Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Year	Degree (Honors)	Field of Study (Thesis advisor for PhDs)	Institution
2015	BA	Psychology	San Diego State University
2017	MS	Neuroscience and Education	Teachers College, Columbia University
2020	MA	Education, Specialization in School Psychology	University of California, Riverside
2022	PhD	School Psychology	University of California, Riverside

Postdoctoral Training

Year(s)	Titles	Specialty/Discipline (Lab PI for postdoc fellows)	Institution
2021-2022	Pre-Doctoral Internship	School Psychology	Lewisville Independent School District
2022-2023	Postdoctoral Fellowship	Child and Adolescent Psychology	Center for Autism Care, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Professional Development Training

Year(s)	Course or Program, Degree if any	Institution
2021	Monteiro Interview Guidelines for Diagnosing the Autism Spectrum (MIGDAS)	Lewisville Independent School District
2019	PREPaRE Training WS1: Crisis Prevention and Preparedness	University of California, Riverside
2018	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, 2nd Edition (ADOS-2) Clinical Training	University of California, Riverside
2018	Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS)	UCLA Semel Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behavior

Faculty Academic Appointments

Year(s)	Academic Title	Department	Academic Institution
2024-present	Clinical Assistant Professor	Psychiatry	UT Southwestern Medical Center

Appointments at Hospitals/Affiliated Institutions

Past			
Year(s)	Position Title	Department/Division	Institution
2022-2023	Postdoctoral Fellow Psychiatry Children's Health		Children's Health
Current			
Year(s)	Position Title	Department/Division	Institution
2024-present	Pediatric Psychologist	Psychiatry	Children's Health

Other Professional Positions

Year(s)	Position Title	Institution
2023-2024	School Psychologist	Lewisville Independent School District

Current Licensure and Certification

Licensure

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Year(s)	State	
2024-Current	Texas	Licensed Psychologist
2023-Current	Texas	Licensed Specialist in School Psychology

Honors and Awards

Year	Name of Honor/Award Awarding Organization	
2021	Noyce Scholars Symposia Scholarship National Science Foundation	
2021	Dean Irving H. Balow Fellowship University of California, Riverside	
2020-21	Gates Collegiate Forum Fellowship	Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation
2019-20	Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Fellowship	University of California, Los Angeles
2019	Travel Award University of California, Riverside	
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2017-21	Eugene Cota-Robles Award (ECRA)	University of California, Riverside
2014-15	Faculty Mini-Grant for Undergraduate Research	San Diego State University

Professional Societies

Dates	Society Name, member
2022-current	American Psychological Association (APA), member
2017-current	National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), member

Community Engagement

Year(s)	Role, brief description	Organization or institution
2025	Presenter, Presentation on Intellectual and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	UT Southwestern Medical Center, Health Equity Forum
2024	Panelist, Panel discussion on non-apparent disabilities to highlight Invisible Disabilities Week.	UT Southwestern Medical Center, Equally Able Alliance BRG

Educational Activities

1. Mentoring and Advising

Date	Mentee Name	Mentee Level/ Program and Institution	Role	Mentee Outcomes, Current Position
2024- present	Monica Garza-Saenz, PhD	Postdoctoral Fellow	Supervisor	Completing postdoctoral training
2024- present	Ekene Nwosisi, BA	Research Mentee	Dissertation Co-Chair	Completing dissertation

Editorial Activities

Year(s)	Journal Name	
Ad Hoc Reviewer		
2025	International Journal of Developmental Disabilities	
2025	Contemporary School Psychology	
2024	Journal of Latinos and Education	

Invited Lectures

Year(s)	Title	Location
Regional/Local		
2021	The role of early life stress in children and adolescents' daily lives: Research and educational implications	Invited Talk for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Noyce Scholars program, Riverside, CA.

