

## Vincent T. Francisco, Ph.D. - Biographical Sketch

Dr. Vincent T. Francisco is Associate Professor (Tenured) with the Department of Public Health Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Dr. Francisco is primarily interested in research in community development, especially for the enhancement of community integration and support, and work toward empowerment of marginalized groups. His current research portfolio includes research on variables associated with community systems change, building the capacity of community members (especially marginalized groups) for engagement in community health initiatives, and research on variables associated with population-level behavior change in community settings.

Dr. Francisco has considerable experience in the research and evaluation of community-based intervention programs focusing on adolescent development, reduction of risk for HIV/AIDS, teen substance abuse, youth violence, teen parenthood, and chronic/cardiovascular diseases. He also has considerable experience provision of technical support for the development of coalitions. He works with community initiatives to help them build capacity for systems change, create environments in which those organizations can succeed in accomplishing their mission, and evaluate those interventions within an open systems environment.

Prior to his current position at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he was research faculty at the University of Kansas, where he was Associate Director of the KU Work Group for Community Health and Development, and is a co-inventor (with Fawcett and Schultz) of the Community Tool Box (<http://ctb.ku.edu/>) and a host of tools for evaluating and building the capacity of community health initiatives.

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