

Samantha Francois, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

PhD	Tulane University, Psychological Sciences	August 2009
MS	Tulane University, Psychological Sciences	May 2007
MA	Xavier University of Louisiana, Curriculum and Instruction	May 2001
BS	Smith College, Psychology	May 1998

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Tulane University New Orleans	2017-present
Adjunct Professor, Psychology Department, Tulane University New Orleans	2014-present
Instructor, English Department, University of Maryland, University College Online College	2005-2007

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Date	Title and Role	Funding Source	Amount
2017	PI, Collective Efficacy Assessment	New Orleans Health Department	\$30,000
2016	PI, Connecting At-Risk Students to Services	Greater New Orleans Foundation and NOLA FOR LIFE	\$70,000
2016	PI, Building Collective Efficacy in New Orleans Neighborhoods	Baptist Community Ministries	\$200,000 Unfunded
2016	Co-PI, Trauma-Informed Collaborative Care for Low-Income African Americans with PTSD	NIH	\$100,000
2016	PI, The Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice	Laura and John Arnold Foundation	\$160,000 Unfunded
2015	PI, Evaluation of	Kellogg Foundation	\$50,000

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	Continuum Services for High Risk Youth	and NOLA FOR LIFE	
2014	PI, Place-Based Composite Indicator of Youth Safety	New Orleans Health Department	\$30,000
2014	PI, Adolescent Pathways to Polyvictimization: Direct and Indirect Effects	NIJ	\$424,000 Unfunded

Postdoctoral Fellowship, American Education Research Association-American Institutes for Research, 2009-2010

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health Data Users Fellowship, American Education Research Association, 2008-2009

Robert Flowerree Award for Research in Psychology, Tulane University, 2008

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (Honorable Mention), National Research Council of the National Academies, 2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

1. Systems causes and correlates of African American youth exposure to violence
2. Neighborhood collective efficacy and prevention of community violence
3. Behavioral health integration in school-based health centers
4. Community violence as a community health issue

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Canterberry, M, **Francois, S.**, Van Hatum, T., & Rudov, L. (Accepted for publication). School lunch consumption among three food service providers in New Orleans. *Journal of School Health*.

Trask-Tate, A., Cunningham, M., & **Francois, S.** (2014). Sixty years after Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas: Educational opportunities, disparities, policies, and legal actions. *The Journal of Negro Education*, 83(3), 281-299.

Francois, S., Overstreet, S., & Cunningham, M. (2012). Where we live: The impact of neighborhood challenges and supports on African American adolescents' academic resilience. *Youth & Society*, 44(2), 305 - 326.

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Osher, D., Coggshall, J., Colombi, G., Woodruff, D., **Francois, S.**, & Osher, T. (2012). Building school and teacher capacity to eliminate the school-to-prison pipeline. *Teacher Education and Special Education*, DOI: 10.1177/0888406412453930.

Book Chapters

Cunningham, M., & **Francois, S.** (2014). Theoretical perspectives in studying African American youth in rural settings. In L. Crockett, & G. Carlo (Eds.), *Studying rural adolescents*.

Francois, S. (2009). African American Children. In R. A. Shweder, T. R. Bidell, A. C. Dailey, S. D. Dixon, P. J. Miller, and J. Modell, (Eds.), *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Francois, S., & Overstreet, S. (2006). Educational Resilience. In C. S. Clauss-Ehlers(Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Cross-Cultural School Psychology*. New York: Springer.

Technical Reports

Francois, S., & Mason, K. (2015). *Youth in Context: A Report on Neighborhood Influence on Youth Safety in New Orleans*. New Orleans, LA: Louisiana Public Health Institute, Division of Evaluation and Research.

Francois, S., Czaplicki, L., Priebe, A., Farb, H., Duncan, M., Mason, K., et al. (2012). *Comprehensive Regional Community Health Assessment Reports for Coastal Mississippi, Coastal Alabama, the Florida Panhandle, and Southeast Louisiana*. New Orleans, LA: Louisiana Public Health Institute, Division of Evaluation and Research.

Rodriguez, C., Kirshstein, R., Tanenbaum, C., Storey, C., **Francois, S.**, Chan, T., & Collier, M. (2010). *National evaluation of the Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate*. Washington, D.C.: American Institutes for Research, Education, Human Development, and the Workforce.

Conference Publications

Francois, S., Czaplicki, L., Gentry, L., & Brown, L. (2014). Using community health and clinic capacity assessments to determine and prioritize health needs in Gulf Coast community affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. *Public Health Proceedings of the International Oil Spill Conference*.

Allen, B.A., deVilliers, J., & **Francois, S.** (2001). Deficits versus differences: African American children's linguistic paths towards a theory of mind. *Research on Child Language Acquisition Proceedings of the 8th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Child Language*.

Manuscripts in process

Francois, S., & Mason, K. *Creating an index of neighborhood safety for youth: Bringing data and community together in New Orleans*.

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Francois, S. Defining neighborhood and determining pathways through which neighborhoods affect adolescents' academic outcomes using structural equation modeling. In preparation for *American Journal of Community Psychology*.

Francois, S. Pathways through which neighborhoods affect adolescent academic performance: How residential mobility and race play a part. In preparation for *Journal of Research on Adolescence*.

PRESENTATIONS

Trainings

Francois, S. (2015, June) PHAB Accreditation: The Basics. Training for Louisiana's Office of Public Health Accreditation Committee.

