



Professor Jonathan Simon wins the 2008 ASA Sociology of Law Distinguished Book Award.

Associate Dean Jonathan Simon won the book prize (given once every two years) for his book, *Governing Through Crime: How the War on Crime Transformed American Democracy and Created a Culture of Fear*. The distinguished book award is given for a single book published in 2006, 2007 and in the month of January in 2008. Nominations must come from members of the Association.

Governing Through Crime, Professor **Jonathan Simon's** '87/'90 (Ph.D.) latest book, contends that America's obsession with crime has been intensified by politicians who use the specter of criminality to justify government intrusion in our everyday lives. In an era where the "War on Crime" permeates society, Simon argues that Americans must assess and debate criminality in order to remove its political underpinnings.

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