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EDUCATION

- 2023 - Ph.D. in Sociology
in progress University of Georgia
Major Professor: Dawn T. Robinson
- 2020 M.A. in Sociology
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 2018 B.A. in Sociology
Social problems concentration
B.S. in Psychology with Honors
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social psychology, status processes, theory, organizations

PUBLICATIONS

Walker, Lisa Slattery and **Zara Jillani**. "Status." Forthcoming in Stets, Jan E., Karen A. Hegtvedt, and Long Doan (eds.) *Handbook of Social Psychology: Micro Perspectives*. New York: Springer Publishing.

Dippong, Joseph and **Zara Jillani**. "Experimental Methods in Social Psychology." Forthcoming in Walker, Lisa Slattery and Gretchen Peterson (eds.) *Handbook of Social Psychology*. Northampton: Edward Elgar.

Dippong, Joseph and **Zara Jillani**. 2024. "Vocal Accommodation, Influence, and Performance Expectations." *Advances in Group Processes*, 41:123-144.

Scott, Victoria C., Jasmine Temple, and **Zara Jillani**. 2024. "Development of the Technical Assistance Engagement Scale: A Modified Delphi Study." *Implementation Science Communications*, 5(1):1-22.

Scott, Victoria C., **Zara Jillani**, Adele Malpert, Jenny Kolodny-Goetz, and Abraham Wandersman. 2022. "A Scoping Review of the Evaluation and Effectiveness of Technical Assistance." *Implementation Science Communications*, 3(1):1-16.

Jillani, Zara, Victoria C. Scott, Anna M. Thorpe, and Yhenneko J. Taylor. 2020. "Depictions of Breastfeeding in Newspaper Media in the United States: 2007—2016." *Breastfeeding Medicine*, 15(11):739-746.

Scott, Victoria C., Margaret E. Gigler, Jordan M. Widenhouse, **Zara Jillani**, and Yhenneko J. Taylor. 2020. "A Socioecological Approach to Understanding Workplace Lactation Support in the Health Care Setting." *Breastfeeding Medicine*, 15(4):268-276.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Jillani, Zara. "Status and Contribution Visibility Effects on Performance." *Manuscript in preparation*.

Jillani, Zara and Joseph Dippong [equal authors]. "The Persistence of Status-Based Expectations Beyond Task Settings." *Manuscript in preparation*.

Dippong, Joseph and **Zara Jillani**. "Status and Ethics at Work." *Data analysis in progress*.

Robinson, Dawn T., **Zara Jillani**, Aahana Shankaran, and Makayla L. Stephens. "Comparing the Social Intelligence of Affect Control Theory and ChatGPT." *Data collection in progress*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Jillani, Zara and Joseph Dippong. 2024. "How Task-Based Expectations Shape Behavior in Non-Task Settings." 36th Annual Group Processes Conference, Montreal, QC.

Robinson, Dawn T., **Zara Jillani**, Aahana Shankaran, and Makayla L. Stephens. 2024. "Comparing the Social Intelligence of Affect Control Theory and ChatGPT." 36th Annual Group Processes Conference, Montreal, QC.

Dippong, Joseph and **Zara Jillani**. 2024. "Vocal Accommodation, Expectations, and Influence." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

Wandersman, Abraham, Victoria C. Scott, **Zara Jillani**, Adele Malpert, and Jenny Kolodny-Goetz. 2022. "What Do We Know About the Evaluation and Effectiveness of Technical Assistance?" American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Scott, Victoria C., Margaret E. Gigler, Jordan M. Widenhouse, **Zara Jillani**, Danielle Conner, and Yhenneko J. Taylor. 2019. "A Socio-Ecological Approach to Understanding Workplace Breastfeeding Support in a Large Healthcare System."

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Jillani, Zara. 2019. "Breastfeeding in Newspaper Media: 2007-2016."

The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025 – 2026	Lab manager, Laboratory for the Study of Social Interaction University of Georgia
2022 – 2023	Research Assistant, Dawn Chorus Group
2020 – 2022	Research Associate, Wandersman Center
2017 – 2022	Research Assistant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- Sociological Social Psychology, Instructor
- Introduction to Psychology lab, Instructor
- Research Methods in Sociology, Lab instructor

Courses as Teaching Assistant

University of Georgia

- Introduction to Sociology
- Experimental Research in Sociology
- Research Methods in Criminal Justice

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Social Psychology
- Social Structure and Personality
- Urban Sociology (Manchester, UK)
- Community and Identity (Manchester, UK)
- Critical Thinking About Research
- Research Methodology I
- Research Methodology II
- Quantitative Analysis
- Senior Seminar in Sociology

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 – 2027 Graduate School Doctoral Fellows Award
University of Georgia
- 2018 Student of Distinction in Research, Academics, and Service
Department of Psychological Science, University of North Carolina at
Charlotte

SERVICE

To the Profession

- 2024 – Present Managing editor, Social Science Research
- 2019 – 2021
- 2021 – Present Newsletter editor & webmaster, Social Psychology ASA Section
- 2024 – 2025 Co-chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Southern Sociological
Society 88th Annual Meeting
- 2023 – 2024 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee,
Mathematical Sociology ASA Section
- 2023 – 2024 Graduate Student Affairs Committee, Social Psychology ASA Section
- 2021 – 2022 Co-organizer, Group Processes 34th Annual Meeting
- 2020 Supplemental content developer, APA Books

To the University of Georgia

- 2023 – 2024 Chair, Sponsored Speaker Series
- 2023 – 2024 Graduate recruitment representative

To the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- 2022 Judge, 10th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference
- 2021 – 2022 Member, Graduate & Professional Student Government Financial
Committee
- 2021 – 2022 Member, 22nd Annual Graduate Research Symposium Planning
Committee
- 2019 – 2020 President, Sociology Graduate Student Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- o Alpha Kappa Delta
- o American Sociological Association
Social Psychology section

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Mathematical Sociology section
Theory Section

- o Southern Sociological Society