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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Sociology, (January 2020 – present), University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Child and Family Studies (February 2021 – present), University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Assistant Professor of Sociology, (August 2016 – December 2019), University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research on Poverty (February 2016), University of Wisconsin-Madison

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Minority Health Disparities Initiative (2014-2016), University of Nebraska-Lincoln

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology (2014), University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Master of Science, Sociology (2009), Mississippi State University

Bachelor of Arts, English (2006), Mississippi State University

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Race & Racism, Poverty/Inequality, Black Families, Couple Relationships, Stress & Health, Quantitative Methods (Longitudinal Modeling & Dyadic Data Analysis)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

William T. Grant Foundation Scholars Program. 2022-2027. “Racism and the Mechanisms Maintaining Racial Stratification in Poverty and Material Hardship.” (\$350,000)

Sub-project of the National Institute on Aging and Office of the Director (1U24AG076462-01) Consortium Coordinating Center for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research on COVID-19”. 2022. Co-PI. “Vaccination, Healthcare and Grief in the National Couples' Health and Time Study.”

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. *Funded*. 2020. “Exploring the Impact of Relational Health on Obesity during COVID-19.” Co-PI (\$631,138)

UNL Center for Brain, Biology, and Behavior Seed Grant. *Funded*. 2016-2017. “Couples’ Synchronicity: Stress, Health, and Relationship Functioning in Everyday Life.” PI. (\$5,000)

J.J. and Eleanor Ogle Fellowship. 2013-2014. UNL. Dept. of Sociology (\$15,500)

American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program. 2012-2013. (\$18,000)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*graduate student

Dow, Dawn Marie, April Few-Demo, and **Deadric T. Williams**. 2022. “Transformative Family Scholarship: Introduction to the Special Issue.” *Journal of Marriage & Family* <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12882>

Williams, Deadric T., Caroline Sanner, Todd M. Jensen, and Laura Simon. 2022. “Racism, Family Structure, and Black Families”. Retrieved (osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/3u6jn).

Regina S. Baker, David Brady, Zachary Parolin, and **Deadric T. Williams**. 2022. “The Enduring Significance of Ethno-Racial Inequalities in Poverty in the U.S., 1993-2017.” *Population Research & Policy Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-021-09679-y>

Kanter, Jeremy B., **Williams, Deadric T.**, & Rauer, Amy J. 2021. Strengthening Lower-Income Families: Lessons Learned from Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Family Process*. 60: 4 <https://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12716>

Williams, Deadric T. and Regina Baker. 2021. “Family Structure, Risks, and Racial Stratification in Poverty.” *Social Problems* 68: 964-985 <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spab018>

Williams, Deadric T. 2021. “Living & Loving in a Racialized Society: Family Status, Cumulative Risk, and Relationship Quality among Black, Hispanic, and White Mothers.” *Issues in Race & Society*

Williams, Deadric T. and Armon R. Perry. 2019. “More than Just Incarceration: Law Enforcement Contact and Black Fathers' Familial Relationships.” *Issues in Race & Society* 8: 85-118

Williams, Deadric T. and Gilbert R. Parra. 2019. “The Longitudinal and Bidirectional Association between Parenting Stress & Couples’ Relationship Quality.” *Personal Relationships* 26: 713-732

Williams, Deadric T. 2019. “A Call to Focus on Racial Domination and Oppression: A Response to ‘Racial and Ethnic Inequality in Poverty and Affluence, 1959-2015.’” *Population Research & Policy Review* 38: 655–663

Williams, Deadric. T., Marissa Cardwell*, & Laura Simon. 2019. “Black Intimacies Matter: How Cumulative Risk, Family Status, and Gender Shapes Relationship Quality among Black Parents.” *Journal of African American Studies* 23: 1-17.

Williams, Deadric T. 2018. "Parental Depression and Cooperative Coparenting: A Longitudinal and Dyadic Approach. *Family Relations* 67: 253-269

Williams, Deadric T. and Jacob E. Cheadle. 2016. "Economic Hardship, Parents' Depression, and Relationship Distress among Couples with Young Children" *Society and Mental Health* 6: 73-89

An earlier version of this paper received 2nd place in the AKD graduate student paper competition (Spring 2013)

Goosby, Bridget J., Sarah Malone, Elizabeth Richardson, Jacob Cheadle, and **Deadric T. Williams**. 2015. "Perceived Discrimination and Markers of Cardiovascular Risk among Low-Income African American Youth." *American Journal of Human Biology* 27: 546-552

