

Dr. Felicia Rabito is an Epidemiologist at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Her research interest is the relationship between housing and health with particular emphasis on the health of children of low-income status who reside in urban environments. Her research focuses on exposures common in the home and their association with asthma and cardiovascular outcomes. These exposures include lead, allergens, indoor air pollution, and pesticides. She has a particular interest in identifying risk factors associated with health disparities and on designing patient-centered interventions to reduce exposure.

Dr. Rabito received the 2018 HUD Secretary's Award for Healthy Housing along with her collaborator, Dr. Coby Schal, for investigating the role of cockroach exposure and childhood asthma. This collaboration combined the efforts of academic researchers who work across the health, environment, and housing sectors.

Dr. Rabito has worked with a variety of local and national organizations to promote research into healthy homes. These include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the New Orleans Health Department, the Louisiana Department of Public Health, the Missouri Department of Health, the National Center for Healthy Housing, and the Ministry of Health in Ethiopia.

Dr. Rabito is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at Tulane.