: understanding leadership, procedural justice and psychological health through the lens of psychological contract breach. *Policing: An International Journal*.
- Drew, J. M., & Martin, S. (2024). Community relations, workplace stress, and well-being in the Context of mass demonstrations, defunding, and anti-police sentiment: A national study of the experiences of United States law enforcement. In *Occupational Stress Injuries (pp. 48-75)*. Routledge.
- Engle, T. A., Maher, C. A., & Jones, M. (2025). Afraid of the unknown: Crypto literacy and fear of online fraud. *Journal of Economic Criminology*.
- Fader, J. J., and León, K. S. (2024). Code of the street 25 years later: Lasting legacies, empirical status, and future directions. *Annual Review of Criminology*. 7:1.
- Farmer, A. (2024). Myths and misunderstandings in white collar crime. *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*
- Freng, A., & Snyder, J. A. (2025). Are you packing? It's not just about lunch anymore: Perceptions of guns in national parks. *Criminal Justice Review*.
- Greenwood, I. D. (2024). *Unresolved Homicide: A Cross-National Perspective (Doctoral dissertation, Colorado State University)*.
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- Jonson, C. L., Butler, L. C., & Cullen, F. T. (2024). Public support for a new correctional era: Attitudes towards punishment, rehabilitation and reform in America. *The Wiley Handbook of What Works in Correctional Rehabilitation: An Evidence-Based Approach to Theory, Assessment and Treatment*, 13-25.
- Joo, S. H., Koo, D., & Watts, S. J. (2025). Trajectories of offending among Asians in America: Examining US-born/non-US-born differences and the effects of social control. *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, 1-24.

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- Karstedt, S. (2025). State crime, state violence and inequalities. In *Handbook on Crime and Inequality* (pp. 172-198). Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Leal, W. E., Gloyd, E. L., Piquero, A. R., & Leeper Piquero, N. (2025). Racial disparities in the enforcement of COVID-19 public health violations. *Crime & Delinquency*, 71(2), 495-521.
- León, K. S., Ken, I., & Martin, T. (2024). Capture, commodify, kill: Legitimized harms and industrial meatpacking in the united states. *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 82(4), 1033-1059.
- Light, J., Cobbina-Dungy, J. E., & Gibbs, C. (2024). Do police make you feel safe? A qualitative comparison of youth and youth service provider perspectives. *Criminology & Criminal Justice*.
- Lord, N., & Levi, M. (2025). *Organising White-Collar and corporate crimes*. Routledge.
- Maher, C. A., & Holt, T. J. (2025). Stolen valor? Examining the associations between military service, data breach victimization, and identity theft victimization. *Crime & Delinquency*.
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- McKinley, A., & Jones, S. (2024). Criminal profiling in femicide. In *Forensic Victimology and Femi (ni) cide* (pp. 189-218). Springer, Cham.
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- McKinley, A. (2025). Reframing harm: Pornography, intimate partner sexual violence and zemiological principles for social transformation. In *Ecologies of Violence*. Springer.
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- Michel, C. (2024). The nexus between knowledge and attitudes about white-collar crime: A Franco-American comparison. *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*.
- Mora, D. O. (2024). *Case Processing and Sentencing Outcomes in Drug Offenses in Florida: Examining the Effects of Bail, Pre-trial Detention, Race, Ethnicity, Immigration Status, and the Progressive Prosecution Movement* (Doctoral dissertation, Arizona State University).
- Nowacki, J. S., Olivarez, C., Hagan, A., & Hogan, M. (2024). Police agencies and civil asset forfeiture: An organizational perspective. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 18.
- Pruitt, L. R., Schwartz, J., & Sherman, J. (2024). The rural attorney shortage, spatial inequality, and criminal legal systems: A study from rural Washington. *UC Davis Legal Studies Research Paper Forthcoming*.
- Sandrin, R., Simpson, R., & Gaub, J. E. (2024). Working Like a dog: A mixed-method study of public support for police dogs and their utilities. *Anthrozoös*, 1-20.
- Simpson, S. S., & Evens, J. (2024). Corporate environmental non-compliance and the effects of internal systems and sanctions. In *Research Handbook on Environmental Crimes and Criminal Enforcement* (pp. 36-67). Edward Elgar Publishing.
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- Wang, F., Dickinson, T., & Ghazi-Tehrani, A. (2025). Not all money is the same: The meanings of money in online fraud. *Crime & Delinquency*.

