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Ariane Bedimo-Rung, PhD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. She has long been interested in the environmental and structural factors that influence health, particularly the effects of park environments on physical activity. Her current research involves developing objective measures of park environmental characteristics and assessing the effects of playground renovations on physical activity.

She is also an investigator on the Trial of Activity for Adolescent Girls (TAAG) study, a multi-center national trial to study physical activity among middle school girls, and on an ancillary study to examine community characteristics and physical activity in these same girls. Her other work includes being the PI of a grant to study the effects of environmental factors on adolescent substance use. In past projects, she has studied social and environmental factors on HIV incidence, the cost effectiveness of a condom social marketing program, and reproductive decision-making among HIV-infected women. Dr. Bedimo-Rung earned her doctorate in Behavioral Epidemiology and her MPH in International Health and Development, both from Tulane University.