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Francisca Fils-Aime is a research associate for PIE. She currently attends Loyola University Chicago as a doctoral student in the Research Methodology program. Fils-Aime earned her MEd in Educational Research Methodology from Boston College and her BA in Human Services and International Affairs from Northeastern University.

Fils-Aime views research as an avenue for social justice and works to take a mixed method approach to tackling a range of social and political issues. Some topics of particular interests are terrorism, peace and violence, and intergovernmental relationships. Fils-Aime was first exposed to evaluation while pursuing her Master's at Boston College where she worked on projects focusing on equity, diversity, and health and wellbeing. She believes that evaluation presents a unique opportunity to involve traditionally marginalized populations in research and problem solving.