Reflections on a Publication

By Dawn L. Rothe and Victoria E. Collins

Our most recent book, [Space Expansionism and Criminology: The Emerging Terrain of Crime, Harm, and Violence](#), critically examines the *new* race to space. Unlike the space race during the 1950s through the 1970s, between the former Soviet Union and the United States, we are now in an era where billionaires, private companies, and corporations play a significant role in pursuing, promoting, and marketing the ‘benefits’ of space, regardless of the environmental harms that occur. It seemed critical to address these harms given the current climate crisis wherein natural disasters are increasing, the global surface temperature is rising, and we are seeing increasing numbers of actual and soon-to-be species extinctions.

While we address topics typically expected in a book on the space race, such as space weaponization and space politics, space junk, returning humans to the Moon, or space tourism, we bring other aspects into the conversation. For example, we spend considerable time unpacking the role of nostalgia in today’s race – from the production and manufacturing of space nostalgia to the marketing and selling of an *idyllic* space utopia and a space identity. This includes examining space propaganda promoted by governments and space enthusiasts, to the apocalyptic or philanthropic rhetoric used in selling and pursuing plans including *Planet B* (i.e., a human habitat on Mars) for humanity to escape the near future catastrophic conditions on Earth to a *rotating space colony* as a means of saving Earth.

We have been asked how we came up with the idea for this book and our research on space expansionism in general. Our focus has always centered on various aspects of the crimes and harms of the powerful, so to us space expansionism is another facet of that trajectory. Yet, the book on space expansionism required a much broader interdisciplinary approach. This is one of the main reasons we prefer the term space expansionism to any other reference point such as space criminology. We found we needed to have some understanding and frameworks from areas far beyond criminology, sociology, or other closely related fields to include aspects of engineering, physics, atmospheric sciences, astrology, and geography, related to the space industry. More specifically to the question of how we came up with the idea, during 2021 and 2022, several events occurred that led us ‘down the space rabbit hole’ if you will, one in which we still find ourselves immersed. In July 2021 Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon and Blue Origin, took his first commercial space tourism flight, upon return, he thanked his Amazon employees and consumers for paying for the billionaire’s trip to space. We were writing about the consumption and facilitation of corporate harms, which included Jeff Bezos’ Amazon (and Blue Origin) around that time. Likewise, Elon Musk’s SpaceX Dragon spacecraft had a liquid nitrogen leak onto the wetlands around the SpaceX Launch Pad, and the Starship SN10 and SN11 always suffered failures, one exploding on the launch pad and the other on the way back down. We also were paying attention to several global leaders’ symbolic commitments to reducing emissions and CO2 while simultaneously pursuing space superiority, couched in terms of ‘national security’. We saw increasing numbers of rockets launched, and numbers of satellites placed in low, mid, and high Earth’s orbit. All the while the impact of the climate crisis was felt across the globe. All these things clicked into place for us. We felt both driven and compelled to focus on these interrelated aspects of the climate crisis, the United States, China, and Russia, the billionaires’ race to space, and the exportation of neoliberalism and the harms and violence of the powerful beyond Earth. As many readers may know we have collaborated on various publications for over a decade. It seems our brains, interests, and work styles, for better or worse, are lock-synced, making the writing process smooth, to the point where we believe a reader cannot distinguish who wrote what sections. As to the question, what do we see as our book’s contribution to the field? We hope the book serves to push the boundaries and the field’s focus to better fully consider the emerging atrocities, harms, and violence that are and will continue to occur in the pursuit of humans as spacefarers. This includes the proliferation of harms resulting from countries’ efforts to achieve space military and economic superiority and expand the economic realm beyond Earth in numerous profit-making ventures.



