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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2013–2017 **Ph.D. Criminology & Criminal Justice, Indiana University of Pennsylvania**
- 2007–2009 **M.A. Criminology & Criminal Justice, Indiana University of Pennsylvania**
- 2004–2007 **B.A. Criminology & Criminal Justice, Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2025–*Present* **Associate Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
- 2016–*Present* **Evaluator**, Ellis County Recovery Court Treatment Team, 23rd Judicial District, Kansas
- 2024–*Present* **Evaluator**, Lincoln County Community Centered Court Treatment Team, 39th Judicial District, North Carolina
- 2021–*Present* **Director of Research and Policy**, High Country Consultants, LLC

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- 2025 **Associate Professor**, Department of Government and Justice Studies, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 2019–2025 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Government and Justice Studies, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 2021–2025 **Evaluator**, Forsyth County Veterans Treatment Court Treatment Team, 21st Judicial District, North Carolina
- 2018–2019 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Government and Justice Studies, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 2017–2018 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas

- 2016–2017 **Instructor**, Department of Criminal Justice, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas
- 2015–2016 **Temporary Faculty**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana Pennsylvania
- 2014–2016 **Managing Editor**, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania
- 2013–2014 **Assistant Managing Editor**, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania
- 2010–2013 **Problem-Solving Court Liaison**, Justice Related Services, Department of Human Services, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2009–2010 **Family Based Therapist**, Family Pathways, Butler, Pennsylvania

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND EXPERTISE

Criminal Courts
 Treatment Courts
 Program Evaluation
 Criminal Justice Policy

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 11) **Lucas, P. A.**, & Lucas, K. T. (2025). The impact of race and violence on perceptions of justice for offenders diagnosed with a serious mental illness. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 36(3), 99-118.
- 10) Jalain, C. I., **Lucas, P. A.**, & Higgins, G. E. (2024). Assessing the effectiveness of mental health courts in reducing recidivism: A systematic review with meta-analysis. *Justice Evaluation Journal*, 7(2), 212-230.
- 9) **Lucas, P. A.**, Lucas, K. T., & Marcum, C. D. (2023). Best practices and beyond: Exploring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on treatment courts in a US southern state. *International Journal for Court Administration*, 14(2), 11-32.
- 8) **Lucas, P. A.**, Marcum, C. D., & Higgins, G. E. (2022). Examining the impact of a criminology doctoral program on successful graduates. *Journal of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness*, 11(2), 88-117.

- 7) Lucas, K. T., Marcum, C. D., **Lucas, P. A.**, & Blalock, J. (2022). Military veteran involvement with the criminal justice system: A systematic review. *Aggression and Violent Behavior, 66*, 106-114.
- 6) **Lucas, P. A.** (2020). A criminological fly in the ointment? A reply to Pratt and Turanovic's misinterpretation of problem-solving court ideology toward participant generality of deviance. *Victims & Offenders, 16*(5), 631-642.
- 5) Challacomb, D., & **Lucas, P. A.** (2019) Post-dicting violence with Sovereign Citizen actors: An exploratory test of the TRAP-18. *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management, 6*(1), 51-59.
- 4) **Lucas, P. A.** (2018). An exploratory study of veterans treatment court peer mentors: Roles, experiences, and expectations. *Drug Court Review, 59-85*.
- 3) Ward, K. C., **Lucas, P. A.**, & Murphy, A. (2018). The impact of marijuana legalization on law enforcement in states surrounding Colorado. *Police Quarterly, 22*(2), 217-242.
- 2) **Lucas, P. A.** (2017). Advancing the line: Increasing empirical literature on justice-involved veterans. *Criminal Justice Policy Review, 28*(8), 735-739.
- 1) **Lucas, P. A.**, & Hanrahan, K. J. (2016). No soldier left behind: The veterans court solution. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry, 45*, 52-59.

Textbooks Under Contract

1. Marcum, C. D., **Lucas, P. A.**, & Lucas, K. T. (contract signed December 2023). *Introduction to Criminal Justice*. Aspen Publishing.

