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## Education

### Doctor of Philosophy

School of Information Studies, Charles Sturt University, Australia 2016

Thesis title: *Information in transition: Examining the information behaviour of academics as they transition into university careers*

Supervisors: Prof Lisa M. Given & Prof Annemaree Lloyd

### Master of Library and Information Studies

2008

School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta, Canada

Research project title: *The effect of misspellings on information retrieval in online public access catalogues*

Project supervisor: Dr Lisa M. Given

### Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honors, Co-operative Work Experience Program)

2005

Department of Psychology, University of Alberta, Canada

Thesis title: *Real world spelling tests*

Supervisor: Dr Connie K. Varnhagen

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## Academic & Research Positions

### School of Information Studies, McGill University

Assistant Professor (August 2019 – Current)

### Department of Computer and Information Sciences, University of Strathclyde

Deputy Course Director, Information & Library Studies Programme (July 2017 – June 2019)

Lecturer in Information Science (August 2016 – July 2019)

### Department of Library and Information Studies, University at Buffalo

Adjunct Instructor (August 2015 – December 2015)

### School of Information Studies, Charles Sturt University

Research Assistant (July 2012 – December 2015)

### Office of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Alberta

Research Assistant (July 2012 – March 2014)

**School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta**  
Research Assistant (September 2007 – August 2008)

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## **Selected Professional Positions**

### **Mount Royal University**

Assistant Professor & Librarian (August 2009 – June 2012)

### **MacEwan University**

Reference Librarian (August 2008 – May 2009)

### **Strathcona County Library**

Weeding Assistant (May 2007 – August 2007)

### **Humanities and Social Sciences Library, University of Alberta**

Reference Assistant (September 2006 – April 2007)

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## **Grants**

### **Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grants Program (Internal), McGill University**

2020  
Funded

Project title: Precarity and progression during a pandemic: Early career academics' experiences during COVID-19

Role: Primary Investigator

Funding: \$5,000 CAD

### **Paper Presentation Grant (Internal), McGill University**

2019  
Funded

Paper title: Transitions and social interaction: Making sense of self and situation through engagement with others

Role: Applicant

Funding granted: \$1500 CAD

### **Economic and Social Research Council, UK Research & Innovation**

2018  
Retracted (due to institutional move)

Project title: Marginalisation and (mis)information: Exploring how academic casualisation complicates finding, sharing, and using workplace information

Role: Primary Investigator

Requested funding: £201,481 GBP

<b>Alberta Rural Development Network, Government of Alberta</b>	2012
Project title: <i>Information Literacy Alberta Assessment Pilot Project</i>	Successful
Project partners: University of Alberta Augustana Campus, MacEwan University, and Red Deer College	
Funding: \$10,000 CAD	

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## **Selected Scholarships, Funding, and Awards:**

### **Competitive Research Scholarships**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship, Government of Canada (\$20,000 CAD per year for 2 years)	2014-2016
Australian Postgraduate Award International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (APA IPRS), Charles Sturt University (\$24,673 AUD per year for 2.5 years and waived tuition)	2013-2016
Faculty of Education Scholarship, Charles Sturt University (\$23,728 AUD per year for 3 years and waived tuition)	2012-2015
Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Government of Canada (\$17,500 CAD)	2007-2008
Walter H Johns Graduate Fellowship, University of Alberta (\$4949 CAD)	2007
Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship – Master’s, Government of Alberta (\$7000 CAD)	2006

### **Selected Competitive Funding**

School of Information Studies Student Conference Award, Charles Sturt University (\$800 AUD)	2013
Institute for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Nexen Scholars Program, Mount Royal University (\$1500 CAD)	2010
Graduate Student Scholarship, Government of Alberta (\$2000 CAD)	2008
Mary Louise Imrie Graduate Student Award, Government of Alberta (\$500 CAD)	2008

### **Selected Awards**

James M. Cretsos Leadership Award, Association for Information Science and Technology	2019
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New Leaders Program, Association for Information Science and Technology (\$1000 USD)	2016-2018
SIG USE Student Conference Travel Award, Association for Information Science and Technology Special Interest Group Information Needs Seeking and Use (SIG USE) (\$500 USD)	2014

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## Research – Publications

### Journal Articles (Refereed)

Rowley, K. & **Willson, R.** (in press). Scotland's public libraries are nothing but practical when it comes to deselection. *Library and Information Research*.

