

# Sean Patrick Griffin

Curriculum Vitae

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## ***Education:***

Ph.D. 2000 The Pennsylvania State University, University Park,  
Pennsylvania. Administration of Justice, Department of Sociology.

## ***Administrative Positions Held:***

**Department Head, The Citadel\*** (Criminal Justice [CRMJ]; August 2014 – June 2020)

Managed and developed one of the most popular and most complicated academic units on campus (CRMJ is among the top majors among undergraduates, and its variegated programming – F2F/online and undergraduate/graduate degrees, minors and formal inter-disciplinary agreements, significant outreach and applied work, etc. – commonly creates unique administrative challenges). Led the recruitment and mentoring of faculty members (N=7 tenure-line + several full- and part-time adjuncts) along with developing curricula and programming for a large, new academic department. Indeed, another popular and successful department (Intelligence and Security Studies) was ultimately created in 2017 along with its own stand-alone degrees and programming.

## ***Academic Positions Held:***

**Professor, The Citadel** (CRMJ, SHSS; August 2014 – present)

Courses taught (“F2F” and/or online): Police Systems and Practices, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Organized Crime, White-Collar Crime, Criminal Careers, Law Enforcement Responses to Organized Crime (graduate level) [Note: details regarding annual and P&T reviews, and evidence of teaching effectiveness available upon request.]

**Professor, Penn State Abington†** (Criminal Justice, Division of Social Sciences; May 2014 – June 2014)

Courses taught: Introduction to Criminal Justice; American Policing; International Traffic in Narcotics; Law Enforcement Responses to Organized Crime; Offender Types: White-Collar Crime; Criminal Careers; Schreyer’s Honors Thesis Supervision; Independent Studies; Continuing Education /Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

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\* Duties, responsibilities, and accomplishments available upon request. Related service activities such as leading search committees, serving on campus-wide governance bodies, coordinating a bi-annual national conference, etc. are not listed above.

† Penn State Abington, one of Penn State University’s 24 campuses, is located just outside the City of Philadelphia. ‘Abington is a commuter, undergraduate-exclusive campus with a “highly non-traditional” student population (as defined by the National Center for Education Statistics, involving full-time students who work full-time and/or who have dependents). Additional information and context available upon request.

programs [Note: details regarding annual and P&T reviews, and evidence of teaching effectiveness available upon request]

Courses developed: White-Collar Crime: Regulation, Trends and Ethics (CLE); Securities Fraud: Regulation, Trends and Ethics (CLE)

**Associate Professor, Penn State Abington** (CrimJ, DSS; July 2003 – May 2014)

**Assistant Professor, Clemson University** (Department of Sociology, College of Business and Behavioral Sciences; August 2000 – June 2003)

Courses taught: Introduction to Criminal Justice; Sociology of Leadership; Sociology of Policing; Sociology of Corrections; Graduate Thesis Supervision [Note: details regarding annual and P&T reviews, work on graduate committees, and evidence of teaching effectiveness available upon request]

Courses developed: Sociology of Organized Crimes; Transnational Organized Crime and European Criminal Justice – Penn State University [with Alan A. Block, PSU; see below under “International Experience”]

**Lecturer and Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Penn State University** (Administration of Justice Program, Department of Sociology; 1998-1999)

Courses taught: Law Enforcement Responses to Organized Crime; Policing in America

**Instructor, Penn State University** (Administration of Justice Program, Department of Sociology; 1997-1998)

Courses taught: International Traffic in Narcotics; Field Work in the Administration of Justice

**Teaching Assistant, Penn State University** (Administration of Justice Program, Department of Sociology; 1996)

Course taught: Field Research in the Administration of Justice

### ***International Experience:***

**Associate Professor, Penn State Abington/Utrecht University, The Netherlands**

Co-Director for a month-long visit by colleagues and Ph.D. students from Utrecht for a graduate-level comparative criminal justice program (Summer 2005). The program consisted of instruction in New York, NY (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY), Horsham, PA (Penn State Abington), and University Park, PA (Penn State University), and included a specific focus on the topics of terrorism, narcotics laws, the slave trade in women, transnational organized crime, and issues relating to immigration. Lectures were offered by criminal justice system officials and academics from a variety of fields and institutions. The Penn State Abington component featured lectures from Temple University and University of Pennsylvania faculty, as well as representatives from the regional offices of the FBI and DEA. The Philadelphia Police Department hosted the group at its training academy for an exclusive presentation and discussion of its COMPSTAT process.

**Assistant Professor, Clemson University/Leiden University, The Netherlands**

Co-Director for Administration of Justice 499 [Penn State University] "Transnational Organized Crime and European Criminal Justice" (Summers 2001, 2002). This was a four-week course for approximately 25 American students representing several U.S. universities. While operationally housed at Leiden University, the program consisted of numerous site visits relevant to the study of transnational organized crime and of European criminal justice (e.g. Europol, the Dutch Ministry of Justice, the Netherlands Institute for the

Study of Crime and Law Enforcement [NISCALE], the European Parliament and others). Academic experts were brought in from throughout Holland and Europe to lecture our group, and the directors lent expertise as warranted.