Refereed Book Chapters

- 3) **Lucas, P. A.** (2020). Current trends and differential sentencing in the courts. In Carter, L. M., Marcum, C. D., & Blankenship, C. (Eds.), *Punishing gender past and present: Examining the criminal justice system across gendered experiences* (pp. 103-123). San Diego, CA: Cognella.
- 2) **Lucas, P. A.**, Carter, B., & Sanner, C. (2020). Federal law, state law, and city enforcement issues: Immigration, sanctuary cities, and drug legalization. In Mackey, D. & Elvey, K (Eds.). *Society, ethics, and the law: A reader* (pp. 65-74). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning.
- 1) **Lucas, P. A.** (2020). Introduction to ethics and the lawmaking process. In Mackey, D. & Elvey, K (Eds.), *Society, ethics, and the law: A reader* (pp. 35-42). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning.

Technical Reports

- 2) **Lucas, P. A.** (2023). *Forsyth County Veterans Treatment Court Process Evaluation*. High County Consultants, LLC.
- 1) **Lucas, P. A.** (2021). *Ellis County Felony Drug Treatment Court Process Evaluation*. High County Consultants, LLC.

Media Appearances

- 1) Interviewed and quoted in CNN article on pro se representation in criminal trials: *Man accused of attempting to kill Trump headed to trial, representing himself* (Lybrand, 2025, September 8).
- 2) Interviewed and quoted in Smart Cities Dive article on federal appellate court rulings pertaining to the use of National Guard troops within American cities: *National Guard in cities: What leaders need to know as legal battles intensify* (Griggs, 2025, October 28).

Guest Editorships

- 1) **Lucas, P. A.** (Ed.). (2017). Justice-involved veterans [Special Issue]. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 28(8), 735-841.

EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR RESEARCH

Federal Grants

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| 2024 – 2028 | Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant <i>Role:</i> <u>Principal Investigator</u> <i>Fiscal Agent:</i> Forsyth County, North Carolina <i>Funder:</i> Bureau of Justice Assistance <i>Grant Award Number:</i> 15PBJA-23-GG-05275-VTCX <i>Awarded:</i> <u>\$556,767</u> |
| 2022 – 2026 | Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant <i>Role:</i> <u>Principal Investigator</u> <i>Fiscal Agent:</i> Ellis County, Kansas <i>Funder:</i> Bureau of Justice Assistance <i>Grant Award Number:</i> 15PBJA-22-GG-03953-DGCT <i>Awarded:</i> <u>\$749,266</u> |

- 2021 – 2023 **Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant**
Role: Principal Investigator
Fiscal Agent: Forsyth County, North Carolina
Funder: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Grant Award Number: BJA-2020-VC-BX-0129
Awarded: \$269,289
- 2020 – 2022 **Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant**
Role: Principal Investigator
Fiscal Agent: Ellis County, Kansas
Funder: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Grant Award Number: BJA-2019-DC-BX-0061
Awarded: \$405,366

University Funded

- 2023–2024 **Measuring the successful operation of veterans treatment courts through their adherence to the 10 key components: An exploratory examination**
Role: Principal Investigator
Funder: College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University
Awarded: \$5,000
- 2017–2018 **The impact of marijuana legalization on law enforcement within states surrounding Colorado**
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Funder: Office of Scholarship and Sponsored Projects, Fort Hays State University
Awarded: \$3,400
- 2015–2016 **No soldier left behind: The veterans court solution**
Role: Principal Investigator
Funder: Senate Research Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Awarded: \$1,500

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2024 **Lucas, P. A., & Lucas, K. T.** The impact of race and violence on perceptions of justice for offenders diagnosed with a serious mental illness. Paper presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL.
- 2022 **Lucas, P. A., Lucas, K. T., & Marcum, C. D.** Best practices and beyond: Exploring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on treatment courts in a southern state. Paper presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Asheville, NC.

