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Scholarly Interests

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

Academic Appointments

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
Project with Dr. Brielle Bryan: “Spatial Determinants of Post-Conviction Health”

Education

2015 – 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)
Advisor: Dr. John Hipp
Doctoral Exams: Criminology (High Pass) and Law & Society (Pass)

2013 – 2014 Bowling Green State University, MA in Sociology

2009 – 2013 Bowling Green State University, BA in Sociology

Graduated *cum laude*
Minor in Psychology

Honors & Awards

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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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

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.

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

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: 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

Williams, Seth A. and Matthew R. Lehnert. "Sociospatial Divisions and Neighborhood Crime: Housing Tenure as a Social Boundary." Under Review.

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

In Preparation

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

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

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

Other Publications

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.

Stykes, J.B., & **Williams, S.** (2013). *Diverging Destinies: Children's Family Structure Variation by Maternal Education*. (FP-13-16). National Center for Family & Marriage Research. http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu/pdf/family_profiles/file134877.pdf

Williams, S., & Lehnert, M. (2013). *Receipt of Food & Cash Assistance among Poor Children: Trends and Geographic Variation*. (FP-13-08). National Center for Family & Marriage Research. http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu/pdf/family_profiles/file126776.pdf

Williams, S. (2013). Public Assistance Participation among U.S. Children in Poverty, 2010 (FP-13-02). National Center for Family & Marriage Research. http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu/pdf/family_profiles/file122487.pdf

Williams, S. (2012). Child Poverty in the United States, 2010 (FP-12-17). National Center for Family & Marriage Research. http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu/pdf/family_profiles/file115685.pdf

Williams, S. (2012). Health Insurance Coverage of U.S. Children, 2010 (FP-12-16). National Center for Family & Marriage Research. http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu/pdf/family_profiles/file115684.pdf

Presentations at Professional Meetings

Williams, Seth A. 2024. “Substandard Housing and Neighborhood Crime: Nonrecursive Effects Over Time.” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Communities & Place - Community Deprivation, Investment, and Change*, San Francisco, CA.

Bryan, Brielle and **Seth A. Williams. 2024.** “Spatial Determinants of Post-Conviction Health” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *The Criminal Justice System – Navigating Reentry*, San Francisco, CA.

Hipp, John R. and **Seth A. Williams. 2024.** “Accounting for Spatial Mobility and Sociospatial Context: Consequences for Ecological Studies of Crime.” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Multidimensional Approaches to Studying Crime and the Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and Community Characteristics*, San Francisco, CA.

Williams, Seth A. and Matthew R. Lehnert. 2023. “Sociospatial Marginalization and Violent Crime: Theorizing the Presence of Toxic Facilities Beyond Opportunity” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Communities and Place – Social Disorganization, Violence, and Toxic Places*, Philadelphia, PA.

Williams, Seth A. and Matthew R. Lehnert. 2023. “Sociospatial Marginalization and Violent Crime: Theorizing the Presence of Toxic Facilities Beyond Opportunity” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: *Crime, Law & Deviance Roundtable – Communities and Crime*, Philadelphia, PA.

Williams, Seth A. 2022. “Churning versus Changing: Fault and No-Fault Evictions, Neighborhood Change, and Crime in San Francisco.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Communities and Place – Neighborhood Changes and Crime*, Atlanta, GA.

Williams, Seth A. and Matthew R. Lehnert. 2022. “Cash for Keys Displacement: The Reciprocal Relationship Between Rent Control Buyouts and No-Fault Evictions as Gentrification.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: *Community & Urban Sociology Section Roundtables: Displacement*, Los Angeles, CA.

Williams, Seth A. 2022. “Churning versus Changing: Fault and No-Fault Evictions, Neighborhood Change and Crime in San Francisco.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting – *Communities and Place: Neighborhood Changes and Crime*, Atlanta, GA.

Williams, Seth A. and Matthew R. Lehnert. 2021. “Sociospatial Divisions and Neighborhood Crime: Housing Tenure as a Social Boundary.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: *The Sociology of Neighborhoods*, Virtual.

Williams, Seth A. 2020. “Perceived Neighborhood Racial Composition and Assessments of Collective Efficacy: The Role of Attachment.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: *Networks & Community*, San Francisco, CA [presented virtually due to Covid].

Williams, Seth A. 2019. “Placing' Neighborhoods and Crime: A Political Economy Approach to Understanding Neighborhood Crime across City Contexts.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Spatial Criminology: Consequences for Failing to Consider the Spatial Scale when Modeling the Location of Crime*, San Francisco, CA.

Williams, Seth A. and John R. Hipp. 2019. “Housing, Neighborhood Stability, and Demographic Change: Assessing the Relationship Between Housing Dynamics, Neighborhood Change and Stability over Time, Los Angeles County, 2007 – 2013.” Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting: *Change and Stability in American Neighborhoods*, Austin, TX.

Hipp, John R. and **Seth A. Williams**. 2019. "Is Smaller Always Better? Beyond Discoveries of Variance Towards Efforts to Explain It." Presented at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Analyzing Crime Data*, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Williams, Seth A. 2018. "Decomposing Neighborhood (In)Stability: The Structural Determinants of Neighborhood Turnover and Implications for Neighborhood Crime." Presented at the American Society for Criminology Annual Meeting: *New Ways to Think about the Temporality of Crime in Communities and Place*, Atlanta, GA.