Williams, Deadric T., Jacob E. Cheadle, and Bridget J. Goosby. 2015. "Hard Times and Heart Break: Linking Economic Hardship and Relationship Distress." *Journal of Family Issues* 36: 924-950

Cheadle, Jacob E., Michael Stevens, **Deadric T. Williams**, and Bridget J. Goosby. 2013. "The Differential Contributions of Teen Drinking Homophily to New and Existing Friendships: An Empirical Assessment of Assortative and Proximity Selection Mechanisms." *Social Science Research* 42: 1297-1310

Cheadle, Jacob E. and **Deadric T. Williams**. 2013. "The Role of Drinking in New and Existing Friendships across High School Settings." *Health* 5: 18-25

BOOK CHAPTERS

Williams, Deadric T., Bridget Goosby, and Jacob E. Cheadle. 2022. "Stress Related Biomarkers Methods in Family Research." in *Sourcebook on Family Theories and Methodologies*. Editors: Kari Adamsons, April Few-Demo, Chris Proulx, and Kevin Roy.

Williams, Deadric T. 2020. "Racial Inequality in Poverty Reconsidered: Postcolonial Critiques and Critical Race Possibilities" in *Introduction to Africana Demography: Lessons from Founders E. Franklin Frazier, W.E.B. Du Bois and the Atlanta School of Sociology*. Editor: Lori L. Martin.

Williams, Deadric T. (2016). "Living In (and Out) of Poverty: Health Implications for Couples with Young Children" in *Reducing Health Disparities: Research updates from the field*. Vol. 2, edited by K. Dombrowski & K. Gocchi Carrasco. New York: Syron Design Academic Publishing.

BOOK REVIEW

Williams, Deadric T. Forthcoming. "AntiBlackness as Central to Modernity." Book Review of *Antiblackness*, edited by Moon-Kie Jung and João H. Costa Vargas. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2021. *Contemporary Sociology*.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Baker, Regina S. and **Deadric T. Williams**. “Racial Inequality and Poverty.” *Annual Review of Sociology*.

- *Invited Submission*

Williams, Deadric T., Michael Curtis, Todd Jensen, and Joshua Boe. “What Is QuantCrit Doing In a Nice Field Like Family Science?” *Journal of Marriage and Family*

- *Invited Submission*

Todd M. Jensen, **Deadric T. Williams**, Luke T. Russell, Caroline Sanner, and Sarah Mitchell. “Anti-Racist Methods in the Study of Family Structure.”

Sanner, Caroline, **Deadric T. Williams**, and Todd M. Jensen. “Anti-Racist Theorizing in the Study of Family Structure.”

Williams, Deadric T. and Regina S. Baker. “Income Heterogeneity among Black Families: Behavioral Explanations versus Tract-Level Racialized Space.”

Williams, Deadric T. and Laura Simon. “Cumulative Risks, Tract-Level Racialized Space, and Relationship Quality among Black Parents.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Op-Ed

Nicole Sussner Rodgers and **Deadric T. Williams**. 2020. “Scholars of Poverty and Inequality Face Their Own Racial Reckoning.” *The Nation*.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/poverty-racial-inequality/>

Deadric T. Williams and Armon Perry. 2020. “When Police Stop Black men, the Effects Reach into their Homes and Families.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/when-police-stop-black-men-the-effects-reach-into-their-homes-and-families-144321>

Podcasts

<https://dothework.podbean.com/e/race-doesn-t-exist-without-racism-deadric-williams-phd/>

<https://www.audible.com/pd/S1E54-Families-Poverty-and-Inequality-Podcast/B09NRXR348>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/season-3-ep-10-black-history-month-part-1-the-risk/id1479556095?i=1000550439140>

Interviews on Teaching & Research

https://www.dailynbraska.com/news/unl-sociology-professor-inspires-students-to-persevere-through-hard-times/article_42a65c96-407b-11e9-a5b7-4fcb33fb18a9.html

<https://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/today/article/williams-talks-finding-cultivating-a-passion-on-faculty-101/>

<https://www.wbir.com/article/news/local/black-families-impacted-when-father-stopped-by-police-study-shows/51-ad52b576-00dc-42d2-93ea-92c7a4840388>

<https://www.jbhe.com/2016/07/black-scholar-at-the-university-of-nebraska-examines-family-hardship-and-stress/>

Newsletter Entry for ASA's section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility

Deadric T. Williams. 2021. "Centering Racism, not Race, in Racial Inequality Research."

