

James Cockerham

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2020 **Ph.D.**, Askew School of Public Administration and Public Policy, Florida State University. Supervisor: Frances S. Berry
- [Cockerham, J. \(2020\). Criminal Justice Institutions: Human Behavior in a System of Neutral Competence](#) (Doctoral dissertation, Florida State University).
- 2015 **M.P.A.**, Public Administration, Florida State University.
- 2011 **B.S.**, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University.

Professional Experience

- August 2025 **Assistance Teaching Professor**, Public Safety and Security Program
College of Applied Studies,
Florida State University – Panama City
- 2021 – 2025 **Department Chair**, Health Science and Public Service
Program Director and Assistant Professor of Public Administration,
Montreat College
- 2019 – 2021 **Legislative Policy Analyst**, Florida Legislature’s Office of Program
Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).
- 2018 – 2019 **Title I Civics Teacher**, Fairview Middle School, Leon County Schools.
- 2017 – 2019 **Criminal Investigator**, Division of Security, Florida Lottery.
- 2012 – 2017 **Police Officer**, Tallahassee Police Department.

Part-time Experience

- Adjunct Professor/ Teaching Assistant**, Florida State University, 2019 - 2025.
- Adjunct Professor**, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2021 - present.
- Doctoral Chair/Committee Member**, Liberty University, 2024 - present
- Adjunct Professor**, Valdosta State University, 2021 - 2023.

Publications and Research

Grants and Awards

Cockerham, J. (PI), Patterson, I., Roth, R. (Co-PI), and Cockerham, A. (2024). How much do NC Teen Court Programs Reduce Recidivism? Funded by North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP). **Total award \$112,000.**

Faculty Fellowship, Appalachian College Association (Summer 2025): *Continued research examining the effectiveness of the North Carolina Teen Court system on recidivism through survey responses.* **Total award: \$5,600**

Peer Reviewed Publications

Cockerham, A. & Cockerham, J. (2025). [Assessing the impact of North Carolina Teen Court on recidivism.](#) *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, 00, 1–15.

Gratton, P., & Cockerham, J. (2024). [Teaching Complexity Management: Faith Integration on the Edge of Chaos.](#) *Christian Business Academy Review*, 19.

Cockerham, J., and Cockerham, A. (2022). [License and Registration Please: Florida Sheriff Traffic Stop Policy.](#) *Florida Political Chronicle*, 29, 148-157.

Cockerham, J. (2019). [The Institution of the Elected Sheriff: Implicit Bias and Government Failure.](#) *Florida Political Chronicle*, 27, 112-125.

Industry Reports & Other Publications

Cockerham, J., Cockerham, A., Roth, R., and Patterson, I. (2024). [Assessing the Impact of North Carolina Teen Court on Recidivism.](#) North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM).

Cockerham, J., Cockerham, A., Roth, R., and Patterson, I. (2023). [Pre-Analysis Plan: Assessing the Impact of North Carolina Teen Court on Recidivism.](#) North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM).

Legislature, F. (2020). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). [Several Factors Hinder Homeowner and Auto Glass Insurance Fraud Processing.](#) (No. 21-05).

Legislature, F. (2020). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). [County Pretrial Release Programs: Calendar Year 2019.](#) (No. 20-07).

Legislature, F. (2019). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). [Due Process Services.](#) (No. 19-18).

Industry Reports & Memorandums: Major Contributions & Non-Published Work

Legislature, F. (2021). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). [Sex Offender Registry Triennial Review - 2021.](#)

Legislature, F. (2021). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). Longboat Key Consolidation. (Policy Memorandum)

Legislature, F. (2021). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). Riot and Assembly Review. (Policy Memorandum)

Legislature, F. (2021). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). [County Pretrial Release Programs: Calendar Year 2020.](#)

Legislature, F. (2020). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). Eviction in Florida. (Policy Memorandum).
Legislature, F. (2019). Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). [Parole and Early Release](#).

Research Under Review

Cockerham, J., and Cockerham, A. “*Political Participation: Citizen Input in Government*”. Vernon Press. **(Editor)**. *Recommended for publication*

Cockerham, J., and Cockerham, A. “Political Participation: Citizen Input in Government”. Vernon Press. **(Chapter Author)**. *Recommended for publication*

Grants Submitted

Cockerham, J. (PI) (May 2024). Chick-fil-A True Inspiration Grant. Caring for People Category.

