



## RURAL Heart and Lung Study



**Stephanie Broyles, Ph.D.** is an Associate Professor and Director of the Contextual Risk Factors Laboratory at Pennington Biomedical. Her research program is focused on discovering the influence of the environment on human health, with a special emphasis on children and youth. Dr. Broyles is the lead Louisiana investigator of the ongoing National Institutes of Health (NIH)-sponsored RURAL Study. Dr. Broyles has worked in public health for over 20 years, and her work relies heavily on community engagement. In 2016, Dr. Broyles was awarded the Founder's Award by the Louisiana Public Health Association, which honors significant achievement in research in public health by a Louisiana resident. Dr. Broyles is also on the graduate faculty of the LSU Health Sciences Center, holding an adjunct position in the LSUHSC School of Public Health's Behavioral and Community Health Sciences Program, where she teaches doctoral courses and mentors several PhD students.



**Meaghan Donewar** serves as the Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Broyles. Meaghan is a native of St. Amant, LA in Ascension Parish, and is working on her PhD focusing on stress and cardiovascular health in rural populations.



**Erin Theriot** serves as the RURAL Study's Community Engagement Coordinator in Assumption Parish for the Louisiana State Core. Erin is a resident of Assumption Parish and throughout her career has continuously worked towards its advancement. She has over a decade of experience working in local parish government while previously serving in different roles for the Louisiana Rural Health Association.



**Kevin Carroll** serves as the RURAL Study's Community Engagement Coordinator in Franklin Parish for the Louisiana State Core. Kevin brings a vast background of knowledge of the socioeconomic factors and demographics of the Parish that will assist us immensely in carrying out the objectives of the RURAL Study. Kevin previously served as Justice of the Peace for Franklin Parish's 8th District. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing Management from Western Governors University and is currently pursuing a Master's of Business Administration Degree from the university.