

CURRICULUM VITAE

Aleshia Alexander
2025

Education

Ph.D.	2021	Family Studies, Texas Woman's University
M.S.	2014	Human Services, Lubbock Christian University
B.S.	2010	Criminal Justice, University of Texas at Tyler
A.A.S.	2005	Paralegal Studies, Kilgore College

Dissertation

The Impact of Father Absence Among Black American Males and Females
During Childhood (December 2021)

Major Professor: Shann Hwa Hwang, Ph.D.

Professional Certifications

Driving While Intoxicated Intervention Instructor Certification
Drug Offense Education Program- Instructor Certification
Certified Positive Discipline Parent Educator
Moral Reconciliation Therapy Certified Facilitator

Employment

2025-Present	Assistant Professor & Program Coordinator University of North Texas at Dallas Dallas, TX
2023-2025	Assistant Professor & Internship Coordinator McNeese State University Lake Charles, LA
2020-2022	Teacher Tyler Independent School District Career & Technical Education Tyler, Texas
2018-2020	Child & Family Advocate Martin House Children's Advocacy Center Longview, Texas
2016-2018	Probation Officer Denton & Panola County Denton & Carthage, Texas

2014-2016

Provider Services Investigator III
Texas Department of Family and Protective
Services
Rusk, Texas

University Teaching

Undergraduate Courses Taught at University of North Texas at Dallas

HSML 3000: Human Service in the Nonprofit Sector (face-to-face and online)

CDFS 4333: Family Resource Management (5-week term; online)

Undergraduate Courses Taught at McNeese State University

FMSC 322: Parenting (7-week term; online)

FMSC 323: Family Sexuality (7-week term; online)

FMSC 325: Family Crises & Family Coping Strategies (7-week term; online)

FMSC 365: Personal and Family Money Management (7-week term; online)

FMSC 420: Adolescents in the Family (7-week term; online)

FMSC 423: Family Life Education Methods and Practice (16-week term; online)

FMSC 481: Internship (16-week term; online)

Graduate Assistantship- Texas Woman's University

HDFS 2503: Development of Infants and Toddlers (Undergraduate course)

Format: Online (Spring 2021)

HDFS 2513: Early Childhood Development (Undergraduate course)

Format: Online (Spring 2021)

K-12 Teaching

Kilgore Independent School District (2023-Present)

Substitute Teacher

Secondary Courses Taught at Tyler Independent School District (2020-2022)

Counseling & Mental Health

Criminal Investigation

Law Enforcement II

Practicum of Human Services

Professional Organizations

National Organizations for Human Services (Member) March 2025-Present

Black Child Development Institute (Member) January 2025- Present

Texas Council on Family Violence (Member) March 2023-Present

Sisters with a PhD- SWAP (Member) November 2022-Present

Family Science Association (Member) July 2022-July 2023

Texas Council on Family Relations (Member) 2020-2021; 2023-Present
National Council on Family Relations (Member) 2017-2018; 2023-Present

Scholarly Works in Progress

Alexander, A., Hwang, H. S. (In progress). Unspoken Absences: Black Women's Lived Experiences of Father Absence Through the Lens of the Ecological Systems Theory. *Journal of Family Studies*.

Alexander, A. (In progress). Examining Self-Sufficiency in Human Services: A Political and Practice-Based Analysis.

Alexander, A., Hwang, H. S. (2025). (Under review). Exploring Father Absence from the Perception of Black Male and Females. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

Professional Presentations

Alexander, A., Hwang, H. S. (2024). Exploring the Lived Experiences of Father Absence in Black Families: From Billingsley's Perspective. Poster Presentation at the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) 2024 Annual Conference, Bellevue, Washington.

Alexander, A., Hwang, H. S. (2023). Black Adult Males and Females Perspectives of Absent Fathers. Poster Presentation at the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) 2023 Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida.

Alexander, A., Petty, K. (2018). The Impact of Economic Stress on Single Mothers. Research Presentation accepted but not presented at the 2018 Texas Council on Family Relations (TxCFR) Annual Conference.

Grants

External:

Immigration and Housing Affordability: A Longitudinal Analysis of U.S. Metropolitan Markets. Requested Amount (under review): \$1,351,511.00. PI: Dr. Aleshia Alexander. Application submitted 7/24/2025.

Professional Development

April, 2025

Quality Matters Certificate

January, 2024

Quality Academic Feedback; Jammed up about Jamboard. Whiteboard Options for

Presenting in Teams and Google; Enhancing Teaching Efficiency and Learning Effectiveness with Well-Prepared Slides.
McNeese State University

August 8-9, 2023

Emerging Adults: Who Are They and What Do We Do With Them?; Chat GPT 101: Applications, Limitations, and Ethics; Connecting the Dots to Inclusion.
McNeese State University

April 20, 2022

Open Educational Practices Conference@TWU: Working toward a More Equitable Classroom. Virtual Sessions attended: Considering Reciprocity in Open Education

AWARDS

Career & Technology Center Teacher of the Month (March 2021-Tyler Independent School District)

Mentoring

Davia Morrison, Ph.D. (Lamar University)
Monique Coleman, Ph.D. (Texas Woman's University)
Adrene Hil, Ph.D. (Texas Woman's University)
Darnisha Lary, Ph.D. (Phoenix University)
Ph.D. students in SWAP

Redesign of Courses

2024 Family Sexuality (redesigned to general education course)

Service to the Profession

Fall 2025: Book Reviewer for Dr. Crystal Benjamin
Fall 2024: Academic Advisor for the Family Science Program
Fall 2024: McNeese State University Career Fair Volunteer
Fall 2023: Attended 2 Faculty Senate Committee meetings as a substitute for Dr. Elijah Okhotnikov
NCFR Proposal Reviewer (Spring 2024; Spring 2025)

Service to the Community

Food for the Soul volunteer, Henderson, Texas (Fall 2024)

Tea for Two-Celebrating Young Motherhood- (Moderator), Dallas, Texas (Summer 2024)

Prepare and Share a Meal (Volunteer), Covenant House, Atlanta, Georgia (Spring 2021)

Back to School Drive, (Volunteer) Henderson, Texas (August 2020 & 2021)

Buckner Children & Family Services (Volunteer), Longview, Texas (2020-2021)

Be-You-Tiful Girls Conference (Volunteer) Tyler, Texas (Fall 2018)

Committees

Graced Place Inc.- Advisory Board Member (2021-2024); Executive Board Member (2024-2024)

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