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In her teaching roles, Williams has developed training paradigms that integrate theory and application. Her teaching philosophy integrates theory, application, innovation, and critical thinking. Her goal is to equip learners with the capacity and confidence to propel innovative solutions for national and global health-related challenges

Williams' scholarship centers around collaborating with community health leaders to promote healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing. Her efforts emphasize engaging communities that have not been adequately represented in research. She leads initiatives designed to promote optimal research collaborations and collective action between scientists and community health leaders.

Her research and advocacy center around understanding and reducing cancer-related health disparities. She collaborates with community health leaders to promote healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing. Williams' framework for health justice focuses on bringing balance to forces that perpetuate unjust health burdens. Her goal is to create transformative changes that will impact 22nd century health.