

# Alonza Mitchell

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## Education

**Additional Completed Graduate Coursework:** 30+ hours in Education and English  
**Doctoral Student | 2021 | University of Arkansas Little Rock**  
Major: Education/ Reading (program discontinued)  
**Master of Science | 2017 | Walden University**  
Major: Education, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
**Bachelor of Science | 2011 | University of Central Oklahoma**  
Major: Political Science  
**Associate of Science | 2010 | Oklahoma State University**  
Major: Public Service  
**Texas Secondary ELA Teaching Certification**

## Honors/Awards

Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence Award Recipient 2024  
Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholar Award Recipient (2021)  
Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence Award Nominee (2022,2021)  
4 States Magazine 40 Under 40 (2019)  
TCCTA Faculty Fellow (2018-2019)  
Texas High School Teacher of the Year Finalist (2017)  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, ECET2 Texas Selection (2016)  
Oklahoma Governor Commendation, (2011)  
PC North Teacher of the Year Finalist (2010)

## Leadership

Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society Co-Advisor  
Las Amigas Social and Civic Club of Texarkana: President (2024-2026)  
Las Amigas Social and Civic Club of Texarkana: Vice President (2022-2024)  
Patricia Keener Texarkana Area ALS 3K Walk Chair (2022-2024)  
Debutante Ball Committee (current)  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Uplift Our Local Community Initiative Chair (2022-2024)  
Faculty Association Scholarship Committee (current)  
TCCTA State Professional Development Committee (2020-2022)  
Texas Community College Teachers' Association Faculty Fellow  
Faculty Association Secretary(past)  
Distance Education Committee (past)  
English Acceleration for Achieving the Dream  
Covid Taskforce (past)  
SAP Committee(past)  
Relay for Life Banquet Co-Chair (past)  
Executive Council  
Academic Council (2018-2019)

## Memberships

Texas Community College Teachers Association  
Phi Theta Kappa  
Northeast Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (past)  
Pi Sigma Alpha: National Political Science Honor Society  
Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts  
Las Amigas Social Club  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

## Professional Presentations

STEM Freshman Capstone: Literature Circles, Texas STEM Conference  
Nuts and Bolts: Building a Successful Classroom, TISD Professional Development

Literature Circles in the High School ELA Classroom, TCTELA Conference Presenter  
Literature: Teaching Diversity through literature, Henderson State University  
Using Curriculum to Build a Culturally Responsive Classroom, Henderson State University

## **Work Experience**

### **2017 – CURRENT**

#### **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, TEXARKANA COLLEGE, TEXARKANA, TX**

Faculty Academic Advisor-register students for upcoming semesters, review degree plans, create completion timeline, assist with university transfer  
Creation of Virtual High School online course content and curriculum to align with TEKS and collegiate standards  
Plan and implement Developmental English course calendar  
Develop Grammar Lab Curriculum for Developmental English  
Compile and desegregation of data from course student learning objectives for English Department  
Evaluate and select required course curriculum: textbooks, novel selections, supplemental materials, digital content, etc.  
Serve as a Dual Credit Liaison for 3 high schools- monitor teacher progress, student learning objectives, etc.  
Reinforce scholarly activities which contribute to the academic mission of Texarkana College  
Create engaging and relevant lessons for students  
Provide tutoring to students who struggle academically  
Lecture, review, remediate, and instruct on the principals of writing, grammar, and language usage for both Synchronous and Traditional classrooms  
Phi Theta Kappa Co-Sponsor (National Honor Society)-attend regional and state leadership conferences  
Oversee the PTK College Project  
Microsoft TEAM training

### **2012 –2017**

#### **STEM/ SECONDARY ENGLISH TEACHER, TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL, TEXARKANA, TX.**

Evaluated ESL students, assisted with testing and placement recommendations  
Prepared innovative classroom lessons to teach and reinforce Texas Education Standards  
Ensured that students received an appropriate level of language support  
Established effective communications with students and parents  
Integrated technology into English content for STEM Academy  
Developed and implemented District Freshman STEM Academy Capstone Project  
Established rigor, promote diversity in advanced coursework  
STAAR English Workshops and Tutorials Creator and Instructor  
Created monthly lesson plans to align with TEKS  
Establish, developed, and maintain relationships with both students and parents

### **2011 –2006**

#### **SECONDARY ENGLISH TEACHER, PUTNAM CITY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK.**

Student preparation for state End of Course Testing (EOC)  
Weekly lesson plans in accordance with district guidelines  
Digital media along with traditional classroom materials  
Created lessons for diverse learning environment  
Differentiated instruction for students with learning disabilities  
Established the PC North STEP Team, aimed at promoting academic success, diversity, and inclusion (team still exists today)  
Developed and Hosted the Minority Mentorship Conference-secondary conference that paired students with working professionals, workshops, luncheon, and guest speakers  
Establish, developed, and maintain relationships with both students and parents

**Additional Training**

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Training  
Appreciative Advising: Florida Atlantic University  
Achieving the Dream  
TCCTA – Professional Development Committee  
Steven Covey Training – Seven Habits  
Marcia Tate – Growing Dendrites  
Bridges Out of Poverty  
The Leader's Guide to Unconscious Bias  
Capturing Kids Hearts  
Intern Governor of Oklahoma

**Skills**

Innovation, Leadership, Public Speaking, Communication  
Problem Solving, Curriculum Creator, Project Management, Teacher Training  
Adaptability, Time-Management, Collaboration, Instruction, Behavior Management  
Higher Education Teaching, Curriculum Development, Editing, Student Development  
Academic Advising, Research, Microsoft and Google Suites

**References**

Available Upon Request