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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

2001 Ph.D., Sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

2000 Certificate in Gerontology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

1996 M.S., Sociology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

1989 Communications Studies, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

July, 2009 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Western Ontario

2011-2017 Director, Centre for Population, Aging, and Health, The University of Western Ontario

2007-2010 Director, Aging and Health Research Centre, The University of Western Ontario

2004-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Western Ontario

2001-2004 National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral Fellow, Carolina Population Center,  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Social inequalities in health, life course analysis, social inequality, quantitative methods

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

2014-2016 Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster (SSHRC) Big Picture  
Synthesis Grant, "Health Inequalities among Older Adults in Developed Countries:

- Policy Implications”. Value: \$15,876. Principal Investigator: A. Quesnel-Vallée.  
Co-investigator: A. Willson.
- 2012-2015 Canadian Institutes of Health Research Operating Grant: Advancing Theoretical and Methodological Innovations in Health Research. “Investigating Health Trajectories over the Life Course and Across Generations: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Transmission of Health and Socioeconomic Inequality from Parents to Their Adult Children.” Value: \$199,728. Co-Principal Investigators: A. Willson, K. Shuey. Co-investigators: R. Margolis, L. Corna.
- 2007-2010 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Standard Research Grant. “Health and Socioeconomic Status over the Life Course: A Comparative Analysis of Canada and the United States.” Value: \$78,729. Principal Investigator: A. Willson.
- 2007-2008 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Internal Research Grant, University of Western Ontario's Internal Grants Competition. “A Comparative Study of Aging in Four Season Communities: Building an International Strategic Collaborative Research Partnership.” Value, \$4,500. Principal Investigator: M. Kloseck., Co-Investigators: D. Rudman, L. Shaw, I. Connidis, K. Shuey, A. Willson, W. Avison, D. Street, K. Foster, M. Tomita.
- 2006-2007 The University of Western Ontario Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Fund. “Health and Socioeconomic Status over the Life Course: A Comparative Analysis of Canada and the United States.” Value: \$4,163. Principal Investigator: A.E. Willson.
- 2005-2006 The University of Western Ontario Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Awards. “Socioeconomic Status and Trajectories of Health: A Comparison of Canada and the U.S. (FG04-23)” Value: \$6,000. Principal Investigator: A.E. Willson.
- Demography and Economics of Aging Research Grant Program, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. “Socioeconomic Status and Pathways to Health over the Life Course.” Value: \$7,500. Co-principal Investigators: K.M. Shuey and A.E. Willson.

## **OTHER RESEARCH CONTRACTS**

- 2016-2017 Needs Assessment of Muslim Seniors in London, Ontario. Contract with Islamic Centre of Southwest Ontario. Value: \$11,100. V. Esses, A. Willson, Z. Ravanera.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2018 Willson, A., and K.M. Shuey. “A Longitudinal Analysis of the Intergenerational Transmission of Health Inequality.” *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. Advance Access publication June 2018. Available online: <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gby059>
- 2017 Shuey, K.M. and A.E. Willson. “Trajectories of Work Disability and Economic Insecurity Approaching Retirement.” *Journals of Gerontology: Series B*. Advance Access publication July 2017. Available online: <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbx096>.

