

AUTISM: THE DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND ETIOLOGY OF THE UNDENIABLE EPIDEMIC



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One in 110 American children has been diagnosed with some form of autism, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This introductory textbook focuses on the causes of autism spectrum disorders.

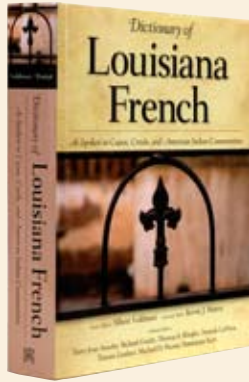
"Autism is a compelling subject of study, because it is the fastest growing diagnosis on the horizon," said co-author Dr. John W. Oller Jr., Hawthorne Regents Professor in the Department of Communicative Disorders at UL Lafayette. He founded the university's applied language and speech sciences doctoral program.

Autism and its related disorders, such as Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder and Asperger Syndrome, include symptoms such as impairment in thinking, feeling, language and the ability to relate to others. In this book, he points to toxins and their interactions as the primary causes of ASD.

Although it is a textbook, *Autism: The Diagnosis, Treatment and Etiology of the Undeniable Epidemic* also includes information for parents and other caregivers of children affected with autism and related disorders.

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THE DICTIONARY OF LOUISIANA FRENCH AS SPOKEN IN CAJUN, CREOLE AND AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES



Barry Jean Ancelet, Tamara Lindner and other co-editors
University Press of Mississippi

This long-awaited volume is both a reference book and a window on south Louisiana cultures. The 800-page dictionary reveals the use of language by French-speaking people in five regions of south Louisiana: coastal marshes, the banks of the Mississippi River, central and northern areas, and the western prairie.

The dictionary is the culmination of 10 years of work and includes words collected from hundreds of field interviews. Its editors also collected words from archival recordings and from texts published after 1930.

Research for the book was funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Entries include each word's conventional French spelling, its pronunciation, its classification as a part of speech, its English equivalent and the word's use in common phrases. An English-to-Louisiana French index shows readers how particular ideas or sentiments would be expressed in the French of south Louisiana.

Dr. Barry Jean Ancelet and Dr. Tamara Lindner are among the dictionary's editors.

Ancelet is a professor of foreign languages, research fellow for the Center for Louisiana Studies and holds the Willis Granger and Tom Debailon/BORSF Professorship in Francophone Studies I. Lindner is an assistant professor of foreign languages.

SPIRIT WIND



Jon L. Gibson
The University of Alabama Press

Dr. Jon L. Gibson, a former UL Lafayette anthropology professor, blends imagination and reality in this coming-of-age novel. Although its characters are fictional, *Spirit Wind* is an "anthropologically accurate story of American Indian cultures in conflict," according to its publisher.

Gibson tells the tale of an orphan, Storm Rider, who is reared by the Chitimacha tribe and captured by an enemy raiding party. His story is set in the Atchafalaya Basin and anchored in Chitimacha culture and rituals.

Julian Granberry, author of *The Americas That Might Have Been: Native American Social Systems through Time*, described Gibson's narrative as "not only an excellent fictional approach to Chitimacha tribal mythology, but a fascinating and extremely well-written book, capturing the essence of Chitimacha storytelling technique in an excellent and thorough manner."

Gibson retired from UL Lafayette in 2001. His research has been focused on the native peoples of Louisiana.

He also is the author of *The Ancient Mounds of Poverty Point: Place of Rings* and coeditor of *Signs of Power: The Rise of Cultural Complexity in the Southeast*.