“We have entered a recent zeitgeist, the era of the “new space age”, driven by billionaires, technological advancements, and a few dominating state powers. While the race to space may be said to offer “new” opportunities for “humanity”, we ask, is it predicated on the same logics and historical patterns of the past? This question guides our approach and critical assessment of human expansionism into space. Space Expansionism and Criminology: The Emerging Terrain of Crime, Harm, and Violence offers readers a critical analysis of space expansionism and today’s race to space that has come to define our contemporary era. Taking a retrospective and prospective approach, we delve into the choices being made, the justifications being offered, and those excluded from the hegemonic discourse of the benefits of humans as extraplanetary beings. Space Expansionism and Criminology includes chapters on the historical roots of today’s space race, weaponization and realpolitik, space junk and debris, space mining and resource extrapolation, the burgeoning space tourism market, the manufacturing of space nostalgia from the 1950s through today, and efforts towards, and claims-making for, space colonization to save Earth and humanity.”

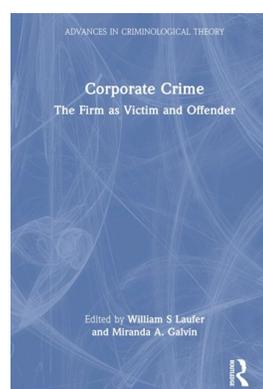
Featured Books

Organising White-Collar and Corporate Crimes

By Nicholas Lord and Michael Levi

This cutting-edge book rethinks how white-collar and corporate crimes are structured and sustained. Nicholas Lord and Michael Levi delve into the social, cultural, and institutional dynamics that make these crimes possible, exploring who gets involved, how offenses are organized, and under what conditions they thrive or fail. Combining theoretical insight with empirical investigation, the book offers a sophisticated framework for understanding the actors, relationships, and mechanisms behind corporate criminal behavior. Aimed at critical criminologists, sociologists, and policy professionals, it provides fresh perspectives on how these crimes unfold in practice—and how they might be disrupted.

Look for an Author Meets Critics session on this text at ASC 2025!



Corporate Crime: The Firm as Victim and Offender

Edited by William S. Laufer and Miranda A. Galvin

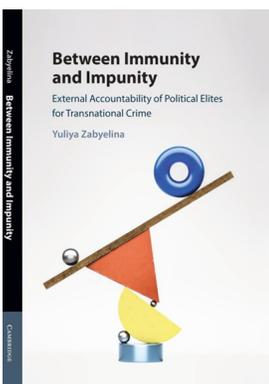
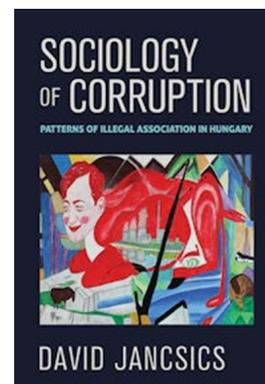
Focusing on corporate crime from both offender and victim perspectives, this volume explores legal responsibility, victimization, and theoretical frameworks. The contributors address how corporate power distorts accountability and propose new models for understanding and prosecuting corporate wrongdoing. Part of the *Advances in Criminological Theory* series.

This text includes chapters from Eric Orts; Robert Hughes; William S. Laufer and Susana Aires de Sousa; Mihailis Diamantis; Miranda A. Galvin; Melissa Rorie and Matthew West; Wim Huisman and Susanne Karstedt; Michael L. Benson and Diana Sun; Vic Khanna; Sally S. Simpson, Cristina Layana, and Miranda A. Galvin; and Kenneth Sebastian León. *Coming July 2025.*

Sociology of Corruption: Patterns of Illegal Association in Hungary

By David Jancsics

In this timely and analytically rich book, Dávid Jancsics explores the deep entrenchment of corruption in contemporary Hungary—the European Union’s most corrupt member state, according to 2022 data. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork and sociological theory, *Sociology of Corruption* examines how social status, power dynamics, and network structures facilitate corrupt practices in state and business institutions. The book goes beyond simplistic good-versus-evil narratives, offering an insightful account of how informal relationships and political capture shape everyday governance. While focused on Hungary, Jancsics’s findings offer broader implications for understanding corruption in other post-communist and global contexts.



