



MEMORANDUM

TO: John Jay College Community

FROM: Raj Singh
AVP for Administration

DATE: May 27, 2020

RE: Passing of Dr. Thomas Reppetto, faculty member in the Department of Law and Police Science

We are deeply saddened to share that Dr. Thomas Reppetto passed away recently from congestive heart failure. Dr. Reppetto came to the College 34 years ago as a faculty member in the Department of Law and Police Science.

Dr. Reppetto, a former Chicago police officer with a Ph.D. from Harvard, authored several books on the history of policing. He was appointed in 1979 as the first president of the [Citizens Crime Commission](#) of New York City, a nonpartisan watchdog group that researches ways to reduce crime in New York City.

Dr. Reppetto brought a street cop's experience and a scholarly perspective to all his work. He became a prominent advocate for criminal justice reform, including the sale of illegal firearms. He appeared frequently on news media shows as a Harvard-educated expert on crime and policing.

We have lost an exceptional individual who contributed so much to John Jay, to his students, to his colleagues. During this difficulty time, we send our thoughts and heartfelt condolences to Dr. Thomas Reppetto's family and friends on their loss.

