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**BIRTH DATE:** 9 September 1946

### EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Virginia Tech, 1977 (Sociology)

M.A. East Carolina University, 1974 (Sociology)

B.S. East Tennessee State University, 1968 (Sociology)

### PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2012-present Professor of Criminology, University of North Carolina  
Wilmington

2007-2012 Professor of Criminology and Coordinator, Criminology  
Extension Program, University of North Carolina  
Wilmington.

2004-2007 Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and  
Professor of Criminal Justice, University of North Carolina  
Wilmington

1996 – 2004 Chair and Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminal  
Justice, University of North Carolina Wilmington

1995-1996 Assistant Chair and Professor, Department of Sociology and  
Anthropology, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

1987 - present Professor, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

1982 - 1987	Associate Professor, University of North Carolina Wilmington.
1977 - 1982	Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina Wilmington
1973 - 1974	Instructor, Gardner-Webb College

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:**

Comparative Criminology  
Criminology  
Criminal Justice Theory  
Environmental Criminology  
Sociology of Place

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**UNC Wilmington:**

Undergraduate:

Introduction to Criminal Justice, Introduction to Sociology, Issues in Criminal Justice, Corrections, Criminology, Crime and Public Policy, Advanced Criminology, Criminal Justice Theory, English Correctional System, English Legal System, Juvenile Delinquency, Police In Society, Sociology of Law, and Topical Seminar. I have taught Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminology, Issues in Criminal Justice, Crime and Public Policy, Sociology of Law, and Criminal Justice Theory as distance learning classes. All my undergraduate courses are web-based or web-enhanced. The English Correctional System and the English Legal System were study abroad courses.

Graduate:

Seminar in Criminology, Sociology of Law

**Other institutions:**

Introduction to Sociology, Community, Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, Poverty and Society, Race, Class & Power, Racial and Ethnic Group Relations, and Social Problems.

**Masters Theses (chair):**

Ira Jenkins                      Predators of Society (2009)

- Samantha McNeil: North Carolina Law Enforcement Compliance Checks: Do Characteristics of the Seller Predict Alcohol Sales to Minors? (2009)
- Tina Swanno Socialization Variables Related to Non-Usage of Seat Belts by 16-24 year olds (2009)
- Kayla Picotte Personal Information in Public Domain: Perceptions of Risk Among College Students on Facebook and the Outside World (2012)
- Keely Geyer A Case Study in the Port City: A Former 'Vulnerable' Environment Becomes 'Defensible' (2013)
- Sam Haycraft Choosing Identity Theft: Impulsivity or Rational Choice? (2013)
- Robert Hicks The Experience of Crime and Construction of Police Role (2013)
- Tom Speicher A Structured Social Learning and Opportunistic Process (2013)

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

**Refereed Journal Articles:** 21 refereed publications from 1977 to 2013. Only the most recent refereed publications are shown; full list available upon request.

Irwin, Darrell and **Cecil L. Willis**

- 2013 "Success or Sorrow: The Paradox of Crime Control Campaigns and Increasing Prosperity in China," *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*. Published online 8 April 2013; print publication forthcoming in 2014).

Sangmoon Kim, Randy LaGrange, and **Cecil L. Willis**

- 2013 "Place and Crime: Integrating Sociology of Place and Environmental Criminology," *Urban Affairs Review* (January) 49(1): 141-155.

**Cecil L. Willis**

- 2010 "To the Dark Side and Back: The Administrative Odyssey of an Academic Sociologist with Lessons Learned," *The American Sociologist*. (June) 41(2): 190-209.

Darrell Irwin and **Cecil L. Willis**

- 2007 "Problem Solving Innovations in a Traditional Police Department with Changes in Police Administration," *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*. 7(4): 11-26.

**Cecil L. Willis, T. D. Evans, and Randy LaGrange**  
1999 "‘Down Home’ Criminology: The Place for Indigenous Theories of Crime," *Journal of Criminal Justice*. (May/June) 27(3): 227-238.

Supancic, Michael and **Cecil L. Willis**,  
1998 "Extralegal Justice and Crime Control," *Journal of Crime and Justice*, Vol.21 (2): 191-215.

**Evans, T.D., Randy LaGrange, and Cecil L. Willis**  
1996 "Theoretical Development of Comparative Criminology: Rekindling An Interest." *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*. (Spring/Summer) 20(1): 15-29.

McNamee, Stephen J. and **Cecil L. Willis**  
1994 "Stratification In Science: Patterns of Publication in Four Disciplines," *Knowledge*, (June) 15: 396-416.