**Lecturer/Instructor/Teaching Assistant, Penn State University/Leiden University**

Administration of Justice 499, "The Dutch Criminal Justice System" (Summers 1997 - 2000). This was a five-week course for approximately 25 American students representing several U.S. universities. The structure of the course was similar to the current four-week program, and the only difference was the focus of the course.

**Consultant, "Everybody is Blue": An Impression of Cultural Diversity Within the American Police Force" (Politie Amsterdam-Amstelland)**

Advised Dutch police administrators on how to design a study of hiring and training practices in the United States (from which to apply to forces in the Netherlands). Identified prospective field research locations in the U.S. for the primary Dutch researcher and assisted in the logistics of the study. (June 1997 – August 1997)

***Published Research (complete reviews and related media available upon request):***

**ORGANIZED CRIME**

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Organized Crime," in George Ritzer (ed.) Encyclopedia of Sociology 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (Oxford, United Kingdom: Blackwell Publishers, 2023). [Invited]

Alan A. Block and Sean Patrick Griffin, "The Teamsters, The White House, The Labor Department: A Commentary on the Politics of Organized Crime," in Margaret E. Beare (ed.) The Library of Essays on Transnational Crime (Surrey, United Kingdom: Ashgate Publishing, 2013), pp. 345-374 [reprint].

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Organized Crime," in George Ritzer (ed.) The Concise Encyclopedia of Sociology (Oxford, United Kingdom: Blackwell Publishers, 2011). [Invited]

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Organized Crime," in Helen Taylor Greene and Shaun Gabbidon (eds.) Encyclopedia of Race and Crime (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2009). [Invited]

Sean Patrick Griffin, Black Brothers, Inc.: The Violent Rise and Fall of Philadelphia's Black Mafia [updated and revised edition – 30% new material] (Leicester, United Kingdom: Milo Books, 2007).

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Organized Crime," in George Ritzer (ed.) Encyclopedia of Sociology (Oxford, United Kingdom: Blackwell Publishers, 2006). [Invited]

Sean Patrick Griffin, Black Brothers, Inc.: The Violent Rise and Fall of Philadelphia's Black Mafia (Lytham, United Kingdom: Milo Books, 2005) 464pp.

Items of Note re: Black Brothers, Inc.:

- Ranks 5<sup>th</sup> among best-selling sociology titles 2004-08<sup>‡</sup>

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<sup>‡</sup> Wesley Longhofer, Shannon Golden, and Arturo Baiocchi, "[A Fresh Look at Sociology Bestsellers](#)," *Contexts*, Vol. 9, No. 2 (May 2010), pp. 18-25 [*Contexts* is an official publication of the American Sociological Association].

- One of eleven finalists for 2007 Non-Fiction True Crime Book of the Year
- Interestingly and importantly, 57 individuals discussed in the 2005 version of the book either pleaded guilty or were convicted at trial soon after publication. This necessitated an edited and considerably expanded edition which was released following two years of intensive research and writing (in fact, the new material was originally envisioned as its own book until it was agreed that historical analysis would benefit more from a significant update and heavy revision to the seminal edition)
- More than 100 print/radio/tv interviews (local, national, and international)
- No less than four major cable tv show episodes rely upon *Black Brothers, Inc.*, including two which feature the book exclusively
- Numerous favorable reviews, including those from entities such as *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Philadelphia Daily News*, and *Philadelphia Magazine* (please see below for select review comments)
- Cited more in academic literature than my academic text on related subject matter (see below)

Sean Patrick Griffin, Philadelphia's 'Black Mafia': A Social and Political History (Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2003) 210pp.

Items of Note re: Philadelphia's Black Mafia:

- Frank Bovenkerk (Utrecht University; lead consultant to the legendary Von Traa Commission exposing organized crime in The Netherlands), was the lead reviewer on my manuscript for then-Kluwer (now Springer). His synopsis was as follows: "I have read *Black Mafia* with great pleasure and I fully endorse it to be published in the Kluwer Academic Press series on organized crime. The book has been carefully researched, the theoretical interpretation on black criminal organizations that exploit race as well as religion is fascinating, the book stands in a firm tradition (Nelli, Block) in the social history of organized crime." [Bovenkerk is citing two of the classics in the field, namely: Humbert S. Nelli, The Business of Crime: Italians and Syndicate Crime in the United States (New York: Oxford University Press, 1976); and Alan A. Block East Side-West Side: Organizing Crime in New York, 1930-1950 (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Books, 1983).]
- Numerous favorable reviews, including those from such regarded organized crime scholars as Mark H. Haller (Temple), Gary W. Potter (Eastern Kentucky), and Klaus von Lampe (Rutgers). Select review comments appended at end of CV

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Philadelphia's 'Black Mafia': Assessing and Advancing Current Interpretations," *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 39, 3 (2003): 263-283.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "'Emerging' Organized Crime Hypotheses in Criminology Textbooks: The Case of African-American Organized Crime," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 14, 2 (Fall 2003): 287-301.

Alan A. Block and Sean Patrick Griffin, "The Teamsters, The White House, The Labor Department: A Commentary on the Politics of Organized Crime." *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 27, 1 (1997): 1-30.

## WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

Sean Patrick Griffin (with Ryan Rodenberg, Brian Tuohy, Rick Borghesi, and Katrina Pijetlovic), "Corruption and Manipulation in Sports: Interdisciplinary Perspectives," *Gaming Law Review and Economics*, 17, 3 (April 2013): 175-187.