- 2016 Willson, A.E. and K.M. Shuey. "Life Course Pathways of Economic Hardship and Mobility and Midlife Trajectories of Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 57(3):407-422.
- 2016 Shuey, K.M., A.E. Willson, and K. Bouchard. "Disability and Social Inequality in Canada." Pp. 258-273 in E. Grabb and N. Guppy (eds.) *Social Inequality in Canada: Dimensions of Disadvantage*, 6th Edition, Oxford University Press.
- 2016 Etherington, N., A. Willson and K. Shuey. "Heterogeneity in Chronic Disease Outcomes among Women and Men in Midlife: Examining the Role of Stability and Change in Childhood Economic Hardship." *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* 7(1):3-24.
- 2016 Willson, A.E. and N. Etherington. "Poverty, Income, and Wealth across the Life Course." *Gerontology: Changes, Challenges, and Solutions*. M. Harrington Meyer and E.A. Daniele (Eds.) Praeger: Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2016 Quesnel-Vallee, A., Willson, A. and S. Reiter-Campeau. "Health Inequalities among Older Adults in Developed Countries: Reconciling Theories and Policy Approaches." *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences*, 8th Edition, L. George and K. Ferraro (Eds.) NY: Academic Press.
- 2015 Davies, L., M. Ford-Gilboe, A. Willson, C. Varcoe, J. Wuest, J. Campbell, K. Scott-Storey. "Patterns of Cumulative Abuse Among Female Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: Links to Women's Socioeconomic Status." *Violence Against Women*, 21:30-48.
- 2014 Shuey, K.M. and A.E. Willson. "Economic Hardship in Childhood and Adult Health Trajectories: An Alternative Approach to Investigating Life-course Processes" *Advances in Life Course Research*, 22:49-61.
- 2011 Pavalko, E.K. and A.E. Willson. "Life Course Approaches to Health, Illness, and Healing." *Handbook of the Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healing: A Blueprint for the 21st Century*, B.A. Pescosolido, J.K. Martin, J.D. McLeod, and A. Rogers (Eds.). NY: Springer.
- 2009 Willson, A.E. "'Fundamental Causes' of Health Disparities: A Comparative Analysis of Canada and the United States." *International Sociology*, 24(1): 93-113
- 2008 Shuey, K.M., and A.E. Willson. "Cumulative Disadvantage and Black/White Differences in Life Course Health Trajectories." *Research on Aging*, 30(2):200-225.
- 2008 Avison, W., L. Davies, A.E. Willson, and K.M. Shuey. "A Life Course Perspective on Stability and Change in Family Structure and Mothers' Mental Health." *Advances in Life Course Research: Stress Processes across the Life Course*, Schieman and Turner (Eds.)
- 2007 Willson, A.E., K.M. Shuey, and G.H. Elder, Jr. "Cumulative Advantage Processes as Mechanisms of Inequality in Life Course Health." *American Journal of Sociology*, 112(6):1886-1924.
- 2007 Connidis, I.A., and A.E. Willson. "Aging." in *Introduction to Sociology: A Canadian Focus*, 9<sup>th</sup> edition, J.J. Teevan and W.E. Hewitt (Eds.). Pearson.
- 2007 Willson, A.E. "The Sociology of Aging" Pp. 148-155 in *Handbook of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sociology*, C.D. Bryant and D.L. Peck (Eds.). Sage.

- 2006 Willson, A.E., K.M. Shuey, G.H. Elder, Jr., and K.A.S. Wickrama. "Ambivalence in Mother-Adult Child Relations: A Dyadic Analysis." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 69(3): 235-252.
- 2003 Willson, A.E., K.M. Shuey, and G.H. Elder, Jr. "Ambivalence in the Relationship of Adult Children to Aging Parents and In-laws." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 65(4): 1055-1072.
- 2003 Willson, A.E. "Race and Women's Income Trajectories: Employment, Marriage, and Income Security Over the Life Course." *Social Problems* 50(1): 87-110.
- 2002 Willson, A.E. and M.A. Hardy. "Racial Disparities in Income Security for a Cohort of Aging American Women." *Social Forces* 80(4): 1283-1306.
- 2002 Hardy, M.A. and A.E. Willson. "Cohort Change," *Encyclopedia of Aging*, D.J. Ekerdt, R.A. Applebaum, K.C. Holden, S.G. Post, K. Rockwood, R. Schulz, R.L. Spratt, & P. Uhlenberg, (Eds.). New York: Macmillan Reference USA.

### Book Reviews

- 2007 Willson, A.E. *Differences That Matter: Social Policy and the Working Poor in the United States and Canada*, by Dan Zuberi. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, 32: 522-524.

### Reports

- 2015 Quesnel-Vallee, A., Willson, A. and S. Reiter-Campeau. "Health Inequalities among Older Adults in Developed Countries: Reconciling Theories and Policy Approaches." Policy Brief No. 23, SSHRC Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Refereed Presentations at Professional Meetings

- 2018 "The Association of Parents' Health and the Health of Their Children in Early Adulthood" (with T. Hackshaw, K. Shuey) ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, August.
- 2017 "Trajectories of Work Disability and Economic Insecurity Approaching Retirement" (with K. Shuey). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August.
- 2017 "Trajectories of Work Disability: Linking Early-life Disadvantage and Economic Precarity at the Transition to Retirement" (with K. Shuey). Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sociological Association, Toronto, ON, May.
- 2015 "Rethinking the 'Long Arm' of Childhood: Cumulative Disadvantage, Gender, and Health in Midlife" (with N. Etherington and K. Shuey). Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, April.
- 2014 "Gender Differences in the Effects of Childhood Economic Hardship" (with Nicole Etherington and Kim Shuey). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August.