McNamee, Stephen J., **Cecil L. Willis**, and Ann Rotchford  
1990 "Gender Differences in Patterns of Publication in Leading Sociology Journals, 1960 to 1985," *The American Sociologist*, (Summer) 21: 99-115.

**Willis, Cecil L.** and Stephen J. McNamee  
1990 "Social Networks of Science and Patterns of Publication in Leading Sociology Journals, 1960 to 1985," *Knowledge*, (June) 11: 363-381.

**Willis, Cecil L.** and Richard H. Wells  
1988 "The Police and Child Abuse: An Analysis of Police Decisions to Report Illegal Behavior," *Criminology*, (November) 26: 695-716.

**Book Chapters/Anthologies, Book Reviews, Proceedings, Essays:** 9 non refereed publications from 1977 to 2013. Only the most recent publications are shown; full list available upon request.

**Willis, Cecil L.**

2002 "‘Joe Camel With Feathers’ or An Effective Gun Safety Program: A Review of the NRA’s Eddie Eagle Program" *Family Relations: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Studies* (October) 51 (4): 365.

**Willis, Cecil L.**

1998 "‘It Takes a Vill’: Remembering George Hillery," *Quarterly Journal of Ideology*. Vol. 21(3/4): 1-6.

**Paper presentations:** 55 presentations made from 1977 to 2013. Only the most recent presentations are shown; full list available upon request.

Sangmoon Kim, **Cecil L. Willis**, Keely Geyer, and Randy LaGrange

- 2013 “When Birds of a Feather Flock Together: A Macrostructural Approach to Interracial Crime,” Scheduled for presentation at *American Society of Criminology* annual meeting, Atlanta, November, 2013.

Darrell Irwin and **Cecil L. Willis**

- 2013 “Privilege the Party, Reform: China’s New Leadership Confronts Corruption,” Scheduled for presentation at *American Society of Criminology* meeting, Atlanta, November 2013

Darrell Irwin and **Cecil L. Willis**

- 2011 “Success or Sorrow: The Paradox of Increasing Drug Crimes in China,” presented at 2011 Annual Meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, Washington, D.C. November 16-19.

Sangmoon Kim, Randy LaGrange and Cecil L. Willis

- 2010 “The Sociology of Place” A New Understanding of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design,” presented at Annual Meeting of the *Southern Sociological Society*, Atlanta, Georgia, April 21-April 24.

Cecil L. Willis

- 2008 “To the Dark Side and Back: The Administrative Odyssey of an Academic Sociologist,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Southern Sociological Society*, Richmond, Virginia, April 9-12.

Cecil L. Willis

- 2006 “Quality Assurance for Online programs: Why do it? How to do it?” *TLT Conference*, Raleigh, North Carolina 15 March – 17 March.

Michael O. Maume, Reid C. Toth, and Cecil L. Willis

- 2005 “A Local Analysis of Minority Representation in the Juvenile Justice System,” annual meeting of the *Southern Sociological Society*, Charlotte, April 13-16.

Ron Everett, Eric Jefferies, Darrell Irwin, and Cecil L. Willis

- 2002 “Targeting Violent Crime in Small Communities: Balancing the Demands of Intervention and Investment for Long Term Change,” annual meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, November.

Darrell Irwin and Cecil L. Willis

- 2002 “Mapping Violence and Drug Arrests: Concentration or Diffusion of the Hot Spot,” *International Perspectives on Crime, Justice, and Public Order.* London, England.

Darrell Irwin and Cecil L. Willis

2002 "Problem Oriented Policing Innovations in A Traditional Police Department," annual meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Washington, March.

Cecil L. Willis and Darrell Irwin

2001 "Strict Enforcement of Firearm-Related Violence: Studying the Strategies of a Federal Task Force in Wilmington, North Carolina," annual meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, November.

Darrell Irwin and Cecil L. Willis

2001 "Legal Cynicism and Perceptions of Neighborhood Control in High Crime Communities," annual meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Washington, D.C. April.

T. David Evans and Cecil L. Willis

2000 "Crime in Cyberspace: Challenges for Criminology," annual meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, New Orleans, March.

### **Summary of Research Grants and Contracts:**

Only recent research grants are listed; information about 8 other grants/contracts in previous years will be provided on request (total awards: \$201,118).

Project Director, "New Hanover County Disproportionate Minority Project," *Governor's Crime Commission*. Budget: \$42,300, 2004-2005.

"The Development of a Masters in Applied Social Science at UNC Wilmington," development grant, Council on Graduate Schools (administered grant) and Ford Foundation (funded grant), \$6,000 (with Clyde McDaniels).