Sean Patrick Griffin, Gaming the Game: The Story Behind the NBA Betting Scandal and the Gambler Who Made It Happen (Fort Lee, NJ: Barricade Books, 2011) 346pp.

Items of Note re: Gaming the Game:

- National Best-Seller (Hardcover True Crime)<sup>§</sup>
- More than 100 print/radio/tv interviews (local, national, and international)
- At least one cable television program episode relies upon *Gaming the Game* exclusively
- Numerous favorable reviews, including those from entities such as *ESPN*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Philadelphia Daily News*, *Philadelphia Magazine*, *Daily News* (NY), *Delaware County Times*, and *Covers.com* (please see below for select review comments)

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Securities Fraud and Stock Manipulation Schemes," in Frank Shanty (ed.), Organized Crime: An International Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2006).

----- "Money Laundering, Tax Evasion and Financial Havens," in Shanty.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Caribbean Islands," in Lawrence Salinger (ed.), The Encyclopedia of White-Collar & Corporate Crime (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2004). [Invited]

----- "Martin Frankel," in Salinger.

----- "The Hobbs Act," in Salinger.

----- "Market Manipulation," in Salinger.

----- "Stock Fraud," in Salinger.

----- "Teamsters Pension Fund," in Salinger.

Alan A. Block and Sean Patrick Griffin, "Transnational Financial Crime: Crooked Lawyers, Tax Evasion and Securities Fraud," *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 18, 4 (November 2002): 380-392.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Actors or Activities? On the Social Construction of 'White-Collar' Crime in the United States," *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 37, 3 (2002): 245-276 [Special issue: "Is White-Collar Crime Organised Crime?" Vincenzo Ruggiero (ed.)].

Sean Patrick Griffin and Alan A. Block, "PennyWise: Accounting for Fraud in the Penny-Stock Industry," in Henry N. Pontell and David Shichor (eds.) Contemporary Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice: Essays in Honor of Gilbert Geis (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 2000), pp. 97-120. [Invited]

Alan A. Block and Sean Patrick Griffin, "Build It and They Will Come: Narcotics and Money Laundering in the Leeward Islands." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 15, 1 (November 1999): 397-420.

## POLICING

James E. Hawdon, John Ryan and Sean P. Griffin, "Policing Tactics and Perceptions of Police Legitimacy," *Police Quarterly*, 7, 4 (December 2003): 469-491.

Sean P. Griffin and Thomas J. Bernard, "Angry Aggression Among Police Officers," *Police Quarterly*, 6, 1 (March 2003): 3-21.

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<sup>§</sup> *Gaming the Game* [rose to #2 on the Best-Seller List for the week of September 24, 2011, one week after being listed at #6](#). Because this data wasn't being tracked on a systematic basis, it is unknown if, where, or how the book was otherwise ranked.

***Research Grant Experience (evidence of rejected proposals available upon request; annual internal “grants” re: faculty research and development, etc. not listed):***

### **ORGANIZED CRIME**

***Principal Investigator, Administration of Justice, Penn State Abington***

Awarded Penn State Abington’s Faculty Fellowship for 2005. “On the Social Construction of Organized Crime” involved archival research of several case studies (of stock frauds, corrupt business actions by public and private entities, organized extortion, and labor racketeering) relating to a federal corruption probe of Philadelphia’s municipal business practices. The research examined the multifarious networks of criminals, lawyers and accountants (i.e., social systems) requisite for any number of organized crimes, and was designed to enhance our understanding of evolving criminal enterprises (June – August 2005).

### **WHITE-COLLAR CRIME**

***Principal Investigator, Penn State Abington***

Authored a Penn State Abington Vision Fund study investigating the feasibility of housing a research center on white-collar crime. This included investigating comparable centers and institutes around the world, reviewing relevant web sites, examining best practices, identifying funding streams, and interviewing parties who may have a role in the prospective center (January – December 2007).

### **POLICING**

***Research Assistant, Institute for Continuing Justice Education and Research, Penn State University***

Contracted by the Centre County (PA) District Attorney's Office to conduct an evaluation of criminal justice personnel training in the area of violence against women (October 1997 - March 1998; Jennifer Mastroski, principal investigator).

***Research Assistant, Institute for Continuing Justice Education and Research, Penn State University***

Facilitator and co-organizer for numerous workshops and seminars involving police agencies and community leaders in several Pennsylvania counties for a Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant focusing on the development of Pennsylvania's Regional Community Policing Institute (August 1997 - August 1998; John Sullivan, principal investigator).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

***Principal Investigator, Department of Sociology, Clemson University***

Kellogg Foundation/South Carolina Alliance 2020 grant, “Truancy Interns: An Integrative Approach to Truancy Reduction in Pickens County, South Carolina.” An innovative collaboration between researchers from Clemson University’s Department of Sociology, Tri-County Technical College’s Department of Criminal Justice, and from the Pickens County School District’s “Rebound Alternative School” initiative. University students interned throughout the school district serving as mentors for “at-risk” students (January 2001 – May 2003).

**Research Assistant, Institute for Continuing Justice Education and Research,  
Penn State University**

Contracted by the Luzerne County (PA) Office of Human Services as part of a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant to conduct an evaluation of the county's domestic violence-specific staffing practices and concerns (January 1999 - May 1999; Jennifer Mastroski, principal investigator).

