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## Speaker to Discuss First-Hand Lessons Learned Through Ethics Violations

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Mistakes can be a valuable learning tool - even when they happen to someone else.

Justin Paperny, a former investment executive who now uses his talents and experiences to educate others on the perils associated with white-collar crime, hopes that by revealing his mistakes, he will help keep others from following the same path.

Attendance to his lectures, "Lessons from Prison" and "Ethics in Motion," set to begin at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., respectively, on Tuesday, Feb. 22, is free and open to the public. Both presentations will take place in Roberson Auditorium, Lumpkin Hall Room 2030, on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

After graduating from the University of Southern California, Paperny began building his career at such storied firms as Merrill Lynch, Bear Stearns and UBS. He managed more than \$150 million in investor assets as a top-earning stockbroker, but personal pressures clouded his judgment. That ethical lapse ensnared him in a fraud. He pleaded guilty to violating securities laws and served an 18-month sentence at Taft Federal Prison Camp.

Since then, Paperny has been a keynote speaker to business and academic audiences across the nation. His story and presentations have been featured by ABC News, NBC News, Forbes and Radio America, amongst many others.

He provides audiences with insight into the motivations, actions and consequences of white-collar crime. Rather than speaking theoretically, he draws upon personal experiences to narrate with honesty and eloquence how an inattention to values-based decision-making can lead an individual into debacles that may include imprisonment.

While on Eastern's campus, Paperny also plans to discuss the topic of business ethics in classes through the university's School of Business which, organizers say, "recognizes the importance of business ethics education as a vital part of the integrative learning experience."

For more information, including Paperny's full bio, visit the School of Business website at [http://www.eiu.edu/business/spotlight\\_ethics\\_2011.php](http://www.eiu.edu/business/spotlight_ethics_2011.php).

