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Curriculum Vitae

University of Illinois at Chicago
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EDUCATION

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| 2018 – 2021 | Doctor of Philosophy in Policy Studies
Concentration in Social Policy
University of Maryland College Park, School of Public Policy |
| 2014 – 2016 | Master of Public Health
Department of Community Health Sciences
University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health |
| 2010 – 2014 | Bachelor of Science in Education , cum laude
Double major in Human and Social Development (community track) and Economics;
Minor in Health Sector Management and Policy
University of Miami |

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| 2023 – present | Assistant Professor (tenure track)
Department of Community Health Sciences
University of Illinois Chicago, School of Public Health |
| 2021 – 2023 | Postdoctoral Fellow
Center for Economic Security and Opportunity (Formerly: Center on Children and Families), Future of the Middle Class Initiative
Brookings Institution |
| 2021 – 2022 | Health Equity Postdoctoral Research Associate
Politics of Race, Immigration, Class and Ethnicity Research Initiative
Advisor: Jamila Michener
Cornell University, Department of Government |
| 2020 | Adjunct Professor , <i>Leadership for the Common Good (Public Leaders and Active Citizens)</i>
University of Maryland, School of Public Policy |
| 2020 | Adjunct Professor , <i>Internships in Political Institutions</i>
University of Maryland, School of Public Policy |
| 2019 | Graduate Teaching Assistant , <i>Microeconomics and Policy Analysis</i>
University of Maryland, School of Public Policy |

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Structural racism; Gendered racism; Power; Intersectionality; Subjective well-being; Determinants of subjective well-being; Structural determinants of health; Social determinants of health; Qualitative research methods; Mixed methods research; Public health policy; Racial health inequality

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts (Under Review)

- 2024 Adkins-Jackson, P., Higgins Tejera, C., Cotton-Samuel, D., Foster, C. L., Brown, L. L., Watson, K. T., **Ford, T.**, Bragg, T., Wondimu, B. B., Manly, J. J. "Rest of the folks are tired and weary": The impact of historical lynchings on biological and cognitive health for older adults racialized as Black. Submitted to *Social Science & Medicine*.

Manuscripts (Revise & Resubmit)

- 2024 Adkins-Jackson, P., Gobaud, A., Kim, B., **Ford, T.**, Hill-Jarrett, T., Higgins Tejera, C., Ko, M., Bailey, Z., Hardeman, R., Tsai, A. Gee, G., Thorpe, R., Uzzi, M., Matz, M., Solomon, G., Avila-Rieger, J., Belsky, D., Babulal, G., Barnes, L., Manly, J., Szanton, Alang, S. "The place where danger waits": Ten years of incarceration after the 1994 Crime Bill and cognitive function among older adults. Submitted to *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

Published Manuscripts

- 2024 **Ford, T.**, Ibe-Lamberts, K., Edmonds, S., Abrams, I. Chaudry, A., Daniels, P., Do, M., Edmiston, B., Fokum, S., Gary, C., Ghebenei, D., Hebert-Beirne, J., Jibrell, H., Jones, J., Kelleher, M., Lynch, J., Mahajan, A., Marcus, N., Pinsker, E., Salgado, S., Taylor, S., Turner, G., Valentin, N., Velonis, A., Shaw, B. Challenges and Opportunities for Participatory Evaluation of Local Public Health Efforts to Address Structural Racism and Advance Health Equity. *Journal of Participatory Research Methods*, 5(2). <https://doi.org/10.35844/001c.118717>
- 2024 Adkins-Jackson, P., Joseph, V., **Ford, T.**, Avila-Rieger, J., Gobaud, A., Keyes, K. State-level structural racism and adolescent mental health in the United States. *American Journal of Epidemiology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwae164>
- 2024 Adkins-Jackson PB, Kim B, Tejera CH , **Ford, T.**, Gobaud AN, Sherman-Wilkins KJ, Turney IC, Avila-Rieger JF, Sim KD, Okoye SM, Belsky DW, Hill-Jarrett TG, Samuel L, Solomon G, Cleeve JH, Gee G, Thorpe Jr. RJ, Crews DC, Hardeman RR, Bailey ZD, Szanton SL, Manly JJ. "Hang ups, let downs, bad breaks, setbacks": Impact of structural socioeconomic racism and resilience on cognitive change over time for persons racialized as Black. *Health Equity*. 2024;8(1).
<https://doi.org/10.1089/heq.2023.0151>

