CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Yale University, Department of Sociology, 2000

“Going to Hell in a Cradle.” The Relationship Between Transportation and Imprisonment in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Britain: Punishment, Liberty, and the State (directed by Kai Erikson)

B.A. The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Administration of Justice, 1991, summa cum laude and with honors

CURRENT POSITIONS

Chair Department of Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University (2019 – present)

Professor Department of Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University (2019 – present)

Director Center for Justice Leadership and Management, George Mason University (2018-2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Chair Department of Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University (Spring 2015)

Graduate Program Director (MS in Criminal Justice) Department of Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University (2018-2019)

Associate Director Center for Justice Leadership and Management, George Mason University (2013-2018)

Associate Professor Department of Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University (2012-2019)

Assistant Professor Department of Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University (2006-2012)
Assistant Professor Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts-Boston (2000-06)

Instructor Department of Sociology, Yale University (2000)

Instructor Department of Sociology, Wellesley College (1999)

Exchange Scholar Department of Sociology, Harvard University (1998-99)

Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, Yale University (1994-95)

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

Senior Fellow, Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy, George Mason University (2013-present)

Member, Law and Social Sciences Senior Advisory Panel, National Science Foundation

Member, Research Advisory Committee, Police Foundation, Washington, D.C. (2010-2012)

Certificate of Appreciation, George Mason Police Department, George Mason University (2012)

Teaching Excellence Award Winner (2011), George Mason University’s highest teaching award given by the Provost’s Office and Center for Teaching Excellence, George Mason University (Finalist 2010)

Law and Society Association Article Prize (2008), with Stephen D. Mastrofski and David Weisburd for “Making Sense of COMPSTAT: A Theory-Based Analysis of Organizational Change in Three Police Departments.”

Nominated for Career Connection Award (for outstanding dedication to helping students achieve their career goals), George Mason University Career Services (2014, 2018)

Nominated to Faculty Appreciation Dinner (in recognition of teaching and mentoring), University of Massachusetts-Boston (2003, 2005)

Marvin B. Sussman Prize Award (for best sociology dissertation submitted in past two years), Department of Sociology, Yale University (2003)

Henry Hart Rice Fellowship, Yale University (1996-97)


University Scholar, The Pennsylvania State University (1988-91)

PUBLICATIONS

*Denotes co-authorship with a recent or current student

Articles (Peer-Reviewed Journals)

https://doi.org/10.1080/15614263.2019.1582343

https://doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2018.1557660


Koen, Marthinus,* James J. Willis,** and Stephen D. Mastrofski (2018). “The Effects of Body-Worn Cameras on Police Organization and Practice: A Theory-Based Analysis. Policing and Society https://doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2018.1467907 **The first two authors are listed alphabetically; each contributed equally to this article.


**Under Review**


**Work in Progress**


James J. Willis. Police Officer Perceptions of Body-Worn Cameras’ Relationship to Policy, Supervision, and Training.

**Book Chapters**


**Encyclopedia Articles**


**Research Monographs/Essays**


**Technical Reports/Report Chapters**


Willis, James J., Mastrofski, Stephen D., Baird, Jillian, Revier, Lauren, Hines Terri, and Jonathan-Zamir, Tal. (2012). Results of Interviews on High Quality Policing in Manassas, VA. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University.


**Book Reviews**


**GRANTS**


2005-2006: Principal Investigator, Joseph P. Healey Grant, University of Massachusetts-Boston, COMPSTAT and Organizational Reform: An Empirical and Theoretical Analysis ($3350).


1997-1998: Co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator: Kai Erikson), National Science Foundation Dissertation Fellowship ($7500).


1996-1996: John F. Enders Research Grant, Yale University ($750).

INVITED TALKS/PANELS

Willis, James J. Discussant on Technology and Digital Policing at the end-of-year Future of Policing. the Scottish Institute of Policing Research, Future of Policing. (Online). December. 2020


Willis, James J. “The Effects of Body-Worn Cameras on Police Organization and Practice: Bringing Theory Back In.” Department of Criminal Justice, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, October 2018.


Willis, James J. Chair. Police Technologies: BWCs and LPRs. Annual Meeting of the Center for Evidence-Based Policing, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, June 2018.


Willis, James, Koper, Christopher, S., and Lum, Cynthia. “The Relationship between Technology, Police Organization, and Culture.” Annual Meeting of the Center for Evidence-Based Policing, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, June 2014.

Willis, James J. “Assessing the Quality of Police Performance.” Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy Joint Symposium with Scottish Institute for Policing Research. George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, April 2013.


Willis, James J. “Reforming to Preserve (and Not To Change): What can Compstat and Community Policing Teach Us About Integrating Innovations.” Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy Symposium. George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, August 2011.


Willis, James J. “Enhancing Police Legitimacy Through the Integration of Compstat and Community Policing.” Congressional Briefing on Evidence-Based Crime Policy: What We Know, What We Need to Know. Washington, DC, October 2009.


