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EDUCATION

- 2020 **MSc Applied Social Psychology**
Royal Holloway University of London
Thesis: Intent and Outcome on the Decision to Punish and Forgive Others
Pass
- 2018 **Bachelor of Arts Psychology,**
California State University: Bakersfield
Independent Research: Stereotypes of Crime

Professional Certification

- 11/15/2022- **Classroom Teacher Special Education (EC-12)**
11/30/2027 Texas State Board for Educator Certification

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- May 2026 **Nonprofit and Strategic Philanthropy Management Graduate Certificate**
Tulane University

Professional Training & Leadership Development

- 2025 **Anti-Racist Leadership Certificate**
Tulane University, Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health
- 2024 **Bryan Bell Metropolitan Leadership Forum**
Committee for a Better New Orleans

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 - Present **Senior Program Manager**
Center for Youth Equity & Violence Prevention Institute
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA
Led multi-year, arts-based youth participatory action research projects that engaged youth as co-researchers to co-produce knowledge and shape violence prevention programming and advocacy
- 2021 - 2023 **Special Population Program Manager**
Houston Independent School District, Houston, TX
Analyzed longitudinal dataset of 10,000+ student records to inform trauma-informed intervention strategies and assess program effectiveness

2019 - 2021 **Special Education Teacher**

Axcis Education, London, UK

Integrated culturally responsive teaching practices, data analysis and to foster inclusive, identity-affirming interventions and learning outcomes

PUBLICATIONS

Lugo, M., Stevenson, R., DaViera, A. L., Ocasio, M. A., Craft, T., Lewis, J., Fujisaki, A., Fleckman, J., Theall, K. P., & Francois, S. (2025) Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) in Action: a Case Study of Addressing Youth Violence and Social Inequities in New Orleans. *Prevention Science*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11121-025-01869-w>

Stevenson, R., **Lugo, M.** (2025). A Seat at Whose Table? Food as Embodied Pedagogy in Youth Spaces. Manuscript accepted at *International Journal of Critical Pedagogy*.

PRESENTATIONS

REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Lugo, M. (2026, May). *This is New Orleans: Stories of Truth and Hope- Black Youth Digital Storytelling as Epistemological Intervention*. Oral Presentation presented at Critical Race Studies in Education Association (CRSEA) Portland, OR.

Lugo, M. (2026, April). *Neighborhoods and Narratives: Violence and place in New Orleans and Beyond*. *Symposia* presented at the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) Conference, Providence, RI.

Lugo, M. (2025, April). *From Research to Action: YPAR's Impact on Youth-led Violence Prevention in New Orleans*. Paper presented at the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) Conference, New York, NY.

Lugo, M. (2024, October). *Youth at the Center: Collaborative Approaches to Violence Prevention*. Presentation at the Southeast Maternal and Childhood Health (MCH) Scholar Collaborative Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Francois, S., **Lugo, M.** (2024, October) Youth-Led Solutions: Empowering Voices and Arts to Combat Violence. Presentation at the Southeast Maternal and Childhood Health (MCH) Scholar Collaborative Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Lugo, M., Jaouiche, A., Francois, S. (2024, April). *Youth Participatory Action Research Technical Workshop: How to Empower Youth Voices in Violence and Injury Prevention Research*. Workshop conducted at the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

Lugo, M., Stevenson, R., Francois, S., Craft, T., Theall, K., Fleckman, J. (2024). *Authentic Youth Engagement in Community-Partnered Youth Violence Prevention Work*. Symposium at the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

Lugo, M., Craft, T., Theall, K., Francois, S., Ocasio, M., Fleckman, J. (2024). *Expansion of a Youth Advisory Council to Promote Youth Led Violence Prevention*. Symposium at the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

Lugo, M. (2018, May). *Stereotypes of Crime*. Paper presented at the Psi Chi 22nd Annual Research Conference, California State University, Bakersfield, CA.

Lugo, M. (2018, April). *Stereotypes of Crime*. Paper presented at the 98th Annual Western Psychological Association Conference, Portland, OR.

INVITED TALKS

Lugo, M. (2024, November). *Accessible Data Collection Methods for Community-Engaged Research*. Guest lecture, Violence Prevention Studio Seminar, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

Lugo, M. (2023, December). *What is YPAR? Using Youth Participatory Action Research for Violence Prevention*. Guest lecture, Violence Prevention Studio Seminar, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED MULTIMEDIA WORKS ---

This Is New Orleans: Stories of Truth and Hope (2024). Research facilitator and producer for youth-created documentary film. Center for Youth Equity and Violence Prevention, Tulane University. Screened for 200+ [Viewable here: <https://youtu.be/ZwmBNTqwWtY?si=pcBvhTgT0fHoKmyT>]

TEACHING AND ENGAGEMENT ---

Tulane University

TYLR 3000 Taylor Your Life (undergraduate) (Fall 2026)
 TYLR 3000 Taylor Your Life (undergraduate) (Spring 2026)
 TYLR 3000 Taylor Your Life (undergraduate) (Fall 2025)

Sam Houston High School

Englis 1 (Fall 2021)
 Englis 1 (Spring 2022)
 Englis 2 (Fall 2022)
 Englis 2 (Fall 2023)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS ---

Centering Youth Voice: Expanding the Evidence for Youth Led Violence Prevention Efforts

Center for Public Service Faculty Community-Engaged Research Tulane
 Co-Investigator
 (award \$10,000). Years: 07/2025-06/2026

HONORS AND AWARDS ---

2020 **Skills and Employability Cup**
 Royal Holloway University of London

2020 **Society of the Year**
 Royal Holloway University of London

SERVICE ---

Facilitator, Pincus Scholars Leadership Development Program, Tulane University (2023 - Present)

Mentor, Graduate Student Research Projects, Tulane University (2023 - 2025)

Mentor & Supervisor, Undergraduate Student Research Projects, Tulane University (2023 - 2025)

Member, Youth Justice Advocates Coalition, New Orleans (2024-Present)

Member, Big Easy Budget Coalition, New Orleans (2024-Present)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Educational Research Association (2024-present)