- 2023 Francis, B. Bosah, C. Plaisime, M. **Ford, T.**, Keene, D., Ray, N., Sealy-Jefferson, S. A Conceptual Understanding of the Impact of Interconnected Forms of Racism on Maternal Hypertension through Black Women’s Lived Experiences. (2023). *Social Science and Medicine – Qualitative Research in Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmqr.2023.100329>
- 2023 Michener, J. & **Ford, T.** Racism and Health: Three Core Principles. (2023). *Milbank Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0009.12633>

Technical Reports and Protocols

- 2024 **Ford, T.**, Hill-Muhammad, T., Hanneke, R., & Mitchell, U. Subjective well- being for people racialized as Black in the United States: Scoping Review Protocol. Available [here](#).
- 2023 **Ford, T.** “Historical unemployment for Black women and men in the United States: 1954-2021” *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).
- 2022 Michener, J and **Ford, T.** “Engaging Voice to Support Racially Equitable Policymaking.” *The Commonwealth Fund*. <https://doi.org/10.26099/yysm-sk47>
- Ford, T.** and Michener, J. “Medicaid Reimbursement Rates Are a Racial Justice Issue.” *The Commonwealth Fund*. <https://doi.org/10.26099/h5np-x425>
- 2021 Broady, K., **Ford, T.**, & Romer, C. “July jobs report shows Black teens struggling with the highest unemployment rate.” *The Avenue: Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).
- Ford, T.**, Silva, J., Welch, M., & Sawhill, I. “No Time to Spare: Exploring the middle class time squeeze.” *Time and the Middle Class: Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).
- Ford, T.** & Goger, A. “The value of qualitative data for advancing equity in policy.” *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).
- Ford, T.** “Testimonial: The Deadly Intersection of Race and Policing in America.” *State of Black America 2021: Structural Racism. National Urban League*. Available [here](#).
- Ford, T.** & Broady, K. “Investing in a New Normal: Reimagining Public Health and Safety.” *State of Black America 2021. National Urban League*. Available [here](#).
- Broady, K., **Ford, T.**, & Perry, A. “Mitigating the Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Black Communities through Fintech.” *State of Black America 2021: Economic Collapse. National Urban League*. Available [here](#).
- 2020 Silva, J. & **Ford, T.** “Navigating race and injustice in America’s middle class.” *Race in American Public Policy: Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).
- Kinder, M. & **Ford, T.** “Black essential workers’ lives matter. They deserve real change, not just lip service.” Report: Brookings Institution. Available [here](#).
- Silva, J., Sawhill, I., Welch, M., & **Ford, T.** “What if something

happens?': A Qualitative Study of the Hopes and Anxieties of the American Middle Class Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).

Ford, T., Reber, S., & Reeves, R. "Race gaps in COVID-19 deaths are even bigger than they appear." Up Front: *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).

Reeves, R. & **Ford, T.** "COVID-19 much more fatal for men, especially taking age into account." Up Front: *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).

Ford, T. & Reeves, R. "College for people like me: How majority-Black campuses boost social mobility." Up Front: *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).

2019

Ford, T. & Schuetz, J. "How are communities making housing more affordable for middle-income families?" Policy 2020: *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).

Ford, T. & Schuetz, J. "Workforce housing and middle-income housing subsidies: A primer." *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).

Ford, T. & Schuetz, J. "Tackling zoning to help the middle class: 5 policy approaches." Up Front: *Brookings Institution*. Available [here](#).

2018

Ford, T., Epplin, W., & Schaps, M. "A Qualitative Review of Chicago's West Suburban Safety Net: Consequences, Adaptation, and Recommendations for Future Reform." *Health & Medicine Policy Research Group*. Available [here](#).

