

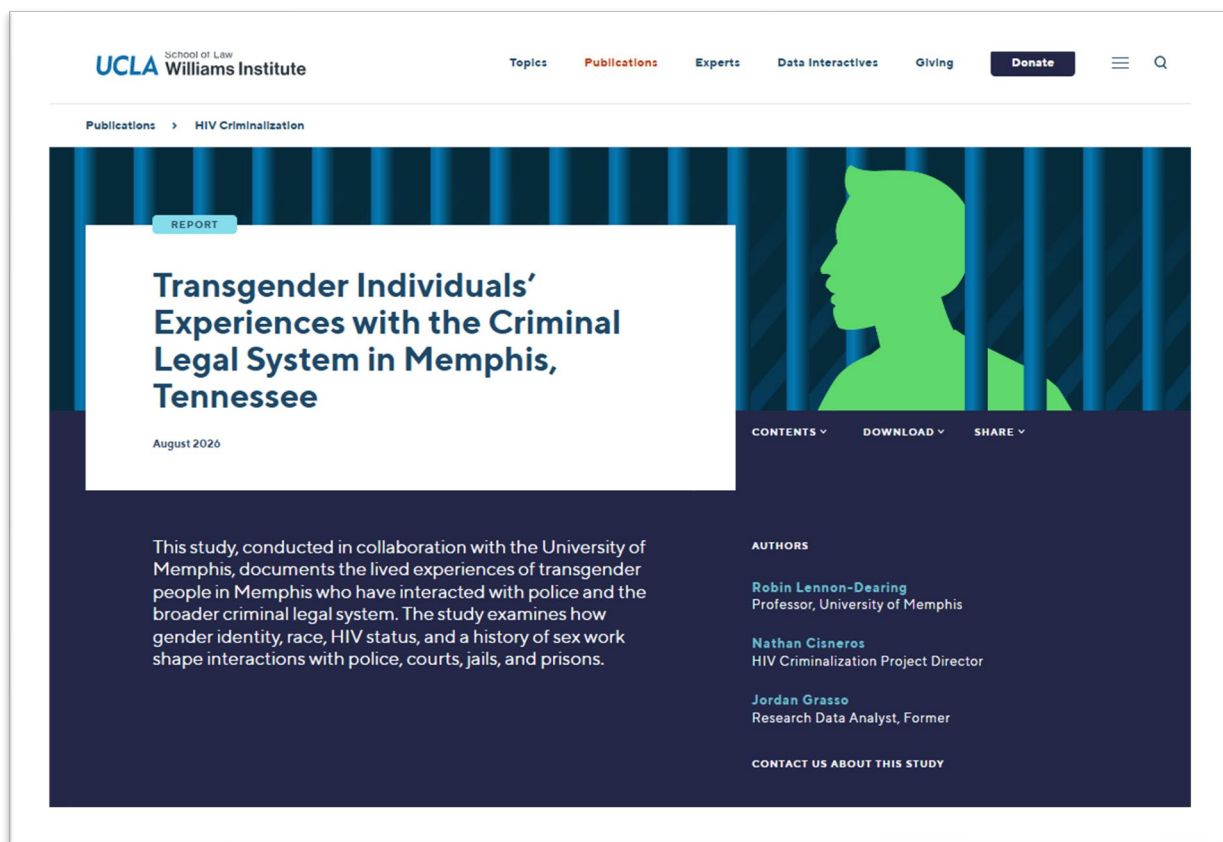
Announcement

New Williams Institute Report Examines Transgender Individuals' Experiences with the Criminal Legal System in Memphis

A new report from the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law examines the experiences of transgender people in Memphis who have interacted with police and the broader criminal legal system. **Robin Lennon-Dearing, PhD, MSW**, professor in the University of Memphis School of Social Work, is the study's lead author and received funding from the Williams Institute to conduct the Memphis research.

The report, *Transgender Individuals' Experiences with the Criminal Legal System in Memphis, Tennessee*, draws on focus groups and interviews with transgender and gender-diverse community members and examines their experiences with police, courts, incarceration, and barriers to safety.

Read the full report: <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/trans-hiv-memphis/>



I have been working on this study for the past two years, and I am very pleased to see the findings now published.

I am deeply grateful to the transgender and nonbinary participants who trusted us with their lived experiences and shared their stories so openly. Their experiences make clear how often transgender and nonbinary people encounter unnecessary disrespect, discrimination, and mistreatment simply while living their lives.

That treatment is unacceptable in any setting. It is especially troubling when it comes from the very people and systems that are supposed to provide protection and safety.

I hope this report helps bring greater attention to these experiences and contributes to meaningful change.

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