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# **INVESTIGATING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS AND ADAPTIVE FUNCTIONING: A COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY APPROACH**

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Since the early proposal of Kurt Lewin, psychologists have generally assumed that behavior is a function of person and environment. However, conceptualization and measurement of potential environmental influences are often quite limited. Drawing upon recent advances in community psychology, I will describe a program of research that investigates the relationships between environmental factors and adaptive functioning for persons with histories of psychiatric disability. The presentation will include findings from studies utilizing a range of complementary methods, including quantitative, qualitative, and geo-spatial.

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