

Alana M. Anton

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Employment

- 2022-Present **Greenville Technical College**
Lecturer-Sociology
- 2020-Present **North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University**
Lecturer-sociology
- 2022 **Georgia State University**
Department of Sociology
Research Assistant-A Landscape Analysis of Georgia funded by the Southern Poverty Law Center
- 2021-2022 **University of West Georgia**
Lecturer-Sociology
- 2021 **Georgia State University**
Center of Excellence for Children's Behavioral Health
Georgia Health Policy Center
Research Assistant-National Evaluation of the Second Chance Act funded by the National Institute of Justice
- 2013-2019 **University of North Georgia, College of Arts and Letters**
Lecturer-Sociology
- 2012-2013 **University of West Georgia, College of Social Sciences**
Office of the Dean; Graduate Research Assistant to the Interim Chair, sociology; Graduate Program Associate Office of Admissions
- 2011-2012 **University of West Georgia, Department of Sociology**
Graduate Research Assistant to the Interim Chair, Dr. Todd Matthews

Education

- Ph.D. 2023 **Georgia State University, Sociology**
Graduation date: May 2023
Concentration in Race and Ethnicity, Rural and Appalachian studies, Gender and Sexuality, Intersectionality
- M.A. 2012 **University of West Georgia, Sociology**
Graduation date: December 2012
Thesis: "The Least of These Brothers and Sisters of Mine: The Megachurch Phenomenon at the Intersections of Poverty, Politics and Income Inequality in Georgia" Dr. Pamela Kirk, Chair.
- B.S. 2010 **University of West Georgia, Sociology**

Honors and Awards

- 2022 *Georgia State University* Provost's Fellowship for Dissertation Research
2021 *Midsouth Sociological Association* Graduate Student Paper Award
2019 *Appalachian Studies Association* Carl A. Ross Student Paper Award
2016 *University of North Georgia* Teaching Excellence Award
2011 *Alpha Kappa Delta* (International Sociology Honor Society)

Papers

- 2023 Anton, Alana. "Reporting on Dental Health in Appalachia: a Critical Discourse Analysis of Newsprint Media among National and Regional Outlets." (*Forthcoming*)
- Anton, Alana. *Dumb Hillbillies? Media Representation in the Age of Trump*. (*Book Prospectus*)
- 2022 Ruel, Erin, Deirdre Oakley, K. Juree Capers, et al. (Including Alana Anton). *Georgia Landscape Analysis: Conditions for Change* written for the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Peer Reviews

- 2022 Powers, Julie Rae. 2023. *Queering Appalachia's Visual History: A Collection of Queer Appalachian Photographers*. University of Kentucky Press. *Forthcoming*

Presentations

- 2023 Anton, Alana M. "Surviving vs. Thriving; Queerness and Wars of Position in the Mountains," *Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting* Athens, OH
- 2022 Anton, Alana M. "Dumb Hillbillies? Identity and Media Portrayal of Appalachia in the Age of Trump" *Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting* Morgantown, WV
- 2020 Anton, Alana M. "Private Poverty, Public Perception" *South Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting* McCormick, SC
- 2019 Berry, Alana M. "Anti-Racist Education for Whites: The Tulsa Massacre and Juneteenth" *SCSRA June Meeting, West Pelzer, SC*
- Berry, Alana M. "The Queerbilly Working Class: Wars of Position, White Male Supremacy and Getting to Liberation in this Queer American Place?" *Appalachian Studies Association*
- 2018 Berry, Alana M. "Who Gets to be a Hillbilly? Media Representations of Appalachia: Continuing Research into Identity" *Southern Sociological Society*
- Berry, Alana M. "How Do We (Not) Talk About Our Own #MeToo Stories in Our Classes?" *Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting*

- 2017 Berry, Alana M. "Who Gets to Be a Hillbilly?: Media Representations of Appalachians in Print." *Mid-South Sociology Association Meeting*, Birmingham, AL.
- Berry, Alana M. "Interdisciplinary Teaching in Introduction to Sociology and the Myth of Objectivity: Teaching after Trump." *Mid-South Sociological Association Meeting*, Chattanooga, TN.
- 2012 Berry, Alana M. "The Work of Deconversion: An Institutional Ethnography Research Proposal." *Mid-South Sociological Association meeting*, Mobile, AL.
- Berry, Alana M. "The Least of These Brothers and Sisters of Mine: The Megachurch Phenomenon at the Intersection of Poverty, Politics and Income Inequality in Georgia" *Mid-South Sociological Association meeting*, Mobile, AL.
- 2010 Berry, Alana M. "The Business of Being Christian: A Post-Modern Perspective on Evangelical Christianity." *Georgia Sociological Association meeting*, Decatur, GA.
- 2009 Berry, Alana M. "Gender and Protestantism: A Content Analysis of Sacred and Secular Music." *Georgia Sociological Association meeting*, Atlanta, GA.
- Berry, Alana M. "Gender and Protestantism: A Content Analysis of Sacred and Secular Music." *Social Science Research Day* University of West Georgia, GA
- Public Sociology**
- 2023 Anton, Alana. "What is Rural Poverty?" (*Forthcoming*)
- 2022 Anton, Alana. "Dental Care for the Rich, Ridicule for the Poor" *The Daily Yonder* August 22.
<https://dailyyonder.com/commentary-dental-care-for-the-rich-ridicule-for-the-poor/2022/08/02/>
- 2021 Anton, Alana M. "The Music of Pandemics and Epidemics" *The Daily Yonder* December 9
<https://dailyyonder.com/commentary-the-music-of-pandemics-and-epidemics/2021/12/29/>
- 2020 Anton, Alana M. "'Rich, White, Reactionary': A J.D. Vance Candidacy is a Con for Appalachia" *100 Days in Appalachia* April 29.
<https://www.100daysinappalachia.com/2021/04/rich-white-reactionary-a-j-d-vance-candidacy-is-a-con-for-appalachia-opinion/>
- Anton, Alana M. "Ceaseless Caricature: *Hillbilly Elegy* is a Spectacular Failure." *B!tchMedia* December 10.
<https://www.bitchmedia.org/article/netflix-hillbilly-elegy-classism-stereotypes>

