

JENN M. JACKSON

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science
5828 S. University Ave., Pick Hall 406, Chicago, IL, 60637
jennjackson@uchicago.edu ▪ www.jennmjackson.com

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science

expected June 2019

Committee: Cathy J. Cohen (Chair), Justin Grimmer, Michael C. Dawson, John Brehm, and Linda Zerilli

Fields: American Politics (Exam: Spring 2016), Research Methods, Political Theory (Exam: Autumn 2015)

Emphases: Black Politics, gender and sexuality, political behavior, public opinion, mixed methods

Dissertation Abstract:

Working Title - "Race, Risks, and Responses: Mapping Black Americans' Reactions to Group Threat"

In this project, I investigate the role of group threat in influencing Black Americans' political behavior. Methodologically, I utilize quantitative analyses of survey data and experiments as well as qualitative analysis of 50 in-depth interviews with young Black Americans ages 18 to 35 in the Chicago area to investigate both intergroup and intragroup differences in responses to and ideas about threat. I find that Black women are most likely to express concerns about state-based and intragroup threat. Conversely, Black men vary drastically in their responses to group threat depending on their sexual orientation, gender expression, and vulnerability to stereotypes.

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

M. A. in Political Science

June 2016

Committee: Cathy J. Cohen, Michael C. Dawson, and John Brehm

Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality

California State University, Fullerton

Fullerton, CA

M. A. in Political Science (Honors)

June 2011

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

B. S. in Industrial Engineering, Minor in Sociology, Graduate Certificate, SAP

June 2007

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Diversifying Higher Education in Illinois Fellow, State of Illinois (2018 – 2019) **\$15,000**

Diversifying Higher Education in Illinois Fellow, State of Illinois (2017 – 2018) **\$13,000**

APSA First Generation Scholars Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2017) **\$250**

Urban Doctoral Fellow, University of Chicago (2017 – 2018) **\$1,000**

APSA Minority Fellowship, American Political Science Association (2016) **\$4,000**

Grant, Center for Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago (2016, 2017, 2018) **\$3,000 total**
 Grant, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, University of Chicago (2016, 2017, 2018) **\$5,000 total**
 Charles E. Merriam Fellowship Endowment, University of Chicago (2016 – 2017)
 Social Sciences Division Fellowship, University of Chicago (2014 -2019)
 Edith Juda Heller Scholarship, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago (2014-2017)
 Grad Global Impact Inaugural Fellow, University of Chicago (2015 – 2016) **\$4,000**
 Graduate Parent Fellow, University of Chicago (2014 – 2015) **\$2,000**

HONORS AND AWARDS

Ford Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (2018)
 NWSA Women of Color Leadership Project, National Women's Studies Association (2017-2018)
 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (2011)
 Phi Beta Delta Honor Society (2011)
 Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society (2010)
 Associated Students Scholarship, California State University, Fullerton (2010)
 African American Faculty and Staff Association Award, California State University, Fullerton (2011)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Race and Ethnic Politics, Black Feminism, Gender and Sexuality
 Emphases: Group threat, young people's participation, mobilization, psychology; political thought; deviance.

Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods

Emphases: Quantitative: Survey methods and design, experiments, regression, difference testing, statistical/substantive significance; Qualitative methods: political history, focus groups, interviews, archival and content analysis.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Jackson, Jenn M. "Private Selves as Public Property: Black Women's Self-Making in the Contemporary Moment"

This project focuses on the ways that Black women have developed their collective political identities through acts of resistance against state-based oppression and repression since the era of enslavement and into the 21st century. In this paper, I use political historical methods examining first-hand accounts and theoretical texts to show how Black women's experiences with the State have directly influenced their identity formation processes (**forthcoming, spr. 2019, *Public Culture***)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Jackson, Jenn M. "Black Americans and the 'Crime Narrative': Comments on the use of news frames

and their impacts on public opinion formation”

Investigates the role of news media framing in the formation of racial attitudes towards violence against Black Americans. Review essay assessing the manner in which mass television media positions news stories about violence against Blacks **(Revise and Resubmit)**

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Jackson, Jenn M. “Gendering Threat: Young People’s Perceptions of the Seriousness of Police Killings of Black Americans”

Using nationally representative survey data and in-depth interviews with young Black Americans, this manuscript investigates the role of race and gender in the variations of political attitudes toward police killings of Black Americans with a specific focus on women respondents whose opinions are rarely centered in matters of race and police violence. I find that Black women consistently express the greatest concern about police killings of Black Americans when compared to other groups.