Co-Principal Investigator (with Darrell Irwin) "A Study of the Effectiveness of the Wilmington Gun Violence Reduction Project," *Governor's Crime Commission*. Budget: \$53,912 with matching funds of \$4,492 from the *New Hanover County Commissioners*, and \$13,478 from *Pritzker Cousins Foundation*. Total: \$71,882.

Project Director, "Wilmington Gun Violence Reduction Project: Identification, Prosecution, and Monitoring of the Chronic Offender," *Office of Justice Programs*, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. January 2, 2000-December 31, 2000. Budget: \$29,693.

### **Research Reports:**

Irwin, Darrell and Cecil L. Willis

- 2002 *A Study of the Effectiveness of the Wilmington Gun Violence Reduction Project – Final Report.* Governor’s Crime Commission.
- Willis, Cecil L.  
1987 *Evaluation Study of Families In Crisis*, (September) Families In Crisis, Inc., Wilmington, North Carolina. 40 pages.
- Willis, Cecil L. and Randy L. LaGrange  
1987 *Juvenile Justice Diversion and Intervention Project: Final Report.* (August), Cape Fear Substance Abuse Center, Wilmington, North Carolina, 51 pages.
- Willis, Cecil L. and Randy L. LaGrange  
1986 *Juvenile Justice Diversion and Intervention Project: First Year Report.* (August) Cape Fear Substance Abuse Center, Wilmington, North Carolina, 40 pages.
- Wells, Richard H. and Cecil L. Willis  
1983 *Factors Associated With Decision to Contribute to United Way Fund Drive.* (May) by the United Way, Wilmington, North Carolina, 40 pages.
- Ferraro, Kenneth and Cecil L. Willis  
1982 *Needs Assessment of the Mentally Retarded Citizens of New Hanover County*, (February) 19 pages.
- Wells, Richard H. and Cecil L. Willis  
1982 *Prevalence of Human Needs: An Interim Study of the Human Service Demand/Delivery Gaps in the United Way Area.* published by the United Way, Wilmington, North Carolina. 40 pages.
- Wells, Richard H. and Cecil L. Willis  
1982 *Needs Assessment: Perceptions Study Report.* Published by the United Way, Wilmington, North Carolina, 140 pages.
- William Snizek, Donald J. Shoemaker, Clifton D. Bryant, J. Keith Abrams, Donald Compton, and Cecil L. Willis  
1977 *Park and Forest Rangers: A Sociological Study of Ecological Stewardship in Virginia*, Blacksburg, Virginia.

**Professional Associations/Societies:**

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
American Society of Criminology  
Southern Sociological Society  
North Carolina Criminal Justice Association

North Carolina Sociological Association

**Recent Professional Meetings Attended (exclusive of paper presentations):**

Attended “New Faces in China Studies Conference,” Duke University, April 27, 2012.

*Southern Criminal Justice Association*, Savannah, Georgia, September 27-29, 2007.

*Southern Sociological Society*, Richmond, Virginia, April 9-12, 2008.

*TLT Conference*, Raleigh, North Carolina 21 March – 23 March 2007.

*TLT Conference*, Raleigh, North Carolina 15 March – 17 March, 2006.

*SCUP Mid-Atlantic Conference*, Richmond, Virginia 2-4 April 2006

*North Carolina Sociological Association*, Wilmington, North Carolina, February 2007.

*North Carolina Sociological Association*, Wilmington, North Carolina, February 2002.

*Conference on Guns, Crime and Punishment in America*, The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, Arizona, January 26-27, 2001.

*Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Change: Past, Present, and Future*, Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Office of Juvenile Justice, July 16-19, 2000, Washington, D.C.

*North Carolina Criminal Justice Association*, Wilmington, NC, April 23, 1999.

*Economic Crime Summit*, Orlando, Florida, May 7-10, 1999 .

Panel with Attorney General Janet Reno on Gun Violence in North Carolina, 106<sup>th</sup> *Annual Conference of International Association of Chiefs of Police*, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 30-November 3, 1999.

**Manuscript Reviewer:**

*Asian Journal of Criminology*, *Criminal Justice Review*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Journal of Crime and Justice*, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *Sociological Compass*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, Pine Forge Press, Routledge Publishing, and Wadsworth Publishing.

**Grant Reviewer:**

HEW, Guggenheim Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, Marsden Fund

### **Professional Development Workshops:**

“Blackboard Learn Crash Course,” Office of E-Learning, UNC Wilmington, 11 August 2011.

Online Course Development Grant Training (CDG) 11 May 2009 to 15 June (7 live webinar synchronous sessions).