Epplin, W. & **Ford, T.** "Beyond the Clinic: A National Health Equity Review, Implications for our local safety net." *Health & Medicine Policy Research Group*. Available [here](#).

Nzinga-Johnson, S., **Ford, T.**, & Powell, S. "Criminalization of People of Color as a Barrier to Diversifying the Health Workforce: Sentencing & Incarceration." Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

2017

Darnell, J., Mora, N., Cahn, S., [and 5 others, including **Ford, T.**]. "Strengthening the Safety Net in Illinois After Health Reform." *Health & Medicine Policy Research Group*. Available [here](#).

Nzinga-Johnson, S., **Ford, T.**, & Powell, S. "Criminalization of People of Color as a Barrier to Diversifying the Health Workforce: Arrests & Detainment." Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

Nzinga-Johnson, S., **Ford, T.**, & Powell, S. "Criminalization of People of Color as a Barrier to Diversifying the Health Workforce: Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)" Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

Ford, T. & Epplin, W. "Report Release: Efficient Health Workforce Data Collection in Illinois." Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

Epplin, W., **Ford, T.**, & Spees, C. "Everything is health: Tracking Legislation in the Illinois General Assembly." Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

2016 Nzinga-Johnson, S., Epplin, W., **Ford, T.**, & Alvarez, R. “Recommendations for Measuring Structural Racism in Chicago.” Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

Public Scholarship, Interactives, and Opinions and Editorials

2023 **Ford, T.**, Donoghoe, M., & Perry, A. M. “What community factors are helping—or hurting—Black health and well-being? We want to hear from you.” [Data interactive] Brookings Institution. Available [here](#).

2020 **Ford, T.** “8 Ways To Support The Protests And #BlackLivesMatter Movement From Home.” Blavity. Available [here](#).

2018 **Ford, T.** “Juneteenth is African American Independence Day and it’s past time we celebrate it.” Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

2017 **Ford, T.** & Epplin, W. “Does Chicago really need more police officers?” Letter to the editor, Chicago Tribune. Available [here](#).

Ford, T. & Epplin, W. “CPS, Health Equity, and Illinois’ Revenue Problem.” Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

Ford, T. & Epplin, W. “Ending Police Violence is a Public Health Responsibility.” Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. Available [here](#).

2016 Nzinga-Johnson, S., **Ford, T.**, & Epplin, W. “More police? What about more teachers?” Letter to the editor, Crain’s Chicago Business. Available [here](#).

SPONSORED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Awarded

2024-26 Principal Investigator
Exploring subjective well-being, power, and policy for people racialized as Black in Cook County, Illinois, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

2024-25 Co-Investigator (PI: Benjamin Shaw)
Evaluation of Recently-Implemented Racial Equity Initiatives in the Division of Community Health Sciences, UIC Chancellor Advancing Racial Equity Award Program

2024-25 Co-Investigator (PI: Benjamin Shaw)
Developing Regional Health Equity Zones in Illinois, Illinois Department of Public Health

2022-24 Co-Investigator (PI: Benjamin Shaw)
CDC Health Disparities Grant Evaluation, Chicago Department of Public Health

Submitted (Under Review)

2024 Co-Investigator (PI: Paris B. Adkins-Jackson)

A psychometric validation study of a historically-informed, multidimensional, life course measure of anti-Black structural racism, National Institute on Aging (NIA), R01. Grant period: 2024-2028

Submitted (Not Funded)

2023 Co-Investigator (PI: Yamile Molina)
Illinois Advancing Cancer Control Equity Research through Transformative Solutions (I-ACCERT) Center, Community Responsive Project: Illinois Community Health Worker Policy Opportunities Within Equity Research (I-CHW POWER), National Cancer Institute (NCI), U19. Grant period: 2024-2026