- 2014 “Challenges and Potential Contributions to Research on the Intergenerational Transmission of Health Inequality.” (with Kim Shuey). Quebec Inter-University Center for Social Statistics International Conference on Social Policy and Health Inequalities, Montreal, May.
- 2013 “The Long-Term Effects of Childhood Economic Hardship on Health” (with Kim Shuey). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August.
- 2012 “The Long-Term Effects of Childhood Socioeconomic Disadvantage on Health Inequality” (with Kim Shuey). Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sociological Association, Waterloo, ON, May.
- 2010 “A Longitudinal Examination of the Intergenerational Transmission of Health Inequality” (with Kim Shuey). Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Conference, Cambridge, UK, September.
- 2010 “Integrating Cumulative Advantage Theory and the Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality to Understand Health Risk Trajectories” (with Kim Shuey). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August.
- 2009 “Socioeconomic History and Preventable Disease: A Comparative Analysis of Fundamental Cause Theory” (with Amir Erfani). Canadian Research Data Centre Network’s Seventh Annual Conference on Health Over the Life Course. London, Ontario, October.
- 2008 “Socioeconomic History and Preventable Disease: A Comparative Analysis of Fundamental Cause Theory.” (with Amir Erfani). Annual meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, London, ON, October.
- 2008 “Trajectories of Family Structure and Exposure to Stress.” (with William R. Avison, Lorraine Davies, and Andrea Willson) Eleventh International Conference on Social Stress Research, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2007 “A Life Course Perspective on Stability and Change in Family Structure and Mothers’ Mental Health.” (with W. Avison, L. Davies, and K. Shuey) Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August.
- 2006 “‘Fundamental Causes’ of Health Disparities: A Comparative Analysis of Canada and the United States”. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August.
- 2005 “The Cumulative Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status and Health: A Comparison of Canada and the United States.” Annual meeting of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, London, Ontario, June.
- 2004 “Cumulative Advantage and Trajectories of Health: The Importance of Selection Bias.” (with K.M. Shuey and G.H. Elder, Jr.) Annual meeting of the Gerontological Association of America, Washington, D.C., November.
- 2004 “Cumulative Advantage and Health.” (with K.M. Shuey and G.H. Elder, Jr.) Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August.
- 2004 “Women’s Income Security in Later Life: Trajectories Over the Life Course.” Poster presentation, Aging Exchange: Education, Research and Service at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, January. Received outstanding presentation award.

- 2003 “Ambivalence in the Relationship Between Aging Mothers and Their Adult Children: A Dyadic Analysis.” (with K.M. Shuey, G.H. Elder, Jr., and K.A.S. Wickrama) Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August.
- 2003 “Ambivalence in the Relationship Between Adult Children and Their Aging Parents.” (with K.M. Shuey and G.H. Elder, Jr.) Annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, March.
- 2002 “Women’s Income Security in Later Life: Trajectories Over the Life Course.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August.
- 2002 “Resilience Among Sexual Minorities: Variations in Adolescent School Outcomes.” (with S. Oesterle, K.M. Shuey, and G.H. Elder, Jr.) Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August.
- 2002 “Women’s Income Security in Later Life: Trajectories Over the Life Course.” Poster presentation, annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta, May. Received PAA Blue Ribbon Award.
- 2000 “Inequality Among Women in Later Life: Challenges to Conventional Approaches to the Study of Class.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August.
- 1999 “Trajectories of Women's Financial Security.” (with M. Hardy) Annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, November.
- 1999 “Women's Economic Well-Being in Later Life: A Life Course Approach.” (with M. Hardy) Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August.
- 1996 “Caregiver's Narratives in the Paid and Unpaid Spheres: Qualitative Methods in Aging Research.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August.
- 1996 “When Nursing the Elderly Doesn’t End At Work: Caregivers’ Narratives in the Paid and Unpaid Spheres.” Annual meeting of the Midwestern Sociological Society, Chicago, April.
- 1995 “Caregivers’ Emotion Work in the Paid and Unpaid Spheres.” Annual meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, Washington, D.C., August.