Jackson, Jenn M. “State of Emergency: Black Life and Death under the Neoliberal State”

Through an in-depth case study of the 2015 Dyett Hunger Strike in Chicago, I argue that Black Politics in the Neoliberal Age must see the death of Black people, premature or otherwise, as a state of crisis. I posit that our existing conceptions of emergencies do not adequately account for the perpetual states of emergency facing Black communities.

Jackson, Jenn M. “The Militancy of Memory: Collective Action, Kinship, and Disrupting White Ignorance”

Through a synthesis of Charles Mills’s conception of “white ignorance” and Pierre Bourdieu’s theoretical framework of the *habitus*, I argue that the logics and practices handed down intergenerationally within dominant social groups, particularly by White Americans through the imperial project of whiteness, induce a process of history-erasing and world remaking. For this reason, I suggest, collective action is the only way to disrupt the logic of ignorance in an effort to mete out justice for Black Americans.

Jackson, Jenn M. “Black Publics and Counterpublics: (Re) Situating the Queer and Feminist Work at the Margins of the Black Public Sphere”

Fundamentally, this work challenges existing race-based, feminist, and queer “counterpublic” theories of the public sphere to argue that these conceptions of public life do not properly grapple with the multiple and interlocking social identifications and political agendas of those actors who are situated at the margins of civic life.

Davies, Jordie, Jenn M. Jackson, and David J. Knight [equal contribution]. “Young Adults’ Perceptions of the American Racial Order and the Politics of Racial Redress.”

Analyzing national survey data, this paper uses logistic and ordered logistic regression models to understand the interactive effect of race, gender and other factors on youths’ perceptions of racial hierarchy and preferences toward racial redress.

Mann-Carey, Alysia and Jenn M. Jackson [equal contribution]. “Queering Black freedom: Black mothering under state repression in the African Diaspora.”

Draws on ethnographic and archival data, as well as Black feminist and queer theories on motherhood, the State, and violence, this paper provides a theoretical framework for understanding Black mothering in the

context of anti-Black state violence in the 21st century.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Dismantling America: The Rush to Deregulate" Tolchin Symposium at the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, September 2018

Invited to participate on panel with scholars and journalists to discuss the role of deregulation in the lives of American citizens today.

"Black Women and State Violence," *Black Action in Public Policy Studies (BAPPS) and Women in Public Policy (WiPP)*, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, March 2018

Keynote speaker for International Women's Day on police violence against Black women and girls in the United States, how policy facilitates that violence, and what steps should be taken to mitigate it.

"Stories on Race in the Classroom," *Race and Pedagogy Working Group Event*, University of Chicago, March 2018

Spoke through an artist's rendition of neighborhood homes, giving life to stories from the margins and how they enter and disrupt the classroom. Special emphasis on being Black, queer, and woman in the academic space.

"Stay Woke: The Black Lives Matter Movement," *Flossmoor Community Church*, Flossmoor, IL, February 2018

Discussed the Movement for Black Lives and young people's activism in the present political moment.

"Digital Tools for Civic Engagement," *Illinois Civic Coalition Convening*, Illinois Civic Coalition, March 2016

Presented to school administrators and teachers addressing how utilize web-based tools to educate students on civic engagement.

"Teach-in on Race and Activism," Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, *University of Chicago*, Feb 2016

Sat on an eight-person panel discussing bringing activism from the community onto college campuses (hosted by the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture).

"Social Media and the Classroom: An Overview," *Chicago Public Schools*, January 2016

Presented a lecture to Chicago Public School teachers about social movements, activism, and social platforms like Twitter and Facebook.

"Making Mirrors: A Look at the Work of Issa Rae," *Black Cinema House*, Oct 2015

Sat on a four-person panel discussing the use of comedy in addressing representation, hyper-visibility, and visibility of Black bodies in television and film.

"Experiences on the Job," *Girls, INC. Southern California*, July 2014

Presented various topics on career development and first-time job experiences to high school girls seeking externships with Southern California businesses.