**Willson, R.** & Given, L. M. (2020). "I'm in sheer survival mode": Information behaviour and affective experiences of early career academics. *Library and Information Science Research*, 42(2). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lisr.2020.101014>

**Willson, R.** (2019). Transitions Theory and liminality in information behaviour research: Applying new theories to examine the transition to early career academic. *Journal of Documentation*, 75(4), 838-856. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JD-12-2018-0207>

**Willson, R.** (2018). "Systemic Managerial Constraints": How universities influence the information behaviour of HSS early career academics. *Journal of Documentation*, 74(4), 862-879. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JD-07-2017-0111>

Given, L. M., & **Willson, R.** (2018). Information technology and the humanities scholar: Documenting digital research practices. *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 69(6), 807-819. <https://doi.org/10.1002/asi.24008>

Given, L. M., Winkler, D. C., **Willson, R.**, Davidson, C., Danby, S., & Thorpe, K. (2016). Watching young children 'play' with information technology: Everyday life information seeking in the home. *Library & Information Science Research*, 38(4), 344-352. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.lisr.2016.11.007>

Given, L. M., Winkler, D. C., **Willson, R.**, Davidson, C., Danby, S., & Thorpe, K. (2016). Parents as co-researchers at home: Using an observational method to document young children's use of technology. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 15(1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/1609406915621403>

**Willson, R.**, & Given, L. M. (2014). Student search behaviour in an online public access catalogue: An examination of 'searching mental models' and 'searcher self-concept'. *Information Research*, 19(3). Retrieved from <http://InformationR.net/ir/19-3/paper640.html>

- Willson, R.** (2012). Independent searching during one-shot information literacy instruction sessions: Is it an effective use of time? *Evidence Based Library & Information Practice*, 7(4), 52–67. <http://dx.doi.org/10.18438/B85323>
- Julien, H., Detlor, B., Serenko, A., **Willson, R.**, & Lavalley, M. (2011). Preparing tomorrow's decision makers: Learning environments and outcomes of information literacy instruction in business schools. *Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship*, 16(4), 348-367. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/08963568.2011.605669>
- Detlor, B., Julien, H., **Willson, R.**, Serenko, A., & Lavalley, M. (2011). Learning outcomes of information literacy instruction at business schools. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 62(3), 572-585. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/asi.21474>
- Willson, R.**, & Given, L. M. (2010). The effect of spelling and retrieval system familiarity on search behavior in online public access catalogs: A mixed methods study. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 61(12), 2461–2476. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/asi.21433>

### **Book Chapters (Refereed)**

- Given, L. M. & **Willson, R.** (2015). Collaboration, information seeking, and technology use: A critical examination of humanities scholars' research practices. In P. Hansen, C. Shah, & K. Claus-Peter (Eds.) *Collaborative information seeking: Best practices, new domains and new thoughts* (pp. 139-164). New York: Springer-Verlag.

### **Conference Proceedings (Refereed Papers)**

- Willson, R.** & Julien, H. (2020). Precarious academics: Information practices and challenges. In R. Chabot, G. Campbell, & L. Brown (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Canadian Association for Information Science – Diverging Trajectories in Information Science, the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science*. Online. [https://www.caiss2020.ca/talk/precarious-academics/CAISS2020\\_paper24\\_Willson.pdf](https://www.caiss2020.ca/talk/precarious-academics/CAISS2020_paper24_Willson.pdf)
- McKenzie, P. & **Willson, R.** (2019). Transitions and social interaction: Making sense of self and situation through engagement with others. In C. Blake & C. Brown (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology - Information...Anyone, Anywhere, Any Time, Any Way, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 56(1), 459-462. Melbourne, Australia. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1002/pr2.47>
- Given, L. M., **Willson, R.**, Albrecht, L., & Scott, S. (2016). Information in crisis: Health & technology-related information behaviors of parents in emergency departments. In A. Groves (Ed.), *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology - Creating Knowledge, Enhancing Lives through Information & Technology, the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*. Copenhagen, Denmark. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/pr2.2016.14505301073>

