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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Missouri – Columbia, MO
Dissertation: “Feeding the Student Body: Insecurity and Inequality Among College Students.”
Committee: Joan Hermsen (chair), Eileen Avery, Amit Prasad, Enid Schatz
- 2013 M.A., Sociology, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR
- 2010 B.A., Sociology, University of Central Arkansas – Conway, AR

POSITIONS

- 2020 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Community Health and Research, **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Fayetteville**
- 2021 – Present Affiliate Faculty/Instructor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, **University of Arkansas – Fayetteville**
- 2018 – 2020 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, **University of Arkansas – Little Rock**
- Program Coordinator, Poverty Studies, **University of Arkansas – Little Rock** and **Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty – SHECP**

BOOK

- 2015 Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE** (Eds.). 2015. *A Place-Based Perspective of Food in Society*. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (* = equal/alphabetical authorship; †=media or award)

- 2022 **Willis DE**, Selig JP, Andersen JA, et al. Hesitant but vaccinated: assessing COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among the recently vaccinated [published online ahead of print, 2022 Jan 15]. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*. 2022;10.1007/s10865-021-00270-6. doi:10.1007/s10865-021-00270-6
- * McElfish PA, Purvis RS, Riklon S, **Willis DE**. “Complicity in Sociology and Community-based Participatory Research with Marshallese.” Forthcoming: 2022. *Sociology of Health and Illness* Special Issue on Colonialism and Complicity in Sociological Methods.
- Andersen JA, Rowland B, Gloster E, **Willis DE**, Hernandez N, Felix HC, Long CR, McElfish PA. Associations among Self-Reported Mental Health, Physical Activity, and Diet during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Nutrition and Health*. Forthcoming 2022.

- 2021 **Willis DE** and McElfish PA. 2021. Racial disparities in the COVID-19 response affecting the Marshall Islands diaspora, United States of America. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. 99:680–68. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.277855>
- Willis DE**. 2021. “Feeding Inequality: Food Insecurity, Social Status and College Student Health.” *Sociology of Health & Illness*. 43(1): 220-237. doi: 10.1111/1467-9566.13212
- † Video Abstract: <https://youtu.be/2DHcf9XPSNg>
- Willis DE**, Presley J, Williams M, Zaller N, McElfish PA. 2021. “COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy among Youth.” *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics* 1-3. doi:[10.1080/21645515.2021.1989923](https://doi.org/10.1080/21645515.2021.1989923).
- Willis DE**, Andersen JA, Bryant-Moore K, Selig JP, Long C, Felix H, Curran GM, McElfish PA. 2021. “COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy: Race/Ethnicity, Trust, and Fear.” *Clinical and Translational Science*. doi: 10.1111/cts.13077
- † 2022 Clinical and Translational Science Award
- † 2021 most downloaded article published that year in *Clinical and Translational Science*
- † NPR, KUAR: https://www.kuaf.com/post/understanding-vaccine-hesitancy?fbclid=IwAR3APF_PB6csLK8oIIVL0mjQ_UVabLDM3wyW4bFYkWJR8Y25LC-ZcrSQxm8#stream/0
- † Podcast: <https://ascptpod.com/podcast/clinpharmpod-covid-19-vaccine-hesitancy-and-sociodemographics/>
- Andersen JA, **Willis DE**, Malhis JR, Long CR, McElfish PA. 2021. “The association between education and basic needs insecurity for Marshallese during the COVID-19 pandemic.” *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. doi: [10.1007/s40615-021-01125-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-021-01125-1).
- Purvis RS, **Willis DE**, Moore R, Bogulski C, McElfish PA. Perceptions of adult Arkansans regarding trusted sources of information about the COVID-19 pandemic. *BMC Public Health*. 2021;21(1):2306. Published 2021 Dec 20. doi:10.1186/s12889-021-12385-1. PMID: 34930208 PMCID: PMC8685165
- Rowland B, Bogulski CA, **Willis DE**, Scott AJ, Gloster EE, Andersen JA. Experiences of Marshallese Food Processing Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic [published online ahead of print, 2021 Nov 15]. *J Agromedicine*. 2021;1-11. doi:10.1080/1059924X.2021.2002222
- McElfish PA, **Willis DE**, Shah SK, Bryant-Moore K, Rojo MO, Selig JP. 2021. “Sociodemographic Determinants of COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy, Fear of Infection, and Protection Self-Efficacy.” *J Prim Care Community Health*. 2021;12:21501327211040746. doi:10.1177/21501327211040746
- McElfish PA, **Willis DE**, Bogulski C, Kelen M, Riklon S, Alik E, Laelan M, Brown AL, Sinclair KA, Andersen JA, Amick III BC, Williams M. 2021. “COVID-19 Vaccine Willingness and Hesitancy among Marshallese Pacific Islanders.” *Journal of Patient Experience*.
- McElfish PA, **Willis DE**, Bryant-Moore K, Rojo M, Andersen J, Kaminicki K, James LP. 2021. “Arkansans Preferred COVID-19 Testing Locations.” *Journal of Primary Care & Community Health*. Doi:10.11177/21501327211004289.
- Fitzpatrick, KM., **Willis, DE**. 2021. “Homeless and Hungry: Food Insecurity in the Land of Plenty.” *Food Security*. 13, 3–12. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12571-020-01115-x>
- McElfish PA, Purvis RS, **Willis DE**, Riklon S. 2021. “COVID-19 Disparities Among Marshallese Pacific Islanders.” *Preventing Chronic Disease* 18:200407. doi:

10.5888/pcd18.200407.

- Moore R, Purvis RS, Hallgren E, **Willis DE**, Hall S, Reece S, CarlLee S, Judkins H, McElfish, PA. 2021 “Motivations to Vaccinate Among Hesitant Adopters of the COVID-19 Vaccine.” *J Community Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10900-021-01037-5>
- Purvis RS, Hallgren E, Moore RA, **Willis DE**, Hall S, Gurel-Headley M, McElfish PA. Trusted Sources of COVID-19 Vaccine Information among Hesitant Adopters. *Vaccines*. 9(12):1418. doi:10.3390/vaccines9121418.
- Moore R, **Willis DE**, Sumit SK, Purvis RS, Shields X, McElfish PA. 2021. “‘The risk seems too high’: Thoughts and feelings about COVID-19 vaccination.” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 18(16):8690. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18168690>
- Hallgren E, Moore R, Purvis RS, Hall S, **Willis DE**, Reece S, CarlLee S, Gurel-Headley M, McElfish PA. Facilitators to Vaccination among Hesitant Adopters. *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics* 1-8.
- Andersen JA, Felix HC, Eswaran H, Payakachat N, **Willis DE**, Bogulski C, McElfish PA. 2021. Factors Associated with First-Time Telehealth Utilization for Marshallese Living in the United States. *Telemedicine Reports*. 2(1):217-223. <http://doi.org/10.1089/tmr.2021.0023>
- Felix HC, Andersen JA, **Willis DE**, Malhis JR, Selig JP, McElfish PA. 2021. “Control of Type 2 Diabetes Melitus during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Primary Care Diabetes*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pcd.2021.06.012>
- McElfish PA, Purvis RS, James LP, **Willis DE**, Andersen JA. 2021. “Perceived Barriers to COVID-19 Testing.” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 18, 2278. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18052278>
- McElfish PA, Rowland B, Porter A, Felix HC, Selig JP, Semingson J, **Willis DE**, Smith M, Riklon S, Alik E, Padilla-Ramos A, Jasso EY, Zohoori N. 2021. “Use of Community-Based Participatory Research Partnerships to Reduce COVID-19 Disparities Among Marshallese Pacific Islander and Latino Communities – Benton and Washington Counties, Arkansas, April–December 2020.” *Preventing Chronic Disease*.
- Moore R, Zielinski MJ, Thompson RG, **Willis DE**, Purvis RS, McElfish PA. 2021. “‘This Pandemic Is Making Me More Anxious about My Welfare and the Welfare of Others:’ COVID-19 Stressors and Mental Health.” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 18(11):5680. doi: 10.3390/ijerph18115680.
- 2020 Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE**. 2020. “Chronic Disease, the Built Environment, and Unequal Health Risks in the 500 Largest U.S. Cities.” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 17(8):2961.
- McElfish PA., Cleek AB, **Willis DE**, Purvis RS, James, LP. 2020. “Leveraging Community Engagement Capacity to Address COVID-19 Disparities among Pacific Islander and Latinx Communities in Arkansas.” *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* 1–13. doi: [10.1017/cts.2020.562](https://doi.org/10.1017/cts.2020.562).
- Fitzpatrick KM, Spialek M, **Willis DE**, Paschal J, English E. 2020. “Food Insecurity in the Post-Disaster Harvey Setting.” *Current Developments in Nutrition* 4(2):138-138.
- Fitzpatrick KM, Harris C, Drawve G, **Willis DE**. 2020. “Assessing Food Insecurity Among US Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*.
- 2019 **Willis DE**, Fitzpatrick KM. 2019. “Adolescent Food Insecurity: The Special Case of Marshallese Youth in Northwest Arkansas.” *Public Health Nutrition*.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1368980019002647>