Bibliography

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Original Research Articles

- 1. Katic, B., & **Alba, L. A.** (2025). From Local Classrooms to Global Impact: Exploring the Intersection Between Restorative Justice and Global Citizenship. *School Psychology Review*, 1-17. https://doi.org/10.1080/2372966X.2025.2509322
- 2. **Alba, L.A.** (2024). Emphasizing the experiences of Spanish-speaking parents of children in special education: A review. *Journal of Latinos and Education*, 1-16. https://doi.org/10.1080/15348431.2024.2413516
- 3. Mercado-Anazagasty, J., Ramirez, A., **Alba, L. A.**, & Johnson, A. H. (2024). Exploring differences in Spanish-and English-speaking parents' experiences with individualized education program meetings. *Remedial and Special Education*, https://doi.org/10.1177/07419325241267240
- 4. Fallon, L., Robinson-Link, P., Womack, T.A., **Alba, L.A.**, Sunda, R., Ballard, S., Veiga, M., Johnson, A. H. (2023). Learning to decenter whiteness in schools through teacher professional development. *School Psychology*, 1-17. https://doi.org/10.1080/2372966X.2023.2194236
- 5. Méndez Leal, A.*, **Alba, L. A.** *, Cummings, K., Jung, J., Waizman, Y., Guassi Moreira, J., Saragosa-Harris, N., Ninova, E., Waterman, J., Langley, A., Tottenham, N., Silvers, J.+, Green, S.+ (2022). Sensory processing challenges as a novel link between early caregiving experiences and mental health. *Development and Psychopathology*, 1-14.
- 6. Johnson, A. H., Yu, R., Bains, B. K., **Alba L. A.**, & Womack, T. A. (2022). Understanding preferences of general educators for addressing disruptive classroom behavior. *School Psychology*, *38*(2), 100. https://doi.org/10.1037/spq0000521
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- 8. Waisman, T. C., **Alba, L. A.,** & Green, S. A. (2022). Barriers to inclusive learning for autistic individuals. *Pediatrics*, 149 (Supplement 4).
- 9. Katic, B.*, **Alba, L. A.*,** & Johnson, A. H. (2020). A systematic evaluation of restorative justice practices: School violence prevention and response. *Journal of School Violence*, 1-15. https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2020.1783670
- 10. Losh, A.*, **Alba, L. A.***, Blacher, J., & Stavropoulos, K. K. M. (2020). Neuroimaging research with diverse children with ASD: Impact of a social story on parent understanding and likelihood of participation. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 71, 101511. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rasd.2020.101511
- 11. **Alba, L. A.**, Flannery, J., Shapiro, M., & Tottenham, N. (2019). Working memory moderates the association between early institutional care and separation anxiety symptoms in late childhood and adolescence. *Development and Psychopathology*, 31(3), 989-997. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954579419000452
- 12. Abbott, A. E., Linke, A. C., Nair, A., Jahedi, A., **Alba, L. A.**, Keown, C. L., ... & Müller, R. A. (2018). Repetitive behaviors in autism are linked to imbalance of corticostriatal connectivity: A functional connectivity MRI study. Social Cognitive and Affective *Neuroscience*, 13(1), 32-42. https://doi.org/10.1093/scan/nsx129

- 13. Stavropoulos, K. K., & **Alba, L. A.** (2018). "It's so cute I could crush it!": Understanding neural mechanisms of Cute Aggression. *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*, 12, 300. https://doi.org/10.3389/fnbeh.2018.00300
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- + -Shared last author

Reviews, Book Chapters, Monographs and Editorials

1. **Alba, L. A.**, Baker, E., & Stavropoulos, K. K. (2021). In Vivo Electrophysiology for Reward Anticipation and Processing. *The Brain Reward System* (pp. 307-326). Humana, New York, NY.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

- 1. **Alba, L. A.**, Womack, T. A., & Katic B. (2021). Fostering social justice and anti-racist approaches in graduate training. *The School Psychologist* 70 (2), 9-14
- 2. **Alba, L. A.** & Bains, B. K. (2022). School psychology graduate training to support students experiencing homelessness. *Communiqué* 50 (7).

Non-peer reviewed scientific or medical publications/materials in print or other media (no abstracts)

1. Interview with Tess Eyrich for Inside UCR (August 12, 2020). *Restorative Justice Shows Promise in K-12 Schools*. https://insideucr.ucr.edu/stories/2020/08/12/restorative-justiceshows-promise-k-12-schools