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023 – present	Non-Resident Fellow, Brookings Institution, Economic Studies
2023	Non-Resident Fellow, Brookings Institution, Brookings Metro
2023	Emotional Well-Being and Physical Health Summer Short Course Tuition Fellowship, Network for Emotional Well-Being
2022 – 2023	Scholar, Michigan Integrative Well-being and Inequality (MIWI), University of Michigan School of Public Health, NCCIH (R25-AT010664)
2022	Scholar, Summer Mentoring Workshop, University of Michigan, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research, NIH (P30 AG015281)
2021	Innovative Research Award, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy
2021	Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Award for Excellence in Graduate Studies, Sadie Collective
2021	Seed Grant on Race, Policy, Equity, and Social Justice, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy
2021	Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland, Graduate School
2018 – 2020	Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy
2018 – 2019	Joseph W. Rogers Fellowship, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy

SKILLS AND WORKSHOPS

2023	Emotional Well-Being and Physical Health Summer Short Course, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Research Department of Behavioural Science and Health at University College London
2022	Synthesizing Qualitative Data with Johnny Saldaña and Matt Omasta, QRSI

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	“From theory to action: Unpacking the role of co-created “Epidemics of Injustice” course in radicalizing public health pedagogy.” 2024 National Collaborative for Education to Address the Social Determinants of Health (NCEAS) Annual Conference, February 2024. <i>Poster presented with student authors.</i>
2023	“Soaring Optimism: The Black-white Subjective Well-being Paradox.” 2023 Annual Science Meeting, Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI), November 2023. <i>Poster presented with student author.</i>

- 2023 “The Black-White Subjective Well-being Paradox in the United States.” STATEC Research Measuring Progress Annual Workshop, June 2023. Available [here](#).
- 2022 “Exploring complexity in subjective well-being: A discussion of the Black women’s well-being paradox.” Georgetown University Race and Ethnic Politics Workshop, Department of Government, May 2022
- 2021 “What the “outsider within” can teach us about policy: A mixed methods exploration of well-being among Black middle-class women.” Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, November 2021
- 2018 “A Qualitative Review of Chicago’s West Suburban Safety Net: How political fear shapes healthcare action.” American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting, November 2018
- 2017 “#ThisIsPublicHealth: Bridging the Gap Between Public Health Professionals and Social Movements.” APHA Annual Meeting, November 2017
- 2016 “Preparing Students to Pursue Health Equity: Unpacking Structural Determinants of Health Inequities in the Classroom.” APHA Annual Meeting, November 2016
- 2016 “Teaching the Causes of the Causes: Capitalism, Neoliberalism, and Structural Oppression.” APHA Annual Meeting, November 2016
- 2015 “Radical Curriculum: Breaking Bad Political Economics of Neoliberalism and #BlackLivesMatter to Public Health.” APHA Annual Meeting, November 2015
- 2015 “Separate and Not Equal: the Impact of Modern Day Segregation on Health Inequities.” APHA Annual Meeting, November 2015
- 2012 “Transactional theory of coping: What works for whom and under what circumstance.” Association for Psychological Science Annual Meeting, May 2012

INVITED TALKS, PANELS, AND PRESS

Invited Talk: *Gendered racism and subjective well-being in the United States*. SHADES ERG, National Opinion Research Center (NORC) (August 2024)

Invited Talk: *Black women’s paradoxical subjective well-being in the United States.: How individuals intervene to support well-being and how policy could*. Gender in Medicine of the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. (June 2023)

Invited Panelist: *Radical Public Health Alumni Panel*. University of Illinois at Chicago, IPHS 430: Epidemics of Injustice. (April 2023)

Invited Panelist: *Public Health Systems and Structures*. The Future of Population Health: Challenges and Opportunities, Boston University School of Public Health. Event [recorded here](#). (April 2023)

Invited Talk: *Structural racism and subjective well-being*. 14th Annual University of Illinois at Chicago Minority Health Conference: Interprofessional Health. (April 2023)

Invited Presenter: *NAACP and Brookings Institution partnership*. NAACP Board Meeting. (February 2023)

Invited Talk: *Is the Black-White Subjective Well-being Paradox Consistent Across Gender and Determinants of Well-being?* Brookings Institution Economic Studies Scholar Lunch. (August 2022)

Invited Moderator: *Let's Talk: Innovating the Education of Economics*. 2021 Research and Networking Reception by the Sadie Collective. (November 2021)

Invited Talk: *"Trying to make a change": Black middle-class women's subjective well-being and what that means for policy*. Brookings Institution Economic Studies Lunch and Learn. (October 2021)

Invited Talk: *Exploring Complexity in Well-being: A mixed methods examination of the Black women's well-being paradox*. Brookings Institution Opportunity for All lecture series. (July 2021)

Invited Panelist: *How to support Black women in economics*. February 11, 2021. Panelist for 2021 Sadie T.M. Alexander conference research reception organized by the Sadie Collective.

