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Jacqueline M. Chen is an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Social Behavior at UC Irvine. She is originally from the Bay Area in Northern California. Jackie earned her B.A. in Psychology, and a minor in Mathematics, with distinction from Pomona College and her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from UC Santa Barbara. Prior to coming to UCI in 2014, Jackie received a Chancellor's Post-Doctoral Fellowship for her post-doctoral work at UC Davis, where she also received the Dean's Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Excellence.

Broadly, Jackie's research investigates the perceptions and expectations that guide diverse social interactions. For example, Jackie has examined how people conceptualize race, how they use racial categories, and the implications of traditional racial taxonomies for the perception and evaluation of mixed race individuals. In ongoing research, Jackie seeks to answer important questions about how our racial and cultural identities influence various levels of social interaction, including first impressions, close relationships, and group dynamics.