“Vista Migration Workshops,” participated in a series of workshops provided by E-Learning Coordinator during Spring 2007.

“UNC Leadership Workshop for Department Chairs/Heads,” UNC Leadership Institute, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, June 17-18, 2003.

“Fully Online Web Course Development,” Web Course Development Team, UNC-Wilmington, May-June, 2002.

“Profiling Your Department/Program Assets,” Center For Teaching Excellence and Information Technology Systems, UNC-Wilmington, December 5, 2001.

“Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Workshop,” Earth Sciences Department, UNC-Wilmington, November 11, 2000.

Attended *Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences* “Seminar for Department Chairs,” March 4 –5, 1999, Savannah, Georgia.

Attended *American Council on Education Workshop*, “Chairing the Academic Department: A Workshop for Division and Department Chairs and Deans,” San Antonio Texas, November 7-9, 1996.

Attended *Center for Educational Development and Assessment Workshop for College Faculty and Administrators*, “Developing a Comprehensive Faculty Evaluation System,” San Francisco, March 9-10, 1993.

“Technology for Distance Education Workshop,” North Carolina State University, September 16-17, 1998.

“Practical Aspects of Diversified Investigation Techniques,” Southeast Planning Region for Criminal Justice Training, Wilmington, North Carolina, May 8-9, 1995.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Originated, coordinated, and provided instruction in the Summer Study Abroad program in Criminal Justice from 1992-1996.

Founded and organized first UNCW Criminal Justice Club.

Founded and organized first chapter of the UNCW Chapter of the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

Founded and published first department newsletter

Submitted successful proposal to fund self-study to develop department graduate program in public sociology and criminology (led to the establishment of the current Master's Program in Criminology and Public Sociology)

Faculty Senate representative for department (several terms in 1980's & 1990's)

Faculty Senate President (1995-1996).

Faculty Senate Steering Committee (1994-1997)

Hearings Panel, 1978-1981 (Chair), 1980-1981; 2007-2009; 2010-2012

Research Committee, 1981-1983; 1985-1989.

Alcohol Awareness Task Force, 1981-1984.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Evaluation of EPA Personnel, 1984-1987 (Chair, 1985-1987).

Evaluation Committee, January, 1990 to 1993 (Chair).

Chancellor's Administrative Cabinet, 1995-1996

Chancellor's Advisory Committee, 1995-1997

Library Committee (chair, 2009-2010)

Technology Task Force, 1995-1996

University Planning and Quality Council, 1995-1996

Steering Committee, NCAA Certification Process, 1995-1996.

University Curriculum Committee, 1998-2000.

Chancellor's Representative, "Minority Overrepresentation in the North Carolina Juvenile Justice System," Academic Forum Sponsored by North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission and North Carolina Division of Youth Services, September, 1991.

Dean's Representative, Workshop: "Developing a Comprehensive Faculty Evaluation System," San Francisco, March 9-10, 1993.

Honors Council (2000-2004)

Campus Judicial Board (2003-2004)

Bookstore Committee (2003-2004)

MPA Advisory Committee, 2001-2006

Graduate School Faculty, 1990 – present.

NC Advisory Commission on Military Affairs Meeting at Seymour Johnson on April 13, 2006.

Facilities Committee, 2005-2007

Search Committee, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs – Facilities, 2005

Search Committee (chair), E-Learning Coordinator, 2004-2005; 2006-2007

Search Committee (chair), Facilities Use Manager, 2004-2005

University High School Planning Committee (chaired by Raymond Burt), 2005-2006

Co-Chair of E-Learning Committee, 2005-2007

Conference Center Task Force, 2006- 2007

Oleander Cinema/Film Studies Task Force, 2006-2007

Community College Presidents Roundtable Discussion Group, 2006-2007

Committee on Information Technology Innovations, 2007

IT Strategic Planning Committee, 2005-2006

UNC Quality Online Assurance Workgroup, 2006-2007

UNC Tomorrow, UNCW Steering Committee, 2007-2008

Engineering Program Study Committee (chair) 2006-2007

UNCW Site Visit for General Assembly Evaluation of Distance Education and Online Learning (among 10 faculty and staff selected to meet with GA evaluators, October 27, 2009).

Director of Space Management Search Committee, Committee Member, appointed (February, 2011 – April, 2011).