**Research Assistant, Institute for Continuing Justice Education and Research,  
Penn State University**

Archival research, data collection and field research for a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant evaluating the impact of the 1994 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants on three Pennsylvania counties (January 1997 - September 1998; Jennifer Mastroski, principal investigator).

***Academic Presentations:***

Sean Patrick Griffin, "On the Legalization of Sports Gambling in the U.S.: Information as Currency." Presented at the first annual Archer panel on "Legalized Sports Gambling: What Every University Needs to Know". Philadelphia, PA, November, 2019 [Invited].

Sean Patrick Griffin, "On the Media and the 2003-07 NBA Betting Scandal." Presented at the Florida State University School of Law Sports Management and Law Colloquium, Tallahassee, Florida, October 2018 [Invited].

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Lessons Learned from the 2003-07 NBA Betting Scandal." Presented at the annual Michigan State University International Law Review Symposium, East Lansing, Michigan, February, 2018 [Invited].

Sean Patrick Griffin, "On the Use of Law Enforcement Files in the Research of Organized Crime." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, Louisiana, November, 2016.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Trends in the Legality and Regulation of Online and Offshore Sports Gambling." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, South Carolina, March, 2015.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Organized Crime in the News (or Not?): The Ongoing Problem of Media Stereotypes." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November, 2014.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "The Sociology of Professional Sports Gambling: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives." Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February, 2014.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "The Legacy of Philadelphia's Black Mafia: Implications for Research and Policy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February, 2014.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "On the (Non-Existent) Role of Organized Crime in the 2003-07 NBA Betting Scandal." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 2013.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "On the Role of Offshore Sportsbooks in the 2003-07 NBA Betting Scandal." Presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Sport Management Conference, Tallahassee, Florida, October, 2012 [Invited].

Sean Patrick Griffin, "The Enduring Legend of Joseph Valachi: On Criminology's Complicity in Promulgating Myths." Presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Criminology (the Fourteenth World Congress on Criminology), Philadelphia, August, 2005.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Criminology's Interpretation of the Valachi 'Revelations': On Mythology and Methodology." Presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, November, 2004.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "On the Decline of Organized Crime Research in the U.S." Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada, March, 2004.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "On the Lack of African-American Organized Crime Research." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, Colorado, November, 2003.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "Philadelphia's 'Black Mafia': Assessing Current Historical Interpretations." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association – Pacific Coast Branch, Tucson, Arizona, August, 2002.

Alan A. Block and Sean Patrick Griffin, "Kennedy, Hundley and their Trojan Horse: Joseph Valachi's '[In] Significance' to the Study of Organized Crime." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 2001.

Sean Patrick Griffin and Alan A. Block, "Fraud in the Penny Stock Industry: Bank on It." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November, 2000.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "African-Americans and Organized Crime." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November, 2000.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "African-American Organized Crime: Could It Be?" Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 2000.

Sean P. Griffin and Thomas J. Bernard, "Angry Aggression Among Police Officers." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November, 1999.

Alan A. Block and Sean Patrick Griffin, "The Politics of Organized Crime: The Case of Philadelphia's 'Black Mafia'." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November, 1999.

Sean Patrick Griffin and Alan A. Block, "Penny Stock Fraud and the 'General Theory of Crime'." Presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, St. George's Bay, St. Julians, Malta, July, 1999.

Sean Patrick Griffin, "The Social and Political History of Philadelphia's 'Black Mafia': An Analysis." Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, Florida, March, 1999.

Sean Patrick Griffin and Alan A. Block, "The House of Fraud: The World of Penny-Stock Scamming." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., November, 1998.

Sean Patrick Griffin and Alan A. Block, "Penny-Wise: Accounting for Fraud in the Penny-Stock Industry." Presented at the annual Liverpool Conference on Fraud, Corruption and Business Crime, Liverpool, England, April, 1997.

Alan A. Block and Sean Patrick Griffin, "The Teamsters, The White House, The Labor Department: A Commentary on the Politics of Organized Crime." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Illinois, November, 1996.



## ***Research-Based Invited Presentations:***

### ***Speaker, Holy Family University School of Business Administration and Extended Learning***

“Philadelphia’s Black Mafia: Learning from a Complicated and Controversial History.” Bensalem, PA, November 14, 2014. Invited to present as part of HFU’s Intensive Course, “Organized Crime in America: The Philadelphia Story.”

### ***Speaker, Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office (CLE course credit offering)***

“Philadelphia’s Black Mafia: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” Philadelphia, PA, February 21, 2014. Presented to Assistant District Attorneys and other area lawyers at the request of the Office.

### ***Speaker, Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office (CLE course credit offering)***

“Philadelphia’s Black Mafia: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” Philadelphia, PA, November 8, 2013. Presented to Assistant District Attorneys and other area lawyers at the request of the Office.

### ***Speaker, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)***

“Philadelphia’s Black Mafia: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” Philadelphia, PA, August 15, 2013. Presented to agents at the FBI’s regional office at the request of the Bureau’s regional supervisor in charge of organized crime investigations.

### ***Speaker, Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN)***

“Criminal conspiracies in context: Considering the role of historical research in the understanding of today’s underworld,” Newtown, PA, August 16, 2013. Presented to law enforcement investigators at all levels of government.

