

# ELIZABETH (ELI) WILLIAMS

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## EDUCATION

### **UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, *South Bend, IN***

- PhD in Sociology, expected May 2024

### **MEADVILLE LOMBARD THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, *Chicago, IL***

- Masters in Leadership Studies, May 2018 | 3.97 GPA

### **SMITH COLLEGE, *Northampton, MA***

- Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, May 2013 | Phi Beta Kappa | 3.91 GPA
- Study of Women and Gender major; Spanish minor; Archives Concentration.

### **UNIVERSIDAD DE CÓRDOBA, *Córdoba, Spain***

- Spring semester abroad 2012.
- Lived with a host family, completed coursework about gender and politics in Spain.
- Gained advanced proficiency in Spanish.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- For work on undergraduate senior thesis, was awarded the 2013 Jeanne McFarland Prize from the program for the Smith College Study of Women and Gender and the Project on Women and Social Change.
- Recipient of the Anita Volz Wien Global Scholars' Fund, which enabled work at a feminist non-profit in Córdoba, Spain from February-June of 2012.
- Winner of the Valeria Dean Burgess Stevens Prize for paper "Socialism in the YWCA Archives: How Religion Led to Radicalism." Only first-year to have received this prize from the program for the Study of Women and Gender at Smith College.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, *South Bend, IN***

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2019-2020

- Graduate teaching assistant for Dr. Elizabeth McClintock's course "Marriage and the Family."

### **JACOBSON CENTER FOR WRITING, TEACHING, AND LEARNING, *Northampton, MA***

Writing Tutor 2011

- Taught writing skills to Smith students, including first-years and English language learners.
- Attended weekly trainings with a team of tutors and staff.

### **EXPLORING NEW ENGLAND SUMMER PROGRAM, *Northampton, MA***

Professor's Assistant/Intern 2011

- Worked with a group of high school girls in a summer history camp.
- Planned activities, provided individual tutoring, served as an intermediary and advocate for students, aided professors in their lessons.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Gender and sexuality
- Historical sociology
- Social movements

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## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- American Sociological Association 2020 Annual Meeting
- Paper “I don’t want to be the victim no more.”: Lesbian History in South Bend, Indiana accepted for the session “Mapping LGBTQ Cultures and Subcultures.”

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **ELKHART GENERAL HOSPITAL, *Elkhart, IN***

Hospital Chaplain Intern

Jun – Aug 2018

- Visited, prayed, listened, and did crisis intervention work with over 300 patients.
- Developed a ministerial presence and completed one unit of clinical pastoral education.

### **THE LGBTQ CENTER, *South Bend, IN***

Executive Director

Oct 2015 – July 2017

- Led the non-profit through a revolution by renovating the space, and changing the organization’s name, website, logo, and mission statement.
- Developed a strong LGBTQ youth community through mentorship, drop-in hours, youth group, crisis prevention and intervention, and a peer-educator sexuality education class.
- Created a curriculum and hosted cultural competency trainings at local non-profits, schools, and businesses on becoming LGBTQ+ inclusive and affirming.
- Oversaw and trained facilitators for the Center’s eight support groups.
- Raised \$60,000 in grant funding in first year as Executive Director.
- Built intersectional partnerships throughout the region, created a local referral list of resources.
- Worked directly with diverse clients to find needed social services and community support.

### **PORTLAND ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER, *Portland, OR***

Archivist’s Assistant

Sep 2013 – April 2014

- Provided first contact with patrons, processed collections, aided reference archivist with research requests, maintained archival organizational system, learned about city government and Portland’s history.

### **SMITH COLLEGE, *Northampton, MA***

Quigley Research Fellow

Aug 2012 – June 2013

- Assisted Professor Paula Giddings in the development, research, and publicity for a symposium on human trafficking.
- Introduced Gloria Steinem for keynote.
- Transcribed her speech for publication in *Meridians: feminism, race, and transnationalism*.

### **SMITH COLLEGE, *Northampton, MA***

Research Assistant, Dr. Ibtissam Bouachrine

June – Aug 2012

- Assisted Spanish Professor Ibtissam Bouachrine in her book *Making Sense of Muslim Women*.
- Helped process research materials and edited manuscripts.

### **PLATAFORMA ANDALUZA DE APOYO AL LOBBY EUROPEO DE MUJERES, *Córdoba, Spain***

Intern, Programa de Estudios Hispánicos en Córdoba

Feb – June 2012

- Performed general office duties, attended feminist conferences, improved Spanish, visited local schools, and created presentations about violence against women and feminist legislation in Andalucía.

### **SOPHIA SMITH COLLECTION ARCHIVES, *Northampton, MA***

Intern, National Endowment for the Humanities

May 2011 – Jan 2012

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- Processed the papers for Ms. Magazine.
- Assisted in the preservation and organization of archival materials in the Sophia Smith Collection, one of the top three archives for women's history in the world.

## **ARCHIVES CONCENTRATION OF SMITH COLLEGE, *Northampton, MA***

Student Intern

Aug 2010 – May 2011

- Worked with Dr. Susan Van Dyne to create and maintain systems for the smooth functioning of the archives concentration.
- Research focused on expanding the possible matches between processed archival materials and course use across the faculty.
- Provided administrative and course support for core archives courses.

## **SMITH COLLEGE, *Northampton, MA***

Research Assistant, Dr. Nancy Whittier

May – Aug 2010

- Worked with Professor Nancy Whittier on her upcoming book exploring unlikely alliances in social movements, focusing on the sex wars of the 1980's and the Violence against Women Act.
- Honed research skills working with archival evidence, online databases, and congressional testimony.