

James S. Charles, PhD

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Biography

James was born at Fort Stewart Military Base in Liberty County Ga, but was raised in Orlando Fl. One of his first jobs was as a Jungle Cruise Skipper for Disney World. James spent several years in U.S. Army serving with the esteemed 101st Airborne Division. James graduated in the top 20% of his class in primary leadership development course (PLDC). James also served as a police officer and sheriff's deputy in Ocala, Florida for several years until he was injured on the job. James then became a basic law enforcement academy program coordinator at the same police academy he graduated from. James was then recruited to Seminole State College of Central Florida Center for Public Safety to be the Program Manager/Director of the Police Academy. After the Pandemic James and his wife Angela decided to move to Tennessee where they had always planned on retiring. James completed his Doctorate in late 2021 shortly after arriving in east Tennessee. James is now working at Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) as the Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice undergraduate program director.

James' Hobbies: Learning the Banjo, Playing World of Warcraft and D&D with friends, Traveling, Hunting, Horseback riding, Surfing, Disney Theme Parks

Teaching and Research Interests

Police Training, Administrative Accountability, Cold Case Investigations, Ethics in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement Operations.

Publications and Presentations

Publications

Charles, James, "The Paramilitary Police Academy and Conflict Resolution" (2021). Walden Dissertations and Doctoral Studies.9929. <https://scholarworks.walden.edu/dissertations/9929>

Presentations

Jack the Ripper, A case of who done it? Fall 2016 Seminole State College