

Dr. Carmen Culotta



Carmen Culotta has been an instructor in the Psychology Department at Wright State University since 2014. In 2006, she earned her B.S. in Psychology from the University of New Orleans. From 2007-2014, Dr. Culotta pursued graduate studies in Psychology at Penn State University where she earned both an M.S. and Ph.D. in Psychology with a concentration in Developmental Psychology and a minor in Social Psychology. Her dissertation explored the effects of physical abuse and cumulative risk on children's peer relationships. In 2014, she co-authored a study with primary investigator Dr. Phil Goff of UCLA titled, "The Essence of Innocence: Consequences of Dehumanizing Black Children." This study, published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, explored the relation between implicit bias and the age perceptions of Black boys among a recruited sample of urban police officers. It has received press coverage from NPR, The Washington Post, The Huffington Post, and several other major news outlets.