

Stacy Drury, MD

Remigio Gonzalez MD Endowed Professorship of Child Psychiatry, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Vice Chair of Research, Department of Pediatrics at Tulane University

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Drury explores how early life adversity interacts with genetic and epigenetic factors to shape child health and neurodevelopmental outcomes.

Biography

Dr. Drury explores the interaction of genetic and epigenetic factors with early experience and how this interaction shapes neurodevelopment and long-term outcomes in children. Her clinical and translational research focuses on improving outcomes in at-risk children by providing an enhanced understanding of the interaction between early life experiences, the stress response systems, and neurodevelopment. Drury is the Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Pediatrics, the Remigio Gonzalez MD Professor of Child Psychiatry and the Associate director of the Tulane Brain Institute. Throughout her career, she has facilitated and developed a transdisciplinary research program that integrates basic, translational and clinical research to better understand the effects of life course adversity on child health and development from the cell to the neighborhood. Her transdisciplinary research centers on the early caregiving environment as both a contributor to early adversity and a powerful buffer from the lasting negative impacts, both within and across generations, on child health and neurodevelopment. Her program of research integrates trauma, epigenetics, maternal-child health, neuroscience, psychology, neurodevelopment, public health, and health disparities with current studies in Romania, Suriname, Sierre Leone in addition to studies of high risk young children in Louisiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Areas of Expertise

Early Life Trauma, Child Psychiatry, Pediatric Medicine, Health Disparities, Genetics, Telomeres

Education

Tulane School of Medicine

Residency Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Tulane University

Residency General Psychiatry

Louisiana State University Health Science Center

M.D. Medicine

Louisiana State University Health Science Center

Ph.D. Genetics and Biometry

University of Michigan
M.S. Human Genetics

University of Virginia
B.A. Religious Studies and Biology

Accomplishments

2018 Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement

The award recognizes the most significant paper published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry by a child and adolescent psychiatrist within the last year. The academy singled out Drury's research into how early childhood trauma can have negative health consequences that seep across generations.

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