



# Ashley Williams (actress)

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**Ashley Churchill Williams Dodson** (born November 12, 1978) is an American actress. She is known for her roles in *Good Morning Miami*, *Snow*, *Snow 2: Brain Freeze*, and *Montana Sky*, and for her appearances on *How I Met Your Mother*.

## Personal life

Williams was born in Westchester County, New York, the daughter of Linda Barbara (née Payne), a fundraiser for The Michael J. Fox Foundation, and Gurney Williams III, a freelance health and science writer. She is the younger sister of actress Kimberly Williams-Paisley and is sister-in-law to country music star Brad Paisley.<sup>[1]</sup>

Williams attended Rye High School in Rye, New York. In May 2001 she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Boston University College of Fine Arts School of Theatre.<sup>[2]</sup>

Williams married producer Neal Dodson on May 29, 2011. They have two sons: Gus Williams Dodson (b. October 5, 2014)<sup>[3]</sup> and Odie Sal Dodson (b. May 17, 2017).<sup>[4]</sup> In the summer of 2016, Williams was two months pregnant and suffered a miscarriage. She partnered with the Human Development Project to speak publicly about the experience, in hopes of reducing the stigma of miscarriage and encouraging more women to talk openly about it.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Career

Williams made her big-screen acting debut in a non-speaking role in the 1993 ensemble comedy-drama *Indian Summer*, which also featured her sister. She then spent from 1994 to 1996 playing teenage Danielle Andropoulos on the soap opera *As the World Turns*.

Williams had a role in the television series *Good Morning, Miami* (2002–2004). Since then she has also appeared in episodes of *Psych*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *E-Ring*, *Huff*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *Side Order of Life*, *The Mentalist* and *Warehouse 13*. In May 2003, she had a guest starring role on *American Dreams*, playing singer Sandie Shaw and performing Shaw's 1964 hit "(There's) Always Something There to Remind Me" on *American Bandstand*.

### Ashley Williams Dodson

<b>Born</b>	Ashley Churchill Williams November 12, 1978 <u>Westchester County, New York, U.S.</u>
<b>Years active</b>	1993 – present
<b>Spouse</b>	Neal Dodson (m. 2011)
<b>Children</b>	2

In 2006, she starred in the Off Broadway play *Burleigh Grime*\$.<sup>[6][7]</sup> and appeared as Victoria, a cupcake baker, on six episodes of the television series *How I Met Your Mother*; a role reprised in the concluding seasons of the show.

In 2010, she starred in the made-for-TV Lifetime movie, Patricia Cornwell's *The Front*, which premiered on the channel on April 17, 2010. She also won an on-line straw poll conducted by the *How I Met Your Mother* production staff as to which ex-girlfriend of Ted Mosby, the show's main character, is the fans' favorite. Her character, Victoria, won 128 to 117 over "Robin Scherbatsky", with a smattering of votes for other candidates.<sup>[8]</sup>

In 2011 and 2012, she played the role of Claire in a film adaptation of *Something Borrowed* and reprised her role as Victoria on *How I Met Your Mother*.

She made her Broadway debut in John Grisham's *A Time To Kill* playing law student Ellen Roark, on September 28, 2013, with opening night on October 20, 2013.

Beginning in 2015, Williams stars as a fictionalized version of Jim Gaffigan's real life wife in *The Jim Gaffigan Show*, a sitcom about a couple raising their five children in a two-bedroom New York apartment.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Filmography

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Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1993	<i>Indian Summer</i>	Ida Heinken	
2004	<i>The List</i>		Short film
2007	<i>Numero Dos</i>	Ashleigh	Short film
2009	<i>The Eight Percent</i>	Laura	Short film
2010	<i>Heterosexuals</i>	Rhonda	
2011	<i>Scents and Sensibility</i>	Elinor Dashwood	
2011	<i>Margin Call</i>	Heather Burke	
2011	<i>Something Borrowed</i>	Claire	
2012	<i>Hearing Voices</i>		Short film
2013	<i>Sequin Raze</i>	Rebecca	Short film
2013	<i>Christmas in the City</i>	Wendy Carroll	
2014	<i>Lovesick</i>	Felicia	
2014	<i>A Most Violent Year</i>	Lange	
2015	<i>October Kiss</i>	Poppy	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1994–1996	<i><u>As the World Turns</u></i>	<u>Danielle Andropoulos</u>	Recurring role
2002	<i><u>Dawson's Creek</u></i>	Lory Glory	"Swan Song"
2002–2004	<i><u>Good Morning, Miami</u></i>	Dylan Messinger	39 episodes
2003	<i><u>American Dreams</u></i>	Sandie Shaw	"High Hopes"
2004	<i><u>Snow</u></i>	Sandy Brooks	TV movie
2005	<i><u>Monk</u></i>	Darlene Coolidge / Theresa Scott	"Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"
2005–2006	<i><u>E-Ring</u></i>	Beth Wilkerson	6 episodes
2006	<i>Amy Coyne</i>	Amy Coyne	TV movie
2006	<i><u>Huff</u></i>	Alyssa	8 episodes
2006	<i>Him and Us</i>	Nina	TV movie
2006–2014	<i><u>How I Met Your Mother</u></i>	<u>Victoria</u>	Seasons 1, 7–9 (recurring; 16 episodes)
2007	<i>Imperfect Union</i>	Ronnie	TV movie
2007	<i>Making It Legal</i>	Julie	TV movie
2007	<i><u>Psych</u></i>	Trish Connors	"Forget Me Not"
2007	<i><u>Montana Sky</u></i>	Willa Mercy	TV movie
2007	<i><u>Law &amp; Order: Special Victims Unit</u></i>	Laura Kozlowski	"Haystack"
2007	<i><u>Side Order of Life</u></i>	Becca	10 episodes
2008	<i>Night Life</i>	Jenny	TV movie
2008	<i><u>Snow 2: Brain Freeze</u></i>	Sandy Brooks	TV movie
2008	<i>Novel Adventures</i>	Lizzie McKenzie	8 episodes
2009–2010	<i><u>Saving Grace</u></i>	Amanda Dewey	5 episodes
2010	<i><u>The New Adventures of Old Christine</u></i>	Store Clerk Amy	"Sweet Charity"
2010	<i>At Risk and The Front</i>	Stump	TV movies of Patricia Cornwell's Win Garano novels
2010	<i>Untitled Adam Carolla Project</i>		TV movie
2011	<i><u>Retired at 35</u></i>	Lilah Fabricant	"Stuck in the Meddle"
2011	<i>Bird Dog</i>	Gail McGrath	TV movie
2011	<i><u>Love Bites</u></i>	Bridget	"Too Much Information"
2011	<i><u>The Protector</u></i>		"Rats"
2011	<i><u>Warehouse 13</u></i>	Sally Stukowski	4 episodes

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2011	<i>The Mentalist</i>	Anna Dugan	"The Redshirt"
2012	<i>The Wedding Band</i>	Denise	"End of the World as We Know It" and "99 Problems"
2012	<i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>	Debbie Hicks	"Stealing Home"
2012	<i>Royal Pains</i>	Sydney Bartlett	"You Give Love a Bad Name" and "About Face"
2014	<i>The Good Wife</i>	Christina Barrett	"We, the Juries"
2015–2016	<i>The Jim Gaffigan Show</i>	Jeannie Gaffigan	Lead role
2015	<i>October Kiss</i>	Poppy Summerall	Hallmark TV movie
2016	<i>Love on a Limb</i>	Aimie	Hallmark TV movie
2017	<i>Girls</i>	Ginny	Episode: "All I Ever Wanted"

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