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## EDUCATION

2012 – 2017	<b>UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA</b> <i>Ed.D., Educational Leadership</i>	Gainesville, F.L.
2010 - 2011	<b>UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA</b> <i>M.A., Education, Elementary Education</i>	Gainesville, F.L.
2006 - 2010	<b>UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA</b> <i>B.A., Education, Elementary Education</i> Highest Honors	Gainesville, F.L.

## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2024 – Present	<b>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE</b> <i>Interim Dean</i> <i>College of Education, Human Performance, and Health</i>	Spartanburg, S.C.
2023 – 2024	<b>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE</b> <i>Associate Dean</i> <i>College of Education, Human Performance, and Health</i>	Spartanburg, S.C.
2022 – 2023	<b>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE</b> <i>Director of Curriculum, Strategic Initiatives, and Graduate Programs</i> <i>College of Education, Human Performance, and Health</i>	Spartanburg, S.C.
2021 – 2022	<b>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE</b> <i>Interim Assistant Dean</i> <i>College of Education, Human Performance, and Health</i>	Spartanburg, S.C.

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 – Present	<b>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE</b> <i>Associate Professor, Elementary Education</i> <i>College of Education, Human Performance and Health</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undergraduate – Teacher Education Colloquium (EDFO U200); Clinical II in Elementary Education (EDEL U460); Organization and Management of the Diverse Classroom (EDFO/EDEL U483)</li><li>• Graduate - Science in the Elementary School (EDEL U615)</li></ul>	Spartanburg, S.C.
2018 – 2022	<b>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE</b> <i>Assistant Professor, Elementary Education</i> <i>College of Education, Human Performance and Health</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undergraduate – Teacher Education Colloquium (EDFO U200); Teaching Science in Elementary School (EDEL U448); Clinical I in Elementary Education (EDEL U455); Clinical II in Elementary Education (EDEL U460); Organization and Management of the Diverse Classroom (EDFO U483)</li><li>• Graduate - Science in the Elementary School (EDEL U615); Introduction to Research in Education (EDRM U700)</li></ul>	Spartanburg, S.C.

## K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2011 – 2018	<b>ALACHUA/MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary, Intermediate, Interventions, Traditional, Magnet (All Core Subjects); Secondary (Mathematics); Teacher/Team Leader; Teacher of the Year (2018)</li><li>• Disproportionate Discipline Team, 2017 – 2018</li><li>• Literacy Leadership Team, 2016 – 2018</li><li>• School Advisory Council (SAC), 2016 – 2018</li></ul>	Gainesville/Ocala, F.L.
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### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (Tier I)**

- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). Maine. In *Funding Public Schools in the United States and Indian Country* (2nd ed.). Information Age Publishing.
- Aziz, M., & **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). South Carolina. *Journal of Education Human Resources*. 41(1).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). Connecticut. *Journal of Education Human Resources*. 41(1).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** & Adams, V. (2023). Louisiana. *Journal of Education Human Resources*. 41(1).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). Maine. *Journal of Education Human Resources*. 41(1).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). New Hampshire. *Journal of Education Human Resources*. 41(1).
- Tran, H., & **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). The Relationship between Teacher Compensation and Employment. In *How Did We Get Here?: The Decay of the Teaching Profession*. Information Age Publishing. ISBN-13: 9781648029639
- **Jackson Smith, S.** & Sauls, R. (2022). The Weight of “Accountability” Judgement on Educators. In *How Did We Get Here?: The Decay of the Teaching Profession*. Information Age Publishing. ISBN-13: 9781648029639
- **Jackson Smith, S.**, Martinez, D., & Tran, H. (2022). South Carolina’s Act 388: Exploring the relationship of tiered reimbursement on school district revenue. *eJournal of Education Policy*. 23(1).
- Aziz, M., & **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). South Carolina. *Journal of Education Finance*, 47(5).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). Connecticut. *Journal of Education Finance*, 47(5).
- Adams, V. & **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). Louisiana. *Journal of Education Finance*, 47(5).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). Maine. *Journal of Education Finance*, 47(5).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). Poverty Index Specificity and Academic Achievement in South Carolina: An Example of Building Teacher Candidate Advocacy One Policy Consideration at a Time. *Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE) Journal*, 30(1).
- Aziz, M., & **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). South Carolina. *Journal of Education Finance*, 46(3), 351–353.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). Connecticut. *Journal of Education Finance*, 46(3), 257–259.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** & Adams, V. (2021). Louisiana. *Journal of Education Finance*, 46(3), 287–289.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). Maine. *Journal of Education Finance*, 46(3), 290–292.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). New Hampshire. *Journal of Education Finance*, 46(3), 319–321.
- Aziz, M., **Jackson Smith, S.**, & Tran, H. (2020). South Carolina. *Journal of Education Finance*, 45(3), 370–373.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2020). Louisiana. *Journal of Education Finance*, 45(3), 305–307.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2020). Maine. *Journal of Education Finance*, 45(3), 308–310.