- 2019 **Lucas, P. A.** Evaluating the first year of a drug treatment court: Data collection, preliminary analysis, and challenges. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 **Lucas, P. A.** Invited expert panelist on veterans treatment courts (VTCs), hosted through the Justice Programs Office (JPO) at American University (2019). The panel discussed our research alongside current topics involving VTCs.
- 2019 Jalain, C. I., & **Lucas, P. A.** The effect of adult mental health courts on recidivism: A meta-analysis. Paper presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association annual conference, Nashville, TN.
- 2018 **Lucas, P. A.** Building a better understanding of the peer mentor/mentee relationship: The utility and impact of veterans treatment court peer mentors within a Midwest court. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 **Lucas, P. A.** The *Drug Court Review*: A discussion with the authors. National Association of Drug Court Professionals annual conference, Houston, TX.
- 2018 Challacomb, D., & **Lucas, P. A.** Predicting Violence with Sovereign Citizen Actors: An Exploratory Test of the TRAP-18. Paper presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 **Lucas, P. A.** Appeared on the Taking Notes radio podcast to discuss my research pertaining to veterans treatment courts (VTCs) as well as provide an overview of current research involving differing types of problem-solving courts. Taking Notes Podcast.
- 2017 Roberts, J., Koetzle, D., Milburn, T., **Lucas, P. A.**, & Jones, C. Success in graduate school and beyond. Professional development panel at the American Society of Criminology conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Ward, K. C., & **Lucas, P. A.** The impact of marijuana legalization on states surrounding Colorado. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Stallings, R., Ward, K. C., **Lucas, P. A.**, & Lucas, K. T. Inquiry-guided learning in the criminal justice classroom. Roundtable presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 **Lucas, P. A.** Veterans' treatment court peer mentors: A qualitative examination. Paper presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

- 2016 **Lucas, P. A.** (Panel Chair) Women within veteran’s treatment court and drug court: Perceptions of respect, treatment, and fairness. Paper presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- 2015 **Lucas, P. A.**, Ward, K. C., Stallings, R., & Hawkins, P. M. Fugitive of the Week: A program evaluation. Paper presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 **Lucas, P. A.**, & Douds, A. S. From combat to the courtroom: Lived cultural experiences of VTC participants. Paper presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- 2015 **Lucas, P. A.** Female veteran’s treatment court participants: A proposed study. Paper presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- 2014 **Lucas, P. A.**, & Hanrahan, K. J. No soldier left behind: The veterans’ court solution. Paper presentation at the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences, Portsmouth, RI.
- 2014 **Lucas, P. A.** Problem solving courts: The adversarial alternative. Paper presentation at the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators, Lock Haven, PA.
- 2013 **Lucas, P. A.** Protecting our defenders: The current state of veterans’ treatment courts in the U.S. Poster presentation at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 Kirchner, E. E., Bender, S. A., **Lucas, P. A.**, Mathna, B. E., & Merken, S. The ethical dilemmas of imprisonment: One step forward, two steps back. Roundtable presentation at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

COURSES TAUGHT

East Carolina University

CJ 4004: Criminal Justice History
 CJ 6000: Criminal Justice Principles

Appalachian State University

CJ 2150: The Court System
 CJ 3001: Writing in Criminal Justice
 CJ 3340: Problem-Solving Courts (UG/Honors)
 CJ/PS 4509: Honors Thesis Preparation (Honors)

CJ/PS 4510: Honors Thesis (Honors)
CJ 4534: Situational Crime Prevention (UG/GR)
CJ 4540: Punishment and Sentencing (UG/Honors)
CJ 4900: Criminal Justice Internship/Capstone

Fort Hays State University

CRJ 101: Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJ 200: Criminology
CRJ 275: Crime and Society
CRJ 320: Introduction to Law Enforcement
CRJ 330: Cultural Criminology
CRJ 345: Community Corrections
CRJ 355: Criminal Investigation
CRJ 380: Crime and Media
CRJ 399: Research Methods
CRJ 855: Situational Ethics (Graduate)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

CRIM 344: Terrorism
CRIM 420: Media Portrayal of Crime

STUDENT THESIS, CAPSTONE, & INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTION

Appalachian State University

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| 2024 | Honors Thesis Second Reader – The Effect of State Judicial Selection Method on Public Support for the U.S. Supreme Court |
| 2024 | Honors Thesis Second Reader – Problems and Solutions with Rural Indigent Defense. |
| 2024 | Master’s Student Thesis Committee Member (Psychology) - How Defendants’ Mental Illness Type and Juror Attitudes About Mental Illness Impact Case Verdicts. |
| 2023 | Honors Thesis Second Reader – Jackson, Franklin, and Simone: Three female artists’ impact on the Civil Rights Movement. |
| 2022 | Honors Thesis Chair – Substance use and abuse among Appalachian women. |
| 2022 | Honors Thesis Chair – Broken windows theory: Practice and application. |
| 2021 | Honors Thesis Chair – Perceptions and Support for Balanced Justice and Rehabilitation for Offenders with Serious Mental Illness. |

