

Crime and Sexuality

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Each of the papers in this collection deals with a form of behavior that has aggressive and sexual components and that under certain circumstances is considered criminal. Yet the collection is not about "sex crimes," but about crime and sexuality, two overlapping spheres of human activity that underlie much of psychiatry and the law.

Contributed by scholars of several disciplines, the papers deal with areas of intersection between crime and sexuality. This may not be obvious in regard to the papers on violence between spouses, but I believe that behavior as closely related to sex-role expectancies as spouse abuse appears to be in part an expression of sexuality or, more accurately, sexual conflict. I do not, of course, mean to suggest that sexual arousal or gratification is the primary aim of spouse abuse. On the contrary, the central themes appear to be those of power and control. The reader may find it worthwhile in exploring these papers to consider whether power and control are also central themes in every other form of behavior described here.

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