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Scholarly Interests

Spatial Inequality, Crime, Housing, Criminal Justice, Neighborhood Change, 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

Education

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

Williams, Seth A. and Matthew R. Lehnert. 2025. "Sociospatial Divisions and Neighborhood Crime: Housing Tenure as a Social Boundary." *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 1-21.

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**. "Functional Spatial Proxies: A Novel Technique to Account for Spatial Mobility and Sociospatial Context in Neighborhood Research." *Under review*.

In Preparation

Williams, Seth A. and Matthew R. Lehnert. "Marginalization and the Spatial Production of Violence: Theorizing Toxic Facility Presence Beyond Opportunity."

Williams, Seth A. "Landlord Disinvestment and the Consequences of Substandard Housing for Neighborhood Crime."

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

Bryan, Brielle and **Seth A. Williams**. "Contexts of Felony Record Exclusion: How Neighborhoods Shape Landlord Screening with Implications for Neighborhood Quality"

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

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.

Honors & Awards

- 2025 Co-Investigator (with Brielle Bryan, PI). Center for Computational Insights on Inequality and Society at Rice University: *"The Neighborhood & Market Context of Felony Record Exclusion: How Local Conditions Shape Landlord Screening & Implications for Neighborhood Quality"* - \$10,260
- 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

Louisiana State University: 2024 - Present

Introduction to Crime Studies
Communities & Crime
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

2025	Advisory Board Member, Texas Research Data Center (TXRDC)
1/20 – 7/22	Student Editorial Board Member, <i>Sociological Perspectives</i> 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)*