### **OTHER PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (Tier II)**

- Hardin, B. & **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). 2022 Elementary Education Specialized Professional Association Report (SPA), *Council for the Accreditation of Educator Partnerships (CAEP)*.

### **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS (Tier II)**

- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2024). *New Hampshire*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2024). *Maine*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2024). *Connecticut*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2024). *Louisiana*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). *New Hampshire*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). *Maine*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.

- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). *Connecticut*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). *Examining the Current State of the Teaching Profession: A Case Study of South Carolina - How Teacher Accountability and Evaluation Contribute to the Unattractiveness of the Teaching Profession* [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting Chicago, Illinois.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). *New Hampshire*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). *Maine*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). *Connecticut*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). *South Carolina*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). *Louisiana*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). *Property Tax Relief Policy: Its Relationship to Public School Funding for Marginalized Populations*. Paper presented at the annual Center for Scholastic Inquiry: Researching Professional Practice conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). *Louisiana*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). *New Hampshire*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). *Maine*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). *South Carolina*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2020). *South Carolina*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2020). *Louisiana*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2020). *Maine*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Academy conference.
- **Jackson Smith, S.,** Martinez, D., & Tran, H. (2020). *The Impact of South Carolina Act 388 on District-Level Revenue: A Rural Comparative Analysis* [Roundtable Session]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting San Francisco, California <http://tinyurl.com/ww2lcjx> . Virtual paper presented as a poster session in place of the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2019). *Economic Indicators in Florida's Education Funding Formula: Reconsidering Income through a Correlation Examination*. Poster Session presented at the meeting of the Association of Education Finance and Policy Conference, Kansas City, Missouri.  
<http://aefpweb.org/conferences/program?concurrent=Poster%20Session%20II>
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2019). *Economic Indicators in Florida's Education Funding Formula: Reconsidering Income through a Correlation Examination*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Education Finance Academy Conference, Seattle, Washington.
- **Jackson Smith, S.,** Martinez, D., & Tran, H. (2019). *The Disproportionate Impact of Tax Policy on Community Schooling* (The Impact of South Carolina Act 388 on District Level Revenue). Paper presented at the meeting of the National Education Finance Academy Conference, Renton (Seattle), Washington.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2019). *Coasting with Newton's Laws*. Presented at the National Science Teachers Association, San Francisco, California.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2019). *Coasting with Newton's Laws*. Presented at the National Science Teachers Association, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS (Tier II)**

- Citizens Scholars Presentation and Panel
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). First-Generation Faculty/Staff Discussion Panel, University of South Carolina Upstate – Spartanburg, South Carolina
- **Jackson Smith, S.** & Mueller, R. (2022). *Civics in the Classroom: What South Carolina Students are Learning*. League of Women Voters, South Carolina (Greenville) (Virtual Presentation)
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). *University of Florida McNair and University of Florida Machen Opportunity Scholars Program: Careers in Academia*. University of Florida – Gainesville, Florida (Virtual Conference).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). *Black Student Leaders Presents: Life After College*. University of South Carolina, Upstate – Spartanburg, South Carolina (Virtual Conference)

### **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION (Tier II)**

- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2024). Understanding Educational Censorship. League of Women Voters of Greenville.
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2022). *Ten at the Top - Panel Discussion: South Carolina Teacher Shortage*. Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, South Carolina (Regional Conference)

