

# Maisha N. Cooper

## Curriculum Vitae

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences  
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### Education

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Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Ph.D. in Criminal Justice: August 2018

Dissertation title: What a difference a year makes: An examination of prosecutorial decision-making for persons under the age of 18 in the Harris County, Texas adult criminal justice system. Patterns and predictors.

Chair: Dr. Erin Orrick

University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Missouri

Master of Science in Criminal Justice: December 2013

Thesis title: From theory to application: Is religiosity a factor in criminal behavior and juvenile delinquency?.

Chair: Dr. Randa Matusiak

University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Missouri

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Cum Laude: December 2011

### Academic Employment

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| Feb. 2023 – Present   | Assistant Dean of Inclusive Excellence, College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences and College of Science, University of North Carolina – Charlotte                                     |
| Jul. 2023 – Present   | Assistant Dean of Inclusive Excellence, College of Science, University of North Carolina – Charlotte                                                                                           |
| Aug. 2018 – Present   | Tenure-track Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, University of North Carolina - Charlotte.<br>Reappointed Fall 2021.                                          |
| Aug. 2016 – May 2018: | Doctoral Teaching Fellow for the College of Criminal Justice, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University                                                     |
| Aug. 2015–Aug. 2016:  | Graduate Teaching Assistant, College of Criminal Justice, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.<br>CRIJ 2362 – Criminology (Fall, 2015 & Spring, 2016) |

## Academic Employment

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Aug. 2014 – July 2014: Doctoral Research Assistant for the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT), College of Criminal Justice, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Sam Houston State University. Research focused on juvenile and adult corrections and program evaluations. Under: Dr. Jeffrey Bouffard and Dr. Erin Orrick.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications (\*\*\*) denotes work with students

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**Cooper, M. N.** & Bouffard, J.A. (2023). Exploring the relationship between religiosity and offending intentions among various sub-samples of incarcerated individuals. *Crime & Delinquency*, 00111287231202981

**Cooper, M. N.**, Barnaby, C. Y., Updegrove, A. H., Cho, A., & Dixon, A. (2023). “Getting white boys to get their heads out of their asses”: Instructor accounts of teaching a race and crime course. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 1-39.

Updegrove, A. H., Dmello, J. R., **Cooper, M. N.**, & Cho, A. (2023). Racial differences in public support for federal law enforcement finding and prosecuting the January 6th insurrectionists who broke into the US Capitol. *Crime & Delinquency*, 00111287231175038.

Updegrove, A. H., **Cooper, M. N.**, Lou, F. & Guerra, C. (2022). The effects of skin color on Latinx’s perceptions of criminal injustice. *Journal of Crime and Justice*. DOI: 10.1080/0735648X.2022.2157863

\*\*\***Cooper, M. N.**, Updegrove, A. H., Barnaby, C. Y., Cho, A., Dixon, A., & Byrne, M. (2022). Faculty perspectives on teaching a race and crime course: A replication and expansion. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 1-24.

**Cooper, M. N.**, Barnaby, C., Updegrove, A. H., & Gabbidon, S. L. (2022). Understanding black-white differences in support for the racial invariance thesis: Lessons learned from Philadelphia area residents. *Crime & Delinquency*, 00111287221090955.

Cho, A., **Cooper, M. N.**, Updegrove, A. H., & Luo, F. (2022). How representative of the protest movement against police violence are opportunistic people looking to commit crime?: Racial differences in public opinion. *Race and Justice*, 21533687221117278.

Collins, A. M., & **Cooper, M. N.** (2022). Raise the age: Perceptions of Missouri juvenile justice actors. *Missouri Policy Journal*, 12(2), 1.

Updegrove, A. H., **Cooper, M. N.**, & Dmello, J. R. (2021). Heritage not hate? Confederate flag supporters less likely to perceive criminal injustice, more likely to view police as friends. *Race and Justice*, 21533687211023574.

### **Peer-Reviewed Publications (\*\* denotes work with students)**

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**Cooper, M. N.**, Updegrave, A. H., Gabbidon, S. L., & Jordan, K. (2021). Pre-arrest perceptions of George Zimmerman's guilt in the fatal Trayvon Martin shooting: Examining racial differences in the presumption of guilt. *Crime & Delinquency*, 00111287211022616.

**Cooper, M. N.**, Updegrave, A. H., Gabbidon, S. L., Higgins, G. E., & Potter, H. (2020). Examining the effects of race/ethnicity and race relations on public opinion about the overrepresentation of black people in US prisons. *Victims & Offenders*, 16(1), 1-19.

Updegrave, A. H., Boisvert, D. L., **Cooper, M. N.**, & Gabbidon, S. L. (2020). Criminological Explanations, Race, and Biological Attributions of Crime as Predictors of Philadelphia Area Residents' Support for Criminal Justice Policies. *Crime & Delinquency*, 0011128720931437.

\*\*\*Carroll, B. M., Coston, C. T., Maness, L. M., & **Cooper, M. N.** (2020). The Success of a Criminal Justice Learning Community for Transfer Students. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 1-12.