#### Invited Presentations

- 2018 “Cumulative Advantage and Health Inequality” invited presentation, ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, August.
- 2017 “Trajectories of Work Disability and Economic Insecurity Approaching Retirement.” Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics Speaker Series, Western University, March.
- 2016 “The Importance of Social Determinants in Widening Health Inequalities.” Western University Future Black Physicians. November.
- 2012 Panelist, American Sociological Association, Section on Aging and the Life Course Invited Session: “What’s In a Name? Perspectives on the Sociology of Age, Aging, and the Life Course”, Denver, CO. August.

- 2011 “The Link Between Childhood Adversity and Adult Health Risk Trajectories” McGill Social Statistics Speaker Series, October.
- 2010 “Fundamental Causes of Health Disparities: A Comparative Analysis of Canada and the United States.” University of Western Ontario Research Data Centre Brown Bag Series. February.
- 2009 “Long-term Socioeconomic Status and the Experience of Preventable Disease: A Comparative Analysis of Fundamental Cause Theory.” Institute for Life Course and Aging, University of Toronto, October.
- 2008 Panelist, Data Resources Workshop. Panel Study of Income Dynamics - 40 years of American Family Lives. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August, Boston, MA.
- 2007 “Research Challenges in the Study of Health and Inequality Across the Life Course.” Department of Sociology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.
- 2007 “Cumulative Advantage Processes as Mechanisms of Inequality in Life Course Health.” (with K.M. Shuey, and G.H. Elder, Jr.) UWO Faculty of Social Science Research Showcase Day. January.
- 2005 “Research Challenges in the Study of Health and Inequality Across the Life Course.” Aging and Health Research Centre, University of Western Ontario.
- 2003 “Socioeconomic Status and Cumulative Advantage in Health.” (with K.M. Shuey, and G.H. Elder, Jr.) Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. November.
- 2002 “Ambivalence in the Relationship Between Adult Children and Their Aging Parents” (with K.M. Shuey and G.H. Elder, Jr.) Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. November.

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2009 Outstanding Research Award, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course.
- 2004 Outstanding Presentation Award, Aging Exchange: Education, Research and Service at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2002 Best Poster Award, Population Association of America
- 2001-2004 National Institute of Aging Postdoctoral Fellowship in “Demography of Aging and the Life Course”, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
- 1999 Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Aging and the Life Course, American Sociological Association.
- 1999 Francis R. Allen Fellowship for Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, Florida State University.

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- 2018-2021 Promotion and Tenure Committee

2016-2018	Appointments Committee
2014-2017	Promotion and Tenure Committee
2015-2016	Search Committee
2011-2013	Graduate Committee
2011-2013	Appointments Committee
2009-2011	Nominating Committee
2008-2010	Faculty Relations Officer
2008 to 2011	Member, Population and Life Course Studies (PLCS) Interdisciplinary Development Initiative
2008-2009	Space Committee
2007-2009	Graduate Committee
2006-2008	Appointments Committee
2005-2007	Undergraduate Committee
2004-2008	Coordinator, 302 Multiple Section Courses
2004-2005	Workload Committee

### **FACULTY SERVICE**

2017-present	Faculty Mentor Program
2011-2017	Director, Centre for Population, Aging, and Health

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2007-2010	Member of The University of Western Ontario Senate—Social Science Representative
2006	Faculty Mentor, Scholar's Elective Program

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2018	Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course.
2017	Roundtable Chair, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course.
2014-2016	Deputy Editor, <i>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</i>
2014-2017	Canadian Institutes of Health, Health Research Training Ph.D. Fellowship Committee