- 2021 Independent Honors Course Instruction through University Honors College – Problem-solving Courts in Context – The Adversarial Alternative.
- 2021 Honors Thesis Second Reader – Criminal Justice Reform: Learning from the Past and Promoting Growth for the Future.
- 2020 MPA Capstone Second Reader – Use of Police Department Websites for Officer Recruitment.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT, & COMMUNITY

East Carolina University

Departmental

- 2025 – *Present* Faculty Development Committee
- 2025 – *Present* Promotion Committee
- 2025 – *Present* Tenure Committee
- 2025 – *Present* Curriculum Committee

Appalachian State University

University and College

- 2024–2025 Military Affairs Committee (MAC)
- 2019 Nominated Discussion Leader for the Common Reading Program: New Student Orientation & Welcome Weekend
- 2019 Youth Language and Leadership Academy (YLLA) invited speaker: Policies related to firearms within the United States.

Departmental

- 2023–2025 Departmental Scholarship Committee
- 2022–2023 Departmental Personnel Committee (DPC)
- 2021–2022 Departmental Search Committee (PA) (x2)
- 2019–2020 Departmental Personnel Committee (DPC)
- 2019 Departmental Search Committee (CJ)

Fort Hays State University

University and College

- 2017–2018 Policy Fellow, Docking Institute for Public Policy
- 2017–2018 General Education Committee
- 2017–2018 Academic Reinstatement Committee

2017–2018 Military Friendly Committee

Departmental

2017–2018 Departmental Search Committee
2016–2018 Departmental Research Review Committee
2016–2018 Graduate Assessment Committee
2016–2017 Global Justice LLC Committee

Community

2017 Times Talk sponsored by the New York Times: *Drug Courts: A New Way Forward*.
2016–2017 Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) invitation to analyze and update the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

University and College

2013–2016 Doctoral Representative, Student Advisory Council, College of Health and Human Services
2014–2016 Vice President, IUP Student Chapter of the Pennsylvania Prison Society
2013–2016 Chair, Student Advisory Council, College of Health and Human Services
2015 Training Facilitator, Operation Desert Snow, Vehicle Search and Seizure Tactics for local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, Office of the Dean

Community

2014–2016 Research Contributor, Veterans Reintegrative Research Cluster (VRRC)
2013–2016 Reading for a Change Program: Connecting Children with Incarcerated Parents, Indiana County Jail

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Appalachian State University

2022 A Path to Promotion and Tenure
2019 Funding Your Research Grant Writing Workshop
2019 Faculty Transfer Mentor Training
2019 Green Zone Training: Student Veterans and Service Members on Campus

Fort Hays State University

2018 Academic Advising: Working with Special Populations

2018 Tiger Leader Program: Faculty Leadership Development
2017 Introduction to Advanced Grant Writing
2016 T.I.G.E.R. Workshop Series: Using Technology in Advising

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

2015 Data Management Workshop: Data Management Summer Workshop
2014 Writing Across the Curriculum: Development of Writing-Intensive Course Material

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2025–Present *Criminology*; Peer Reviewer
2025–Present *Criminal Justice Studies*; Peer Reviewer
2024–Present *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction*; Peer Reviewer
2024–Present *Criminal Justice Review*; Peer Reviewer
2021–Present *The Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*; Peer Reviewer
2020–Present *Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*; Peer reviewer
2019–Present *Justice Quarterly*; Peer Reviewer
2018–Present *American Journal of Criminal Justice*; Peer Reviewer
2018–Present *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*; Peer Reviewer
2016–Present *Critical Military Studies*; Peer Reviewer
2016–Present *Justice, Research, and Policy*; Peer Reviewer
2016–Present *Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group*; Book Proposal Reviewer
2013–Present *Criminal Justice Policy Review*; Peer Reviewer

HONORS & AWARDS

2023–2024 Nominated for the Richard N. Henson Outstanding Advising Award for the College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University.

2019–2020 Recognized as a Most Helpful Faculty by first-year and transfer students within the College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University.

2014 Awarded the Michael Israel Graduate Student Scholarship Award at the annual Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences conference, Portsmouth, RI.

2014 Awarded the Graduate Scholarship Award at the annual Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators conference, Lock Haven, PA.

2013 Awarded the Twenty-Seventh Annual IUP Foundation Doctoral Fellowship reflecting strong academic credentials and potential for excellence in teaching and research.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

All Rise (Formerly NADCP)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)