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A prolific scholar, Dr. Jackson has published 6 scholarly books, dozens of articles, short essays, and book reviews, and delivered more than 100 presentations on various topics in African American history and higher education administrative leadership. Two of his notable books include *A Chief Lieutenant of the Tuskegee Machine: Charles Banks of Mississippi* (2002) and *Emmett J. Scott: Power Broker of the Tuskegee Machine* (2023). He has been recognized with numerous honors, including the FAMU Teacher of the Year Award (twice), the FAMU Research Excellence Award, and the Equity Award from the American Historical Association for mentoring over 35 students to PhDs.

He served as Associate Provost and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Research, and Continuing Education at FAMU for six years, and as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at North Carolina Central University for three years. He is a member of several professional and social organizations, including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. Dr. Jackson is married to Dr. Sheila M. Jackson, and they have two children, both successful professionals.