- Given, L. M., Kelly, W. & **Willson, R.** (2015). Bracing for impact: The role of information science in supporting societal research impact. In A. Groves (Ed.), *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology – Information Science with Impact: Research in and for the Community, the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 52(1). St. Louis, USA. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/pr2.2015.145052010048>
- Given, L. M., Winkler, D. C., **Willson, R.**, Davidson, C., Danby, S., & Thorpe, K. (2014). Documenting young children's technology use: Observations in the home. In A. Groves (Ed.), *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology – Connecting Collections, Cultures and Communities, the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 51(1). Seattle, USA. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/meet.2014.14505101028>
- Julien, H., Detlor, B., Serenko, A., **Willson, R.**, & Lavalley, M. (2009). Outcomes of information literacy instruction for undergraduate business students. In A. Groves (Ed.), *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology – Thriving on Diversity: Information Opportunities in a Pluralistic World, the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 46(1). Vancouver, Canada. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/meet.2009.145046026>
- Willson, R.**, & Given, L. M. (2008). The effect of misspellings on information retrieval on online public access catalogues. In C. Guastavino & J. Turner (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Canadian Association for Information Science – Information Beyond Borders: LIS Interacting with Other Disciplines, the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science*. Vancouver, Canada. [http://www.cais-acsi.ca/proceedings/2008/willson\\_2008.pdf](http://www.cais-acsi.ca/proceedings/2008/willson_2008.pdf)

## Abstracts (Refereed)

- Willson, R.**, Buchanan, G., Burnett, G., Ellison, N., Erdelez, S., & Twidale, M. (2020). My favorite unreliable source? Information sharing and acquisition through informal networks [Panel Abstract]. In A. Groves (Ed.), *Proceedings of the American Society for Information Science and Technology – Information for a Sustainable World: Addressing Society's Grand Challenges, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 57(1). Online. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pr2.294>
- Willson, R.**, Greyson, D., Gibson, A. N., Bronstein, J. (2020). Pulling back the curtain on conducting social impact research [Panel Abstract]. In A. Groves (Ed.), *Proceedings of the American Society for Information Science and Technology – Information for a Sustainable World: Addressing Society's Grand Challenges, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 57(1). Online. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pr2.427>
- Willson, R.** (2019). Analysing qualitative data: You asked them, now what to do with what they said [Tutorial Abstract]. In *CHIIR '19 Proceedings of the 2019 Conference on Human Information Interaction and Retrieval*, p. 358-387. Glasgow, UK. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3295750.3298964>

**Willson, R.** (2018). "Bouncing ideas": When participants use this phrase, what do they really mean? [Poster Abstract]. In L. Freund (Ed.), *Proceedings of the American Society for Information Science and Technology – Connecting Collections, Cultures and Communities, the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*. Vancouver, Canada. <https://www.asist.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Final-81st-Annual-Meeting-Proceedings.pdf>

Given, L. M., Hicks, D., Schindel, T.J., & **Willson, R.** (2014). The informing nature of talk and text: Discourse analysis as a research approach in information science [Panel Abstract]. In A. Groves (Ed.), *Proceedings of the American Society for Information Science and Technology – Connecting Collections, Cultures and Communities, the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 51(1). Seattle, USA. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/meet.2014.14505101002>

Cordoviz, M., Fluet, K., McKim, B., **Willson, R.**, McKenzie, M., Klein, J., Blackwelder, M., Tovstiuk, C., Gilbride, S., & Lepatsky, T. (2006). Cough it up – cover it up [Poster Abstract]. *The Canadian Journal of Infection Control*, 21(1), 38.

### **Journal Articles (Non-refereed)**

**Willson, R.**, Greyson, D., Burnett, G., & Given, L. M. (2016). SIG/USE Research Symposium: Making research matter: Connecting theory and practice. *Bulletin of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 42(3), 30-32.

Goebel, N., Knoch, J., Thomson, M. E., & **Willson, R.** (2013). Making assessment less scary. *College & Research Libraries News*, 74(1), 28–31.

