

## **BIOGRAPHY**

## Leslie A. Anderson, PhD, LMFT

Leslie Anderson is an assistant professor of Child and Family Sciences and Marriage and Family Therapy at the University of Southern Mississippi. As a practitioner, Dr. Anderson's clinical work has largely been in rural communities with families impacted by broader contextual factors, such as poverty, oppression, and disenfranchisement. She is intentional about using culturally responsive practices in therapy and working from strengths-based approaches. Dr. Anderson's research centers the experiences of Black youth and families, and particularly their processes of racial socialization, resilience, and resistance within their sociocultural contexts. She has published her research in numerous prominent peer-reviewed journals, including, but not limited to, the *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, the *Journal of Black Psychology*, and *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*. The cornerstone of Dr. Anderson's scholarship involves deliberate actions towards amplifying the voices of the underserved and underrepresented and centering the experiences of those who live on the margins.