

Zara Jillani

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EDUCATION

- 2023 - Ph.D. in Sociology
in progress University of Georgia
 Major Professor: Jody Clay-Warner
- 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*.

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. 2025. "Status and Contribution Visibility Effects on Performance." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.

Dippong, Joseph and **Zara Jillani**. 2025. "Cheating to Get Ahead: Status and Ethics at Work." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.

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

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| 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
- Social Structure and Personality
- Experimental Research in Sociology
- Research Methods in Criminal Justice

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Social Psychology
- Urban Sociology
- Community and Identity
- Critical Thinking About Research
- Research Methodology I
- Research Methodology II
- Quantitative Analysis
- Senior Seminar in Sociology

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2023 – 2027 | Graduate School Doctoral Fellows Award (\$7,000 per year)
University of Georgia |
| 2018 | Student of Distinction in Research, Academics, and Service
Department of Psychological Science, University of North Carolina at Charlotte |
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SERVICE*To the Profession*

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| 2024 – Pres. | Managing editor, Social Science Research |
| 2019 – 2021 | Managing editor, Social Science Research |
| 2021 – Pres. | Newsletter editor & webmaster, Social Psychology ASA Section |
| 2024 – 2025 | Co-chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Southern Sociological Society 88 th 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 34 th Annual Meeting |
| 2020 | Supplemental content developer, APA Books |

To the University of Georgia

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

To the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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| 2022 | Judge, 10 th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference |
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2021 – 2022	Member, Graduate & Professional Student Government Finance Committee
2021 – 2022	Member, 22 nd 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
 - Mathematical Sociology section
 - Theory section
- o Southern Sociological Society