### **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP PUBLICATIONS (Tier III)**

- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2023). CRT Fears (Critical Race Theory in Education). League of Women Voters of South Carolina. Volume 73, Issue 1, [https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/South%20Carolina/sc\\_voter\\_winter\\_2023.pdf](https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/South%20Carolina/sc_voter_winter_2023.pdf)
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). K-12 Education in South Carolina (Educational Assessment Policy). League of Women Voters of South Carolina. Volume 70, Issue 3, [https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/sc\\_voter\\_march\\_2021.pdf](https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/sc_voter_march_2021.pdf)
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2021). “Education Digest: Education” in *Greenville LWV – April News*, League of Women Voters of Greenville, S.C., <https://mailchi.mp/17b32fc6dd32/april-education-digest?e=45ddcf7d9f>
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2020). “Education Digest: SC Career Opportunity & Access For All Act” in *Greenville LWV – May News*, League of Women Voters of Greenville, S.C., [mailchi.mp/cf1a0fcdcc3@greenville-lwv-socially-distanced-edition-1341599?e=45ddcf7d9f](mailto:cf1a0fcdcc3@greenville-lwv-socially-distanced-edition-1341599?e=45ddcf7d9f).
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2020). K-12 Education in South Carolina. League of Women Voters of South Carolina. Volume 69, Issue 4, <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/scvoterssummer2020.pdf>
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2020). “An Education Digest on Private School Vouchers” in *Greenville LWV – August News*, League of Women Voters of Greenville, S.C., <https://mailchi.mp/6cdc813ae091/whats-up-with-private-school-vouchers-find-out-here?e=45ddcf7d9f>
- **Jackson Smith, S.** (2017). *An Examination of Assessed Valuation to Income for Funding Public Education in Florida* (Doctoral Dissertation). Retrieved from University of Florida. Accessed <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/UFE0051268/00001>

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

- College of Education, Human Performance, and Health’s South Carolina Department of Education, *Grow Your Own* Grant (2023)
- Award, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award, South Carolina League of Women Voters (2023)
- Award, *National Education Finance Academy’s Distinguished Research and Practice Fellow*, National Education Finance Academy (2022)

- Best Paper Award, *Tax Relief Policy in South Carolina and its Relationship to School Funding for Marginalized Populations*, Center for Scholastic Inquiry International Academic Research Conference (2021)
- Faculty Fellow, University of South Carolina Upstate, *Title III Active Learning Faculty Fellowship* – University of South Carolina Upstate; United States Department of Education’s Strengthening Institutions Program (2019)
- Grant Recipient, University of South Carolina Upstate, *Research Initiative for Summer Engagement (RISE) Grant* (2019)
- Grant Recipient, University of South Carolina Upstate, *Teaching and Productive Scholarship (TAPS) Grants* (AEFP, NEFA, NSTA (1), NSTA (2)) (2019)

### **OTHER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- Finalist, University of South Carolina Upstate, *2019-2020 Excellence in Teaching and Advising Award* (2020)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Community Member, Ten at the Top (2024-Present)
- Peer Evaluator, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), *University of South Carolina Upstate* (2022 – Present)
- National Site Evaluator, *Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)* (2022-Present)
- Alumni Council, *University of Florida*, Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program (2021 – Present)
- Board of Trustees; Strategic Planning Committee Member; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Steering Committee Member, *Spartanburg Day School* (2020 – Present)
- Board of Directors; Chair of Internal Affairs; Chair of the Elevating Teachers Committee, *Public Education Partners* (Greenville County Public Schools) (2020 – Present)
- Board of Directors and Public Education Expert, *South Carolina League of Women Voters (Greenville)* (2020 – Present)
- Higher Education and Personalized Learning Advisory Committee, *South Carolina Department of Education* (2020 – Present)
- Teacher of the Year Screening Judge, *South Carolina Department of Education* (2020 – Present)
- Board of Trustees *National Education Finance Academy* (2020 – 2024)
- Mentor (School-Wide Behavior Management), Carver Middle School, Spartanburg, S.C. (2022-2024)
- Board of Trustees and Chair of the Communications Committee, *National Education Finance Academy* (2021 – 2024)
- Board of Trustees and Director of National Issues and Actions, *League of Women Voters of South Carolina* (2021 – 2023)
- Working Group, The Future of South Carolina’s Teaching Profession Policy Convening #3, Sponsored by the *University of South Carolina* (Columbia, S.C.) (2023)
- Education Working Group, *South Carolina League of Women Voters* (2020 – 2023)
- Conference Program Committee and Secretary, *National Education Finance Academy* (2019 – 2021)
- Communications Committee, *National Education Finance Academy* (2019 – 2020)
- Conference Session Chair, *National Education Finance Academy* (2019)
- Elementary Education Work Group, *South Carolina Department of Education* (2019)
- Science Standards Review Panel, *South Carolina Department of Education* (2019)
- Ambassador, Association of Education Finance and Policy 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (2019)
- Item Bank and Test Platform Validation Committee Member, Florida Department of Education - Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, Science Grades 6-8, (2016)
- Teacher Leadership Panel Guest, Alachua County Elevated Technology Conference (School, Site-Based), Wyndham Hotel & Conference Center (2016)

