

# Theodore F. Cockle

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## ABOUT

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Theodore F. Cockle is a higher education scholar-practitioner pursuing more theologically animated forms of leadership, administration, and education. He is co-author of *Christ-Enlivened Student Affairs* (ACU Press, 2020) and is in the final stages of a full-time PhD in Higher Education Studies and Leadership at Baylor University. He also serves as the editor of *Ideas*, an online publication of the Association of Christians in Student Development. Before moving to Waco, Texas for his graduate work, Theodore served as the Assistant Director of Student Involvement at Wheaton College (IL). When he is not reading or writing, Theodore and his wife, Kate, enjoy spending time outside and reading to their four boys.

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. **Baylor University** (Waco, TX): Higher Education Studies and Leadership, *Spring 2021 (Expected)*  
Dissertation: The Importance of What Students Care About: A Grounded Theory Exploration of Student Preferences and Pathways
- M.A. **Wheaton College** (Wheaton, IL): Christian Formation and Ministry, *2011*
- B. A. **Wheaton College** (Wheaton, IL): Communication and Business/Economics, *2009, Cum Laude*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Baylor University** (Waco, TX)

- 2020 Culture and Organization of Higher Education, Teacher of Record, Fall 2020  
Core Class for M.SEd. Higher Education and Student Affairs program
- 2019 Foundations and History of Higher Education, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2019  
Lead Instructor: Nathan F. Alleman, Ph.D.
- 2018 Culture and Organization of Higher Education, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2018  
Lead Instructor: Rishi Sriram, Ph.D.

## SCHOLARSHIP

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### **Books and Chapters**

- 2021 **Cockle, T. F.**, Glanzer, P. L., Jeong, E. G., & Graber, B. N. (Forthcoming). The Outrageous Idea of Christian Student Affairs: How Christian Chief Student Affairs Officers Envision Their Practice. In Z. Gross (Ed.), *Reimagining the landscape of religious education: Challenges and opportunities*. Springer.
- 2020 Glanzer, P. L., **Cockle, T. F.**, Jeong, E. G., Graber, B. N. (2020). *Christ-Enlivened Student Affairs: A Guide to Christian Thinking and Practice in the Field*, Abilene Christian University Press.

## **Refereed Journal Publications**

- 2020 Glanzer, P. L., **Cockle, T. F.**, Graber, B., & Jeong, E. (2020). Does God Make a Difference for Student Affairs? Emerging Student Affairs in the Christian Story. *International Journal of Christianity and Education*, 24(1), 34-54.
- 2019 **Cockle, T. F.** (2019) Morally Animated: Toward a First-Year Seminar from the Person Up. *Journal of College and Character*, 20(3), 218-233.
- 2019 Glanzer, P. L., **Cockle, T. F.**, Graber, B., Jeong, E., & Robinson, J. A. (2019). Are Nondenominational Colleges More Liberal than Denominational Colleges?: A Comparison of Faculty Religious Identity, Beliefs, Attitudes and Actions. *Christian Higher Education*, 18(3), 207-223.

