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Odd to omit in which field here, but below says PhD in Social Work

Sometimes Institutes based at or supported by Universities file for existence also as a corp. or 501©3 (examples: White Institute for Biomedical Research at MIT in MA; Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown (in RI, at least it incorporated though no EIN# found so far), but IDVAAC here apparently operated 12 years as a NON-entity acting as though it were a real one, unfortunately a common practice which bypasses requirements for public accountability in the form of either tax returns or audited financial statements – ANNUAL – so sponsorships and funding sources outside direct university support (also not that easy to track down) remains UNKNOWN.

## Areas of Interest

Creating Effective Service Delivery Strategies That Will Reduce Violence Among African Americans

Ethnically Sensitive Practice, Fatherhood

This situation is unfair to the public; UMN is a public university. Throughout this time, presumably, Dr. Williams was on salary. What was the teaching load? WAS he teaching classes too?

## Research Interests

## Biography

Oliver J. Williams, Ph.D., Professor of School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, in St. Paul.

From June 1994 to September 2016 he was the Executive Director of the Institute on Domestic Violence

in the African American Community (IDVAAC). He has also served as the Director of the Safe Return

Initiative that addresses the issues of prisoner reentry and domestic violence from 2003-2016 and

Director of the African American Domestic Peace Project (AADPP) that works with community leaders

in 10 cities across the United States to address domestic violence. He has worked in the field of

domestic violence for more than thirty-five years. Dr. Williams is a clinical practitioner; working in

mental health, family therapy, substance abuse, child welfare, delinquency and sexual assault

programs. He has worked in battered women's shelters, developed curricula for batterers' intervention

programs and facilitated counseling groups in these programs. He has provided training across the

United States and abroad on research and service-delivery surrounding partner abuse.

What's interesting in this Biography is its complete absence to any mention of a professorship, associate professorship, or having responsibility for any students at the university, i.e., basic employee job requirements for the CEHD.

He has been appointed to several national advisory committees and task forces from the Center for Disease Control, U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Office on Women's

Health, and the U.S. Department of Education. He has been a board member of various domestic

violence and human service organization including the early days of the National Domestic Violence

Hotline and the National Family Justice Center Alliance Advisory Board, 2006 to 2016. In 2000, he was

appointed to the National Advisory Council on Domestic Violence by the U.S. Secretary of Health and

Human Services and U.S. Attorney General. In 2010 he hosted a roundtable on youth and violence for

the U.S. Attorney General and participated in a roundtable with the U.S. Attorney General on issues

Theres a diff. between ADVISORY Board and actual Board Anyhow, this alliance is in CA (San Diego) and has undergone a number of name changes.

TEXAS; it's a nonprofit on HHS support stream

(Probably Eric Holder, but why not name it and put a year to it?)

related to fatherhood. He also participated in a Whitehouse Roundtable on Fatherhood and Domestic Violence. He has conducted training for the U.S. Military Family Advocacy programs in the U.S. and abroad. He has presented to numerous Family Violence, Research and Practice organizations in the United States, Kenya, Canada, United Kingdom and Germany. In 2015 Dr. Williams was invited to speak at the United Nations about domestic violence among Africans in the United States and in Africa. His research and publications in scholarly journals, books, reports and DVD's have centered on creating service delivery strategies to reduce violent behavior and support victims of abuse. He has consulted with the NFL, MLB and NBA on issues related to domestic violence. Dr. Williams has received many awards among them include an award from the American Psychological Association, a International "Telly Award" for his documentary work; the National "Shelia Wellstone Institute Award" related to his National work on Domestic Violence and a Distinguish Alumni Award from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. Dr. Williams received a bachelor's degree in social work from Michigan State University; a Masters in Social Work from Western Michigan University; a Masters in Public Health and a PH.D in Social Work both from the University of Pittsburgh.

**NB: publications are all IN these media. Despite the PhD, Not one independently authored BOOK is referenced.**

**He does not appear to have any academic background outside of his majors**

**The biography is more current than Sep. 2016 but no publications after 2003 are even selected. Why not?**

## Selected Publications

Roger, B., McGee, G., Vann, A., Thompson, N., & Williams, O.J. (2003). Program development: The integration of substance abuse and domestic violence programs for women. *Violence Against Women Journal*. 9 (5), 590-598.

Bennett, L.B., & Williams, O.J. (2003). Substance abuse and men who batter: Issues in theory and practice. *Violence Against Women Journal*. 9 (5), 558-575.

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Griffin, L. W., & Williams, O. J. (1992). Abuse among African American elderly. *Journal of Family Violence*, 7 (1), 19-35.

Williams, O. J. (1992). Ethnically sensitive practice in enhancing treatment participation of the African American man who batters. *Families & Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services*, 73 (10), 588-595.

Williams, O. J., & Griffin, L. W. (1991). Elder abuse in the black family. In R. L. Hampton (Ed.), *Black family violence: Current research and theory* (pp. 117-127). Lexington, MA: Lexington Books.

Williams, O. J. (1990). The interaction of social learning and attribution & on spouse abuse. *Health and Social Policy*, 1 (2), 91-107.

**Despite the Institute's name, which includes the words "Domestic Violence" it seems Wms.' preferred terms are either "men who batter" or "spouse abuse" not "wife" or "woman" abuse (or battering, or violence). Use of "spouse" instead of a noun which might refer to WOMEN is an artificial neutrality (and doesn't take into account non-spouse/wife battering**

**Sole author articles:**

**ca. 5pp. in 1995**

**ca. 12pp. in 1994**

**ca. 7pp in 1993**

**ca. 7pp in 1992**

**ca. 16pp in 1990**

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