2018 Berry, Alana M. "I'm From Around Here, Too." *The Activist History Review* August 8
<https://activisthistory.com/2018/08/20/im-from-around-here-too/>

Other Media

2022 Guest, *Appodlachia* Identity and Media in Appalachia

Guest, *That Album Got Me H*gh*, The Highwomen, Brandi Carlise and Queerness in Country Music

Appalachian Scholar Humanities Consultant, *Why I Stay* (film), Director, Amanda Page

2019 Guest, *Dixieland of the Proletariat*, Discussion of *Hillbilly Elegy* with Tommy, Tyler, and Nelson.

2018 Guest, *Queer Mountaineers* Podcast, Host Kayla Ganon

Guest, "Sociology is Magic and Queerbilly Activism with Alana M. Anton" *Evoking History* with Benjamin Linzy

Workshops and Training

2023 From Zero to NVivo 12 - Qualitative data analysis with NVivo, Udemy, Inc

2022 Intro to BlackBoard Ultra: workshop & hands-on training, Greenville Technical College

2019 Introduction to Grant Writing and Proposals, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

2018 Healthline Communication and Transcription, Carolina Abortion Fund

2017 European Dissent: Workshop for Anti-racist Whites, NNAF Annual Summit, Chicago, IL

2016 Full-Spectrum Doula Abortion Doula Training

Feminist Pedagogy, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

2013 FLOC Online Instruction Training, University of North Georgia, Gainesville, GA

2011 Cohort Training for Online Instruction, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA.

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

2022 Data Visualization (online 1x)
Class in America (online 1x)

2021 Sociology of the Family (online 1x)

2013-2023 Intro to Sociology (online and face to face 60x+)
Deviance, Crime, and Alternative Behavior (online 3x)
Sociology of Religion (online 2x)

2012-2020 Intro to Social Problems (online and face to face 45x+)

2020 Foundations of Sociology: Classical Theory (face to face, 1x)

2019 Rural Sociology: Appalachia (face to face, 1x)

2015 Constructions of Difference: Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality (face to face, 2x)

2012 Data Management (GTA face to face, 1x)
Research Methods (GTA face to face, 1x)
Statistics for Social Sciences (GTA face to face 1x)

Service to the University

University of North Georgia

- Committee to Develop Department Head/Assistant Department Head Terms of Service
- Curriculum Committee
- Advisor, Students for Sensible Drug Policy 2016-2019
- Advisor, Center for Appalachian Studies 2018-2019

University of West Georgia

- Graduate Recruiting, College of Social Sciences
- Developer, Graduate Student Handbook, College of Social Sciences
- Organizer, Graduate Student and Faculty Social, College of Social Sciences
- Applicant Tour Guide, The Graduate School
- Social Networking Coordinator, The Graduate School

Professional Memberships

South Carolina Sociological Association

- Member, 2021-present

Georgia Sociological Association

- Member, 2009-2017

Appalachian Studies Advisory Board

- Member, 2018-2019

The Mid-South Sociological Association ●

- Member, 2012-present

Sociologists for Women in Society

- Member, 2016-present

Southern Sociological Association

- Member, 2017-present

Appalachian Studies Association

- Member, 2019-present

Rural Studies Society

- Member 2020-present

Service to the Community

Participation in community activities:

- Asheville Mutual Aid and Community Defense Assoc. Social Media Manager, 2023
- Carolina Abortion Fund Board of Directors 2019-2020
- Carolina Abortion Fund Healthline and Practical Support Associate 2019-2023
- Carolina Abortion Fund-Healthline Volunteer 2018, Fundraiser
- ARC-Southeast-Client Support Volunteer, 2018-2023
- National Network of Abortion Funds Inaugural Individual Member Cohort, 2018
- Upstate Mutual Aid and Community Defense Assoc. Chapter Organizer 2020
- Upstate Mutual Aid and Community Defense Assoc. Organizational Education Leader, Social Media Manager 2019-2020
- Magnolia Fund-Board of Directors, 2016
- Georgia Reproductive Justice Access Network-client support, 2016
- Magnolia Fund-Client Support Volunteer, 2015
- Georgia gubernatorial election, research consultant, 2010