## **Professional Conferences – Refereed Presentations**

- 2020 Jeong, E. & **Cockle, T. F.** “Advancing Full Racial Participation? Differences between White and POC Student Affairs Professionals at Religious Institutions” Poster to be presented at the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) annual conference (virtual), November 18-21, 2020. [Withdrawn by authors after acceptance due to conference COVID adjustments]
- 2019 Renbarger, R., Molnar, K., & **Cockle, T. F.** “Sources of the (doctoral) self: Reunifying fractal reflexives” Poster presented at the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) annual conference, Portland, OR, November 14-16, 2019
- 2019 Jeong, E., Graber, B., **Cockle, T.**, & Glanzer, P. L., “Can I Call This Place Home? Challenges and Opportunities to Creating Inclusive Racial Climates” Presentation at the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) annual conference, Wheaton College (IL), June 3-6, 2019
- 2019 Glanzer, P. L., **Cockle, T.**, Jeong, E., & Graber, B., “How Does Christ Animate Student Affairs? Results from a National Research Study” Presentation at the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) annual conference, Wheaton College (IL), June 3–6, 2019
- 2019 Glanzer, P. L., **Cockle, T. F.**, “The Outrageous Idea of Christian Student Affairs: A Survey of Christian Chief Student Development Officers” Paper presentation at the American Education Research Association annual meeting, Toronto, Canada, April 5–9, 2019
- 2018 **Cockle, T. F.** “Ritualized Reduction: A Critical Look at Personhood within the First-Year Seminar” Poster presented at the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) annual conference, Tampa, FL, November 14-17, 2018
- 2018 Allen, D., Nelson, J., **Cockle, T. F.**, Rios, C. “What graduate students want: Examining indicators of doctoral student satisfaction across departments” Paper presented at Southwestern Social Science Association annual conference, Orlando, FL, October 10–13, 2018
- 2018 **Cockle, T.**, Jeong, E., & Graber, B. “Student Affairs Fast and Slow: How to Re-Train Your Brain for Effective Practice” Workshop presentation at the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) annual conference, Biola University, June 4–7, 2018

## **Non-Refereed Publications**

- 2020 Glanzer, P. L., **Cockle, T.** (2020, April 27). *The Coming Storm for Christian Higher Education*. Retrieved January 12, 2021, from <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/evangelical-history/the-coming-storm-for-christian-higher-education/>

- 2020 **Cockle, T.** (2020, March 12). *The COVID-19 Pandemic: Four Recommendations as You Prepare for the Rest of the Semester*. Retrieved January 12, 2021, from <https://acsd.org/the-covid-19-pandemic-four-recommendations-as-you-prepare-for-the-rest-of-the-semester/>
- 2017 **Cockle, T.** (2017, January 23). *Learning in War-Time: The Importance of Professional Development During the Semester*. Retrieved January 12, 2021, from <https://acsd.org/learning-in-war-time-the-importance-of-professional-development-during-the-semester/>
- 2015 **Cockle, T.** (2015, August 31). *Leaders as Truth Tellers*. Retrieved January 12, 2021, from <https://acsd.org/leaders-as-truth-tellers/>
- 2013 **Cockle, T.** (2013, May 8). *Book Review: Gods at War*. Retrieved January 12, 2021, from [https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/gods\\_at\\_war/](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/gods_at_war/)

### **Invited Presentations**

- 2021 Glanzer, P. L., **Cockle, T. F.**, Jeong, E, Graber, B. *The Good Work of Christian Student Affairs*. Invited pre-conference workshop. To be presented at the Association of Christians in Student Development (ACSD) annual conference, LeTourneau University, June 2021.
- 2020 Glanzer, P. L., **Cockle, T. F.**, Jeong, E, Graber, B. *Christ-Enlivened Student Affairs: A Guide to Christian Thinking and Practice in the Field*. Invited webinar presentation for the Association of Christians in Student Development (ACSD), January 27, 2020.
- 2019 **Cockle, T. F.** “Constructing Students as Whole Persons: How our Imagination Informs our Classrooms” Invited Lecture for two sections of ENG 1304, Baylor University, April 24, 2019.
- 2018 Ames, A., **Cockle, T. F.** “How to Begin the Job Search (Humanities and Social Science)” Presentation to graduate students as part of the Baylor University Graduate Schools Professional Development program. October 5, 2018.
- 2018 **Cockle, T. F.** “Opportunities and Challenges within New Graduate Student Orientation” Presented to the Association of Texas Graduate Schools (ATGS) annual conference, Baylor University, September 20-21, 2018.

