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EDUCATION:

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Social Work and Department of Sociology

Joint Doctoral Program, PhD in Social Work and Sociology

Expected graduation date: April 2021

Masters Social Work (MSW), Interpersonal Practice and Mental Health

Minor: Social Policy and Evaluation

December 2014

Bachelor of Arts (B.A), Sociology

College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

April 2013

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE:

Co-chairs

Jamie Mitchell

Alford young Jr.

Members

David Cordova

Renee Anspach

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE:

Masters of Social Work Limited License (ID #: 6801097727); State of Michigan

RESEARCH INTEREST:

- Black/African American Boys
- Mental Health and Depression
- Punishment and Criminalization
- Help-seeking and service utilization

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Published or In-Press

1. Watkins, D. C., Goodwill, J. R., Johnson, N. C., Casanova, A., Wei, T., Allen, J. O., **Williams, E. G.**, Anyiwo, N., Jackson, Z., Talley, L. M., & Abelson, J. M. (In Press). An online behavioral health intervention promoting mental health, manhood, and social support for Black men: The YBMen project. *American Journal of Men's Health*.
2. Mitchell, J., **Williams, E. G.**, Perry, R., & Lobo, K. (2019). "You Have to Be Part of the Process": A Qualitative Analysis of Older African American Men's Primary Care Communication and Participation. *American Journal of Men's Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1557988319861569>

3. Mitchell, J., Hawkins, J., **Williams, E. G.**, Eggly, S., & Albrecht, T. L. (2019). Decoding the Role of Companions in Supporting the Health Communication of Older African-American Men with Cancer. *Journal of Patient Experience*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2374373519844098>
4. Goodwill, J. R., Anyiwo, N., **Williams, E. G.**, Johnson, N. C., Mattis, J. S., & Watkins, D. C. (2018). Media representations of popular culture figures and the construction of Black masculinities. *Psychology of Men & Masculinity*. Advance online publication. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/men0000164>
5. Mitchell, J. A., Johnson-Lawrence, V., **Williams, E. G.**, & Thorpe, R. (2017). Characterizing Mobility Limitations Among Older African American Men. *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 0(0). <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnma.2017.05.002>
6. Mitchell, J, Cadet, T, Burke, S, **Williams, E. G** & Alvarez, D. (2017). The Paradoxical Impact of Companionship and on the Mental Health of Older African American Men. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B*, gbx089, <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbx089>
7. Miller, R., D. Patton, and **E. Williams** (2015) Rethinking Reentry. *Offender Programs Report* 19 (1) 1- 4.

Book Chapters

8. Harding, D. J., Morenoff, J. D., Dobson, C. C., Lane, E. R., Opatovsky, K., **Williams, E.**, & Wyse, J. J. B. (2015). Families, prisoner reentry, and reintegration. In L. M. Burton, D. Burton, S. M. McHale, V. King, & J. Van Hook (Eds.), *Boys and Men in African American Families*. New York: Springer.

Publications under Review

9. **Williams, E. G.**, Watkins, D., Mitchell, J. (2018) Social Work Role in Black Boys Mental Health: A Systematic Review of Black Boy's Mental Health Research. *Youth Services Review*
10. Mitchell, J, **Williams, E. G.** & Tarraf, W (2019). Identifying Disparities in the Experience of Patient-Centered Care and Communication between Non-Latino White and Black Men: Results from the Medical Expenditures Panel Survey. *Patient Education and Counseling*

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

11. **Williams, E. G.** (2018). Forced Manhood: The Removal of Adolescence and the Veil of Innocence. *YBMen Project E-Newsletter, Vol 1. (3)*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ybmenproject.com/so/bM08TMVZ#/main>

Publications under Development

Williams, E.G., Watkins, D. (2019) Black Boys Perceptions of Depression and Mental Health: Findings from the YBMen Project

Williams, E. G. (2019). The intersection of mental health and institutional punishment: Unpacking the medico-legal borderland in the experiences of Black boys.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant

Evaluation of trauma informed interventions in youth residential facility

2018 –Present

University of Washington/University of Michigan/Wayne State University

PI: Angelique Day, PhD

This project was an evaluation of an already established trauma informed intervention, known as Monarch in a youth residential facility that houses court involved youth. I have been responsible for assisting with focus groups, developing initial coding scheme for qualitative data and consulting on modifications to the intervention curriculum.

