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His research examines how structural, racial and interpersonal violence impact health behaviors and outcomes among minority populations. He has authored more than 170 peer-reviewed publications and secured more than 11 million dollars in funding from the NIH and the W. T. Grant Foundation.

His research has informed health policy in Illinois and he was appointed to two Illinois State boards by Governor Quinn. In addition, he is a board member of the Society for Social Work and Research and a Fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare.

He earned his PhD and master's in philosophy from Columbia University, and his master's in social work from the University of Michigan. Numerous national and international media members have frequently cited his expertise and research findings.

Voisin's latest project is [America the Beautiful and Violent: Black Youth and Neighborhood Trauma in Chicago](#), published by Columbia University Press in 2019.

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*The phonetic spelling of "Voisin," which means "neighbor" in French, is waz-zin or vwah-zan. [Listen to the phonetic pronunciation here.](#)*