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She is the author of *The Last Words of Rowan du Preez: Murder and Conspiracy on the Cape Flats*, published by Jonathan Ball. She has a Mphil in Geography from the University of Cambridge, where she was a Gates Scholar. She has been a Visiting Academic at the School of African Studies at the University of Oxford, and is currently an associate of the Oceanic Humanities for the Global South research project, based at the University of the Witwatersrand.

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His early research focused on the organization of illegal markets and resulted in the publication of *Disorganized Crime: The Economics of the Visible Hand* (MIT Press, 1983), which won the Leslie Wilkins award as most outstanding book of the year in criminology and criminal justice. Much of his research has dealt with alternative approaches to controlling drug problems, both in the United States and Western Europe. In recent years he has also been publishing on money laundering control and on the flows of illicit funds from developing nations.

His books include (with Robert MacCoun) *Drug War Heresies: Learning from Other Places, Times and Vices* (Cambridge University Press, 2001) *Chasing Dirty Money: The Fight against Money Laundering* (Institute for International Economics, 2004; with Ted Truman) *The World Heroin Market: Can Supply be Cut?* (Oxford University Press, 2009, with Letizia Paoli and Victoria Greenfield). He founded and directed RAND's Drug Policy Research Center from 1989-1993. From 2007-2011 Dr. Reuter served as the first president of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy. He also served as editor of the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* from 1999 to 2004. He has chaired three panels for the National Academy of Sciences.

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