Project Manager

2016 - 2018

Patient-Doctor Communication with African American Men

University of Michigan School of Social Work

PI: Jamie Mitchell, PhD

A qualitative research study that investigates Black men's communication and experiences with primary care and health specialist. I worked as the project manager for this project. My responsibilities included collaborating with the PI for development and submission, developing the interview questionnaire, introduction and recruitment script, training research team in conducting a qualitative semi-structured interview as well as conducting interviews along with the research team. I additionally managed collected data and completed the initial coding scheme for data analysis.

Research Associate

2015 - present

Young Black Men, Masculinities, and Mental Health (YBMen) Project

University of Michigan School of Social Work

PI: Daphne C. Watkins, PhD

The YBMen project is an educational and social support program designed for young Black men. It uses popular social media sites to deliver mental health information and materials to young Black men in the form of current pop culture, while also fostering a community of social support in private space for these men. I have worked as a research associate for YBMen since 2015 taking part in recruitment, consulting on data collection tools both qualitative questionnaires and quantitative interviews, conducting qualitative interviews, proctoring the social media sites and consulting on material that is distributed through the site.

Focus Group Facilitator

2015

University wide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative

University of Michigan

PI: President and Provost Office

I was responsible for facilitating and conducting focus groups with various programs throughout the University of Michigan as part of the University of Michigan implementation of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative directed by University President, Mark Schlissel.

Research Assistant

2015

Prisoner Reentry and Residential Trajectories

University of Michigan Department of Sociology

PI: Jeffrey Morenoff, PhD and David Harding, PhD

Professor Morenoff conducted a longitudinal qualitative study of former inmates. He conducted on-going interviews with 40 former inmates over a three year period. The interviews investigated the participant's residential trajectories and interactions with the criminal justice system over the first three years of their initial release. I was responsible for coding data using an already established coding scheme.

Research Assistant

2014

University of Michigan - Curtis Center Program Evaluation Group

PI: Joseph Ryan, PhD and Brian Peron, PhD

Conducted case file reviews of currently incarcerated juvenile offenders in the state of Michigan as a part

of a larger project investigating mental health and substance abuse rates among youth in the juvenile justice system in Michigan. I additionally completed data entry into SPSS and assisted in data cleaning.

Research Assistant

University of Michigan School of Social Work

2014 – 2015

Rethinking Prisoner Reentry

PI: Reuben Miller, PhD

I conducted qualitative research on prisoner reentry organizations in Detroit, MI and Chicago, IL. I was responsible for coding qualitative data and developing a MS excel database where this data would be centralized. Additionally, I designed maps of reentry organizations using ArcGIS and overlaid census data on maps (e.g., income, racial demographics, employment, & crime rates)

PRESENTATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

1. Symposium Organizer and Discussant. **Black Boys in Context**. Society for Social Work Research. Washington D.C.
 - a. **Williams, E.G.**, Watkins, D. (2019) Black Boys Perceptions of Depression and Mental Health: Findings from the YBMen Project. Society for Social Work Research. Washington D.C.
2. **Williams, E. G.**, Watkins, D., Mitchell, J. (2019) Social Work Role in Black Boys Mental Health: A Systematic Review of Black Boy’s Mental Health Research. Society for Social Work Research. San Francisco, CA
3. Mitchell, J., Thompson, H., **Williams, E. G.**, Lobo, K. (2018) A Qualitative Analysis of E-Health Use Among African American Cancer Survivors. International Conference on Communication in Healthcare. Porto, Portugal.
4. **Williams, E.G.**, Mitchell J (2018) the Intersection of Pain, Mental Health, and Functional Ability for Older African American Men. Society of Social Work Research. Washington, D.C.
5. Tarraf, W., Mitchell, J., **Williams, E.G.** (2018) Healthcare Experiences of African American and Non-Latino White Males. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting Expo: Creating the Healthiest Nation. Atlanta, GA
6. **Williams, E. G.** (2017) *Predictors of Chronic Interfering Pain among Older African American Men and the Unique Role of Mental Health*. American Men’s Studies Association: 25th Annual Conference on Men and Masculinities American Men’s Studies Association. Ann Arbor, MI.
7. **Williams, E. G.** (2016) *Mental Health and Depression amongst Older Black Men: A Life Course Perspective*. Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research Community Outreach. Detroit, MI

