

# Seth A. Williams

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## Scholarly Interests

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

## Academic Appointments

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**2022 – Present** 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

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**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

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- 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

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**Williams, Seth A.** 2023. "Decomposing Neighbourhood (in)Stability: The Structural Determinants of Turnover and Implications for Neighbourhood Crime." *The British Journal of Criminology*. doi: 10.1093/bjc/azad034.

**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. “Cash for Keys Displacement: The Reciprocal Relationship Between Rent Control Buyouts and No-Fault Evictions as a Gentrification Process.”

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

## 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.

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](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](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](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](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](http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu/pdf/family_profiles/file115684.pdf)

## Presentations at Professional Meetings

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**Williams, Seth A.** and Matthew R. Lehnert. 2023. “*Sociospatial Marginalization and Violent Crime: Theorizing the Presence of Toxic Facilities Beyond Opportunity*” To be 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*” To be 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.*” To be 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. “*The Spatial Scale of Segregation, Housing Inequality, and Urban Crime.*” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Neighborhood Change, Inequality, and Crime*, Washington, D.C. [cancelled due to Covid]

Tita, George, Melissa Barragan, Bryan Sykes, Justin Sola and **Seth A. Williams.** 2020. “*The Individual and Community Context of Changing Patterns of Gun Incidents Over Two Decades in Los Angeles.*” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: *Guns and Gun Laws: Neighborhoods, Disparities and Illicit Markets*, Washington, D.C. [cancelled due to Covid]

**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

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- 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

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- 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**

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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; European Research Council (grant proposal review).*

## 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

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### Software / Programming Languages

- Stata, Python, ArcGIS

### Media Appearances

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