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Research Interests

State and Local Government Reform
Interest Groups, Policy and Politics
Ethics

Education

Walden University – School of Public Policy and Administration Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ph.D. (ABD) in Public Policy and Administration expected completion Spring 2015
Specialization in Policy Analysis
Dissertation Title: *Sub-State Government Fragmentation and Illinois' Fiscal Distress*
Dissertation Chair: Lori Demeter, Ph.D.

Roosevelt University – School of Policy Studies Schaumburg, Illinois

Master of Public Administration Degree (2005)
Concentration in Government Management
ASPA (Greater Chicago Chapter) Graduate Student of the Year

Northeastern Illinois University Chicago, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts Degree (1999)
Political Science Major/Sociology Minor (Summa Cum Laude)
Recipient of the Frederick-Welty Award in Political Science
President Pi Sigma Alpha
President Alpha Chi

Triton College River Grove, Illinois

Associate in Arts Degree (1995)
Concentration in Political Science (High Honors)
Phi Theta Kappa

Teaching Experience

Northeastern Illinois University Political Science Department – College of Arts and Sciences Instructor (2006 and 2010-Present) Chicago, Illinois

PSCI 216 - American National Government
PSCI 316 - Pressure Groups: Power, Participation,
and Public Policy
PSCI 325 - Public Policy

PSCI 335 - Urban Politics
PSCI 341 - Public Administration
PSCI 344 - Public Organization Theory
PSCI 346 - Public Personnel Administration

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Teaching Experience (Continued)

Illinois Institute of Technology
Public Administration Graduate Program – Stuart School of Business
Adjunct Professor (2009-Present)
Chicago, Illinois

PA 516 - Information Technology in Public Administration
PA 522 - Effective Management of Human Resources in Environments of Scarce Resources
PA 539 - Local Government Management
PA 562 - Urban and Metropolitan Government

Eureka College
Organizational Leadership Program
Lecturer (2008)
Eureka, Illinois

BUA 312 - Human Resources Management

Professional Experience

PPA International
Principal and Managing Director (2012-Present)
Highland Park, Illinois

Provide management, public policy and capacity building consulting services to government and non-profit organizations. Services include management and organization assessments, policy formulation and evaluation as well as intergovernmental relations and advocacy.

Illinois Center for Violence Prevention
Executive Director (2010-2012)
Schaumburg, Illinois

Chief executive officer for this statewide non-profit agency with a mission to create a safe environment for every stage of life. Functions of the agency included research, capacity building, evaluation and policy advocacy. Responsible for organization sustainability and strategic planning. Directed managers of the Best Practices Institute, Evaluation Resources Institute, After School Partnership, administrative services and organization development.

City of Highwood
City Manager (2008-2010)
Highwood, Illinois

Chief administrative officer for this full service municipality. Responsible for all city operations including but not limited to public safety, public works, city water services, community and economic development, parks and recreation, as well as finance and administration. Prepared and managed the city's capital improvement plan as well as the annual budget totaling \$9.2 million.

Professional Experience (Continued)

**Woodford County
County Administrator (2006-2008)
Eureka, Illinois**

Chief administrative officer responsible for directing departments including but not limited to human resources, zoning and planning, emergency management, highway, property assessment, finance, purchasing, information technology, veteran's assistance, and animal control. Served as the principal liaison between the county board and all commissions and departments including the offices of the treasurer, clerk, recorder, circuit clerk, coroner, state's attorney, sheriff, probation, and chief judge. Prepared and managed an annual budget of \$16.9 million.

**Electoral Strategies, LLC
Founder and Consultant (2003-2006)
Buffalo Grove, Illinois**

Political and government affairs consultant responsible for policy research and development, communications and political campaign strategy, opposition research, field organization, public sector business development, as well as legislative and regulatory advocacy.

**Village of Buffalo Grove
Chairman-Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (1999-2006)
Buffalo Grove, Illinois**

Appointed public service position responsible for directing the activities of a five commissioner board. Charged with the recruiting, testing and qualifying of public safety applicants as well as the disciplinary action and promotional examination of sworn fire and police personnel as per state statute.

**IT Associates, Incorporated
Vice President Government Relations (2001-2003)
Naperville, Illinois**

Operating officer for this information technology staffing and consulting firm. Responsible for public sector business development, corporate communications as well as legislative and regulatory advocacy.

Research and Writings

Research In-Progress

Jackson, G. G. (in progress). *Sub-State Government Fragmentation and Illinois' Fiscal Distress*. Dissertation research, School of Policy and Public Administration, Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Unpublished Research

Jackson, G.G. (2003). *Structural Barriers that Contribute to an Increased Unemployment Rate*. Unpublished research, School of Policy Studies, Roosevelt University, Schaumburg, Illinois.

Research and Writings (continued)

Unpublished Research

Jackson, G. G. (2004). *A Historical Review and Financial Analysis of Township Government*. Unpublished research, School of Policy Studies, Roosevelt University, Schaumburg, Illinois.

Jackson, G. G. (2005). *The Case of Employers v. Structural Barriers: A Study of the Jobs-Housing Imbalance in Lake County, Illinois*. Masters practicum, School of Policy Studies, Roosevelt University, Schaumburg, Illinois.

Research Publications Without Named Authorship

Hamilton, D. K. (2005). *Township Government in Cook County*. Roosevelt University Institute for Metropolitan Affairs Regionalism Project. [G. Jackson – Assisted with research. I identified and analyzed secondary historical and financial data for study preparation as cited in the acknowledgement section.]

Essays

Jackson, G. G. (2012). As the Rerun Airs: Is the United States Ready for Social Democracy? *Bad Subjects: Political Education for Everyday Life*, 83.

Books

Jackson, G. G. (in progress). *Local Government Administration: From Theory to Practice*. Book manuscript in preparation.

Military Service

United States Marine Corps

Honorably Discharged

Community and Professional Affiliations (Past and Present)

- Past President - American Society for Public Administration (Greater Chicago Chapter)
- Vice President - Fort Sheridan TBE Homeowners' Association Board
- Illinois Channel Non-Profit Organizations Advisory Council
- Illinois Partners for Human Service Public Policy Advisory Committee
- International City/County Management Association
- Illinois City/County Management Association
- Lake County Municipal League Board of Directors
- Lake County Municipal League Legislative Committee
- Highwood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Highland Park Hospital Community Advisory Committee
- Family Services Latino Initiative Steering Committee
- Advocate BroMenn Hospital Community Advisory Committee
- Special Education District of Lake County Foundation Board of Directors