Alana M. Anton
Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Employment

2024-Present	**Radford University** Assistant Professor-Sociology
2022-2023	**Greenville Technical College** Lecturer-Sociology
2020-2024	**North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University** Lecturer-sociology
2022-2023	**Georgia State University** **Department of Sociology** Research Assistant-A Landscape Analysis of Georgia funded by the Southern Poverty Law Center
2021-2022	**Tri-County Technical College** Lecturer-Sociology
	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
2020-2021	**Blue Ridge Community College** Lecturer-Sociology
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 and Books

2025 Anton, Alana. *Hillbilly Health: How the Media Prevents Positive Well-Being in Appalachia* (*Book Prospectus, University Press of Kentucky*)

2024 Anton, Alana. *Dumb Hillbillies? Media and Appalachia in the Age of Trump*. (*Book Prospectus, UT-Knoxville Press*)

Anton, Alana. "Reporting on Dental Health in Appalachia: a Critical Discourse Analysis of Newsprint Media among National and Regional Outlets." (*Forthcoming)*

Peer Reviews

2025 Anton, Alana. "Reporting on Dental Health in Appalachia: a Critical Discourse Analysis of Newsprint Media among National and Regional Outlets." (*Forthcoming)*

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 Reviewer

2024 *Trans Appalachia: A Queer Journey Through the South*. University of Kentucky Press.

2023

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

Presentations

2024 Anton, Alana M. “Hillbilly to Hip: The Rise of Hillbilly-core in the Modern Aesthetic,” *Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting* Cullowhee, NC

Anton, Alana M. “An Essay about a Lithia Springs, GA Grandmama,” *Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting* Cullowhee, NC

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

2025 Anton, Alana. “The Springer Triangle” *Medium. com*

2024 Anton, Alana. “The Danger of J.D. Vance” *Medium.com*

Anton, Alana. “Nora Lynn’s Ph.D.,” *Appalachian Lit: the Literary Journal of the Writers Association of Northern Appalachia* Issue 2, Spring 2024 https://appalachianlit.com/issue1/2/

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/

2018 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

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

2024	Guest, *That Album Got Me H*gh,* Gangstagrass, Racism in Hip-Hop Country and Bluegrass Fusion Music
2023	Expert Interview, "Hillbilly" Redux: Reclaiming a Word, a Region, and a People." *The Daily Yonder*. Author, Keith Roysdon. September 7.
2022	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	Introduction to Moodle: Workshop and Hands-on Training, Shaw University
	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

2025	Hillbilly Hellions: Media, Stereotypes and Appalachia
2024	Real World Sociology: Applied Research
2023	Intro to Research Methods
	Intro to Sociological Theory
	Race and Ethnicity
2022	Data Visualization (online 1x)
	Class in America (online 1x)

2021	Sociology of the Family (online 1x)
2013-2025	Intro to Sociology (online and face to face 65x+)
	Deviance, Crime, and Alternative Behavior (online 3x)
	Sociology of Religion (online 2x; face to face 1x)
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

Radford University

- Curriculum Committee
- AKD Advisor
- Appalachian Studies Committee

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

Service to the Discipline

- Southern Sociological Society, Member, Steering Committee
- Appalachian Studies Association, Member, Membership Committee

Professional Memberships

South Carolina Sociological Association
- Member, 2021-2023

Georgia Sociological Association
- Member, 2009-2017

Appalachian Studies Advisory Board
- Member, 2018-2019

The Mid-South Sociological Association
Member, 2012-2021

Sociologists for Women in Society
- Member, 2016-2022

Southern Sociological Association
- Member, 2017-present

Appalachian Studies Association
- Member, 2019-present

Rural Studies Society
- Member 2020-2023

Service to the Community

Participation in community activities:

- Radford Community Yoga at Downey Dog Yoga, instructor 2024-2025
- Asheville Mutual Aid and Community Defense Assoc. Social Media Manager, 2022-2023
- Carolina Abortion Fund Board of Directors 2019-2020
- Carolina Abortion Fund Healthline and Practical Support Associate 2019-2022
- Carolina Abortion Fund-Healthline Volunteer, Fundraiser 2018
- ARC-Southeast-Client Support Volunteer, 2018-2022

- 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