Deadric T. Williams. 2020. "COVID-19, Racial Ideologies, and Racial Inequities."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panelist. "Racial Arithmetic: New Empirical, Theoretical, and Methodological Directions in the Quantification of Race." American Sociological Association. (August 2022).

Session Organizer. "Race/Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Status, and Family Inequality." American Sociological Association. (August 2022).

Discussant. "Race, Ethnicity and Families." Population Association of America (April 2022).

Co-presenter. Todd M. Jensen, **Deadric T. Williams**, Luke T. Russell, Caroline Sanner, and Sarah Mitchell. "Anti-Racist Methods in the Study of Family Structure." National Conference on Family Relations. (November 2021).

Co-presenter. Sanner, Caroline, **Deadric T. Williams**, and Todd M. Jensen. "Anti-Racist Theorizing in the Study of Family Structure." National Conference on Family Relations. (November 2021).

Co-presenter. **Williams, Deadric T.** and Regina S. Baker. "Income Heterogeneity among Black Families: Resource Perspectives versus Tract-Level Racialized Space." National Conference on Family Relations. (November 2021).

Presenter. "Income Heterogeneity among Black Mothers: Behavioral Perspectives versus Racialized Space" with Regina Baker. American Sociological Association. (August 2021).

Session Chair. "Race, Ethnicity, and Families." Population Association of America. (May 2021).

Presenter. "Linking Experiences of Racial Discrimination to Sense of Self and Marital Functioning." Chalandra Bryant, Christiana Awosan, and **Deadric T. Williams.** *National Council on Family Relations.* (November 2020).

Presenter. "Economic Hardship, Racial Discrimination, and Relationship Quality: The Mediating Role of Love and Trust." Deadric T. Williams and Chalandra Bryant. *National Council on Family Relations.* (November 2020).

Presenter. “Racial Inequality in Poverty in the U.S., 1993-2017. Regina S. Baker, David Brady, Zachary Parolin, and **Deadric T. Williams**. *American Sociological Association* (August 2020).

Presenter. “Effects of Interpersonal Discrimination on Minority College Students’ Loneliness: Does Racial Identity Matter? Cardwell, Marissa, Joseph Jochman, **Deadric T. Williams**, Bridget Goosby, and Jacob E. Cheadle. *American Sociological Association*. (August 2019).

Presenter. “Decolonizing Family Sociology: Rethinking Race, Family Structure, and Poverty.” With Regina Baker. *Population Association of America*. (April 2019).

Presenter. “Stability in Physiological Synchronicity on Salivary Cortisol and α -Amylase among African American Couples.” **Williams, Deadric T.**, Marissa Cardwell, Jessica L. Calvi, Bridget J. Goosby, Jacob E. Cheadle. *The 2019 Institute for Interdisciplinary Salivary Bioscience Research Virtual Salivary Bioscience Conference*.

Presenter. “More than Just Incarceration: Law Enforcement Contact & Relationship Quality among African American Fathers.” *Association for Black Sociologists* (August 2018)

Presenter. “A Racialized Social Systems Approach to Families: Re-assessing Race, Inequality, and Marriage.” *Southern Sociological Society* (April, 2018)

Roundtable. “Capturing Couple Desire: Do Couple Agreement, Type of Desire, and Her Accuracy All Matter for Heterosexual Couples in the U.S?” Sela R. Harcey, Colleen M. Ray, Julia McQuillan, Arthur Greil, and **Deadric T. Williams**. *American Sociological Association* (August 2017)

Presenter. “Cumulative Risk & Couples’ Relationship Quality: Are There Race & Ethnic Differences?” *Eastern Sociological Society* (February 2017)

Presenter. “Economic Hardship and Depressive Symptoms among Couples after the Birth of a Child: A Longitudinal Approach” with Dr. Jacob E. Cheadle, *American Sociological Association* (March 2013)

Presenter. “Hard Times and Heart Break: Linking Economic Hardship and Relationship Distress” with Dr. Jacob E. Cheadle, *Midwest Sociological Association* (March 2012)

INVITED LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS/PANELS

Keynote Speaker. (Fall 2022). “Racism and the Mechanisms Maintaining Racial Stratification in the United States.” *National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)*

Invited Talk. (Fall 2022). “Racism and Mechanisms Maintaining Black Families’ Income Inequality.” *Cedeplar in Brazil*.

Invited Panelist. (Fall 2022). “Racism and Health External Expert Workshop.” *Rutgers University*.