Rubin, Z, **Willis DE**, Ludwig M. 2019. "Measuring Success in Intentional Communities: A Critical Evaluation of Commitment and Longevity Theories." *Sociological Spectrum*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02732173.2019.1645063>

† Outstanding Article Award 2020, Communal Studies Association Annual Meeting

Willis DE, 2019. "Feeding the Student Body: Unequal Food Insecurity Among College Students." *American Journal of Health Education* 50(3):167-175. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19325037.2019.1590261>

2018 Fitzpatrick KM, Shi X, **Willis DE**, Niemeir J. 2018. "Obesity and Place: Chronic Disease in the 500 Largest U.S. Cities." *Obesity Research & Clinical Practice*.

2017 **Willis DE**, Fitzpatrick KM. 2017. "Food Insecurity and Social Capital Among Middle School Students." *Youth & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X17725460>

Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE**. 2017. "Risks, Resources, and Depressive Symptomatology Among Marshallese Adolescents." *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000288>

Rubin Z, Ludwig M, **Willis DE**. 2017. "Happy, Healthy, Functional, Fit: What Works Best in Present-Day Intentional Communities." *Communities*. 176. 42-26.

2016 **Willis DE**, Fitzpatrick KM. 2016. "Psychosocial Factors as Mediators of Food Insecurity and Weight Status Among Middle School Students." *Appetite*, 103:236-43. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appet.2016.04.022>

2015 Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE**. 2015. "Parent/Student Risk and Protective Factors in Understanding Early Adolescents' Body Mass Index." *The Journal of Early Adolescence*, 36(4):510-526. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0272431615570058>

2014 Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE**, O'Connor G. 2014. "Circumstances, Resources, and Weight Status Outcomes Among Middle School Students." *The Journal of Early Adolescence*, 34(8):1058-74. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0272431613518974>

BOOK CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

2018 **Willis DE**, Fitzpatrick KM. 2018. "Poverty, Food Insecurity, and Health among Youth." in *Food and Poverty: Food Insecurity and Food Sovereignty among America's Poor*, edited by Leslie Hossfeld, Brooke Kelly, and Jill Waity. Vanderbilt University Press.

2014 Fitzpatrick KM, **Willis DE**. 2014. "Race and Place." *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior and Society*, edited by Stella Quah, William C. Cockerham, and Robert Dingwall. Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing Limited.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW (* = equal/alphabetical authorship)

Willis, DE, Andersen, JA, Selig, JP, Shah, S, Montgomery, B., Zaller, N., Bryant-Moore, K., Scott, A., Williams, M., McElfish, P. COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Experiences of Racial Discrimination among African Americans. Submitted to: *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

Willis DE, Schootman M, Shah SK, Reece S, Selig JP, Andersen JA, McElfish PA. Parent/guardian intentions to vaccinate children against COVID-19 in the United States. Submitted to: *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics*.

