

# RACHEL WILLIAMS

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## EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley** | *Berkeley, CA*  
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Education  
Program: Policy and Organizations Research
- Vanderbilt University** | *Nashville, TN*  
Master of Public Policy (MPP), 2015  
Concentration: Education Policy
- Dillard University** | *New Orleans, LA*  
Bachelor of Arts (BA), Psychology, 2013

## ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- University of Pennsylvania Predoctoral Fellowship**, *Awardee* 2021-2022
- National Academy of Education (NAEd)/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship**, *Semi-finalist* 2021
- David L. Clark Scholar**, AERA & UCEA 2020
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship**, *Honorable Mention* 2019
- Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study**, University of California, Berkeley 2016-2021
- Competitive university-wide multi-year fellowship for doctoral studies
- William Sutton Prize**, Dillard University 2013
- Awarded each year to two graduating seniors who best embody the character of alumnus Dr. William Sutton through the combined ideals of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and friendship

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Researcher**, University of California, Berkeley 2020-2021
- Project Title:* "Necessary Evil or Public Good? The Origins of the Contemporary Early Care and Education Debate in the U.S."
- Principal Investigator:* Dr. Marcy Whitebook
- Conducting archival research on Black women's role in advancing Black kindergartens and the critical juncture of the addition of kindergarten to the public education system and implications for contemporary market-based early care and education system
- Graduate Student Researcher**, University of California, Berkeley 2017-2019
- Project Title:* "Intermediary Organizations and Educational Policy: A Mixed Methods Study of the Political Contexts of Research Utilization"
- Principal Investigators:* Dr. Janelle Scott, Dr. Elizabeth DeBray, and Dr. Christopher Lubienski
- Conducted interviews, coded interview transcripts, and developed preliminary findings

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Instructor**, University of California, Berkeley 2019
- Undergraduate Course: The Politics of Education Inequality

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Assistant**, University of California, Berkeley 2018-2019
- Center for Democracy and Organizing
- Provided logistical support for the development of the center's 2019 Summer Institute, which cultivates collaborative partnerships between researchers and organizers committed to movement building

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book Reviews

- Trujillo, T., **Williams, R.E.**, & Kissell, R.E. (2019). Review: Takeover: Race, Education, and American Democracy by Domingo Morel. *American Journal of Education*.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Williams, R.E. (2020). The Political Economy of Subprime Education: Charter Schools and Black Communities. *Submitted August 2020, currently under review.*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Williams, R.E.** (2021, April 9-12). Uncovering the Black Geographic: The Politics of Charter Expansion in the Southern City. [Paper Presentation]. AERA Annual Meeting (Virtual).
- Lu, A. & **Williams, R. E.** (2021, April 9-12). Charter Board Membership in Post-Takeover Southern Cities: Transferring Reform Scripts through Networks of Racialized Power. [Roundtable Session]. AERA Annual Meeting (Virtual).
- Lu, A. & **Williams, R.E.** (2020, Apr 17 - 21) State Takeover and Charter Expansion: Educational Visions Deferred? [Roundtable Session]. AERA Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA <http://tinyurl.com/qt9xxac> (Conference Canceled).
- Williams, R.E.** (2020, November 9-12). Education Policy Refusals: Exploring the Freedom Dreams of Educational Movements. [Paper Session]. American Studies Association Meeting Baltimore, MD. (Postponed).
- Williams, R.E.** (2020, Apr 17 - 21). The Political Economy of Charter Expansion: Deregulation, Discipline, and Black Communities [Symposium]. AERA Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA <http://tinyurl.com/r77dupy> (Conference Canceled).
- Williams, R.E.** (2019, November). The Political Economy of Subprime Education: Charter Schools and Black Communities. Paper Presentation at the University of Council for Educational Administration Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- Williams, R.E.** (2019, November). The Political Economy of Subprime Education: Charter Schools and Black Communities. Paper Presentation at the University Council for Educational Administration Convention Graduate Student Submit. New Orleans, LA.
- Williams, R.E.** (2019, September). Black Communities and Charter Schools: A Political Economic Analysis. Presentation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Black Communities Conference. Durham, NC.
- Wilson, M. & **Williams, R.E.** (2014, February). Teach-Ins as a Pedagogical Tool for Liberation: Uniting Campus Communities, Critically Deconstructing Media Representations, and Developing Dynamic Strategies for Community Activism. Presentation at the Columbia University Teacher's College Trayvon Martin Effect Conference. New York, NY.
- Lynch, R., Mosley, A., & **Williams, R.E.** (2012, May). Gender Neutral Housing at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Paper Presentation at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. New York, NY. *Non-presenting author.*

## Reports & Briefs

- Whitebook, M., & **Williams, R.E.** (2021). Anna Evans Murray: Visionary Leadership in Public Kindergartens and Teacher Training. Profiles in Early Education Leadership, No. 2. Berkeley, CA: Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California, Berkeley. <https://cscce.berkeley.edu/annae-murray/>.
- Williams, R.E.**, & Whitebook, M. (2021). Haydee B. Campbell: Expanding Education for Black Children and Opportunities for Black Women. Profiles in Early Education Leadership, No. 1. Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California, Berkeley. <https://cscce.berkeley.edu/haydee-b-campbell>.
- Wilson, F., Brown-Sims, M., Cockhren, J., **Williams, R.E.**, Elliott, F. (2019, June). Smart Black Tech Ecosystems: An In-Depth Analysis of Racial Equity in the Chicago Tech Sector. Black in Tech Mecca. <https://www.blacktechmecca.org/research>.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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| UC Berkeley African American Student Development Center Mentorship Program, Mentor | 2021 |
| UNCF/Walton K-12 Education Reform Fellowship Mentorship Program, Mentor            | 2021 |
| American Journal of Education, Student Board Member of AJE Forum                   | 2020 |
| Berkeley Review of Education, Lead Editor  | 2020 |

<b>Berkeley Review of Education</b> , Call for Conversations Coordinator	Fall 2019
<b>Berkeley Review of Education</b> , Editor	2018-2019
<b>Getting into Graduate School (GIGS)</b> , Graduate Student Mentor	2018-2019
<b>Empowering Women of Color Conference Committee</b> , Workshop & Vendor Coordinator	2016-2018

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Educational Research Association (AERA)	2016-2020
University Council of Education Administrators (UCEA)	2018-2019
American Studies Association (ASA)	2019-2020
AERA Division L (Education Policy and Politics) Graduate Student Representative	2018-2020