

# James M. O'Berry II

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**Positions:**

Assistant Professor (Criminology) – Texas A&M University – San Antonio Fall 2024-Present  
Managing Editor, *Criminology* – Spring 2023-Present

**EDUCATION:**

- ♦ Ph.D. Criminal Justice and Criminology, Georgia State University (2024)
  - ♦ M.S. Criminal Justice, University of North Florida (2020)
  - ♦ B.A. Criminal Justice, University of North Florida (2018)
  - ♦ B.A. Psychology, University of North Florida (2018)
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**Research Interests:**

- Decision-Making and Motivation of Sex Offenders
- Intersections of Criminal Justice and Criminology with Popular Media
- Research Methods (Qualitative and Mixed Methods)

**Works in Process for Submission 2024**

- O'Berry, J. & Topalli, V. Showmanship as Neutralization in Black Metal Criminality. (article)
- O'Berry, J., Dorsch, C. A., Topalli, V., & Sabol, W. J. Physical attractiveness as a motivating factor for target selection in sexual violence. (article)

**Book Reviews:**

- Aviram, H. (2020). *Yesterday's monsters: The Manson Family cases and the illusion of parole*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Reviewed by J. M. O'Berry II in *Criminal Justice Review* (forthcoming).

**Instructional Activities:**Courses Taught

- Crime and the Media (CRJU 4080 in-person) GSU, Spring 2023
- Criminological Theory (CRJU 3410 in-person) GSU, Fall 2022
- Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRJU 3020 in-person) GSU, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022

Guest Lectures

- Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRJU 3020, in-person) GSU, Summer 2024
- Criminology (CRMJ 2100 in-person) University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Spring 2023
- Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJU 1100 in-person) GSU, Fall 2022
- Social Science and the American Crime Problem (CRJU 2200 in-person) GSU, Summer 2022
- Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ 3700 in-person) UNF, Fall 2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Social Science and the American Crime Problem (CRJU 2200 online) GSU, Summer 2021, Fall 2020
- Cybercrime & Security (CRJU 7530 online) GSU, Spring 2021
- Digital Crime Problem (CRJU 4900 online) GSU, Spring 2021
- Criminological Theory (CCJ 3014 in-person & online) UNF, Spring 2020 and Fall 2019
- Intro to Criminal Justice (CCJ 3023 online) UNF, Spring 2020
- Violent Crime in America (CCJ 4938 online) UNF, Spring 2020
- Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice (CCJ 3700 in-person & online) UNF, Spring 2020 and Fall 2019
- Understanding Homicide (CCJ 4935 in-person) UNF, Fall 2019
- Correctional Systems and Process (CJC 4015 online) UNF, Fall 2019

**Refereed and Invited Presentations:**

- O’Berry, J., Dorsch, C. A., Topalli, V., & Sabol, W. J. Physical attractiveness as a motivating factor for target selection in sexual violence. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023
- O’Berry, J. & Topalli, V. Showmanship as Neutralization in Black Metal Criminality. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November, 2022.