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Scholarly Interests

Spatial Inequality, Neighborhood & City 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, 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

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

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

- 2024 ASC Division of Communities & Place Robert J. Bursik Junior Scholar Award, Honorable Mention
- Summer Teaching Apprenticeship Program Fellowship (UCI Division of Teaching Excellence & Innovation) - \$5,000
- CLS Dean's Quarterly Fellowship – Fall 2021
- 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
- 2019 Gil Geis Award for Excellence in Research (UCI-CLS) - \$500
- 2013 BGSU Friends of the Library Undergraduate Research Award - \$250
- Dr. Aida Tomeh Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Sociology Major – Graduating Senior 2012-2013 (BGSU) - \$500

Teaching

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

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)*

Other

Software / Programming Languages

- Stata, Python, ArcGIS

Public Sociology

- 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/>