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Christian L. Williams, DrPH, MPH, has served as the founding Chair and Assistant Professor of the Department of Public Health at Belmont University since August 2017. In this role, she teaches across the curriculum, coordinates fieldwork experiences for students, and oversees all administrative functions in the department. In addition to her work at Belmont, she is recognized as an Honorary Lecturer at Queen's University in Belfast, where she frequently lectures in the College of Nursing and Midwifery, specializing in topics such as public health, population health, community health, and healthcare systems. Dr. Williams' consults as an Epidemiologist I at the Tennessee Department of Health, evaluating a CDC-funded grant aimed at reducing Alzheimer's and Dementia in the state.

Dr. Williams previously served as the Public Health Competency Coordinator for the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) where she developed learning opportunities for over 3,000 employees, coordinated internships and volunteer processes, and established a Commissioner's Fellowship in Public Health. Dr. Williams also initiated the development of a state-level academic health department model, fostering collaboration between the Department and accredited public health programs in Tennessee.

Prior to coming to TDH, Dr. Williams contributed as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Western Kentucky University, teaching health care administration courses and facilitating community health forums for the Lost River District Health Department. As the Academic Health Department Coordinator at Sullivan County Regional Health Department, she launched the development of the Sullivan County Community Health Status Assessment and coordinated projects between ETSU College of Public Health and Sullivan County Regional Health Department.

Dr. Williams earned her DrPH in Community Health and MPH in Health Services Administration from the College of Public Health at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee.

