

## Abbreviated Vitae for Dr. Melanie Jenkins-Simpson

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### Education

- **Ed.D. in Professional Studies** (Higher Education Administration), Delta State University (2014)
- **M.A. in Political Science**, Arkansas State University (2005)
- **B.A. in Political Science**, Delta State University (2004)
- **Associate of Liberal Arts** (With Honors), East Mississippi Community College (2000)

### Current Role:

- **Assistant Provost & SACSCOC Liaison at University of Alabama in Huntsville** (2014-present)
- **Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Educator** (2023-present)
- **Part-Time Instructor** in Political Science (2021-present)
- **Senior Consultant** at Educational Data and Assessment Solutions (eDASi) (2014-present)

### Professional Experience:

- Over 17 years in higher education leadership, focusing on institutional research, effectiveness, and assessment.
- Roles include Director of Institutional Research & Assessment and Registrar & Director at Delta State University.
- Extensive involvement in SACSCOC accreditation, data management, and research administration.
- 2025 NCES Data Institute

### Leadership & Service:

- Past President, President, and Vice President of Southern Association for Institutional Research (SAIR)
- Past President, President, and Vice President of Mississippi Association for Institutional Research (MAIR)
- Member of multiple higher education associations, including ALAIR, AIR, MAIR, NCSARA, SACSCOC, SAIR, WICHE, and WCET.
- Active in mentoring and professional development through IPEDS Educator and teaching SAIR newcomer's workshops.

### Committees and Boards:

- Served on multiple boards and committees, including the University Graduate Council and Student Success Collaborative.

- Worked on various higher education data initiatives, such as the Alabama State Longitudinal Data System, to improve data sharing and analysis across institutions
- SACSCOC Leadership Team member, contributing to the institution's successful reaffirmation of accreditation.
- Chaired committees on state authorization, faculty development, and institutional research

### **Research & Publications:**

- Authored articles on topics such as predictive analytics, diversity in institutional research, and student success.
- Published in *eAIR* Newsletter and Institutional Research and Assessment journals.
- Peer reviewer for several higher education journals.

### **Awards & Recognition:**

- **Ten Year Service Award**, University of Alabama in Huntsville (2024)
- **James R. Montgomery Outstanding Service Award** (2023)
- **Dr. Jim Nichols Service Award** (2021)
- **Five Year Service Award**, University of Alabama in Huntsville (2019)