- McElfish PA, **Willis DE**, Shah SK, Reece S, Andersen J, Schootman M, Richard-Davis G, Selig JP, Warmack TS. Parents' and Guardians' Intentions to Vaccinate Children against COVID-19. Submitted to: *Vaccines*.
- Willis DE**, Long CR, Rowland B, Tidwell C, Andersen JA, McElfish PA. COVID-19 and Food Insecurity in a Vulnerable Rural State. Submitted to: *Public Health Reports*.
- Bogulski CA, **Willis DE**, Williams CA, Ayers BL, Andersen JA, McElfish PA. "Stressful life events and social support among pregnant Marshallese women." Submitted to *Maternal and Child Health Journal*.
- Andersen JA, **Willis DE**, Hallgren E, McElfish PA, Felix HC. Physical Activity and Fruit and Vegetable Consumption during the COVID-19 Pandemic for People with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus. Submitted to: *The Science of Diabetes Self-Management and Care*.
- Hallgren E, **Willis DE**, Rowland B, Selig JP, McElfish PA. Associations between Diagnosed Anxiety and Depression and Exposure to Life Stressors during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Submitted to: *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- Andersen JA, Rowland B, Gloster E, **Willis DE**, Hernandez N, Felix HC, Long CR, McElfish PA. Associations among Self-Reported Mental Health, Physical Activity, and Diet during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Submitted to: *Mental Health and Physical Activity*.
- Long CR, Narcisse M, Selig JP, **Willis DE**, Gannon M, Rowland B, English ES, McElfish PA. Prevalence and Associations between Food Insecurity and Overweight Obesity among Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Adolescents. Submitted to: *Public Health Nutrition*.
- McElfish PA, Selig JP, Scott AJ, Rowland B, **Willis DE**, Reece S, CarlLee S, Macechko MD, Shah SK. Associations between General Vaccine Hesitancy and Sociodemographic Factors and Health Care Accesses among Arkansans. Submitted to: *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Willis DE**. The Social Costs of Food Insecurity Among College Students
- Willis DE**, Schootman M, McElfish, PA. COVID-19 Child Vaccination: How Hesitant are Parents?
- Willis DE**, Andersen JA, McElfish PA. COVID-19 and Unequal Death Exposure.
- Willis, DE**, Williams M, McElfish PA. COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in the State of Arkansas.
- Willis DE**, Andersen JA, Schootman M, McElfish PA. State-level Structural Racism and Vaccine Attitudes.
- Long C, **Willis DE**, McElfish, PA, et al. Food Insecurity and the Uneven Health Consequences of COVID-19.
- Long C, Narcisse JMR, Selig JP, **Willis DE**. Food Insecurity, Gender, SNAP, and Obesity among Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders.
- Hermesen J, **Willis DE**. Young Women's Attitudes about Future Work: The Role of Maternal Education and Employment.

GRANTS

Role	Dates	Amount	Title
Team Member	--	\$20,000	Translational Research Institute, Team Science Award - Physical Activity among Marshallese
Co-I	--	\$250,000	Arkansas INBRE Supplement – Hesitant Adopters Project
Co-I	5/2021-5/2022	\$1,400,000	NIH CEAL - COVID-19 PREVENT (Partnership for Rapid Engagement to enhance Vaccine Uptake for Everyone: Neighbors working Together) Project
Co-I	3/2021-11/2022	\$715,920	NIH RADx – Connecting Our Neighborhoods Need for Enhanced and Coordinated Testing (CoNNECT) to Achieve Equity: CoNNECT to Achieve Equity

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021	Astounding Apprentice Award – Translational Research Institute award for most publications at UAMS over a 91 day period (3 first authored, 7 co-authored)
2019	Outstanding Article Award – Communal Studies Association
2017	Mizzou Advantage International Travel Award (\$900)
2017	Sociology Research Award (\$2,000)
2017	Deaton Scholar
2013-2018	G. Ellsworth Huggins Fellowship (~\$50,000 across 5 years)
2013	Bernice Jones Endowed Chair in Community Award (\$500)

RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2021 Rubin, Zach, and **Don E. Willis**. 2021. The State of Food and Housing at Lander University. A Report by the Lander Task Force on Food Insecurity and Homelessness.
- McElfish, Pearl A., Holly Felix, Zoran Bursac, Brett Rowland, Jennifer Andersen, **Don E. Willis**, et al. 2021. Comparative Effectiveness of Diabetes Prevention Program Interventions for Marshallese Patients: A Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial.
- McElfish, Pearl A., Holly Felix, Zoran Bursac, Brett Rowland, Jennifer Andersen, **Don E. Willis**, et al. 2021. Impact of COVID-19 on Marshallese Communities in the United States.
- 2019 **Willis, Don**. 2019. Food Insecurity Among UMKC Students: A Summary Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- 2017 Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, Katelynn Towne, and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. The 2016 Missouri Crime Victimization Survey: Executive Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, Katelynn Towne, and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. The 2016 Missouri Crime Victimization Survey: Perceptions of Law Enforcement Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, Katelynn Towne, and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. The 2016 Missouri Crime Victimization Survey: Neighborhood Trust, Safety, and Fear Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, Katelynn Towne, and **Don E. Willis**. 2017. The 2016 Missouri Crime Victimization Survey: Intimate Partner Violence Report. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- 2013 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. Hunger and Poverty in Northwest Arkansas: A Comparative Analysis. Community Factsheet Vol. 4:2. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. Health, Well-Being, and Food Insecurity Among 5th-7th Grade Students. Community Factsheet Vol. 4:1. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. Counting NWA's Homeless: Preliminary Results from the 2013 Homeless Census. Community Factsheet Vol. 4:6. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2013. The Changing Face of NWA's Homeless: More Results from the 2013 Homeless Census. Community Factsheet Vol. 4:7. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- 2012 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**, and Gail O'Connor. 2012. Hope 2012: 4th Annual Community Service-Focused Event for Northwest Arkansas. Community Factsheet Vol. 3:8. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Willis, Don E.**, Gail O'Connor, and Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. 2012. Hope 2012: A Health Status Report. Community Factsheet Vol. 3:10. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- 2011 Hallgren, Emily, **Don E. Willis**, and Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. 2011. Hope 2011: A Health Status Report. Community Factsheet Vol. 3:7. Community and Family Institute: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., Emily Hallgren, and **Don E. Willis** 2011. *Race and Ethnicity Matter: What NWA Residents Are Saying About Quality of Life*. Community Factsheet Vol. 3:2. Community and Family Institute: Department of Soc and Cr Justice, Univ. of Arkansas

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (* by invitation)

- 2021 **Willis DE**, English ES, McElfish PA, Long CR. 2021. "Food Insecurity and health during COVID-19 in Arkansas." Food Insecurity, Neighborhood Food Environment, and Nutrition Health Disparities: State of the Science; National Institutes of Health Virtual Workshop.
- 2020 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis**. 2020. "Homeless and Hungry: Food Insecurity in the Land of Plenty." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA-Virtual (August).
- 2019 **Willis, Don E.**, Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. 2019. "Adolescent Food Insecurity: The Special Case of Marshallese Youth in Northwest Arkansas." Presented at the Arkansas Sociological and Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Little Rock (November).
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2019. "Food Insecurity and the Social Reproduction of Inequality." Emporia at the Table (EAT) Initiative. Emporia State University.
- Willis, Don E.** 2019. "Embodying Inequality: Food Insecurity, Social Status, and Health Outcomes Among College Students." Presented at the American Sociological Association

Meetings, New York City (August).

