

# ELI WILLIAMS

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## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, *South Bend, IN*

PhD, Sociology, 2024

*Dissertation:* "Ride or Die: Chosen Family Among LGBTQ+ People"

*Committee:* Abigail Ocobock (chair), Anna Haskins, Elizabeth McClintock, Joel Mittleman

Master of Arts, Sociology, August 2021

*Thesis:* "Transgender Inclusion and Exclusion Within the Women's March"

*Committee:* Abigail Ocobock (chair), Kraig Beyerlein, Elizabeth McClintock

*Qualifying exams:* Gender and Race/Ethnicity

MEADVILLE LOMBARD THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, *Chicago, IL*

Masters in Leadership Studies, May 2018

*GPA:* 3.97

SMITH COLLEGE, *Northampton, MA*

Bachelor of Arts, May 2013

*GPA:* 3.91

*Major:* Study of Women and Gender

*Minors:* Spanish; Archives Concentration

UNIVERSIDAD DE CÓRDOBA, *Córdoba, Spain*

Spring semester abroad 2012

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Gender and sexuality; Family; Social movements; Race and ethnicity

## PUBLICATIONS

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### WORKS UNDER CONTRACT

*"I don't want to be the victim no more.": Lesbian History in South Bend, Indiana*

Book manuscript under contract with Wolfson Press

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

"Transgender Individuals, the Pussyhat, and the Women's March" (Revise and resubmit at *Bulletin of Applied Transgender Studies*)

"Golden Handcuffs: Workplace Flexibility and Gender during the COVID-19 Lockdown" (Co-authored article with Abigail Ocobock, Manuscript in progress)

"Religion and South Bend, Indiana Pro-Choice Advocates" (Co-authored article with April Lidinsky, Manuscript in progress)

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“Intergenerational Tensions and Harmonies in Pro-Choice Activism” (Co-authored article with April Lidinsky, Manuscript in progress)

## PUBLIC AND TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

**Williams, Eli** and Hades Chanvanne. 2024. “Navigating the Hidden Curriculum”  
(<https://learning.nd.edu/stories/navigating-the-hidden-curriculum/>)

**Williams, Eli.** 2024 “Developing Your Teaching Persona: A Sociological Approach”  
(<https://learning.nd.edu/stories/developing-your-teaching-persona-a-sociological-approach/>)

**Williams, Eli.** 2023. “Seven Lessons on Ungrading.” *Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence.*  
(<https://learning.nd.edu/stories/seven-lessons-on-ungrading/>).

**Williams, Eli,** and April Lidinsky. 2022. “Learn From Early Organizers How To Protect Access to Abortion.” *Ms. Magazine.* (<https://msmagazine.com/2022/06/23/womens-history-organizers-abortion-before-roe-v-wade-the-janes/>).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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GENDER AND CULTURE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, *University of Notre Dame*  
Instructor of Record, Summer Scholars Program June-July 2024

KANEB CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, *University of Notre Dame*  
Graduate Teaching Consultant, Aug 2023-May 2024

INTRODUCTION TO GENDER STUDIES, *University of Notre Dame*  
Instructor of Record, January-May 2023

GENDER STUDIES TEACHING APPRENTICESHIP, *University of Notre Dame*  
Teaching Apprentice, Aug 2022-December 2022

MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY, *University of Notre Dame*  
Teaching assistant for Dr. Elizabeth McClintock, 2019-2021

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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INITIATIVE ON RACE AND RESILIENCE  
April, October 2023

INSTITUTE FOR SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LIBERAL ARTS  
November 2022

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FRAZIER THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP  
April 2022

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS  
December 2020, June 2022

## PRESENTATIONS

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### CONFERENCES

*Ride or Die: Chosen Family Among LGBTQ+ People*  
Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting  
January 2024

*“I don’t want to be the victim no more.”: Lesbian History in South Bend, Indiana*  
National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting  
October 2023

*Ride or Die: Chosen Family Among LGBTQ+ People*  
Sociologists for Women in Society Student and Junior Scholar Symposium  
October 2023

*Transgender Inclusion and Exclusion Within the Women’s March*  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting  
August 2021

*“I don’t want to be the victim no more”: Lesbian History in South Bend, Indiana*  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting  
August 2020

### INVITED TALKS

*Teaching in Your Future*  
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program  
May 2024

*Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in Education*  
Indiana University South Bend  
October 2023

*“No one’s going to tell me what kind of Christian I am”: Religion and Reproductive Justice in South Bend*  
Saint Mary’s College  
March 2023

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*“We Used to Say Even Mary Had a Choice”: Lessons from Abortion Advocacy in South Bend*  
Saint Mary’s College  
September 2022

## SERVICE

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Sociologists for Trans Justice Mentorship Committee, 2022-2023

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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The G. Margaret Porter Gender Studies Graduate Writing Award for the best thesis chapter, dissertation chapter, journal article, or book chapter, May 2024

Phi Beta Kappa, Smith College, May 2013

Magna cum laude, Smith College, May 2013

Jeanne McFarland Prize, Smith College Study of Women and Gender and the Project on Women and Social Change, May 2013

Anita Volz Wien Global Scholars’ Fund, 2012

Valeria Dean Burgess Stevens Prize, May 2010

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

*Notre Dame, IN*

Research Assistant, Dr. Abigail Ocobock

August 2021-present

### THE LGBTQ CENTER

*South Bend, IN*

Executive Director

October 2015 – July 2017

LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency Trainings Facilitator

*South Bend, IN*

October 2015- July 2017

Led trainings for Camp Eberhart, Ivy Tech, League of Women Voters, Memorial Epworth, Oaklawn, Real Services, Smoke Free Saint Joe, United Way, and the YWCA.

Portland Archives and Records Center

*Portland, OR*

Archivist’s Assistant

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September 2013 – April 2014

Sophia Smith Collection Archives

*Northampton, MA*

Intern, National Endowment for the Humanities

May 2011- January 2012

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association

National Women's Studies Association

Sociologists for Trans Justice

Sociologists for Women in Society

## REFERENCES

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DR. PAM BUTLER

Associate Director, Gender Studies Program

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Dr. Darryl Heller

Director, Civil Rights Heritage Center

Indiana University South Bend

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DR. APRIL LIDINSKY

Director, Masters of Liberal Studies

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