Updegrave, A. H., **Cooper, M. N.**, Orrick, E. A., & Piquero, A. R. (2018). Red states and black lives: Applying the racial threat hypothesis to the black lives matter movement. *Justice Quarterly*, 1-24.

**Cooper, M. N.**, Updegrave, A. H., & Bouffard, J. A. (2018). Predictors of criminal justice undergraduates' intentions to pursue graduate education in criminology or criminal justice. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 1-25.

Updegrave, A. H., **Cooper, M. N.**, & Greene, H. T. (2017). Room for all? Comparing criminology and sociology completion rates across sex, race, and degree level. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 1-23.

Bouffard, J., **Cooper, M.**, & Bergseth, K. (2017). The effectiveness of various restorative justice interventions on recidivism outcomes among juvenile offenders. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 15(4), 465-480.

**Cooper, M.** & Urban, L. S. (2012). Factors affecting juvenile waiver to adult court in a large Midwestern jurisdiction. *Institute of Justice & International Studies*, 12, 43-58.

### **Other Publications**

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**Cooper, M. N.** & Henderson, H. (2021). Where is the Black criminologist?. *The Criminologist*, 46(4), 2-6.

**Cooper, M. N.** & Updegrave, A. H. (2019). "Double consciousness" and doctoral students' need for same-race mentorship. *ACJS Today*, XLV(2), 11-16.

**Cooper, M.** (2010). Factors affecting juvenile certification in St. Louis, Missouri. *The McNair Journal*, University of Central Missouri, 19, 14-17.

## **Manuscripts in Progress**

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**Cooper, M. N. & Henderson, H. (2023).** Representation matters: Benchmarking Black faculty in criminology and criminal justice graduate programs.

**Cooper, M. N. & Collins, A. M. (2023).** Examining the school-to-prison pipeline in two large midwestern school districts.

Salas, S. & **Cooper, M. N. (2023).** African American offending theory, the school-to-prison pipeline, and middle grades.

## **Funded Research**

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2022 **Primary Applicant**, Innovation in Inclusive Excellence Grant  
*Self-Reflection Symposium*  
 Co-Applicants: Alexia Galati, Amy Peterman. Aura Lawson-Alonso, Gina Karp, Karen Flint, Bryan Patterson, Kathleen Burke, & Christen Hoover  
 Status: Not funded Amount: 10,000.00

2022 **Primary Applicant**, Innovation in Inclusive Excellence Grant  
*Engaging in Ongoing Self-Reflection about Racial Justice in Divided Times*  
 Co-Applicants: Alexia Galati, Amy Peterman. Aura Lawson-Alonso, Gina Karp, Karen Flint, Kathleen Burke, & Justin Cary  
 Status: Not funded Amount: 10,000.00

2021 **Co-Investigator**, National Institute of Justice Grant  
*Assessment of Missouri's "Raise the Age" law and impact to juvenile reoffending rates and access to rehabilitative and mental health resources*  
 PI: Dr. Angela Collins (University of Central Missouri)  
 Status: Not funded Amount: \$600,000

2018 University of North Carolina at Charlotte Faculty Research Grant. **Principal Investigator.** Examining why so few African Americans and people of color pursue graduate education in Criminal Justice. (\$6,810).

2017 Sam Houston State University Assessment Mini-Grant. **Principal Investigator.** Impact Evaluation: Sam Houston State University's Criminal Justice Learning and Living Learning Communities. (\$1,000).

## **Government/Technical Reports**

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Collins, A., **Cooper, M. N.**, & Reddington, F. (2020) Perceptions of Juvenile Justice Professionals about Raise the Age Legislation in Missouri. Technical report prepared for the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association.

Muftić, L. & **Cooper, M. N. (2018).** Outcome assessment: Sam Houston State University's criminal justice learning communities.

## **Government/Technical Reports**

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Bouffard, J. & Cooper, M. (2015). Bell/Lampasas County, Texas Drug Court Program: Process and Outcome Evaluation Final Report. Correctional Management Institute of Texas, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

## **Presentations**

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- November 2023      The American Society of Criminology 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA. **Presentation:** Oh the Ways They Can Go: Examining and Comparing the School-to-Prison Pipeline
- November 2022      The American Society of Criminology 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Atlanta, GA. **Presentation:** Throwing the baby out with the bath water: Examining the school-to-prison pipeline.
- November 2019      The American Society of Criminology 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: San Francisco, CA. **Roundtable Discussant:** Faculty Perspectives on “Double Consciousness” and Same-Race Mentorship.
- March 2019          The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Baltimore, MD. **Presentation:** Prosecutorial decision-making for persons under the age of 18 in the Harris county, Texas adult criminal justice system: Patterns and predictors.
- November 2018      The American Society of Criminology 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Atlanta, GA. **Presentation:** What a difference a year makes: Prosecutorial decision-making involving persons under the age of 18 in the Harris County, Texas adult criminal court.
- March 2017          The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Kansas City, MO. **Presentation:** College prep not prison prep: Disparities in juvenile justice diversion decision-making.
- February 2017        3MT: Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. **Presentation:** Religiosity across the life course: Does the religiosity/crime relationship change?.
- November 2016      The American Society of Criminology 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA. **Presentation:** Religiosity across the life course: Does the religiosity/crime relationship change?.
- April 2016          The Woodlands Research Symposium: The Woodlands, TX. **Presentation:** Exploring the relative influence of religiosity on male and female felony offenders’ intention to offend.