Invited Presentations

8. **Williams, E. G.** (2017) Depression and Life Disruption in African Americans. Lunch and Learn with Healthier Black Elders Center via Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research

(MCUAAAR)

9. **Williams, E. G.** (2017) Mental Health of African American Men Black Male Symposium with Healthier Black Elders Center via Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR)
10. **Williams, E. G.** (2017) Intersectionality in Black Male Research: Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work. University of Michigan Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). Social Work Micro-Masters Initiative
11. **Williams, E. G.** (2017) Life in College & Introduction to sociology. Mock lecture and presentation to High School Freshmen. Mumford Academy Detroit, MI.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Guest Speaker on Adolescent Mental Health

Achieving College and Career Education (ACCE) Alternative Education Program	January 2020
Avondale Academy Alternative Education Program	January 2020
UM Depression Center Youth Peer to Peer Conference	December 2019

Consultant

2018 – Present

Center of Hope Family Services
Toledo, OH

Center of hope is an organization that provides services and advocacy to youth and their families that are navigating the juvenile justice system, struggling with behavioral issues and in need of child care. I have worked with them to complete a grant to the Lovell foundation to support research on parents with children in the juvenile justice system, mental health and stress levels.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Community youth behavioral therapist Washtenaw County	2016 - 2018
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Clinical Social Worker/Youth Behavioral Therapist Starr Commonwealth and Montcalm Schools - Albion, MI	2014 – 2015
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Lead Instructor	Spring 2019
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Sociology/CASC 495. Youth and Society
Independently developed course.

This course was developed on my own, all aspects of this course was conceptualized and developed by me. It has a primary focus on understanding the ways in youth are socialized, regulated and interact with our changing society. This class was offered for both undergraduate sociology and Community Action and Social Change (social work minor) credit.

Graduate Student Instructor

Fall 2018 / Winter 2019

Sociology 225. Project Community
Faculty Instructor: Rebecca Christenson, PhD

Responsible for leading two discussion sections per week in a hybrid service-learning course. Each student completed two hours a week of service-learning at a community site in either Washtenaw or Wayne County, MI. I graded writing assignments, developed individual lessons plan for each class, held office hours (2 hours per week) and was responsible for maintaining communication between students and their community sites.

Healthy Adolescent Living Classroom facilitator

2014 - 2015

Starr Commonwealth - Albion, Michigan

Led small classes in experimental integrative learning program. Presented sexual education courses to adolescents with neurological disorders (i.e. Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit, Learning Disabilities)

AWARDS AND FUNDING:

W. K Kellogg Family Endowed Fellowship \$10,000	2019-2020
Rackham Pre-doctoral Research Grant \$3,000	2019
Faculty Allies for Diversity Manuscript Writing Fellowship \$2,000	2018
Rackham International Travel Grant \$1,500	2018
Mary A. Rackham Institute Graduate Student Research Assistantship \$24,000 + Healthcare	2017
Geriatric Learning Community Small Fund Stipend \$4,000	2017
Bobbe & Jon Bridge Research Support Award for Research in Child Welfare \$5,000	2017
Rackham Summer Graduate Award \$4,000	2017
Vivian A. and James L. Curtis Endowed Scholarship \$15,000	2016-2017
Rackham Merit Fellowship \$24,000 + HealthCare	2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE WORK

University of Michigan School of Social Work Search/Hiring Committee	2017 - 2018
Social Work Doctoral Student Organization (DSO) - Chair	2016 – 2018
Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA) Summer Program	2015

POFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

UM School of Social Work Gender and Health Research Lab

Society for Social Work and Research

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)