

# **Seth Kurzban**

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Social work expert, theorizing interventions for severe and persistent mental illness, homelessness, incarceration, and substance abuse.

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## **Biography**

Seth Kurzban was promoted from a post-doctoral fellow to assistant professor in 2009. He recently received his PhD from Columbia University School of Social Work, where he was named the Willie G. Perry Scholar for Outstanding Potential and the Evelyn Burns Scholar for Public Policy.

Kurzban has worked in a variety of clinical and research settings focused on helping individuals dealing with severe and persistent mental illness, chronic homelessness or incarceration, and substance abuse. He has worked for Westat -- a corporation providing research services to government agencies and other entities -- on policy analysis for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and National Institute of Mental Health as the evaluation coordinator for the Hartford Geriatric Faculty Scholars Program.

His current work focuses on developing and testing an intervention, Community Awareness Psychoeducation (CAPE), designed to help individuals improve their self-care and wellness, reduce the social isolation associated with mental illness and help improve their ability to live in their communities. As a post-doctoral fellow, Kurzban won a Larson endowment to adapt the group intervention for use at a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health clinic for women with mental illness who are re-integrating into the community upon their release from jail.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health Care - Services, Health Care - Facilities, Public Policy, Mental Health Care, Writing and Editing, Research, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness, Program Development, Health Care - Providers

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Instrument Design and Testing, Homelessness and Incarceration Practice and Policy, Mental Health (Severe Mental Illness) Practice and Policy, Intervention Research & Program Evaluation

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## **Education**

School of Social Work, Columbia University

PhD Social Work

Columbia University

MA Social Work

## **Accomplishments**

**Mental Health Services Research Fellow**

2011

Awarded by the National Institute of Mental Health

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