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## Scholarly Interests

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Spatial Inequality, Neighborhood & City Crime, Housing, Criminal Justice, Neighborhood Change, Urban Political Economy, Quantitative/Spatial Methods

## Academic Appointments

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**2024 – Present**   Assistant Professor of Sociology, Louisiana State University

**2022 – 2024**     **Postdoctoral Fellow, Rice University**  
Department of Sociology  
Baker Institute Center for Health and Biosciences

## Education

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**2022**             **University of California Irvine, PhD in Criminology, Law & Society**

**Dissertation:** “The Political Economy of Place and Crime”  
**Committee:** John Hipp (Chair), Charis Kubrin, Bryan Sykes, Jae Hong Kim,  
Manuel Aalbers (University of Leuven, Belgium)

**2015**             **Bowling Green State University, BA & MA in Sociology**

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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**Williams, S. A.** 2024. "Decomposing Neighbourhood (In) Stability: The Structural Determinants of Turnover and Implications for Neighbourhood Crime." *The British Journal of Criminology* 64(2), 361-380.

- Honorable Mention - 2024 ASC Division of Communities & Place Robert J. Bursik Junior Scholar Award

Lehnert, Matthew R., and **Seth A. Williams.** 2022. "Ellis Act Eviction Notices in San Francisco: 'absolute' and 'relative' clustering." *The Professional Geographer* 74(2), 221-230.

**Williams, Seth A.** and John R. Hipp. 2022. "The Shape of Neighborhoods to Come: Examining Patterns and Trajectories of (Re)Gentrification in Los Angeles County, 1980 – 2010." *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space* 54(2):265-294.

Hipp, John R., and **Seth A. Williams.** 2021. "Accounting for Neighborhood Effects When Estimating Models using City-level Crime Data: Introducing a Novel Imputation Technique." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 37(4), 915-951.

Hipp, John R., and **Seth A. Williams.** 2020. "Advances in Spatial Criminology: The Spatial Scale of Crime." *Annual Review of Criminology* 3(1): 75-95.

Hipp, John R., **Seth A. Williams,** Young-An Kim, Jae Hong Kim. 2019. "Fight or Flight? Crime as a Driving Force in Business Death and Business Mobility." *Social Science Research* 82:164-180.

**Williams, Seth A.** and John R. Hipp. 2019. "How Great and How Good?: Third Places, Neighbor Interaction, and Cohesion in the Neighborhood Context." *Social Science Research* 77:68-78.

Hipp, John R., **Seth A. Williams** and Adam Boessen. 2018. "Disagreement in Assessing Neighboring and Collective Efficacy: The Role of Social Distance." *Socius* 4.

### Under Review

Hipp, John R. and **Seth A. Williams.** "Accounting for Spatial Mobility and Sociospatial Context: Consequences for Ecological Studies of Crime." *Revise & Resubmit.*

**Williams, Seth A.** and Matthew R. Lehnert. "Sociospatial Divisions and Neighborhood Crime: Housing Tenure as a Social Boundary." *Revise & Resubmit.*

### In Preparation

Bryan, Brielle and **Seth A. Williams.** "Spatial Determinants of Post-Conviction Health."

**Williams, Seth A.** and Matthew R. Lehnert. "Sociospatial Marginalization and Violent Crime: Theorizing the Presence of Toxic Facilities Beyond Opportunity."

**Williams, Seth A.** "Substandard Housing and Neighborhood Crime: Nonrecursive Effects Over Time."

**Williams, Seth A.** "Churning versus Changing: Fault and No-Fault Evictions, Neighborhood Change, and Crime in San Francisco."

## Other Publications

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Williams, S. A. (2023, April 11). *Bodegas, Barbershops and the Ties that Bind: How Third Places Promote Cohesion*. Vital City. <https://www.vitalcitynyc.org/articles/how-third-places-promote-cohesion>

Hipp, John R., Clarissa Iliff, Emily G. Owens, George Tita, and Seth Williams. 2022. "The Impact of Affordable Housing on Housing and Crime in Orange County." Livable Cities Lab, Irvine, CA.

Williams, S. A. (2015). Film Review: My Brooklyn. *Teaching Sociology*, 43(4), 321-324.

## Honors & Awards

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- 2025 Manship Summer Research Fellowship, Louisiana State University - \$5,000
- 2024 ASC Division of Communities & Place Robert J. Bursik Junior Scholar Award, Honorable Mention
- 2022 Summer Teaching Apprenticeship Program Fellowship (UCI Division of Teaching Excellence & Innovation) - \$5,000
- 2021 CLS Dean's Quarterly Fellowship, Fall
- 2020 Michelle Smith-Pontell Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Graduate Study (UCI-CLS) - \$2,000
- 2020 Service Commendation for Editorial Board of Sociological Perspectives, Pacific Sociological Association
- 2019 Gil Geis Award for Excellence in Research (UCI-CLS) - \$500
- 2013 BGSU Friends of the Library Undergraduate Research Award - \$250
- 2012-2013 Dr. Aida Tomeh Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Sociology Major – Graduating Senior (BGSU) - \$500

## Teaching

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Louisiana State University: 2024 - Present

**Introduction to Crime Studies**  
Crime & Place (Graduate)

University of California, Irvine: 2017 - 2022

**Summer Teaching Apprenticeship Program Fellow, 2022**

**Crime Measurement, 2021**

**Social Ecology Statistics Camp (Graduate), 2017-2019**

## Professional Service

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- 1/20 – 7/22      Student Editorial Board Member – *Sociological Perspectives*  
Editors: Dr. Bryan Sykes & Dr. Black Hawk Hancock
- 2020              Graduate Representative, CLS Assistant Professor Search Committee
- 2020              Graduate Student Recruitment Representative,  
UC Irvine, Criminology, Law & Society

### Referee for Journals:

*Criminology; American Sociological Review; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; Journal of Urban Affairs; Punishment & Society; Sociological Perspectives; International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development; Annals of the American Association of Geographers; Wellbeing, Space & Society; Journal of Crime and Justice; Environment & Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science; Urban Studies.*

### Professional Memberships:

- *American Society of Criminology (Section: Communities & Place)*
- *Population Association of America*
- *American Sociological Association (Sections: Crime, Law & Deviance; Community & Urban Sociology Section)*