Francois, S. (2015, February). Translating Data for Community Stakeholders. Training for Louisiana's Office of Public Health Regional Medical Directors and Administrators.

Francois, S. (2014, April). Rapid Community Health Assessment: Gulf Coast Case Study, Training webinar for the National Network of Public Health Institutes' Community Health Improvement Workgroup.

Francois, S. (2013, November). Data Analysis for Community Health Assessments, Training for the Florida Emerald Coast County Health Departments.

Francois, S. (2013, July). Conducting Community Health Needs Assessments, Training webinar for the South Dakota Department of Health.

Symposia

Francois, S. (2016, October). Two Birds, One Interview: Dyadic Interviews for Program Evaluation and to Facilitate Peer Sharing at Learning Collaborative. Roundtable Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Atlanta, GA.

Francois, S. (2015, November). Using an index of neighborhood safety for youth for community health planning, policy, and advocacy. Panel presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.

Francois, S. (2015, May). Good Neighborhood, Bad Neighborhood: A partnership between the city health department and public health institute to create an index of neighborhood safety for youth. Roundtable discussion at the annual meeting of the National Network of Public Health Institutes.

Francois, S. (2014, September). Using data to map risk indicators and vulnerabilities for youth: The Case of Orleans Parish PLACE MATTERS, Panel presentation at the Community Indicators Consortium Impact Summit, Washington, DC.

Francois, S., (2014, May). The primary care capacity project: Using community health and clinic capacity needs assessments in Gulf Coast communities affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, Panel presentation at the International Oil Spill Conference, Savannah, GA.

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Francois, S., Czaplicki, L., Duncan, M., & Brown, L. (2013, October). Health Disparities among Gulf State Residents: Examining Socioeconomic and Environmental Risk Indicators at the Sub-County Level, Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Community Indicators Consortium, Chicago, IL.

Poster Presentations

Francois, S., & Prium, A. (2017, June). Using gap analysis of electronic medical record data to evaluate clinical transformation at Federally Qualified Health Centers in the Gulf South. Poster presented at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Francois, S., Czaplicki, L., Priebe, A., & Farb, H. (2014, November). Environmental vulnerability and community resilience along the Gulf of Mexico Coast: A mixed methods approach to assessing community health needs and assets in four Louisiana Gulf parishes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.

Francois, S. (2010, May). Neighborhood cohesion buffers the negative impact of antisocial behaviors among rural teens. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Boston, MA.

Francois, S. (2010, April). Pathways through which neighborhoods impact adolescent academic performance and the role of residential mobility, Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO.

Francois, S. (2009, April). Defining neighborhood and determining pathways through which neighborhoods impact adolescents' academic outcomes using structural equation modeling, Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

Francois, S., Beckjord, E.B., Walker, D.W., & Edelen, M.O. (2009, April). Barriers to mental health service engagement in post-disaster southeast Louisiana, Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.

Francois, S. (2007, March). Where we live: The impact of neighborhood challenges and supports on African American adolescents' academic resilience, Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.

TEACHING INTERESTS & EXPERIENCE

Interests

1. Diversity & Social Justice
2. Human Behavior & Social Environment
3. Data Management Analysis and Interpretation.
4. Social context (families, neighborhoods, schools, etc.) and child and adolescent development among urban and rural ethnic minority populations, with a special focus on African Americans.

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Experience

Adjunct Faculty, Tulane University Psychology Department, New Orleans, LA

- Spring 2017, Introduction to African American Psychology (Undergraduate)
- Fall 2014-Spring 2016, Adolescent Psychology (Undergraduate)
- Fall 2007-Spring 2008, Child Psychology (Undergraduate)

Instructor, University of Maryland, University College, Online College

- Fall 2005-Spring 2007, Introduction to Composition and University Writing

Instructor, Dillard University English Department, New Orleans, LA

- Spring 2004, Developmental Writing (Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant, Tulane University Psychology Department, New Orleans, LA

Fall 2004-Spring 2009

- Black Youth: Developmental Psychology Perspectives (Undergraduate)
- Experimental Psychology Lab (Undergraduate)
- Introduction to African American Psychology (Undergraduate)
- Multivariate Statistics (Graduate)
- Psychological Tests and Measurements Lab (Graduate)
- Univariate Statistics Lab (Graduate)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Director of Evaluation and Research

Louisiana Public Health Institute, New Orleans, LA

2012-2017

Education Research Analyst

American Institutes for Research, Washington, DC

2009-2012

Research Associate

RAND Gulf States Policy Institute, New Orleans, LA

2008-2009

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2017-present: Safety and Justice Challenge Community Advisory Group member

2016-2017: Equity Workgroup co-lead for Louisiana Public Health Institute

2015-2017: Data Management Committee member for Louisiana Public Health Institute

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2014-2015: Advisory group member of YouthShift

2014-2017: Consultant to Equity in All Places

2014-present: Member of and Recording Secretary for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a service organization

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Community Health Improvement (2012-2016)

American Educational Research Association (1998-2001, 2008-2012)

American Public Health Association (2012-present)

American Psychological Association (1996-2009)

American Psychological Society (2009-2012)

Association of Black Psychologists (2004-2009)

Community Indicators Consortium (2013-present)

Society for Research on Adolescence (2005-2012)

Society for Research in Child Development (2004-2012)