PRESENTATIONS (Lead presenter unless otherwise specified)


“The Pedagogy of Practice: Teaching Undergraduate Students to be Scholars” with Merola, Linda. Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. October 2010.


“The Paradoxes of Organizational Change: A Case Study of Comstat in a Small American Police Department.” College of the Liberal Arts, Junior Faculty Colloquium Series at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, March 2003.


TEACHING

Undergraduate

Introduction to Criminal Justice
Introduction to Law and Society
Police in Society (UMB)
Criminology (UMB)
Law and Society
Sociology of Punishment (UMB - Honors seminar)
What is Good Policing? (Honors seminar)
Punishment and Corrections

Graduate

Criminological Theories: Past and Present (UMB)
Sociology of Law (UMB)
Theories of Justice (renamed Values, Ethics and Criminal Justice Policy)
Law and Social Control
Law and Social Science

Teaching Presentations and Workshops

Johnson, Devon, and Willis, James J. “Preparing to Teach.” Workshop series for graduate students in Criminology, Law and Society Program, George Mason University, April 2012 and April 2013.


**Dissertation/Thesis Committee Participation (Member unless otherwise noted)**

**Doctoral Students**


Grieco, Julie (CLS). *Attitudinal Dimensions and Openness to Evidence-Based Policing: Perspectives of Academy Recruits* (2016).

Happeney, Steven (CLS). *The Social, Behavioral, and Organizational Effects of Technology on Policing* (in progress).


Melhman-Orozco, Kimberly (CLS). *The "Crimmigration" Effect?: An Exploratory Analysis of 287(g) and Latino Juveniles in Residential Placement* (2012).


**Masters Students**

Baranyk, Curt (Chair, MAIS). *Reflections on a First-Year Legal Clerkship and an Examination of the Use of Prosecutorial Discretion in a Virginia Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court* (2011).


Fender, Stephen (Chair, CLS). *Compstat: A Street-Level Perspective* (2011).


Hild, Christopher (CLS). *Public Perception of the Effectiveness of Seven Counterterrorism Practices* (2013).


Luna, Samantha (CLS). *A Survey of Veterans Treatment Court Actors* (2019)


Rexroat, Jessica (CLS). *Police Transparency and Legitimacy as it Relates to the Media and Public Image: An Analysis of Fairfax County Police Department* (2012).


**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

**Journal Service**

**Editorial Boards**


*Justice Quarterly* (2018-2019)

**Other Editorial Responsibilities**


**Peer Review Activity**

Book Reviewer: *ACJS Today, Contemporary Sociology, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Social Forces*

American Society of Criminology

Conference Program Committee (2009 and 2016)
Division of Policing Awards Committee (2017)

University and College Service

Chair, Chair Reappointment Committee, Psychology Department
Chair, Police-Community Advisory Council, Survey Development Subcommittee (2012-2013)
Member, CEHD Dean’s Reappointment Committee (2019)
Member, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee (2017-2018)
Member, Students as Scholars QEP Leadership Council (2011-2015)
Member, QEP Faculty Curricular Affairs Subcommittee (2011-2015)
Member, Campus Police Chief Search Committee (2012-2013)
Member, Campus Police-Community Advisory Council (2011-2013)
Member, Provost’s Academic Program Review Committee (2011-2012)
Member, Presidential Taskforce on University Police-Community Relations (2011)

Department

Chair, Criminology, Law and Society Leadership Committee (2019-)
Chair, Master of Science Recruitment Committee (2017-2019)
Chair, Graduate Recruitment Committee (2015-2016)
Chair, Justice and Law Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2006-present (Member 2006-2008, 2010-2014, 2016)
Chair, Personnel Review Committee 2015-2016 (Member 2013-2015)
Chair, Teaching Development Committee (2010-2012)
Chair, Department Awards Committee 2009-2016 (Member 2007-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2016)
Member, Long-Range Planning Committee (2019-)
Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Committee (2020-)
Member, Curriculum Revisions Committee (2017-2019)
Member, Master of Science in Criminal Justice Committee (2015-2017)
Member, Promotion and Tenure Liaison Committee (2015-2016)
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee (2014-2015)
Member, CLS Chair Reappointment Committee (2014-2015)
Member, Online MA Committee (2014-2015)
Member, Justice and Law Journal Rankings Committee (2009-10, 2012-2013)
Member, Policies Committee (2013-2014, 2016-2017, 2019-)
Member, CLS Chair Search Committee (2010)
Member, Curriculum Committee (2009-2011)
Member, Undergraduate Writing Committee (2007-2010)
Member, Justice and Law Comprehensive Exam Appeals Committee (2007-2008)
Member, Grade Appeals Committee (2006-2007)
Member, Faculty Search Committee (2006-2008, 2014-2015)
Member, Ad Hoc Policies Committee (2019-20)
Faculty Liaison to CLSSA (Criminology, Law and Society Student Association) (2009-2011)
Memberships

American Society of Criminology
Law and Society Association