Invited Panelist: *Reimagining Healthy Communities*. Faith in Place Action Fund and Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation. Webinar [recorded here](#). (August 2020)

Invited Panelist: *Are Police in Schools Keeping Us Safe?* Mt. Rainier Organizing for Racial Equity, Public Health Awakened, and P.G. Change Makers. (August 2020)

Live Interview: *Let's talk about health policy with Dr. Tiffany N. Ford, MPH, PhD*. Chicago Area Health Education Center (AHEC) virtual speaker series, [recorded here](#). (April 2022)

Live Interview: *The state of the Black middle class*. WBOK 1230 am radio show, The Good Morning Show. (October 2021)

Live Interview: *The Brookings Debrief: Black Americans and the middle class*. Brookings Institution Instagram Live show, [recorded here](#). (February 2021)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health - Graduate Courses

IPHS 430: Epidemics of Injustice. Instructor of Record for a course which provides a historical and contemporary understanding of structural determinants of health and advocacy efforts co-developed with Radical Public Health. (Spring 2024)

CHSC 434: Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Public Health. Course development for a research methods course which introduces students to data collection, analysis, and study design for qualitative research. (Fall 2023)

Classroom Guest Lectures

University of Illinois at Chicago, CHSC 551: Advanced Research Methods for Community Health Sciences. *Mixed Methods Study Designs: Parallel, Explanatory sequential, and Exploratory sequential designs*. (April 2023, 2024)

University of the District of Columbia-Brookings lecture series, Discovery Civics. *Time as a determinant of well-being*. (November 2021)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service to the School of Public Health

2023 – present Radical Public Health Faculty Advisor

Service to the Division of Community Health Sciences

2023 – 2024 CHS Curriculum Committee

2023 – 2024 Advancing Racial Equity Student Working Group, Faculty Lead

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

[Chicago United for Equity](#) (CUE), Board Secretary (2023+)

[Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues](#) (SAAPHI), Chair- Annual Meeting Planning Committee (2023), Board Secretary (2021-2022)

[Public Health Awakened](#), Founded Washington, DC Action Team (2019), Founding member national steering committee (2017-2020)

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Member

American Public Health Association (APHA), Member

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021	Senior Fellow, Chicago United for Equity , People's Budget Chicago
2020 – 2021	Lab member and Consultant (2021), Social Epidemiology to Eliminate Disparities (SEED) Lab , Social Engagement to Combat Unjust Residential Evictions Study (PI: Shawnita Sealy-Jefferson)
2019 – 2021	Research Analyst, Future of the Middle Class Initiative, Brookings Institution
2016 – 2018	Senior Policy Analyst for Health Reform and Health Equity, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
2015 – 2016	Graduate Research Assistant, Urban Medicine (UMed) program, University of Illinois College of Medicine
2015 – 2016	Assessor and FUEL Facilitator, Community Outreach Intervention Projects: IMARA, University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health
2015	Graduate Practicum Intern, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
2014 – 2015	Graduate Research Assistant I, NORC at the University of Chicago
2014	Prosperity Health Intern, Catalyst Miami
2013	Research Assistant, Center of Excellence for Health Disparities Research: El Centro, Coordinated Victims Assistance Center Health Education Study, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies
2012	Patient Satisfaction, Detroit Community Health Connection, Inc., Summer Enrichment Program, University of Michigan School of Public Health
2011 – 2013	Research Assistant, Race, Ethnicity, Culture and Promoting Strengths (RECAPS) Lab, University of Miami School of Education and Human Development