Cockerham, J. (PI), and Cockerham, A. (January 2022). North Carolina Department of Justice Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice (TREC): Racial Disparity in Protests.

Research in Progress

Cockerham, A., Cockerham, J., “Evaluating Recidivism Rates in North Carolina Teen Court: Insights from Teen Court Administrators” ***Research planned to be completed as part of the Faculty Fellowship with the Appalachian College Association.**

Invited Presentations

Presenter, Final Report: Assessing the Impact of North Carolina Teen Court on Recidivism. North Carolina Department of Public Safety. Raleigh, NC/Remote

Presenter, [Opportunities from Colleges and Universities for Students to Assist State Agencies](#). [North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships-Monthly Connect](#).

Presenter/Grant Recipient, North Carolina Evaluation Fund Projects. [NC Office of Strategic Partnerships-Monthly Connect](#)

Presenter, Montreat College Criminal Justice and Public Administration Advisory Board. Montreat College. Asheville, NC

Presenter, “The Grant Process”. Faculty Workshop, Montreat College. Asheville, NC

Presenter, “Teaching on the Edge of Chaos”. Faculty Workshop, Montreat College. Asheville, NC

Panel Member, “Operations and Work Products of OPPAGA”. Public Administration Department, University of Central Florida.

Guest Lecturer, “The Policy Process”. Public Policy Evaluation (ISS 4014), Florida State University.

Guest Lecturer, “Policing in Tallahassee”. Intercultural Communication (COM 3930), Florida State University.

Refereed Presentations at Conferences

Cockerham, A., and Cockerham, J. (2025, June). A Case Study of Restorative Justice: The North Carolina Teen Court Model. Presentation at the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS) Conference (International).

Cockerham, J. (2024, June). Pre-analysis Plan: North Carolina Teen Court Evaluation. Presentation at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Summer Virtual Meeting.

Cockerham, J., and Cockerham, A. (2023, January). Intergroup Bias in Information Requests among Law Enforcement Agencies. Presentation at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) (National).

Teaching

Courses Taught

Research Methods for Law Enforcement Intelligence, Florida State University

Human Resource Management, Florida State University

Criminal Justice Senior Seminar, Montreat College

Intro to Criminal Justice, Montreat College

Criminal Justice Administration, Montreat College

Criminology, Montreat College

Managing on the Edge of Chaos, Montreat College

Fundamentals of Public Administration, Montreat College

Public Policy Analysis, Montreat College

Leading Public and Non-Profit Organizations, Montreat College

Public Budgeting and Financial Management, Montreat College

Foundations of Leadership and Communication, Montreat College

Scholarly Research and Writing, Indiana Wesleyan University

Financing Public Services, Indiana Wesleyan University

Public Policy Processes and Strategies, Indiana Wesleyan University

Ethical Leadership in the Public Sector, Indiana Wesleyan University

Criminal Justice Policy, Indiana Wesleyan University

Economic Analysis of Crime, Indiana Wesleyan University

Nonprofit Strategic Planning, Indiana Wesleyan University

Nonprofit Management and Financial Management, Indiana Wesleyan University

American Government, Valdosta State University

Courses Developed

Analytical Techniques for Administrators
Applied Economics for Public Decision Making
Fundamentals of Public Administration
Public Policy Analysis
Public Budgeting and Financial Management
Leading Public and Non-profit Organizations
Masters of Public Administration Capstone Course
American Government

Service and Recognition

Policy Debate Judge, National Christian Forensics and Communications Association
Member Spotlight, American Society for Public Administration – Criminal Justice
Research Assistant Supervisor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), Florida State University (2024)
Discussant, Southern Political Science Association (2023)
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
Society of Professors in Christian Education (SPCE)
Crime Prevention Practitioner, Florida Attorney General's Office.
Certificate in Florida City and County Management, Florida State University.
Florida Certified Law Enforcement Officer, Florida Public Safety Institute (**Active – June 2025**).

Institutional Service

Institutional Review Board (IRB), Montreat College
Executive Committee, Montreat College
Faculty Development Committee, Montreat College
General Education Committee, Montreat College
Library Resources Committee, Montreat College
Grievance Committee, Montreat College

Doctoral Committee Chair

Christopher Billings
Mark Rawls
Patrick Robello
Troy Chavez
Edena Reese-Atmore
Peter Wembodinga
Dina Mauldin
Jacob Rogers