### ***Speaker, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)***

“Philadelphia’s Black Mafia: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” Philadelphia, PA, December 7, 2012. Presented to agents at the FBI’s regional office at the request of the Bureau’s regional supervisor in charge of organized crime investigations.

### ***Speaker, East Coast Gang Investigators Association (ECGIA)***

“Probing the underworld: On the role of history in modern-day investigations,” Rehobeth Beach, DE, September 14, 2012. Presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual ECGIA Training Conference (presented to law enforcement investigators at all levels of government).

### ***Speaker, Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN)***

“Criminal conspiracies in context: Considering the role of historical research in the understanding of today’s underworld,” Newtown, PA, August 15, 2012. Presented to law enforcement investigators at all levels of government.

### ***Speaker, Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN)***

“On the Role of Organized Crime in the Professional Sports Gambling Community,” Ambler, PA, March 10, 2011. Also appeared on a panel with three area organized crime authorities discussing the state of the

underworld in South Jersey, Philadelphia and its suburbs for an audience of law enforcement officials from all levels of government.

**Speaker, Montgomery County Community College**

“The NBA, Gambling, and Crime,” Blue Bell, PA, March 8, 2011. Discussions of: the 2003-07 NBA betting scandal, the role of organized crime in the gambling underworld, and the burgeoning offshore betting market.

**Speaker, North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents**

Annual Conference, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Prison Wardens Association, April 12, 2006. Topic: Organized crime, gangs, and their significance for prison officials.

**Panelist, Historical Society of Pennsylvania**

“The Gangs of Philadelphia,” Philadelphia, November 30, 2005. Panel of three area organized crime authors.

**Panelist, Montgomery County Community College**

"The Battle Against Organized Crime...Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow," Blue Bell, PA, March 24, 2004. Panel of four area organized crime authorities.

**Panelist, National Institute of Justice, Professional Conference Series**

“The Enduring Problem of Extortion: A Practical Assessment of Causes and Interventions,” Arlington, VA, October 7, 2003. Consultant for a U.S. Department of Justice/NIJ “experts meeting” with select international organized crime scholars, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and other criminal justice officials.

***Research-Based (Unpaid) “Consulting” Activities\*\*:***

(Please note the following – all predicated on my research - represent invited, unpaid consulting to advise producers, assist with literature reviews and documents procurement, analyze statistics, suggest interview subjects, etc. In addition to these roles, I was an interview subject for each of the productions listed below.)

**ORGANIZED CRIME**

***NBCUniversal***

An untitled documentary based on my book, *Black Brothers, Inc.: The Violent Rise and Fall of Philadelphia's Black Mafia* (March 2021 – present)

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\*\* Please note all such activities are not unlike lending expertise to academic journal review boards or to colleagues seeking informed professional advice or critical reviews of manuscripts, etc. In fact, these “consulting” activities are quite costly in terms of time and resources, especially because there is often considerable travel involved. These activities - which in my view are crucial vis-à-vis the social construction of various phenomena, including and especially the mythology-laden niche area of organized crime - are in addition to “traditional” activities such as assisting various government agencies and media entities (please see “Service” below).

***A. Smith & Co./Black Entertainment Television (BET)***

Episodes for the network's program "American Gangster: Trap Queens" (February 2019 – April 2019).  
First episode aired October 2019.

***Dacua Communications***

A documentary film entitled "The Corrupt and the Dead," which examines the mythology of organized crime in the United States, with a particular focus on Philadelphia (June 2011 – August 2018). Release date TBD.

***Appian Way Productions/Warner Brothers Studios***

A major motion picture based on my book *Black Brothers, Inc.: The Violent Rise and Fall of Philadelphia's Black Mafia* (March 2006 – September 2014).

***History Making Productions/WPVI (ABC-Philadelphia)***

An episode of a documentary entitled "Philadelphia: The Great Experiment," which includes a detailed examination of the city's underworld and related political machinations (September 2012 – October 2012).  
Episode first aired July 2013.

***Asylum Entertainment/A&E***

An episode of the network's program, "Gangsters: America's Most Evil," focusing on consequential African-American drug dealers of the 1980s (October 2012 – May 2013). Episode first aired June 2013.

***Wall-to-Wall Productions/National Geographic***

A program entitled "Philly Mob", which examines the history of organized crime in Philadelphia (June 2007 - October 2007). Program first aired June 2008.

***A. Smith & Co./Black Entertainment Television (BET)***

An episode of BET's award-winning *American Gangster* program entitled "Philly Black Mafia: 'Do for Self'," based on my book *Black Brothers, Inc.: The Violent Rise and Fall of Philadelphia's Black Mafia* (March 2007 - October 2007). Episode first aired October 2007 and has since gone into rotation on A&E and its Bio channel.

***Wall-to-Wall Productions/National Geographic***

A program entitled "Underworld Histories", which examines organized crime in select U.S. cities (June 2006 - October 2006). Program first aired June 2007.

**WHITE-COLLAR CRIME**

***Netflix***

An episode of their multi-year "Untold" series entitled "Operation Flagrant Foul" which examines the 2003-07 NBA betting scandal (October 2021 – August 2022). Episode first aired 8/30/22.