SELECTED CONFERENCE APPEARANCES

"Mapping Young People's Perceptions of the Seriousness of Police Killings of Black Americans by Race and

Gender” – Paper selected for a created panel presentation at the August 2018 Meeting of the **American Political Science Association (APSA)**

“State of Emergency’: Black Life and Death under the Neoliberal State”- Paper selected for presentation at the May 2018 Meeting of the **Race and Capitalism Project at the University of Chicago**

“Mapping Young People’s Perceptions of the Seriousness of Police Killings of Black Americans by Race and Gender” – Paper selected for presentation at the April 2018 Meeting of the **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)**

“Mapping Young People’s Perceptions of the Seriousness of Police Killings of Black Americans by Race and Gender” – Paper selected for presentation at the March 2018 Meeting of the **National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)**

“State of Emergency’: Black Life and Death under the Neoliberal State” – Paper selected for presentation at the March 2018 Meeting of the **National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)**

"Queering Black freedom: Black mothering under state repression in the African Diaspora" – with Alysia Mann-Carey. Paper selected for presentation at the November 2017 40 Years After Combahee: Feminist Scholars and Activist Engage the Movement for Black Lives Conference, **National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)**

“Young Adults’ Perceptions of the American Racial Order and the Politics of Racial Redress” – with Jordie Davies and David J. Knight. Paper selected for presentation at the August 2017 Meeting of the **American Political Science Association (APSA)**

“Collective Memory, Resistance, and Disrupting ‘White Ignorance’” – Paper selected for presentation at the **Princeton University Eighteen Hundred and More Conference**, April 2017

“Young Adults’ Perceptions of the American Racial Order and the Politics of Racial Redress” – with Jordie Davies and David J. Knight. Paper selected for presentation at the April 2017 Meeting of the **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)**

“Sequelae: Towards a Theory of State Violence against Black Women as a Public Health Issue (Part II),” – Selected for presentation at the **National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)**, November 2016

“Black, ‘Violent,’ Newsworthy: Implicit and Explicit Episodic Framing in the Twenty-First Century” (Master’s Thesis) – Paper selected for presentation at the April 2016 Meeting of the **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)**

“The “Identity” Crisis: Black Women’s Self-Making in Contingent Spaces of the United States” – Paper selected for presentation at the April 2015 **Engendering Change Conference, University of Chicago**

“The Evolution of Post-Racialism” – Selected for presentation at the March 2013 Meeting of the **Western Political Science Association (WPSA)**

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP/COMMENTARY

I have been called upon to comment on electoral politics, political behavior of young people, Black Americans and crime narratives, and the state of Black politics by numerous media sources including *Teen Vogue*, *Washington Post*, *Public Seminar*, *BITCH Magazine*, *Chicago Maroon*, *Ebony.com*, *Marie Claire*, and *The Root*. I have also been featured on numerous radio and news shows including Al Jazeera, Chicago Tonight, Chicago Public Radio, and WGN News at Nine.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record:

Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations II (Co-Instructor) Winter 2018
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Black Feminism in a Transnational Perspective (Co-Instructor) Autumn 2017
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Social Science Research Methods Summer 2015/2016/2017
Chicago Public Schools Student Voice Action Committees/Black Youth Project, Chicago, IL

Media, Data, and Public Opinion Summer 2016
Black Youth Project High School Fellows, Chicago, IL

Black Politics Spring 2014
California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA

Political Science Research Methods Spring 2012
California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA

Teaching Assistant/Intern:

Practice of Social Science Research Autumn 2015/Winter 2018
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Social Science Inquiry (full year) Autumn 2016/Winter 2017/Spring 2017
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Electoral Politics in America Autumn 2016
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Social Sciences Math Camp
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Autumn 2016

PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

National Women’s Studies Association (2016 – present): Women of Color Caucus Member
National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2015 – present)
American Political Science Association (2014 – present): Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section Member
Midwest Political Science Association (2014 – present)
Western Political Science Association (2009 – 2011)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate Research Assistant (with Drs. Cathy Cohen and Michael Dawson) Sep 2015 – Present
Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

American Politics Workshop Co-Coordinator Sep 2016 – June 2018
Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Co-Organizer, Mini-Conference on Race and Place: Polarization in the US May 2018
Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Columnist Mar 2018 – Present
Teen Vogue, New York, NY

Managing Editor Sep 2015 – Sep 2017
Black Youth Project, Chicago, IL

Senior Financial Analyst Dec 2011 – Feb 2014
Pacific Sunwear of California, Anaheim, CA

Workload Analyst and Methods Instructor June 2007 – Dec 2011
Disneyland Resort, Anaheim, CA

DATA ANALYSIS SOFTWARE

Proficient in PHP, HTML, and C. Expert in SQL/MySQL
Expert in MAXQDA qualitative coding, STATA and SPSS; proficient in R
Extensive experience with web management and CMS website creation/design/maintenance.