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EDUCATION

Exp. 2026	Ph.D., Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago Dissertation: The State of Weight: Creating and Contesting Knowledge Around Weight Management in the Age of Health Equity
2022	Certificate in Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics and Assessment. University of Illinois at Chicago (MEd anticipated in 2025)
2020	M.A., <i>Sociology</i> . University of Illinois at Chicago
2015	B.A., <i>American Studies</i> . Wellesley College

AREAS OF INTEREST

Medical Sociology; Science and Technology; Sociology of Health; Embodiment; Fat Studies; Black Feminist Thought; Gender & Sexuality Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Published Works

Via, Emily, Guerrero, Rodriguez Daniela, **Jackson, Ni'Shele**, Risman, Barbara and Scarborough, William. 2024. "Beyond Sons and Daughters: Non-Binary Experiences with Family" Families as They Really Are (3rd edition)

Jackson, Ni'Shele. 2023. Book Review: It's always been ours: rewriting the story of Black women's bodies, *Fat Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/21604851.2023.2229599diversity?

Manuscripts in Progress

Jackson, Ni'Shele. "Saying No to Weight-Loss Drugs: The Paradox of the Patient Consumer and Stratified Biomedicalization" Under Review at *Social Science & Medicine*.

Jackson, Ni'Shele. "I wake up. I track it.": Weight Management Technoscience as Gendered Pleasure and Digitized Rationality. Unpublished Manuscript.

Jackson, Ni'Shele. Attitudes Toward Fat Diversity: Is the Health at Every Size (HAES) frame effective at promoting attitudes around fat acceptance and body diversity? Unpublished Manuscript.

Briefs and Reports

Illinois Department of Human Services, Commission to End Hunger. In progress. *Food Access Experiences of Unhoused Folks*. Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago.

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund. 2020. *Perspectives on Neighborhood Change*. National Trust for Historic Preservation.
<https://savingplaces.org/files/perspectives-of-neighborhood-change-2018>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2025	Dr. Michele M. Thompson and Dr. H. Woods Bowman Scholarship
2024	Diversifying Faculty Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Fellow
2024	Dr. Paul Ernsberger Research Scholarship, National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance
2024	Research and Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
2024	Dissertation Research Award, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago
2023	Rachel Gordon Statistics Award for Emerging Scholars, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
2020	Access to Excellence Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago

2017 Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship, Mellon Mays Foundation, Wellesley College

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- August 2024 ““I wake up. I track it.”: Weight Management Technoscience as Gendered Pleasure and Digitized Rationality.” Paper Session: Technoscience Will Not Save Us. American Sociological Association Annual Conference 2024. Montreal, Canada.
- April 2024 “Precarious Pounds: The Biopolitics of Weight Management as a (Misguided) Feminist Strategy” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference. Des Moines, Iowa.
- April 2024 “Creating A Comprehensive Undergraduate Research Program” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference. Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 2023 “Attitudes Toward Fat Diversity: Is the Health at Every Size (HAES) frame effective at promoting attitudes around fat acceptance and body diversity?” Association for Size Diversity and Health. Virtual.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- May 2024 – Present **Research Assistant**, *Abortion on the Move: Navigating the Fractured Reproductive Healthcare Landscape*, PI: Claire Decoteau, University of Illinois at Chicago
- August 2023 – Present **Research Assistant**, *Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy*, University of Illinois at Chicago
- August 2022 – Present **Researcher**, *Radical Health Alliance*
- August 2021 – June 2023 **Managing Editor**, *Gender & Society*

January 2021 – **Graduate Researcher, *Category X: Gender in the 21st***
March 2024 ***Century***, PI: Barbara Risman, University of Illinois at Chicago

May 2018 – **African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Research**
July 2018 **Fellow**, National Trust for Historic Preservation

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

January 2022 – **Research Mentor**, Graduate Undergraduate Research
Present Mentorship (GURM) Program, Department of Sociology,
University of Illinois at Chicago, Department

August 2020 – **Teaching Assistant**, SOC 212: Human Sexuality: Social
May 2021 Perspectives, Department of Sociology, University of
Illinois at Chicago

Invited Guest Lectures

2025 HN 555: Obesity. Topic: Challenges and Steps Forward:
Addressing Weight Stigma and Anti-fat Bias in Obesity
Research and Education. Department of Kinesiology and
Nutrition, University of Illinois at Chicago.

2024 SOC 424: Sociology of Gender. Topic: Medicine and
Medicalization: Intersectional Analyses of Vaccine Refusal.
Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago

SOC 224: Gender and Society. Topic: Doing Sex in a
Gendered World. Department of Gender and Women's
Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at
Chicago

2023 SOC 212: Human Sexuality: Social Perspectives. Topic:
Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Reproductive Control.
Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago

SOC 251: Sociology of Health and Illness. Topic: Social
Construction of Sex. Department of Sociology, University of
Illinois at Chicago.

UNIVERSITY & DISCIPLINE SERVICE

2024 –2025	Student Council Member, Science, Knowledge and Technology (SKAT), American Sociological Association
December 2023 – Present	Graduate Coordinator, Sociology Quantitative Workshop
2024	Organizer, Public Sociology and Activist Scholarship Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago
2024	Organizer, Chicago Ethnography Conference, Northwestern University
July 2023 – May 2024	Student Representative, Colloquium Committee, Sociology Department, University of Illinois at Chicago

METHODS AND SOFTWARE

Quantitative: Stata, SPSS, SAS, R, Mplus

Qualitative: Atlas.ti, Otter.ai, ethnography, interviewing

LANGUAGES

English (Native)

Spanish (Advanced)