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND SELECTIONS**

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- 2021 Christian Student Success Fellow, Coalition for Student Success in Christian Higher Education
- 2020 ACSD Research Grant, “The Importance of What Students Care About: A Grounded Theory Exploration of Student Preferences and Pathways”  
Requested: \$500  
Received: \$500
- 2018 Nominated and accepted to the ASHE Graduate Student Public Policy Seminar
- 2017-2020 ACSD Research Grant, “Christ Enlivening Student Affairs: A Guide to the Best of Christian Student Affairs Thinking and Practice,” with Glanzer, P. L., Jeong, E., and Graber, B.  
Requested: \$9,290  
Received: \$9,290
- 2017–Present Presidential Fellowship, Baylor Graduate School
- 2017–2019 Doctoral Administrative Fellow, Baylor Graduate School

2011 Lois LeBar Award in Christian Formation and Ministry, Wheaton College, *May 2011*  
*Granted to the student who, in the judgement of the faculty, has exhibited superior academic performance in the field. The award is based on the quality and creativity of classroom performance, together with an evaluation of the contribution to the lives of fellow students as indicative of spiritual gifts and concern for others.*

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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- 2017-Present Editor, *ACSD Ideas*, July 2017–Present
- 2019-Present Research Assistant for Perry L. Glanzer, Educational Leadership, August 2019–Present
- Contributed disciplinary expertise and administration to multiple large-scale research projects
  - Co-authored and edited scholarly research
  - Supported classroom instruction
- 2017-2019 Doctoral Administrative Fellow, Baylor University Graduate School, July 2017–August 2020
- Planned and oversaw new graduate student orientation for 300 students
  - Developed and led graduate professional development programs open to all graduate students
  - Served on the Graduate School website update and implementation team
  - Supported the professional and graduate program development efforts of the Associate Dean for Graduate studies
- 2014-2017 Assistant Director of Student Involvement, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, June 2014–June 2017
- Designed and implemented co-curricular experiences for student organizations and clubs
  - Collaborated with faculty and staff to advance the greater mission of the college through strategic programming and projects
  - Advised Wheaton College Student Government, Honduras Project (international travel), student mascot staff, and campus clubs in leadership, group dynamics, faith development, programming & policy, and personal development
- 2011-2014 Marketing/Design Coordinator, Crossway Books, Wheaton, IL, June 2011–June 2014
- Collaborated with marketing team to create and enact communication strategies for future titles
  - Engaged readership online and in person through blog posts and discussions
  - Supervised freelance designers: Conveying art direction, negotiating budgets, maintaining timelines, and evaluating their work
  - Worked with Senior Vice President and Art Director to set design team objectives and outline plans to meet them

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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**Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD)**, member since 2014

**Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)**, member since 2017

**American Educational Research Association (AERA)**, member since 2018

## INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY, AND CHURCH SERVICE

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### Institutional Service

**Committee Member**, *Coalition for Student Success in Christian Higher Education*, September 2020–Present

**Conference Coordinator**, *Christian Higher Education Leadership Seminar*, Baylor University, 2018–Present

**Leadership Team Member**, *Scholarship Team*, ACSD, August 2017–Present

**Representative**, *Graduate Student Association*, Baylor University, August 2019–November 2020

**Executive Secretary**, *Graduate Student Association*, Baylor University, July 2017–August 2019

**Committee Member**, *New Student Experience Goals Group*, Baylor University, November 2018–May 2019

**Task Force Member**, *Childcare Task Force*, Baylor University, August 2017–May 2018

**Faculty Committee Member**, *Wheaton Evangelism Group*, Wheaton College (IL), June 2014–June 2017

**Council Member**, *Global Programs Coordination Council*, Wheaton College (IL), June 2014–June 2017

### **Disciplinary Service**

**Session Chair**, *Annual Conference*, Association for the Study of Higher Education, November 2020

### **Community Service**

**Committee Member**, *Wheaton Leadership Prayer Breakfast*, January 2015–June 2017

**Host Family**, *Safe Families for Children, Evangelical Child & Family Agency*, Spring 2015–Spring 2017

### **Church Service**

**Small Group Leader**, *Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Waco*, January 2019–March 2020

**Volunteer Worship Leader**, *Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Waco*, September 2018–May 2019

**Volunteer Ministry and Worship Leader**, *College Church in Wheaton*, June 2012–May 2016

**Church Committee Member**, *Culture Impact Committee*, College Church in Wheaton, May 2012–May 2015