Between Immunity and Impunity: External Accountability of Political Elites for Transnational Crime

By Yuliya Zabyelina

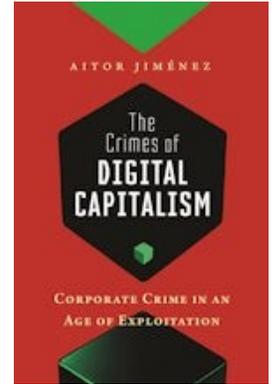
This groundbreaking monograph explores how political elites involved in transnational crimes—such as corruption, money laundering, labor trafficking, and drug smuggling—evade prosecution by hiding behind international immunity doctrines. Drawing on a wide range of case studies and legal instruments, *Between Immunity and Impunity* offers a compelling analysis of when and how public officials can (and should) be held accountable in foreign and international courts. Zabyelina argues for rethinking immunity frameworks that protect wrongdoing and outlines pathways for strengthening international justice. A must-read for scholars of international law, transnational crime, and political accountability.

Featured Books (continued)

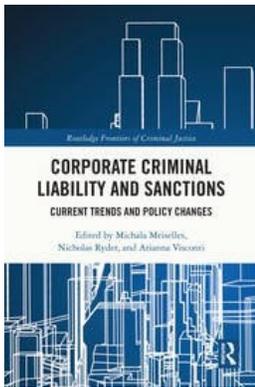
The Crimes of Digital Capitalism: Corporate Crime in an Age of Exploitation

by Aitor Jiménez

In *The Crimes of Digital Capitalism*, Aitor Jiménez exposes the insidious ways state-corporate power and digital technologies have reshaped and colonized contemporary social life. Rooted in critical criminology and the study of crimes of the powerful, Jiménez reveals the structural dependence of digital capitalism on crime, showing how it exploits, controls, and dispossesses across key sectors—from the environment and education to labor and warfare. With unmatched clarity, Jiménez elucidates the harmful impacts of digital capitalism—from surveillance and worker exploitation to racialized algorithmic systems—while uncovering the necropolitical dynamics at its core. This timely book challenges the notion that digital economies are environmentally sustainable, demonstrating their reliance on extractive infrastructures rooted in global capitalism. The book critically engages with efforts to criminalize ecocide and offers an unflinching account of the criminogenic force of digital capital. Aitor Jiménez calls for a transformative future, one that dismantles these destructive systems and envisions a world where life can thrive. *The Crimes of Digital Capitalism* is a powerful blueprint for resistance and justice in the digital age.” - review written by José Atilés



There will be a roundtable session discussing this text on April 28, 2025, at the University College London. Click [here](#) for more details.



Corporate Criminal Liability and Sanctions: Current Trends and Policy Changes

Edited by Michala Meiselles, Nicholas Ryder, and Arianna Visconti

This volume provides a comparative analysis of corporate criminal liability regimes across jurisdictions, examining how legal systems handle offenses like money laundering, fraud, and bribery. The book discusses emerging policy shifts—such as “failure to prevent” offenses—and proposes reforms to enhance global corporate accountability.

This text includes chapters from *Michala Meiselles, Nicholas Ryder, and Arianna Visconti; Simone Lonati; Darcy L. MacPherson; Arianna Visconti; Gustaf Almkvist; Monika Baronak-Atkins; Amber Egan; Diana Johnson; Kanae Kanki and Alexander Resch; Gerhard Kemp; Irene Kull and Marko Kairjak.*

Crime, Law, & Social Change Collection

In April 2023, the DWCC collaborated with the European Society of Criminology’s European Working Group on Organizational Crime (EUROC) to host a white-collar and corporate crime virtual conference with the theme of “Examining the Multifaceted Harms of Corporate and White-Collar Crime.”

The conference organizers are pleased to announce that the conference presentations have been combined into a collection in *Crime, Law, & Social Change*. The collection features articles from Editors Lieselot Bisschop, Marieke Kluin, Diana Bociga, and Emily Homer; Vincenzo Ruggiero (*in memoriam*); Anna Markovska, Oleksii Serdiuk, & Iryna Soldatenko; Jose Atilés; Mary Dodge; Marieke Kluin, Lisa Ansems, & Jelle Brands; Kenneth Sebastian León, Ivy Ken, & Theo Martin; Annika van Baar; Abby Muricho Onencan, Lieselot Bisschop, & Yogi Hendlin; Penny Crofts and Honni van Rijswijk; and Carlo Nicoli Aldini.

The collection is available [here](#).

Stay tuned for updates from the DWCC and EUROC regarding a second virtual conference in the future.

