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Prior to his appointment with the Commission, Dr. Jackson served as a professor, and Graduate Dean, at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC (1980 – 2001). During his tenure at NCCU, he served a two-year term as Chair of the NCCU Faculty Senate. As part of his research focus, Dr. Jackson teamed with colleagues at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to secure a multi-year $2.5 million dollar grant to target smoking reduction activities in African-American communities.

Dr. Jackson also completed a fellowship with the Accrediting Commission for Health Services Administration, and held funded research fellowships with the Sheps Center for Health Services Research and the Lineberger Cancer Center both in Chapel Hill. He received his MBA and doctorate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with an emphasis in economics.

Since joining the Commission staff, Jackson has maintained his commitment to open dialog with a number of constituencies involving aspects of the peer review process. This includes statewide groups of faculty and administrative personnel throughout the eleven states that comprise the southern region. During spring 2010, Dr. Jackson spoke in an international setting concerning the collaborative nature of regional accreditation in Recife, Brazil. In a further attempt to articulate the meaning of regional accreditation and its impact on student learning, Jackson is lead author for an upcoming article examining several areas of continuous improvements that have been made in regional accreditation (Forthcoming: Planning in Higher Education, Summer 2010).