**Education:**

**Post-Doc:** University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

**Ed.D.,** Counselor Education-Clinical Mental Health Counseling, minor in Sociology and Criminology (Race and Relationships), Mississippi State University

**M.A.,** Sociology, (concentration-Alcohol/Drugs and Counseling), Jackson State University

**B.S.,** Psychology, Alcorn State University

Dr. Linda J.M. Holloway joined the Alabama State University Master in Counseling Programs in 2018. Her research interests include the sociopolitical factors associated with Black women’s hair and its impact on emotional wellness as well as career development among people of color. She teaches: Career Counseling, Introduction to Group Counseling, Counseling Diverse Populations, and Counseling Across the Lifespan. Her teaching philosophy is "classroom without walls,” where she is a strong advocate in preparing counselors in training on how to take theoretical concepts and apply them to real world events. Additionally, Dr. Holloway has published five children's books: 1) *I love My Happy Hair-* ***Story Monster Award 2022****,***2021-New York Big City Book Distinguish Award (4 Stars Review From Readers Favorite-2021),** (2) *Little Miss Linda Goes To Counseling-****Story Monster Award- 2022****-****2022, Independent Press Award,*****2021, New York Big Book Award- (Five Stars Review From Readers’ Favorite-2021)***,* and (3) *Little Miss Linda Speaks Out About Sickle Cell,* ***Story Monster Award 2022,*** **Eric Hoffer Finalist**- **2022,** ***2020******Moonbeam Children’s Award-*(Five Stars Review From Readers’Favorite-2021)**. (4) Little Miss Linda Speaks About Rape-***Story Monster Award- 2022***, (**Five Stars Review From Readers’Favorite-2021)**, and (5) Little Miss Linda Speaks About Diversity**- *Story Monster Award 2022,*** (**Five Stars Review From Readers’Favorite-2021).**

Dr. Holloway is a true servant leader who lives her life by the motto, "always willing to serve."  She retired from the military as a Colonel after serving over 27 years in the United States Army Reserves, while completing a total of four combat tours: Operation Desert Shield Desert Storm Farewell, Two Tours to Iraq - Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), and Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan.

During her spare time, Dr. Holloway loves to spend time with her family and friends, read, travel, watch a good movie, and exercise. Her philosophy on life is "dream your own dreams." She is building her legacy, Divine Destiny Institute, where she helps educate, elevate, and empower both women and girls to reach their divine destiny in life.