### ***TenderfootTV Productions***

A podcast series entitled “Whistleblower” which examines the 2003-07 NBA betting scandal (January 2020 – October 2020). First episode was released August 2020.<sup>††</sup>

### ***Home Box Office (HBO)***

A segment for an episode of the program “Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel” entitled “The Insider” which examined pro gambler Jimmy Battista’s role in the 2003-07 NBA betting scandal, based on my then-forthcoming book *Gaming the Game: The Story Behind the NBA Betting Scandal and the Gambler Who Made It Happen* (October 2009 – December 2009). Episode first aired November 2009.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### ***Interpositive Media***

A documentary film entitled “Hold Your Fire” examining the longest hostage siege in New York Police Department (NYPD) history (January 2015 – present). Released late 2021.<sup>‡‡</sup>

### ***All Ages Productions/PBS***

A documentary entitled “Philly D.A.” funded by the Ford and MacArthur Foundations and the Sundance Institute examining the first year in office of District Attorney Larry Krasner (October 2018 – November 2018). First aired April 2021.

### ***Jigsaw Productions/CNN***

Documentary entitled “Death Row Stories” examining noteworthy death row cases (February 2019 – March 2019). First episode aired April 2020.

### ***Dacua Communications***

A documentary film entitled “The Barrel of a Gun,” which includes an examination of related racial and political issues surrounding the 1981 slaying of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner (June 2010 – March 2012). Documentary was originally released in 2010 before being heavily edited and updated for another release in 2012.

### ***Mizan Studios***

A documentary film entitled “Lost Found: The African-American’s Journey to Islam,” which includes a detailed examination of the Nation of Islam and related political machinations (December 2009 - June 2010). Documentary was released in 2011.

### ***A. Smith & Co./Black Entertainment Television (BET)***

An episode of BET’s *American Gangster* program entitled “J. Edgar Hoover,” examining the FBI’s infamous COINTELPRO history (June 2008 - November 2008). Episode first aired November 2008.

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<sup>††</sup> *Whistleblower* won the 2020 “Best Sports Podcast” in the annual Podcast Academy Awards.

<sup>‡‡</sup> *Hold Your Fire* won the 2020 Library of Congress Lavine/Ken Burns Prize among other noteworthy award nominations and considerable critical acclaim.

***Service (enumerated activities not exhaustive; further context available upon request):***

#### TO THE ACADEMY

**Manuscript Reviewer at various times for the following (often on several occasions):**

*American Journal of Criminal Justice*

Barricade

*Criminal Justice Review*

*Journal of Criminal Justice*

*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*

*Police Practice and Research*

Praeger

Publius

Rowman & Littlefield

*Social Currents*

*Asian Journal of Criminology*

*Crime, Law and Social Change*

*Criminology and Public Policy*

*Journal of Criminal Justice Education*

*Justice Quarterly*

*Police Quarterly*

Prentice Hall

*Psychology, Crime and Law*

Routledge

Roxbury

**Discussant**, “Tribute to the Late Mark Haller by the International Association for the Study of Organized Crime,” annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November, 2014.

**Session Chair**, “The Politics of Organized Crime and Its Visibility (or Lack Thereof),” annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November, 2014.

**Session Chair**, “White-Collar Crime: Divergent Topics,” annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February, 2014.

**Session Chair**, “Criminals, Legal Business, and Sports-related Crime,” annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 2013.

**Session Chair**, “Contemporary Varieties of Fraud,” annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November, 2000.

#### TO THE COMMUNITY

(In addition to the below, I have been invited to counsel – on many occasions - numerous so-called “good government” groups on the ills of municipal corruption, public policy, history, sociology, etc. This is true also for various civic groups (e.g., area Rotary Clubs and Historical Societies and for so-called “anti-violence” groups.)

**Interview source/subject for non-Philadelphia-area forums (often on several occasions; lists are not exhaustive):**

##### Television

Black Entertainment Television (BET)

Big Ten Network

Bio

Centric

Don Best

ESPN

Home Box Office (HBO)

National Geographic

NBC10 Boston

Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN)

VSiN (simulcast on radio)

##### Print

Boston Globe

Chicago Sun-Times

Chronicle of Higher Education

Der Spiegel (Germany)

ESPN The Magazine

Financial Times

Harrisburg Patriot-News

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Los Angeles Times

Newark Star-Ledger

New York Daily News

Newsweek Magazine

Playboy Magazine

Post and Courier (Charleston, SC)

Sports Illustrated  
TIME Magazine  
Toronto Star  
USA Today  
VEJA Magazine (Brazil/Latin America)

**Radio**

CBS Sports  
ESPN Radio (nationally-syndicated)  
Kerrang! Radio (UK)  
National Public Radio (NPR)  
Rogers SportsNet Radio (national, Canada)  
SiriusXM Radio “Prime Time Sports” (national, Canada)  
SiriusXM Channel 169 (“The Power”)  
Sporting News Radio (nationally-syndicated)  
SportsByline USA (nationally-syndicated)  
The Urban Journal (nationally-syndicated)  
TSN Radio (Canada)  
WGN (Chicago)  
WKXW (“New Jersey 101.5”)

**Podcasts**

Basketball Illuminati  
Before the Lights  
Bill Simmons  
Gangland Wire  
In the War Room  
The Sitdown: A Mafia History Podcast