Summer Student Book Club

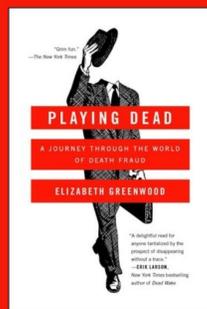
Students, join the DWCC to take part in a book club for student members!

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

Cost: Free for DWCC student members

Beginning: Week of June 2

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





Shepherd.com is a Website for People Who Love to Read and Authors Who Love to Write

By Gregg Barak

Shepherd.com was created by Ben Fox, a self-described serial entrepreneur who loves reading 100 books on average per year. Since the pandemic began, he has been busy building a book experience that is like wandering the aisles of one of your favorite bookstores before they began to disappear like Borders did because of online shopping at places like Amazon. Fox's ultimate goal is to rival Amazon-owned Goodreads in scale. But he and his team of online specialists do not want to be a mere book-tracking and purchasing website. They want to be a place where readers can "hang-out" and explore books before diving into them.

Everything that the Shepherd company creates together with both its contributing authors and readers are accomplished with one of three goals in mind: 1) to help readers find books that they will LOVE not just like, 2) to create a fun and unique way for readers to explore and discover books, and 3) to develop a strong reader community around people sharing what they LOVE to read.

I know it sounds pretty spacy. Nevertheless, here is the "pitch" for what Fox acknowledges is a crazy quest: "If we can help readers find books they will love (and not just like), we give those readers a greater joy of reading (and increase book buying) and introduce them to a wider range of authors and books."

And the rationale behind the pitch: "Reading a book is a big-time commitment for most people. If you only read 10 to 15 books a year, you will do a lot of analysis before buying an unknown author or book. This is one of the reasons that readers tend to read the most popular authors and books (*thus making it hard for new authors to gain traction*). The internet and social media have further amplified this effect."

As some of the readers of this spring 2025 edition of *The White-Collar Times* newsletter already know, I have been trying in different ways to monetize Trump and Trumpism since the Fraudster-in-Chief and Rapunzel first came down the Trump Tower escalator and entered the presidential arena nearly a decade ago. I imagine myself continuing to do so at least until after my third book on Trump is published in the spring of 2027.

Hence, I was all in when I received an email on March 3rd from Ben Fox that began: "I would love to feature you and "Unchecked Corporate Power" on our website. This is totally free, and my mission is to help authors meet the most likely readers for their book through a shared love of reading."

As we all know in this day and age academic publishers spend next to nothing on advertising or marketing our books especially when compared before the turn of the 21st century. Back then, the internet had not fully arrived and publishers not only had budgets for marketing but for the "development" of authors' projects in addition to royalty advances when books were contracted and again upon delivery and acceptability of a manuscript for publication. Nowadays, as I am sure most of you are aware of, we don't receive so much as one dime until well after publication — typically around 12 months.

Here is briefly how Shepherd.com works. Authors recommend five of their favorite books that are connected around any topic, theme, or mood that they are passionate about, along with a couple of short blurbs on why they recommend each of the books. When posted as mine was on March 31, then Shepherd and company promote your featured book at the top of that page forever on that topic. Not only do they promote the book/s throughout their website, but also through a working relation with search engines like Google, Bing, or DuckDuckGo.

As an invitation, please consider joining the world of people who love to read and write. Below is a link to my picks: "The best books to understand President Trump: fraudster, outlaw, racketeer-in-chief, and demagogic communicator." I did so as a means of featuring not only my second Trump book but also my first and forthcoming third as well as through three (the limit) embedded three links to a podcast, a digital feature, and a book review of the featured book.

As the saying goes, "nothing ventured, nothing gained." Besides as Fox says, it was a fun experience putting these recommendations together, telling a story in ten blurbs, and developing a narrative around the other books. Like making a powerpoint presentation it also further enabled me in tweaking my working drafts for the last of my three books on Trump.

<https://shepherd.com/best-books/understanding-fraudulent-demagogic-trump>.

DWCC Call for Awards Nominations

The DWCC is seeking nominations for 2025 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 June 30, 2025. Award winners must agree to join the Division prior to receiving the award.

Deadline for receipt of nomination materials is June 30, 2025.

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, 2025.