Invited Race & Ethnicity Graduate Workshop Presentation. (Spring 2022). Department of Sociology, *University of Notre Dame*

Invited Talk. (Spring 2022). “Racism and Mechanisms Maintaining Black Families’ Income Inequality.”
 Maryland Population Research Center, *University of Maryland*
 Minnesota Population Center, *University of Minnesota*
 Department of Sociology, The Race Workshop, *Duke University*
 Department of Sociology, *Indiana University*
 Department of Africana Studies, *DePauw University*

Invited Talk. (Fall 2021). “Racism and Mechanisms Maintaining Black Families’ Income Inequality.”
 Population Research Center, *University of Texas at Austin*

Invited Presentation for Fragile Families Workshop. (Fall 2021). “Understanding Black Families’ Income Heterogeneity: Family Structure, Education, and Racialized Space. *Joint Seminar with Princeton University and Columbia University*

Invited Talk. (Fall 2021). “Race and Family Inequality.” Multicultural Greek Council. *University of Tennessee, Knoxville.*

Invited Talk. (Spring 2021). “Looking for Race Differences in all the Wrong (and Racist) Places: Shifting from Essentialist to Social Interpretations of Race.” *Lehman College*

Invited Talk. (Spring 2021). “TRiO Lights of Success.” *Mississippi State University*

Invited Panelist. (Spring 2021). “#BLM and the Popular Imagination.” *Austin Peay State University*

Invited Talk. (Fall 2020). “Family structure, Risks, and Racial Inequality in Poverty: The Role of Racial Stratification.” *Center for Family and Demographic Research. Bowling Green State University.*

Invited Talk. (Fall 2020). “Family structure, Risks, and Racial Inequality in Poverty: The Role of Racial Stratification.” *Department of Child & Family Studies. University of Tennessee-Knoxville.*

Invited Talk. (Spring 2020). “The Sounds of the Police: Law Enforcement Contact and Black Fathers’ Familial Relationships.” *California State University, Chico*

Invited Talk. (Fall 2019). “Racial Literacy for Pre-service Teachers.” *University of Nebraska-Lincoln.*

Invited Talk. (Fall 2019). “Decolonizing Racial Inequality in Poverty Research: Theorizing Race & Rethinking Family Structure.” *Mississippi State University.*

Invited Talk. (Spring 2019). “Stability in Physiological Synchronicity on Salivary Cortisol and α -Amylase among African American Couples.” *Rice University*

Panelist. New Faculty Orientation. (Fall 2017). “Tales from the Other Side: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of the First Year.” *University of Nebraska - Lincoln*

Keynote Speaker. (Fall 2016). “Black Leadership Symposium.” “Free Yourself: Breaking the Shackles of Oppression. Hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. *University of Nebraska - Lincoln*

Advisory Board for Structural Racism Grant (Fall 2021)

University of Texas at Austin

Grant Reviewer (Spring 2020)

Secondary Analyses of Strengthening Families Datasets Grants Program. 2020. Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation in the Administration for Children and Families.

Book Prospectus Reviewer for Routledge (Fall 2019)**Editorial Activities**

Special Issue Editor (2021-2022), Journal of Marriage & Family

Associate Editor (2021-2022), Family Process

Editorial Board (2020-2022), Journal of Health & Social Behavior

Editorial Board (2020-2024), The Sociological Quarterly

Review Editor (2018-present), Issues in Race & Society

Ad hoc reviewer for Journal of Marriage & Family, Journal of Family Psychology, Journal of Family Issues, Family Process, Comparative Population, Journal of Social & Personal Relationships, American Sociological Review, Journal of Health & Social Behavior, Society & Mental Health, Population Research & Policy Review, Social Problems, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, Journal of Family Theory and Research, The Sociological Quarterly, Social Forces

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

Association of Black Sociologists

National Council on Family Relations

Southern Sociological Society

Population Association of America

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE ADVISING

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Deonte Hughes, *Thesis Chair*, (Sociology, *completed*)

Bryan Clayborne, *Thesis Committee Member* (Sociology, *completed*)

Meagan Stewart, *Thesis Committee Member* (Child and Family Studies, *completed*)

Abigail Tobias-Lauerman, *Dissertation Committee Member* (Sociology, *in progress*)

Ashlynn Hodges, *Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member* (Health Equity, *completed*)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Marissa Cardwell, *Thesis Chair*, (Sociology, *completed*)

Mackensie Minniear, *Dissertation Committee Member* (Communications Studies, *completed*)

Chelsea Richardson, *Dissertation Committee Member* (Philosophy, *completed*)

Eli Ornelas, *Thesis Committee Member* (Sociology, *completed*)