

NELSON JEAN FRANCOIS

Curriculum Vitae
March 2025

EDUCATION

- 2028 (expected) Ph.D., Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Anthropology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2026 (expected) Certificate in Science and Technology Studies
LSA-STIS, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2023 Masters in Social Work (with highest honors)
Practice Method: Community Organizing
Practice Area: Leadership, Community & Social
Systems
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2018 Bachelor of Social Work (with highest honors)
Focus: Community Organizing
State University of Haiti, Port-au-Prince, HT

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migrants & Refugees Health
Community Organizing and Social Change
Qualitative Social Program Evaluation
Civic Engagement and Civil Society
Social Movements
Qualitative Analysis of intervention in Social Work Teaching &
Practice
Cross-cultural Analysis of Social Work Practice
Environmental Social Work

TEACHING INTERESTS

Macro Practice
Human Behavior and the Social Environment
Human Rights, Social Justice, Diversity, and Race Decision Case
Migration and refugees
Teaching, Critical Thinking, and Applied Ethics International Social
Work, Cultural Difference, and Development
Research Methods, including Community-Based and Participatory Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Ewen, A. M., Hawkins, J. M., Kloss, K. A., Nwankwo, R., Funnell, M. M., Sengupta, S., **Jean Francois, N.** & Piatt, G. (2024). The Michigan Men's Diabetes Project Randomized Clinical Control Trial: A Pilot/Feasibility Study of a Peer-Led Diabetes Self-Management and Support Intervention for Black Men With Type 2 Diabetes. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 18(3), 15579883241258318.

Other Publications

- Maguire-Jack, K., Park, Y., Solomon, A., Chang, O.D., **Jean François, N.J.** (2024). Increasing Access to EITC to Reduce ACEs: Final Report to Children Trust Michigan. University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI.
- Coffee & Conversation with **Nelson Jean Francois** https://youtu.be/5k_ymPdUT3w
- Fulbright Scholar Studies Social Work at Florida State University <https://csw.fsu.edu/article/fulbright-scholar-studies-social-work-fsu>
- Nationalité et Citoyenneté : deux notions qui auraient pu éviter l'occupation américaine de 1915 [Nationality and Citizenship: two concepts that could have avoided the American occupation of 1915], in Le Nouvelliste Haiti, 2020. <https://lenouvelliste.com/article/219079/nationalite-et-citoyennete-deux-notions-qui-auraient-pu-eviter-loccupation-americaine-de-1915>
- Vers une autre compréhension de l'affaire des 1000 gourdes lors des joutes électorales en Haïti [Towards another understanding of the affair of the 1000 gourdes during the electoral contests in Haiti], in Le Nouvelliste Haïti, 2020. <https://lenouvelliste.com/article/216432/vers-une-autre-comprehension-de-laffaire-des-1000-gourdes-lors-des-joutes-electorales-en-haiti>
- Pour une compréhension Structurale du système économique haïtien [For a structural understanding of the Haitian economic system], in Le National, 2020. https://www.lenational.org/post_free.php?elif=1_CONTENUE/economies&rebmun=2939
- Bachelor Thesis: La participation au sein des associations communautaires évoluant dans le milieu paysan haïtien : une étude de cas de la Solidarité Haïtienne pour le Développement Rural de Kenscoff – SOHADERK [Community involment through associations, especially in countryside: case of the Haitian Solidarity for Rural Development of Kenscoff]. Advisor: Jerome Paul Eddy LACOSTE

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2021 | Fulbright Scholarship , The Fulbright Latin American Scholarship Program of American Universities (LASPAU), for graduate studies in a US university. |
| 2024-2025 | Clara P. Davis & Larry E. Davis Scholarship , University of Michigan School of Social Work. \$ 7,500. |
| 2024-2025 | Joseph Veroff and Katherine Luke Memorial Award , University of Michigan School of Social Work. \$ 3,000 |