**Interview source/subject for the following Philadelphia-specific forums (often on numerous occasions; lists are not exhaustive):**

**Television**

Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia  
KYW TV (CBS-3)  
WGTW TV (Channel 48)  
WPVI TV (ABC-6)  
WTXF (FOX-29)

**Print**

City Paper  
Philadelphia Daily News  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
Philadelphia Magazine  
Philadelphia Metro  
Philadelphia Tribune  
Philadelphia Weekly

**Radio**

CBS Sports Radio (610AM)  
KYW Newsradio (1060AM)  
WHAT (1340AM)  
WPHT (1210AM)  
WYSP (94.1FM)

**Lent expertise to the following non-Philadelphia-specific agencies/offices (often on several occasions; lists are not exhaustive):**

**Federal Law Enforcement**

Federal Bureau of Investigation (several regional offices)  
Drug Enforcement Administration (several offices)  
Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (several offices)  
United States Attorneys Offices (several offices)

**State Law Enforcement**

Pennsylvania State Police  
New Jersey State Police  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

**Lent expertise to the following Philadelphia-specific agencies/office (often on numerous occasions; lists are not exhaustive):**

**Federal Law Enforcement (regional offices)**

FBI  
DEA  
ATF  
USAO

**State Law Enforcement**

Bureau of Narcotics Investigation (OAG – BNI)

**Philadelphia Police Department**

Office of the Commissioner  
Police Academy  
Organized Crime and Intelligence Unit  
Homicide Unit  
Citywide Narcotics Unit

**Philadelphia District Attorney's Office**

***Honors and Awards:***

**Outstanding Scholar, Penn State Abington**

Honoree for the 2007-2008 academic year

**Book of the Year, Foreword Magazine** (review trade journal for independent publishing)

*Black Brothers, Inc.* was one of eleven finalists in the non-fiction true crime category for 2007.

**Strauser Lecturer in Criminal Justice, Lycoming College** (Williamsport, PA)

Honored as Lycoming College's Strauser Lecturer, recognizing a distinguished scholar in the field of criminal justice, for the 2005-2006 academic year

***Professional Memberships: (member at various times of the following)***

American Sociological Association  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences  
International Association for the Study of Organized Crime  
Int'l Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts

American Society of Criminology  
Southern Criminal Justice Association  
American Historical Association  
Social Science Historical Association  
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

***Research Interests:***

Organized crimes (including "white-collar" crime, "state-organized" crime, financial frauds in the securities industry, political corruption and the "serious crime community"), criminal intelligence, public policy, international traffic in narcotics, money laundering, tax evasion, offshore sports gambling, cybercrimes, comparative criminology, law enforcement and related issues (e.g. community policing, corruption, abuse of force), truancy and related social disorganization, and qualitative, archival and historical research methods.

***Professional Work Experience:***

**Police Officer, Philadelphia (PA) Police Department** (February 1992 - December 1995).

Valedictorian, Class 298, Philadelphia Police Academy.

**Quotes from reviews of Sean Patrick Griffin, *Philadelphia's 'Black Mafia': A Social and Political History* (Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic, August 2003).**

***Contemporary Sociology***

Sean Patrick Griffin has taken a mountain of data, mined it carefully, presented it in a clearly and compelling written book. This is sociological research at its best and most basic, presented in a fashion that is imminently readable and unapologetic in its originality. *Philadelphia's Black Mafia, A Social Political History* will take its place as a required book on the shelves of all serious students of organized crime. [Gary W. Potter (Eastern Kentucky University); Contemporary Sociology is the official review journal of the American Sociological Association.]

***American Journal of Sociology***

Griffin...goes beyond the stereotypical analysis of Italian-American gangsters and examines an African-American criminal group – a largely ignored topic...This book makes a significant contribution to organized crime research and presented in a clear and concise matter...[and] should be of great interest to students of organized crime and gangs and to those interested in African-American studies...This book plays an important role in identifying social structural conditions that fuel the development of modern-day organized crime. [Robert M. Lombardo (Loyola University)]

***The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography***

*Philadelphia's Black Mafia* is a path-breaking book on the history of urban criminal groups...The book's strength is the historical perspective that comes from examining the multiple activities and the important changes in the group during its thirty-year history. The book's rich detail reflects the variety and quality of the sources that Griffin gained access to... *Philadelphia's Black Mafia* is a careful, well-researched study that is an important contribution to scholarship and a revealing book to read. [Mark H. Haller (Temple University); The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography is the official publication of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.]

