

# Seth A. Williams

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## Scholarly Interests

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Spatial Inequality, Neighborhood & City Crime, Housing, Urban Political Economy, Criminal Justice, 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

## 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

**Thesis:** “Perceptions of Police and Fear of Crime: The Role of Neighborhood Social Capital”  
**Committee:** Jorge M. Chavez (Chair), Raymond Swisher, Danielle Kuhl

**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.** 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.

### In Preparation

**Williams, Seth A.** and Matthew R. Lehnert. 2023. "Cash for Keys Displacement: The Reciprocal Relationship Between Rent Control Buyouts and No-Fault Evictions as a Gentrification Process."

**Williams, Seth A.** 2023. "Churning versus Changing: Fault and No-Fault Evictions, Neighborhood Change and Crime in San Francisco."

## Other Publications

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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. 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 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*

### 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, ArcGIS, GeoDa, Python

### Media Appearances

- 2021 – *Faculti* – “How Great and How Good?” <https://faculti.net/how-great-and-how-good/>