- 2013-2016 Council, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course.
- 2016 Committee Member, Matilda White Riley Distinguished Career Award, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course.
- 2015 Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course.
- 2014 Roundtable Organizer, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course.
- 2013-2014 Scientific Committee, QICSS International Conference, Social Policy and Health Inequalities: An International Perspective
- 2009-2011 Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- 2009 American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
- 2009 Organizing committee, Canadian Research Data Centre Network's 7th Annual Conference on Health over the Life Course
- 2007-2009 American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course Publication Committee.
- 2007-2008 Canadian Association on Aging 2008 Annual Meeting Organizing Committee
- 2005 American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
- 2004 Abstract reviewer, Annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.
- 2000-2002 Council of the Section on Aging and the Life Course, ASA, Student Representative
- Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Society and Mental Health*, *Social Problems*, *Journal of Gerontology*, *Demography*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Ageing and Society*, *Journal of Adolescence*, *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Research in Human Development*, *Social Indicators Research*.
- Reviewer, National Science Foundation (U.S.) Grant Proposal, 2010, 2011.
- Reviewer, Canadian Institutes of Health, Standard Operating Grant (External), 2010.

## **GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION**

### **COMPLETED**

#### Ph.D., Primary Supervisor

- L. Heidinger, Ph.D., Sociology, “Cumulative Childhood Adversity and Disparities in Adult Psychological Distress and Educational Attainment.”
- N. Etherington, Ph.D., Sociology, 2016. “Gender and Health Over the Life Course: Temporal, Contextual, and Intersectional Considerations.”
- J. Comeau, Ph.D., Sociology, 2015. “Children's Mental Health over the Early Life Course: The Impact of Family Income, Neighborhood Context, and Family Processes.”(Co-supervisor).
- H. Maddox, Ph.D. Sociology, 2012. “Underemployment and Mental Health”. (Co-supervisor).

#### Supervisory Committee Member

- R. Downie, Ph.D., Sociology
- K. Pythian, Ph.D., Sociology

#### M.A., Primary Supervisor

- C. Burd, M.A., Sociology, “Students' Perception of Mental Health in a Massified Educational System.”
- S. Quinn-Hogan, M.A., Sociology, “Divorce and Health: Does Educational Attainment Matter?”
- H. Meaney, M.A., Sociology, “Representations of Caregivers on Long-term Care Institution Websites.”
- T. Hackshaw, M.A., Sociology, 2017. “The Influence of Parents and Mentors on Young Adults' Substance Use Behaviours: Evidence from a National Study”
- L. Zaporzan, M.A. Sociology, 2012. “Health Effects of the Delayed Transition to Adulthood.”
- S. Sinka, M.A., Sociology, 2010. “Unique Challenges Faced by Immigrant Seniors Receiving Home or Institutional Care.”
- A. Gibson, M.A. Sociology, 2009. “Understanding the Relationship Between Social Support and Health in Later Life.”
- S. Lin, M.A. Sociology, 2008. “The Socioeconomic Gradient in Health: Do Age and Immigration Status Matter?”
- A. Powers, MA Area Paper, Sociology, 2007. “An Examination of Voluntarily Childless in North America.”
- A. Gallinaro, MA Area Paper, Sociology, 2007. “A Sociological Critique of the Pursuit of Prolongevity.”

L. Bestard, MA Area Paper, Sociology, 2007. "Understanding Marital Status and Health: The Necessity of the Life Course Perspective."

J. McDonald, MA Area Paper, Sociology, 2006. "The Ontario Family Medical Leave: An Analytical Critique."

D. Balandin, MA Area Paper, Sociology, 2006. "Equality and Work/Life Balance."

Supervisory Committee Member

S. Ramaj, M.A., Sociology

K. Baumgartner, M.A., Sociology

**IN PROGRESS**

Primary Supervisor:

S. Skinner, Ph.D., Sociology, "Caregiving for Children with Developmental Disabilities."

A. English, M.A., Sociology, "Opportunity, Constraint and Capital in Canadian Ice Hockey."

M. Stackhouse, M.A., Sociology, "Canadian Rural Communities and Their Health Behaviors, Health Status and Health Service Use."

Supervisory Committee Member:

R. Miele, Ph.D., Sociology

Y. Sano, Ph.D., Sociology

L. Ferguson, M.A., Sociology

**POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISION, COMPLETED**

Dr. Laurie Corna, Canadian Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Population, Aging, and Health, University of Western Ontario. "Socioeconomic Inequalities in Health: Aging, Gender, and the Welfare State."