- * **Willis, Don E.** 2019 (February). "Poverty, Food, and Nutritionism. University of Arkansas at Little Rock Downtown Lecture Series.
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2019 (April). "Whose side are we on?" Revisiting Becker's Question. Speaker at University of Central Arkansas, Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Ceremony.
- 2018 **Willis, Don E.** 2018. "The Social Costs of Food Insecurity Among College Students." Presented at the Arkansas Sociological and Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Conway (November).
- Hermesen, Joan M., and **Don E. Willis.** 2018. "Young Women's Attitudes Toward Future Work" Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Philadelphia (August).
- Rubin, Zach., and **Don E. Willis.** 2018. "Defining and Measuring Success in Intentional Communities: An Analysis of What Works Today." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Minneapolis (March).
- 2017 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., and **Don E. Willis.** 2017. "Risks, Resources, and Depressive Symptomatology Among Marshallese Adolescents" Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Montréal (August).
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2017 (Spring/Summer). Food Insecurity and Inequality. Missouri Scholars Academy.
- 2015 Schatz, Enid, Margaret Ralston, Sangeetha Madhavan, **Don E. Willis,** F. Xavier Gomez-Olive, and Mark Collinson. 2015. "Older person's living arrangements and health in rural South Africa: Confirming social positioning?" Presented at the 7th African Population Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa (November/December).
- Willis, Don E.,** and Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. 2015. "Psychosocial Mediators of the Food Insecurity-Obesity Paradox." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Kansas City (March).
- Hermesen, Joan M., and **Don E. Willis.** 2015. "Young Women's Attitudes about Future Work: The Role of Maternal Education and Employment." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Kansas City (March).
- * **Willis, Don E.** 2015 (Spring/Summer). Food Insecurity and Inequality. Missouri Scholars Academy.
- 2014 **Willis, Don E.,** and Kevin Fitzpatrick. 2014. "Resources and Relationships: Food Insecurity and Social Capital Among Middle School Students." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco (August).
- 2013 Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., **Don E. Willis,** and Gail O'Connor. 2013. "Social Class, Social Resources and Weight Status Outcomes Among Middle School Students." Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, New York (August).

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2020 - present **Assistant Professor – University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Northwest, Division of Community Health and Research**
- Supervisor: Dr. Pearl McElfish, Vice Chancellor, UAMS Northwest
- Main Projects: Vaccine Hesitancy and Uptake, statewide and national studies with nested-design to match qualitative interviews with quantitative survey data. Covid-19 testing survey. Covid-19 Impact Statewide; Covid-19 Marshallese National Sample
- Responsibilities: Analyzing Data, Research Design, Writing Research Reports, Writing Peer-reviewed Publications
- 2018 - 2020 **Assistant Professor – University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Sociology**
- Supervisor: Dr. Krista Lewis, Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- Responsibilities: Analyzing Data, Writing Research Reports, Writing Peer-reviewed Publications
- 2017 - 2018 **Graduate Research Assistant – University of Missouri, Sociology**
- Faculty: Dr. Joan Hermsen, Dr. Eileen Avery
- Main Project: Missouri Crime Victimization Survey
- Responsibilities: Analyzing Data, Writing Research Reports
- 2016 - 2018 **Graduate Research Assistant – University of Missouri, Women’s & Gender Studies**
- Faculty: Dr. Joan Hermsen
- Main Project: Motherhood Timing and Health/Wellness
- Responsibilities: Merging and analyzing Health and Retirement Study data. Reviewing literature on the impact of parenthood timing on health in later life. Writing literature reviews and publishable manuscripts.
- 2014 – 2015 **Graduate Research Assistant – University of Missouri, Women’s & Gender Studies**
- Faculty: Dr. Joan Hermsen
- Main Project: Gender & Work Attitudes among Youth
- Responsibilities: Merging and analyzing thirty years of Monitoring the Future data. Reviewing literature on youth attitudes about gender. Writing literature reviews and publishable manuscripts.
- 2014 – 2015 **Graduate Research Assistant – University of Missouri, Health Sciences**
- Faculty: Dr. Enid Schatz
- Main Project: Older Person’s Health and Living Arrangements in South Africa
- Responsibilities: Merging WHO data and S. Africa Census data. Analysis. Reviewing literature. Writing literature reviews and publishable manuscripts.
- 2011 – 2013 **Graduate Research Assistant – University of Arkansas, Sociology and Criminology**
- Faculty: Dr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Community and Family Institute
- Main Projects: Point-in-time Homeless Census; HOPE 2011-2012 – A Northwest Arkansas Report on Food Insecurity; Owl Creek Survey
- Responsibilities: Research design and implementation. Data collection. Data analysis. Writing research reports and publishable manuscripts.

