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In Marie Claire UK, Jessica drew attention to the role women could play in ending the COVID-19 pandemic by reporting on female health care workers in Africa who continue to lead the frontlines the same way women were able to help eradicate wild polio.

During the 2020 presidential election, she brought attention to the Black women advocates who were making a difference in their communities but weren't making the big headlines. For The Guardian, Jessica profiled Black female organizers in battleground states and in rural communities who have spent years working to organize Black and other marginalized voters.

During a year filled with systemic inequality, Jessica's reporting on racial and economic discrimination in the U.S. has underscored the disparate impact of the coronavirus on Black Americans. Her profile on pregnant Black women in Wisconsin revealed how they are disproportionately affected by the virus – including lack of access to quality care. Jessica also connects these issues as they relate to child care – reporting on the impossible decisions parents and child care providers have had to make throughout the pandemic.

Before joining The Fuller Project, Jessica covered reproductive health for Mother Jones, publishing more than 50 articles with a focus on access to care, the judiciary and state policies. Prior to working at Mother Jones, she worked for “All in With Chris Hayes” as a production assistant and digital content producer.


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