

Robert A. Williams:

Robert A. Williams is the current department chair, interim coordinator for the MFT program, and an Associate Professor of Counseling. He is a native St. Louisan, who has been educated and trained in Columbia (Missouri), Washington, D.C., Baltimore (Maryland), Miami (Florida), and San Francisco. He is a former Fulbright Fellow (2001-2002, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill).

Dr. Williams' graduate studies advisor was Chuck Borduin, who co-developed the empirically validated Multisystems Treatment model (e.g., Henggeler & Borduin, 1990). Williams later worked as an NIDA-funded post-doctoral José Szapocznik and Howard Liddle at the University of Miami's Center for Family Studies. More recently he was certified by the Center for Family Studies as Brief Strategic Family Therapist through Dr. Williams' affiliation with Asian American Recovery Services, Inc. (South San Francisco). Dr. Williams is a licensed clinical psychologist and actively practices family therapy at Asian American Recovery Services, Inc. and he maintains a modest private practice.

Dr. Williams' active mixed methods research focuses on the drug-use delinquency paradox. This is a pattern he noted in which African American teens, on average, have low rates of drug use, but relatively high rates of arrests and serious delinquency. Dr. Williams' 4-year NIMH funded grant explored cultural protective factors that prevent teens from getting involved in drug and alcohol use. He also explored what cultural factors may be breaking down in relation to the delinquency rate. He is also an active contributor to a culture-specific model of family therapy for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Awards:

- CSU Social Science Research and Instructional Council Award for the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program (2006)
- Minority Research Infrastructure Program: Faculty recipient (Spring 2003)
- Grants-In-Aid Dissertation Research Award: Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues a Division of the American Psychological Association (1995)
- Gus T. Ridgel Doctoral Fellowship (Inaugural Year): University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri (1988 to 1992)

Education & Training

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

M.A. Clinical Psychology, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

B.S. Psychology, Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Predoctoral Internship in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland.

Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Center for Treatment Research on Adolescent Drug Abuse and the Center for Family Studies, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, Florida.