TEACHING POSITIONS

2021 – present	Affiliate Faculty – University of Arkansas – Fayetteville
General Sociology	SOC 2013 Fall 2021
2018 – 2020	Assistant Professor – University of Arkansas – Little Rock
Intro to Sociology	SOC 2300 Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019
Senior Capstone Seminar	SOC 4387 Fall 2019
Urban Sociology	SOC 3341 Fall 2018, Fall 2019
Poverty and Place	SOC 4395 Spring 2019
2016 – 2018	Graduate Instructor – University of Missouri
Intro to Sociology (Honors)	SOC 1000H Fall 2017, Spring 2017
Sociology of Health	SOC 3440 Spring 2018
The Family	SOC 3420 Fall 2016
Aging and The Life Course	SOC 4210 Spring 2016
2013 – 2014	Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of Missouri
Social Research Methods	SOC 2950 Spring 2014
Intro to Sociology	SOC 1000 Fall 2013
Criminology	SOC 3600 Fall 2013
2012 – 2013	Lab Instructor – University of Arkansas – Fayetteville
Advanced Data Analysis Lab	SOC 5311L Spring 2013
Social Science Data Analytics Lab	SOC 3440 Fall 2012

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

2021 – present	Advisee: Amber Obermaier – University of Arkansas – Fayetteville
	Role: Thesis Committee Member
2020 – present	Advisee: Amy Kendrick – University of Massachusetts – Lowell
	Role: Dissertation Committee Member

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

2021	Cultural Competency Training – Marshallese
	STATA Mediation and Moderation Analysis
	STATA Automating Reproducible Research Reports
	UAMS Cultural Competency
	UAMS Implicit Bias Training
2019	Best Teachers Institute
	STaR Academy (Online Teaching)
2017	Professional Grant Development – Grant Training Center
	Social Media Research
	Safe Space Training
2015	Writing Intensive Courses

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2013 – present	American Sociological Association – ASA
2020 – present	- Medical Sociology
2015 – 2018	- Children and Youth – ASA Section
2015 – 2018	- Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility – ASA Section
2019 – present	Coalition for Food and Agricultural Sociology (CFAS)
2018 – 2020	Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty – SHECP
	- Faculty Council Member
	- Programming Committee Member
2013 – 2020	Midwest Sociological Association
2017 – 2020	Association for the Study of Food in Society – ASFS
2017 – 2018	- Graduate Association for Food Studies – ASFS

SERVICE – INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, AND DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Editorial Advisory Board

2019 – present *Simulacra*

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

2021 – by request *American Journal of Public Health*
 2021 – by request *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*
 2020 – by request *Nutrients*
 2020 – by request *Journal of Appalachian Studies*
 2019 – by request *Journal of Nutrition*
 2019 – by request *Social Problems*
 2018 – by request *Int. J. of Environ. Research and Public Health*
 2017 – by request *Social Forces*
 2017 – by request *Sociology of Education*
 2017 – by request *Health Sociology Review*
 2016 – by request *Appetite*

Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty

2018 – 2020 Coordinator of Poverty Studies Program
 2018 – 2020 Faculty Council Member
 2018 – 2020 Programming Committee Member
 2018 Poverty Studies Syllabi Review

Learning for Life Organization

2018 – 2020 National Exploring Social Services Committee

SERVICE – DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- 2019 Development of Program Assessment Questionnaire
- 2019 Assessment Report Generated
- 2018-2020 UALR Sociology Club

Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty

- 2018 - 2020 Coordinator, UALR Poverty Studies Program

Committees

- 2020 CSSC Assessment Committee
- 2019 - 2020 CSSC Curriculum Committee

Faculty Adviser

- 2018 GENEius Club

Trainings and Professional Development

- 2019 ATLE – Internships and Service Learning
- 2019 ATLE – Teaching Controversial Topics

Mentorship

- 2017 Deaton Scholars
 - Callahan McAndrew
- 2015 – 2017 Incoming Graduate Students
 - Aaron Arredondo
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