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **USC System Committee**

- Committee Member, *Advanced Support for Innovative Research Excellence (ASPIRE)* (2019)

### **USC Upstate Standing Committees**

- Committee Member, *Assessment* (2019-Present)

### **USC Upstate Committees**

- Peer Observation Fellow, USC Upstate (Faculty Development) (2024)
- *Priority 1* Subcommittee Member, 2024-2030 USC Upstate Strategic Planning (2023-Present)
- Lead of *Organizational* Subcommittee, 2024-2030 USC Upstate Strategic Planning (2023)
- Advisory Board Member, Distance Education, USC Upstate (2023)
- Committee Member, *Search (Associate Director of Student Involvement)* (2022)

### **USC Upstate Ad Hoc Committees**

- Distance Education Advisory Group (2024)
- Committee Member, *Greenville Task Force* (2022)
- Committee Member, *Advance Black/African American Student Status at Upstate* (2021-2022)
- Committee Member, *Black Heritage Month Planning* (2020-2022)
- Committee Member, *Assessment Faculty Liaison* (2019-2020)
- Committee Member, *Search (Psychology)* (2019-2020)

### **USC Upstate Student Organization**

- Advisor, *Black Student Leaders* (2019 – Present)

### **USC Upstate College of Education, Human Performance, and Health Committees**

- Committee Member, Department of Education Professional Advisor (2024)
- Chair, *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* (2019-2023)
- Chair, *Assessment*, (2022-2023)
- Committee Member, *Search (Assistant/Associate Professor of Early Childhood)* (2022)
- Assessment Coordinator, *Applied Learning and Instruction* (2021-2022)
- Committee Member, *Search (Director of Assessment, Accreditation, and Research)* (2021)
- Committee Member, *Search (Assistant/Associate Professor of Secondary Education)* (2021)
- Committee Member, *Search (Administrative Assistant to the Dean)* (2021)
- Committee Member, *Faculty Advisory* (2019-2022)
- Committee Member, *Search (Exercise Science)* (2019)
- Mentor, *Real Men Are Teachers*, (2018-2019)
- Teaching Fellow Advisory Board 2020-2021, *South Carolina Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement* (2020 - 2021)
- Judge, *Regional Piedmont Science Fair* (2019 – 2021)
- Elementary Education Program Expert, *Teacher Cadet Day* (2019, 2021)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Panel Facilitator, “Future of Education: Reversing the COVID Brain Drain Trend”, May 11, 2023. Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Incorporated and the South Carolina League of Women Voters, Greenville, S.C.
- Forum Moderator, “LWV Greenville County School Board Candidate Forum – District 21,” October 2020. South Carolina League of Women Voters, Greenville, S.C.
- Forum Moderator, “LWV Greenville County School Board Candidate Forum – District 25,” October 2020. South Carolina League of Women Voters, Greenville, S.C.
- Forum Moderator, “LWV Greenville County School Board Candidate Forum – District 27,” October 2020. South Carolina League of Women Voters, Greenville, S.C.
- Judge, Spartanburg’s *National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Black History Bowl*, (2019 – Present)
- USC Upstate SOEHPH Representative, Clemson University’s *Center of Excellence for the Recruitment and Retention of Diverse Educators (CR<sup>2</sup>EDE)*, (2019)

### **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Public Education Partners (Local), (2020 – Present)
- American Education Research Association (National), (2020)
- League of Women Voters (National, State, Local), (2019 – Present)
- National Education Finance Academy (National), (2019 – Present)

### **LICENSES**

- Florida Professional Teaching Certificate - Elementary Education (Grades K-6); Mathematics (Grades 6 – 12); ESOL Endorsement (Exp 2021)

### **OTHER**

- CAEP Annual/CAEP ADEPT

### **CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS**

- Certifications
  - Safe Zone (2024)
  - Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) (2023)
  - SCTS Teacher Evaluator - National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) SC ADEPT
  - Quality Matters
- Trainings
  - ChiSquares – Introduction to Complex Survey Data (2024)
  - ChiSquares – Methodological Consideration in Study Design (2024)
  - ChiSquares – Analysis of COVID-19 Surveillance Data With R (2024)