Williams, Seth A. and John R. Hipp. 2018. "The Shape of Neighborhoods to Come: Examining Patterns and Trajectories of (Re)Gentrification in Los Angeles County, 1980 – 2010." Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting: *Gentrification*, Denver, CO.

Williams, Seth A. and John R. Hipp. 2018. "Holistic Neighborhood Change & Crime in Los Angeles, 2000 – 2010." Presented at the Western Society for Criminology Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA.

Williams, Seth A. and John R. Hipp. 2017. "The Housing Crisis and Crime: Assessing the Dynamics of Foreclosure and Neighborhood Crime." Presented at the American Society for Criminology Annual Meeting: *Housing, Housing Policy, and Neighborhood Crime Rates*, Philadelphia, PA.

Lehnert, Matthew R. and **Seth A. Williams**. 2017. "Ellis Act Evictions in San Francisco: 'absolute' and 'relative' clustering." Presented at the North American Regional Science Conference: *Housing V*, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Williams, Seth A. and John R. Hipp. 2016. "Third Places and the Development of Social Cohesion across Neighborhood Types." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Contexts of Convergence in the Study of Place and Crime*, New Orleans, LA.

Williams, Seth A., Raymond R. Swisher, Jorge M. Chavez, and Danielle C. Kuhl. 2015. "Moving to Heterogeneity: Sources of Individual Mobility to Integrated Neighborhoods for Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics." Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting: *Residential Mobility & Dynamics of Segregation Session*. San Diego, CA.

Williams, Seth A., Raymond R. Swisher, Jorge M. Chavez, and Danielle C. Kuhl. 2014. "Moving to Heterogeneity: Sources of Individual Mobility to Integrated Neighborhoods for Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics." Presented at the Annual BGSU-OSU Conference on Population. Bowling Green, OH.

Williams, Seth A. "Children's Economic Well-Being in Single-Parent Families: Gender and Lone Parent versus Multigenerational Households." 2014. Presented as a poster at the Population Association of America annual meetings. Boston, MA.

Teaching Experience

Spring 2022	2022 Summer Teaching Apprenticeship Program Fellow Selected to participate in intensive pedagogical training by the UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation in preparation for Summer Session I teaching.
Spring 2021	Instructor, CI67 – Crime Measurement Undergraduate course focused on reliability and validity issues of three main sources of data: police reports, victimization surveys and self-reports, as well as measurement issues related to hate crime, police use of lethal force and white collar crime.
2017-2019	Instructor, Social Ecology Statistics Boot Camp

Developed and taught a 4-day statistics/Stata boot camp course for incoming graduate students in the School of Social Ecology – University of California, Irvine.

Winter 2017-2019 **Lab Instructor**, Dr. Teresea Dalton
Statistical Data Analysis I (Introductory Statistics – Graduate)
Developed and instructed lab course using Stata software

Teaching / Research Assistant Experience

2015 - Present **Research Assistant**, Dr. John R. Hipp & Dr. Charis Kubrin

Summer 19/20 **Research Assistant**, Dr. Ana Muñiz

Spring 2018-2019 **Lab Instructor/Teaching Assistant**, Dr. John Hipp
Statistical Data Analysis II (Regression—Graduate)

Winter 2017-2019 **Lab Instructor/Teaching Assistant**, Dr. Teresa Dalton
Statistical Data Analysis I (Stata Lab-Graduate)

Spring 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Dr. Bryan Sykes
Research Methods (Graduate)

Fall 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, Dr. Teresa Dalton
Introduction to Criminology, Law & Society (Undergraduate)

Fall 2015 **Teaching Assistant**, Dr. Nicholas Scurich
Forensic Psychology (Undergraduate)

Summer 2015 **Research/Teaching Assistant**, Dr. Laura Sanchez
Sociology of the Family (Undergraduate)

6/14 – 5/15 **Research Assistant**, NICHD R15 Grant “Neighborhood Change and Violence in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood” Drs. Raymond R. Swisher, Danielle C.Kuhl, and Jorge M. Chavez

Spring 2014 **Teaching/Research Assistant**, Dr. Gary Oates
Social Psychology (Undergraduate)

Fall 2013 **Teaching Assistant**, Dr. Susan Brown
Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)

2013 **Research Assistant**, Child Trends, Reproductive Health & Family Formation
Bethesda, Maryland
Coordinated the recruitment of study participants and conducted cognitive interviews for the Family & Provider Relationship Quality Survey. Assisted in tasks related to securing a number of federal grants.

2012-2013 **Research Assistant**, National Center for Family & Marriage Research
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
Conducted demographic research with Census and Current Population Survey data

Professional Service

- 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.

Professional Memberships:

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

Other

Software / Programming Languages

- Stata, Python, ArcGIS

Media Appearances

- 2023 – *Vital City* – “Bodegas, Barbershops and the Ties that Bind.”
<https://www.vitalcitynyc.org/articles/how-third-places-promote-cohesion>
- 2021 – *Faculti* – “How Great and How Good?” <https://faculti.net/how-great-and-how-good/>