***Organized Crime Newsletter, European Consortium of Political Research***

Griffin's study is an important contribution to the study of organized crime for two reasons. It removes a white spot on the map with respect to African-American organized crime, and at the same time it adds significantly to our knowledge of the overall crime picture in Philadelphia from the late 1960s through the mid 1980s. [Klaus von Lampe (Rutgers University)]



**Praise for *Black Brothers, Inc.:*  
*The Violent Rise and Fall of Philadelphia's Black Mafia* (Milo 2005/07)**

**“A gripping story...Griffin richly documents the Black Mafia's organization, outreach and over-the-top badness.”**

Joseph N. DiStefano, *Philadelphia Inquirer*

**“Sean Patrick Griffin has delivered a richly detailed narrative of the murderous history of the city's first African-American crime syndicate.”**

Kitty Caparella, *Philadelphia Daily News*

**“Griffin did extensive research and backs up his claims carefully...If you're a crime buff, a history lover, or if you just want something fascinating to read, it's a book you can't refuse.”**

Terri Schlichenmeyer, syndicated reviewer and host of [www.BookWormSez.com](http://www.BookWormSez.com)

**"Using the federal corruption probe as prologue and epilogue, Griffin presents a confident chronicle of Philly's Black Mafia, the decades-long collaboration among drug dealers, Muslim clerics and local politicians...Griffin disassembles the racist calumny about black crime: that it is violence born of convenience. Griffin punctures that myth with a salient detail that shows a criminal outfit highly organized: At early Black Mafia meetings, minutes were taken."**

Sasha Issenberg, *Philadelphia Magazine*

**"Sean Patrick Griffin has given us a really extensive look into the Black Mafia...and has produced one of best pieces of research on the underworld in this city that I have ever seen...The level of research, really copious research, I haven't seen anything on organized crime - of any kind - that is as well-documented as this."**

Elmer Smith, *Philadelphia Daily News* columnist and host of "The Exchange" on Philadelphia's leading African-American radio station, 1340AM WHAT

**“A great, sprawling epic.”**

Duane Swierczynski, editor-in-chief, *Philadelphia City Paper*

**“*Black Brothers, Inc.* is fascinating.”**

Bernie McCain, considered the “Dean of Black Talk Radio” and host of “The Dean’s Talkroom” on the pre-eminent national African-American talk radio station, XM Radio’s *The Power*

**"The book is incredible...The documentation is so thorough, it's unbelievable...We know about corruption, but this is beyond corruption. This is just amazing stuff."**

Dom Giordano, radio host on Philly's leading talk radio station 1210AM WPHT

**“I couldn't put this book down.”**

Keith Murphy, veteran award-winning broadcaster and host of the “Urban Journal” on XM Radio’s *The Power*

**"Sean Patrick Griffin, in surreal detail, lays out the twist and turns, the political and religious associations...*Black Brothers Inc.*...a guaranteed chilling read."**

*The Melting Pot*, Philadelphia

**“Sean Patrick Griffin's book on the Philly Black Mafia is searing, unrelenting and ruthlessly precise.”**

Henry Schipper, producer and director for Black Entertainment Television's *American Gangster* series

**Quotes from reviews of Sean Patrick Griffin, *Gaming the Game: The Story Behind the NBA Betting Scandal and the Gambler Who Made It Happen* (Barricade, 2011)**

**"impeccably researched...insightful...[Griffin's] street-wise writing sounds anything but academic...After reading 'Gaming the Game,' you'll never watch an NBA contest the same way again."**

John L. Smith, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

**"An exhaustively researched book threatening to overturn some comfortable assumptions about the NBA's referee scandal ...[*Gaming the Game*] delivers the intrigue you'd expect from a true crime thriller"**

Henry Abbott, *ESPN.com*

**"Griffin's impressive work...contains footnotes, source notes, cross-referenced facts from many officials and resources and exhaustive due diligence conducted by a forensic expert with a Ph.D...*Gaming the Game* is definitive, vital to comprehending the NBA scandal and how sports-betting money zips around the world. The book is gold, a forensic masterpiece."**

Rob Miech, *Chicago Sun-Times*

**"Offers a fascinating look into the Donaghy scandal ... intriguing"**

Stan Hochman, *Philadelphia Daily News*

**"[Griffin] straddles the line between academic and storyteller, cop and journalist...[*Gaming the Game*] will blow your mind."**

Jason Fagone, *Philadelphia Magazine*

**"compelling [and] many leveled...the research behind *Gaming the Game* is impressive...Griffin's knowledge of the crime scene in and around Philadelphia illuminates *Gaming the Game*...He's a fluid, crisp writer and an A-1 historian of crime [who] combines an eye for human detail with the ability to convey broad social themes."**

Carola Von Hoffmannstahl-Solomonoff, *Blogger News Network*

**"rewarding...[This] important new book ... offers a full picture of how the world of big-time sports gambling operates...[and provides] the fullest depiction of the Tim Donaghy scandal to date"**

Mark Haubner, *The Painted Area* (an official ESPN.com NBA blog)

**"A book you can bet is worth reading...fascinating...a complete effort"**

Jack McCaffrey, *Delaware County (PA) Daily Times*

**"a tremendous read...fascinating...gripping...a must read for any bettor serious about the global marketplace...by far the most believable [account of the NBA betting scandal]"**

Ted Sevransky, *Covers.com*

**"If you've ever wondered what the REAL story was behind Tim Donaghy and the NBA betting scandal, this is a must read...If you're interested in sports betting, you won't be able to put [*Gaming the Game*] down"**

*Bettors World*

**"Few people are as qualified as Griffin to write this book...[his] scholarly background is evidenced in his research, which is flawless, a remarkable feat considering the subject matter... His academic background ensures that readers will get all of the information that they need, but he is also a gifted story teller and writes in a way that will have you glued to the pages. This is easily one of the best books ever written about the sports betting scene and will give you a first-hand look at the biggest scandal to ever hit the NBA."**

Allen Moody, *About.com*