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He has written extensively on the topics of deviance and social control, white-collar and corporate crime, punishment and deterrence, crime seriousness, jail overcrowding and litigation, criminal justice system capacity, medical fraud, the role of crime in the savings and loan debacle, and most recently, international financial fraud. His work has appeared in leading journals and edited volumes including *Criminology*, *Law and Society Review*, *JAMA*, *Law and Policy*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *The Annual Review of Sociology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, and the *Crime and Justice* series published by the University of Chicago Press.

He has been the recipient of numerous grants, including two awards from the U.S. Department of Justice (on health care fraud, and fraud in the S & L industry). He has given Congressional testimony to the U.S. Senate Banking Committee on the savings and loan crisis, and his work on white-collar crime has been highlighted in the national media.

His service to professional organizations has been wide and varied, including numerous committee memberships of the American Society of Criminology, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the American Sociological Association and others. He is currently Vice President-elect of the American Society of Criminology. He has served as both president and vice-president, and is a fellow of the Western Society of Criminology. He also currently serves as an Associate Editor of *Justice Quarterly* and as a Senior Editor of *Crime, Law and Social Change*.

His books include: *A Capacity to Punish: The Ecology of Crime and Punishment* (Indiana Univ. Press, 1984); *Social Deviance* (4th Edition, Prentice-Hall, 2002); *Prescription for Profit: How Doctors Defraud Medicaid* (Univ. of California Press, 1993); *Profit Without Honor: White Collar Crime and the Looting of America* (2nd Edition, Prentice-Hall, 2002); *Big Money Crime: Fraud and Politics in the Savings and Loan Crisis* (Univ. of California Press, 1997; 1999); *Contemporary Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice: Essays in Honor of*

Gilbert Geis (Prentice-Hall, 2001); and most recently, *Looting America* (Prentice Hall, 2003).

He received the 2001 Donald R. Cressey Award from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, for major lifetime contributions to the field of white-collar crime. In 2001 he also received the Albert J. Reiss, Jr. Distinguished Scholarship Award from the Crime, Law and Deviance Section of the American Sociological Association for the book, *Big Money Crime*, co-authored with Kitty Calavita and Robert Tillman. His current work includes research on international financial fraud, and new books on social deviance, and contemporary legal issues in America.