

# DEADRIC T. WILLIAMS

## CURRICULUM VITA

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

*Joint Faculty 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

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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

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

### GRANTS

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. *Funded*. 2020. “Examining Association between Poor Marital Functioning and Stress Eating Behaviors that Exacerbate Weight Gain.” Co-PI (\$631,138)

UCLA Marriage and Close Relationships Lab. *Not Funded*. 2020. “Understanding the Longitudinal Linkages between Communication Processes, Relationship Satisfaction, and Cumulative Risks.” Co-PI.

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)

National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD). *Not Funded*. 2016.  
 “The Effects of Welfare Bans for Drug Felony Convictions on Men’s Well-being, Employment, and Families Formal and Informal Support.” PA-16-161. Co-PI.

## FELLOWSHIPS

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

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

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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\*graduate student

**Williams, Deadric T.** *Forthcoming*. “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 Regina Baker. *Forthcoming*. “Family Structure, Risks, and Racial Stratification in Poverty.” *Social Problems*

**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

*Media coverage by The Conversation:* <https://theconversation.com/when-police-stop-black-men-the-effects-reach-into-their-homes-and-families-144321>

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

**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 and 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

*Media coverage by the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education: <https://www.jbhe.com/2016/07/black-scholar-at-the-university-of-nebraska-examines-family-hardship-and-stress/>*

*An earlier version of this paper received 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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**Williams, Deadric T.**, Bridget Goosby, and Jacob E. Cheadle. *Forthcoming*. "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.

## UNDER REVIEW

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Regina S. Baker, David Brady, Zachary Parolin, and **Deadric T. Williams**. "The Enduring Significance of Ethno-Racial Inequalities in Poverty in the U.S., 1993-2017. *Population Research and Policy Review*

Kanter, J. B., **Williams, D. T.**, & Rauer, A. J. Strengthening lower-income families: Lessons learned from policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. *Family Process*

## **PAPERS IN PROGRESS**

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**Williams, Deadric T.** and Regina S. Baker. “Income Heterogeneity among Black Mothers in Fragile Families: Behavioral Perspectives versus Racialized Space.”

Oliver, M. L., Jochman, J., **Williams, D. T.**, Goosby, B. J. & Cheadle, J. E. “Interpersonal discrimination and loneliness in students of color at predominantly white institutions: Does racial identity matter?” *Social Psychological and Personality Science*

Oliver, Marissa\*, Laura Simon, and **Deadric T. Williams.** “Convergent Destinies: Education, Neighborhood Disadvantage, and Self-Rated Health among Black Mothers.” *Ethnicity & Disease*

Oliver, Marissa\*, Joseph Jochman, **Deadric T. Williams**, Bridget Goosby, Jacob. “Racial Discrimination, Anger, and Anxiety and the Role of Nationalist Identities.”

**Williams, Deadric T.** Marissa Cardwell, Jessica L. Calvi, Bridget J. Goosby, Jacob E. Cheadle. “Stability in Physiological Synchronicity on Salivary Cortisol and  $\alpha$ -Amylase among African American Couples.”

Bryant, Chalandra and **Deadric T. Williams.** “Discrimination and Black Couples’ Relationship Quality.”

## **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY & OTHER WRITINGS**

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Deadric T. Williams. 2021. “Centering Racism, not Race, in Racial Inequality Research.” Newsletter Entry for ASA’s section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility.

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>

Deadric T. Williams. 2020. “COVID-19, Racial Ideologies, and Racial Inequities.” Newsletter Entry for ASA’s section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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*Presenter.* “Income Heterogeneity among Black Mothers in Fragile Families: 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  $\alpha$ -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)

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## INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

*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  $\alpha$ -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*

*Keynote Speaker.”* (Fall 2015). “Third Annual Convocation “Great Works are Performed not by Strength, but by Perseverance.” Hosted by Student Support Services/Trio. *Metropolitan Community College*

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **The University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Minority Health Disparities Initiative (2014 –2016)

Research Intern, Public Policy Center (2011)

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology (2010 – 2014)

### **Mississippi State University**

Instructor, Department of Sociology and Social Work (2007-2009)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Social Work (2006-2007)

Research Assistant, Social Science Research Center (2006-2007)

Graduate Assistant, Office of Admissions and Scholarships (2006)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Family	(Spring 2020; Spring 2021)
Critical Race & Ethnicity	(Fall 2020; Spring 2021)
Racism & Black Families	(Fall 2020)

### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Intro. to Sociology	(Fall 2016 – Fall 2019)
Family Diversity	(Spring 2018)
Grad Seminar in Health	(Fall 2018)
Social Problems	(Spring 2019; Fall 2019)
Seminar in Race & Racisms	(Fall 2019)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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**Spit Camp at the Center for Brain, Biology, and Behavior (CB3)** (*University of Nebraska – Lincoln, 2016*)

**Fragile Families & Child Well-Being Data Workshop** (*Columbia University, 2014*)

**Inter-Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)** (*Univ. of Michigan, 2007 & 2012*)

Regression Analysis I & II	Maximum Likelihood Estimation
Categorical Data Analysis	Structural Equation Modeling
Introduction to R Programming	

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

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### Grant Reviewer

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

### Editorial Activities

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

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

Editorial Board (2020-2024), *The Sociological Quarterly*

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

Advisory Editor (2021-20224), *Family Process*

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*

### Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association  
Association of Black Sociologists  
National Council on Family Relations  
Southern Sociological Society  
Population Association of America

## **UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE ADVISING**

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### **University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

Bryan Clayborne, *Thesis Committee Member* (Sociology, *completed*)  
Abigail Tobias-Lauerma, *Dissertation Committee Member* (Sociology, *in progress*)  
Meagan Stewart, *Thesis Committee Member* (Child and Family Studies, *in progress*)

### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

Marissa Cardwell, *Masters 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*)