Nominations should be submitted through the [Google Form](#). Questions may be addressed to Adam Ghazi-Tehrani (aghazite@iu.edu).

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.

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.

The *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime* continues to publish high quality scholarship from scholars around the world.

As can be seen in the images below, 2023 brought the most article submissions in recent history. The journal has accepted a total of 32 articles in the past three years. The average review speed for the first decision in 2024 was 50 days. The average review speed for the time to a final decision was 84 days.

The journal had 38,847 total downloads in 2024. Current subscriptions include 3 institutional subscriptions, 2,135 package read-only subscriptions, and 846 package with open access subscriptions.

Please consider submitting your work to our journal! Click [here](#) to visit the website for the *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*.

Submissions

	2022	2023	2024
Total	39	53	33
Original	25	41	21
Accept	17	15	13
Reject	17	20	10
Accept Ratio	50%	43%	57%

Articles Published

	Total	Package OA	Sage Choice
2022	14	5	0
2023	8	1	0
2024	10	5	0

Seeking Participants in Mentoring Program

The DWCC mentoring program is currently seeking members who are interested in participating as mentors or mentees in our Division mentoring program. We are seeking to match experienced DWCC scholars (at least three years out of graduate school) with students and/or early career scholars. Mentorship outcomes may include, but are not limited to, publications, project collaboration, navigating the academic market, or professional development.

Mentors: Specifically, we are looking for individuals who are willing to commit to meeting their student member face-to-face at the annual ASC meeting this year and maintain contact with that student at least four times over the course of next year (and hopefully longer). Some additional qualities that our student members would like to see in a mentor include being available to talk on a regular basis, being active in research and publishing in today's academic climate, being patient/encouraging/supportive, especially in stressful periods, being open-minded to the unique needs of marginalized populations, and – perhaps most importantly – friendly.

Mentees: We are looking for student members who are currently enrolled or have recently completed any university program who have an interest in topics related to white-collar and corporate crime.

Program Requirements:

- Matches will be made based on shared areas of interest and experience
- Mentorship program will take place from September 2025 – June 2026
- Commit to meeting at ASC and at least four times over the duration of the program
- Mentor and mentee will work together to set goals
- Mentors and mentees will submit a reflection at the end of the program to be shared with DWCC members

Applications:

Submit applications [here](#).

Interested mentors, please provide a list of your areas of interest and expertise. Interested mentees, please submit a statement (150-200 words) about what you hope to gain from the mentorship program, areas of interest, and potential goals.

Applications are due by **Friday, May 30, 2025**.

Please direct questions to the chair of the Mentorship Committee: Katelyn Golladay (kgollada@uwyo.edu)

World Association for Research on Workplace Mobbing (WARWM)

THE 2025 NIAGARA CONFERENCE ON WORKPLACE MOBBIING

The Annual Niagara Conference on Workplace Mobbing is a prominent event organized by the Workplace Mobbing Research Institute and associated with the Journal of Workplace Mobbing.

This conference serves as an interdisciplinary platform aimed at deepening scientific understanding of workplace mobbing, advancing public awareness and efforts to address and prevent it in various organizational settings.

July 21-23, 2025

Niagara University
New York

\$75* / Virtual
\$150 / In-person

MEET OUR MAJOR SCHOLARS

Every danger loses some of its terror once its causes are understood.

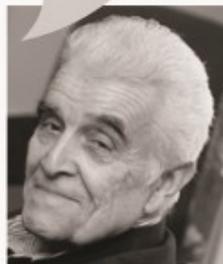
Konrad Lorenz



Konrad Lorenz
(1903-1989)
Austria, Germany
Nobel Laureate

Learning about mobbing is learning to see a group's collective cruelty, not just the actions of individuals. It is a lesson in how the power of the majority can be used to crush the individual.

René Girard (paraphrased)



René Girard
(1923-2015)
France, USA

Mobbing is a 'psycho-terror'.

Heinz Leymann



Heinz Leymann
(1932-1999)
Germany, Sweden

One of the hardest things to learn about mobbing is that it can happen in any organization, even those that pride themselves on their ethical standards. It's often invisible until it becomes unbearable for the victim.

Kenneth Westhues



Kenneth Westhues
(1944-) USA,
Canada



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