

## Scholar Spotlight: Hedwig Lee

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Continuing our research highlight from last week, this week's Scholar Spotlight is Hedwig Lee, whose research contributed to a new study on police-involved deaths that has been receiving attention in the media and in academic circles. The study uses new data sets to better understand the issue and finds that police were responsible for 8% of all adult male homicides, with Black and Latino men at higher risks than White men. Read the study here, and check out more of Hedwig's work below.

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Professor of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis

SSN Key Findings: <u>Measuring the Social Impact of Mass Imprisonment on America's Black and White Families and</u> <u>Communities</u>

Lee's research and teaching focuses on the social determinants and consequences of population health and health disparities, with a particular focus on race/ethnicity, poverty and stress. Her recent work examines the impact of family member incarceration on the health and social well-being of family members (not incarcerated), the association between discrimination and mental and physical health, socioeconomic causes and consequences of obesity in childhood and adolescence, and using social media data (e.g., twitter) for demographic, health and sociological research.

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