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2023-2024	Doctoral Grants for International Research , -University of Michigan School of Social Work Office of Global Activities (OGA). \$6,210.
Winter 2024	Centennial Social Justice Impact Fund , University of Michigan School of Social Work Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. \$ 2,000.
Winter 2024	Mini-Grant , University of Michigan Institute for the Humanities. \$ 2,000.
Winter 2024	Rackham Dean's Strategic Initiative Programmatic Support Fund , University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School. \$2,000
Winter 2024	Student Academic Multicultural Initiatives , University of Michigan Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives. \$ 2,000.
Winter 2024	Graduate Student Funding for Conferences and Major Events , University of Michigan College of Literature. \$500.

INVITED TALKS

Summer 2016	CINÉCOLO-Haiti (2nd Festival) Theme: What it means to be an eco-citizen leader
Summer 2017	Pye Poudre Haiti Cultural Center Theme: Citizenship and Nationality

Other Training

October 2019	China 2019 Ministerial Seminar on Modern Agri-Economy Management for Developing Countries in Xian--Yangling & Beijing (China)
Summer 2019	Training on Human rights & involved citizenship, Office of Citizen Protection (OPC) of Haiti.
Summer 2016	Training on Crisis Communication, State University of Haiti
Summer 2016	Training on Communication Commitment, State University of Haiti
Summer 2016	Training in development and project management, State University of Haiti

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses and Study Abroad

- 2019-2020 **Instructor assistant**
Qualitative Methodology and techniques
University of Notre Dame of Haiti
bachelor's course on theories and techniques about how to write final research report.
- 12/13/2024 **Guest lecture**
Social Work 680, Section 001, Autumn 2024
University of Michigan| School of Social Work

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ethnography

- 2023-present **“What navigating healthcare in the Midwest looks like for Haitian Migrants and Refugees”**
This is supposed to my doctoral Dissertation research, which is still in its early phase. Nevertheless, I have started to complete some fieldwork in several cities in the Midwest.
- Summer 2022 **“Turning libraries into resiliency hubs for communities impacted by hurricanes,”** research project Led by Dr. John Mathias
In this project, I assisted Dr. Mathias in field notes taking by commuting to Calhoun County impacted by Hurricane Michael at least 4 times.
- 2015-2017 **“From life story to life project,”** led by LADIREP, Haiti (Speech and Representation Research Laboratory)

Mixed Methods

- 2023-Present **Research Assistant** for Dr. Katie Maguire-Jack, Dr. Camille Quinn, and Jaclynn Hawkins
As research assistant, I have been helping with collecting and structuring the data, creating codebooks and coding the data for analysis, analyzing data, writing for publications and/or institutional report, and editing papers.

PROFESSIONAL Experience

- Spring 2023 **Intern**, The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida
- 2020 **Editor attached to the communication section**, The Prime Minister Office of

Haiti

Summer 2018 **Supervisor for the Haiti Pilot Centus of 2018**, Haitian Institute of

REALIZATIONS

- “Contextualize Haiti’s demising situations” - First Annual Symposium specifically about Haiti at the University of Michigan Central Campus. For more about it, please check the following:
1- <https://www.michigandaily.com/news/campus-life/umich-and-haitian-midwest-scholars-society-host-interdisciplinary-symposium/>;
2- <https://lenouvelliste.com/article/250207/symposium-sur-haiti-a-luniversite-du-michigan-examiner-la-crise-haitienne-sous-un-angle-critique>;
3- <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1109952193852161>;
4- https://youtu.be/suVVtREHUeg?si=PGXi_U5Z7JXtrhDu
- Haitian Midwest Scholars Society (Co-founder)
- NJF_ Multiservice (CEO)
- Vigilance Club de Lecture et de Débat (Co-Founder)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Toastmasters International
Haitian Midwest Scholars Society
Fulbright Scholars Alumni
Omicron Delta Kappa
Phi Alpha

LANGUAGES

French – English - Haitian Creole (Very Fluent in writing, speaking & listening)