

IERC names Sosanya Jones as faculty research fellow

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EDWARDSVILLE - The **Illinois Education Research Council (IERC)** has named **Sosanya Jones, PhD**, and an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as its 2016-17 faculty research fellow.

Jones will be provided funding for her study on *Incentivizing Diversity: Perceptions of the Implementation and Impact of Illinois' Performance Funding Diversity Indicator*.

“Dr. Jones’ project is a perfect fit for the interests of the IERC, and we are excited to support her research on performance funding in Illinois,” said Janet Holt, IERC executive director.

Jones has more than 15 years of experience in higher education administration, teaching, and research with background as an institutional and state administrator overseeing higher education diversity and retention initiatives

A former research consultant for The Ford Foundation and The Community College Research Center, Jones currently serves as an expert adviser for the [Southern Education Foundation](#) on issues related to equity and performance funding.

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