Building and Grounds Committee, Committee Member, appointed, (September 30, 2010 - Present).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, 1996-2004**

Duties and Responsibilities included but not limited to:

- Supervision and evaluation of 19 full-time and four part-time faculty
- Supervision and evaluation of two office assistants and student workers
- Submit recommendations to the dean on promotion/tenure/reappointment and merit increases.
- Oversee department's annual workload report
- Serve as liaison between department and administration
- Oversee preparation of course schedules and teaching assignments
- Coordinate/oversee recruitment of new faculty
- Review and forward grant proposals, summer research initiatives, summer curriculum development initiatives, online course proposals, and research reassignments
- Oversee hiring and supervision of part-time faculty
- Coordinate/oversee peer review process
- Coordinate/oversee class observation of junior faculty
- Coordinate oversee post-tenure review process
- Mediate disputes between faculty and students
- Mediate disputes between faculty members

Major Activities as Chair (include but not limited to):

- Coordinated/oversaw department's self-study report for SACS (final report submitted on 15 December 2000).
- Coordinated/assisted with separation of anthropology program from department. Included recommendations for budget allocation, expenditures, and staff assignments (2000)
- Coordinated/assisted with separation of social work program from department and formation of a new Department of Social Work. Included recommendations for budget allocation, expenditures, and staff assignments and hiring of department chair for social work department. (1998)
- Prepared department's 2002-2007 Strategic Five-Year Plan
- Appointed by Provost Hosier to conduct a Space Utilization Study for UNCW (2003-2004)
- Committee on General Requirements of the Educational Program SACS Self-Study, 2000 (chair)
- Committee on Educational Program for SACS Self study (2000)
- Submitted successful proposal to fund self-study to develop department graduate program in public sociology and criminology (led to the establishment of the current Master's Program in Criminology and Public Sociology)

### **Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 2004-2007**

Duties and Major Activities included but not limited to:

- Academic Affairs liaison/project manager for the following Capital Projects: Friday Hall Renovation, James Hall Renovation, Kenan Hall Renovation, Cultural Arts Building, Computer Information Systems Building, CMS, and Health and Human Services Building (McNeill Hall).
- Oversaw UNCW Extension Program and e-learning for Academic Affairs
- Reviewed Special Projects request for Provost.
- Conducted preliminary space analysis for proposed H & HS Building (McNeill Hall), consulted with proposed occupants, and prepared memo to OP concerning funds appropriated for design and development of Building.
- Coordinated search process for College of Arts and Sciences Dean.

- Coordinated 5-year review of three School Deans.
- Organized and coordinated Academic Affairs panel on the Tsunami disaster.
- Convened and chaired Textbook Costs committee to respond to GA recommendations and completed report to GA (2007)
- Served on University High School Planning Committee (chaired by Raymond Burt) and as chair of Space and Facilities Subcommittee.
- Coordinated inaugural Constitution Day event
- Coordinated with deans and prepared report to GA identifying top priorities by Academic Affairs for the BOG long-range planning document.
- Developed new classroom scheduling policy in consultation with associate deans and deans to address projected classroom shortage during Fall 2006.
- Coordinated with Beth Barton visit by UNC President Erskine Bowles to Camp Lejeune
- Met with area community college presidents regarding DE interests and needs
- Prepared preliminary report with Raymond Burt on student retention for report to UNC provosts
- Served on IT Innovations Selection Committee
- Served as provost's representative on DRU (Disaster Resistant University) Council.
- Served on Conference Center Task Force
- Served on Oleander/Film Studies Committee
- Served on UNCW Steering Committee for UNC Tomorrow
- Served on UNC system Quality Assurance Online Workgroup.
- Supervision of Administrative Secretary III (Sharon Lindgren/Amy Ramsey)
- Supervision of Extension Program Director (Beth Barton)
- Supervision of E-Learning Coordinator (Melinda Johansson)

- Supervision of Facilities Use Manager (Tina Strickland)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Advisory board memberships have included: Bannum Place (Federal Halfway House), Cape Fear Voluntary Action Center (Chair, Personnel Committee), Community Penalties Program (Chair, Public Relations Committee), Criminal Justice Advisory Board for Cape Fear Community College, Pfeiffer University Criminal Justice Advisory Board, State Child Abuse and Neglect Public Awareness Committee, Treatment Center for Women, and Families in Crisis.

I have written op-ed pieces in the *Wilmington Star-News* on perceptions of crime, equality in the justice system, and the incarceration rate.

I have given public lectures to local school, university groups, and community agencies on varied topics including, juvenile delinquency, the justice process, the prison population, crime victims, cults and ritualistic crimes, and youth and society.

I have also been interviewed numerous times by the local television stations, radio talk shows, and newspapers regarding various topics such as serial murder, prostitution, changes in the crime rates, women and crime, race and crime, teenage gangs, the death penalty, violence in the schools, the prison population, drugs and crime, and juvenile delinquency.