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Criminologist and white collar crime expert aims to better understand occupational and organizational offending

Criminologist Jordan Harel, PhD, aims to better understand white collar criminal offending, and consequently help prevent its victimization. A Lecturer in the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, and a social justice advocate, Dr. Harel joined UOIT in 2013, and teaches courses including Issues in Organized Crime, Social Control, and Cybercrime.

His journey to criminology began with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Human Behaviour - Psychological and Social Perspectives at the University of Western Ontario (UWO). The financial crisis of 2008 prompted growing attention to the issue of white collar crime, intriguing Dr. Harel who earned a Master of Business, Entrepreneurship and Technology at the University of Waterloo. In an effort to connect business with criminology, he earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Sociology at UWO. His doctoral research explored the notion of the exceptionality of white collar criminals. For his analysis, he examined the criminal backgrounds and substance abuse histories of white collar offenders, comparing them to other types of offenders. Additionally, his work also led to the creation of a typology of occupational offending. He is currently supervising undergraduate research on digital piracy and white collar crime.

In 2015, he was awarded a UOIT Teaching and Innovation Fund grant to create two videos to foster a sense of community and awareness of services to help new students succeed academically in a supportive campus environment. He also serves on a number of university committees.

Education/Learning, Corrections, Law Enforcement, Research

Crime Prevention, Crime and Deviance in the Workplace, Criminal Careers, Criminology and Social Control, Cybercrime, Organized Crime, White Collar Crime , Youth Justice

University of Western Ontario
PhD Sociology

University of Waterloo
MBET Entrepreneurship and Technology

University of Western Ontario
BA Honours Scholar's Electives: Human Behaviour - Psychological and Social Perspectives

University of Western Ontario Graduate Research Scholarship
A four-year research scholarship to support his graduate research.

University of Waterloo Graduate Scholarship
Dr. Harel earned a scholarship to support his graduate studies.

University Gold Medal, University of Western Ontario

For his undergraduate program success, Dr. Harel earned the University Gold Medal from the UWO, Faculty of Social Science.

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