## **Presentations**

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- November 2015      The American Society of Criminology 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C. **Presentation:** Exploring the relative influence of religiosity on male and female felony offenders' intention to offend.
- November 2013      The American Society of Criminology 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Atlanta, GA **Presentation:** From theory to application: is religiosity a factor in criminal behavior and juvenile delinquency?
- November 2012      The American Society of Criminology 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL **Presentation:** Faith-Based Programs: A comparative review of the United States, England, South Korea, and Japan
- September 2011      Honors Symposium: University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO **Presentation:** Factors affecting juvenile certification in St. Louis, MO
- September 2010      14<sup>th</sup> Annual MKN McNair Heartland, Conference: Kansas City, MO **Presentation:** Factors affecting juvenile certification in St. Louis, MO
- September 2010      17<sup>th</sup> Annual McNair Research Symposium: University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO **Presentation:** Factors affecting juvenile certification in St. Louis, MO

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

- CJUS 2361: Juvenile Justice (Summer 2018 – current)
- CJUS 3000: Criminal Justice and Social Diversity (Summer 2018 – current)
- CJUS 6000: Structural Racism in Society and Criminal Justice (Fall 2021)
- CJUS 6160: Juvenile Justice Systems (Spring 2022)

### **Sam Houston State University**

- CRIJ 3396: Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice (Writing Enhanced). Fall, 2016
- CRIJ 3396: Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice. Spring, 2017
- CRIJ 4385: Criminal Justice and Social Diversity. Summer, 2017
- CRIJ 4385: Criminal Justice and Social Diversity (Online). Fall, 2017
- CRIJ 4385: Criminal Justice and Social Diversity. Spring, 2017

**University of Central Missouri**

AE 1400: Freshman Seminar. Fall, 2013

**Service**

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CLAS Racial and Social Justice Self-Reflexivity Working Group (Chair): Spring 2021 – Spring 2023

CLAS Racial and Social Justice Graduate Recruitment & Success Working Group (Member):  
Spring 2021 – Spring 2023

CJUS Department Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee (Chair): Fall 21 - current

CLAS Racial and Social Justice Equity Working Group (Member): Summer/Fall 2020

Master's Thesis Chair (Samantha Darling): 2022/2023

Master's Thesis Chair (Jenna Pazz): 2021/2022

Master's Thesis Chair (Nia Weems): 2021/2022

Comm. Studies Graduate Capstone Project Committee Member (Taylor Abrams): 2021/2022

Liberal Studies Graduate Capstone Project Supervisor (Ty Robbins): Spring & Summer 2021

Honor's Thesis Committee Member (Shelbi Shaut): 2020/2021

Master's Thesis Chair (Molly Byrne): 2019/2020

CLAS Faculty Council Member: 2019/2020; 2020/2021

Graduate Committee Member: 2018/2019; 2019/2020; 2021

Search Committee Member: 2018/2019 – AP Search

External Review: University of Central Missouri's Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program

Journals Reviewed for:

*UNCC Undergraduate Research Journal*  
*Victims & Offenders*  
*Crime & Delinquency*  
*Race & Justice*  
*Race & Social Problems*  
*Journal of Criminal Justice Education*  
*International Criminal Justice Review*  
*Health & Justice*

## **Honors and Awards**

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2023	MO-KAN-NE Achiever Award
2022	UNCC Senior Survey: Most Significant, Positive Contribution to Students' Education
2021	UNCC Senior Survey: Most Significant, Positive Contribution to Students' Education
2020	UNCC Senior Survey: Most Significant, Positive Contribution to Students' Education
2019	UNCC Senior Survey: Most Significant, Positive Contribution to Students' Education

## **Professional/Academic Membership**

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American Association of Blacks in Higher Education

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity

American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

North Carolina American Council on Education Women's Network

## **Professional Development**

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2023	Dig Deep Faculty Professional Development Workshop Series for Inclusive Excellence
2023	Dig Deep 2023/24 Professional Development Series for Inclusive Excellence Cohort
2023	NC ACE Women's Network Inaugural Conference: Women Blazing Trails
2023	NEXUS: Networking Across Disciplines 2023 Cohort
2023	Green Dot Faculty/Staff Bystander Training
2023	Future of Inclusive Leadership Workshop
2023	Legal Training Session: U.S. Supreme Court Update
2023	Mental Health First Aid Training
2023	UNC Charlotte Graduate School's Mentor Training Workshop
2023	UNC Charlotte NSF Grant Workshop
2023	QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training

## **Professional Development**

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- 2021 Racial Equity Institute (REI) Workshops (Phase 1 & 2)
- 2021 Diversityedu Faculty Training
- 2020 CAPS Workshop: Supporting Students Amidst Multiple Pandemics
- 2017 SHSU Teaching Conference
- 2016 Teaching Assistant Certification Series
- 2016 SHSU Online Teaching Conference
- 2016 SHSU Online Teaching Certification