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Drawing on her unprecedented access to a police hate crime unit, Bell's work brings to life the stories of female, Black, Latino, and Asian American detectives, in addition to those of their white male counterparts. **Policing Hatred** also explores the impact of victim's identity on each officers handling of bias crimes and addresses how the police treat defendants' First Amendment rights. Bell's vivid evidence from the field argues persuasively for the need to have the police diligently address even low-level offenses, such as vandalism, given their devastating cumulative effects on society.

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Review

"This useful and timely book deals with the ethnographic basis of hate crime."

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"A very well written analysis of the process of enforcing hate crimes. *Policing Hatred* illuminates basic matters of policing in a democratic society-balancing victims' rights versus the rights of suspects, the role of public ignorance and political pressure on police work, and the quite striking decency of these investigators. . . . Will be a 'must read' for all social scientists interested in hate crime as well as scholars in criminal justice, law, sociology, and political science in the area of police studies."

-Peter K. Manning, Brooks Chair of Policing and Criminal Justice, College of Criminal Justice, Northeastern University

"Readable and interesting...a fine work that offers fresh insights into how the police enforce hate crime laws."

-Law and Politics Book Review

About the Author

Jeannine Bell is Professor of Law at IU Maurer School of Law-Bloomington. She is the author of *Policing Hatred: Law Enforcement, Civil Rights, and Hate Crime*; *Police and Policing Law*; and *Gaining Access to Research Sites: A Practical and Theoretical Guide for Qualitative Researchers* (with Martha Feldman and Michele Berger).

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