### **External Reports (Non-refereed)**

Given, L. M., Winkler, D., & **Willson, R.** (2014.) *Qualitative research practice: Implications for the design & implementation of a research impact assessment exercise in Australia*. Retrieved from Research Institute for Professional Practice, Learning and Education website: [http://www.csu.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/994553/Impact-Report.pdf](http://www.csu.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/994553/Impact-Report.pdf)

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## **Research – Presentations**

### **Conference Presentations (Refereed)**

Julien, H. **Willson, R.**, Ruthven, I., & Dalmer, N. (2020). Information behaviour and practice research for social impact. Panel presentation at the *Information Seeking in Context (ISIC2020)*. Pretoria, South Africa (Online).

- Willson, R.** (December 2018). Precarity, managerialism, and the shifting of academic work. Paper presented as part of the symposium “Academic Work Across the Career Stages: power and precarity at the ‘micro’ level in everyday academic life” at *the Society for Research in Higher Education - The Changing Shape of Higher Education: Can excellence and inclusion cohabit?* Newport, UK.
- Willson, R.** (October 2017). Information behaviour during transitions and liminal periods: Experiences of inclusion and exclusion. Paper presented at *2017 Association for Information Science and Technology SIG-USE Symposium – Framing Inclusion and Exclusion in Information Behavior Research and Practice*. Washington DC, USA.
- Willson, R.** (June 2017). Information in transition: The social flow of information. Paper presented at *Information: Interactions and Impact (i<sup>3</sup>) 2017*. Aberdeen, UK.
- Willson, R.** (July 2015). Open doors and hallway conversations: Physical proximity and informal social interactions in information gathering during a career transition. Paper presented at the *Research Applications in Information and Library Studies (RAILS11) – Expanding Horizons*. Sydney, Australia.
- Given, L., Kelly, W., **Willson, R.**, & Deloie, A. (July 2015). *Expanding information horizons for impact: Exploring information behaviours in wine industry research*. Paper presented at the *Research Applications in Information and Library Studies (RAILS11) – Expanding Horizons*. Sydney, Australia.
- Given, L. M. & **Willson, R.** (July 2015). Models For effective research engagement: LIS professionals and scholars working together for success. Paper presented at the *Eighth International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP8) – Evidence and Practice: Working Together*. Brisbane, Australia.
- Willson, R.** (April 2015). The check-in method: Collecting salient experiences over longer periods of time. *14<sup>th</sup> Qualitative Methods Conference - Qualitative Methods: Better Bounded or Boundless?* Melbourne, Australia.
- Willson, R.** (November 2014). Looking at what faculty don't: Using critical discourse analysis to examine university websites. Panel presentation at the *77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology – Connecting Collections, Cultures and Communities*. Seattle, USA.
- Willson, R.** (July 2014). “I always have the impression that I’m losing something”: The information experiences of early career researchers as they transition in academe. Paper presented at the *Research Applications in Information and Library Studies (RAILS10) – Collaboration & Connection: Linking Research and Practice*. Canberra, Australia.
- Willson, R.** (June 2013). Using Transition Theory in information behaviour research: Addressing change in personal narratives. Paper presented at the *Canadian Association for Information*



*Science – Tales from the Edge: Narrative Voices in Information Research and Practice.*  
Victoria, Canada.

Rockwell, G., Sinclair, S., Simpson, J., **Willson, R.**, Chartier, R., Dyrbye, A., & Radzikowska, M. (June 2013). Just what do they do?: On the use of text analysis in the humanities. Panel presented at the *2013 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society For Digital Humanities – @ the Edge.* Victoria, Canada.

Edwards Thomson, M., Goebel, N., Knoch, J., & **Willson, R.** (May 2012). Aren't we all trying to do the same thing?: Four Alberta post-secondary institutions collaborating to create an information literacy assessment tool. Paper presented at *WILU (Workshop for Instruction in Library Use) – Vigour, Thrift & Resourcefulness.* Edmonton, Canada.

**Willson, R.** (October 2011). Learning to do library research: Scholarship of teaching and learning in one-shot information literacy sessions. Paper presented at the *International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning – Transforming the Academy through the Theory & Practice of SOTL.* Milwaukee, USA.

**Willson, R.** (June 2011). Independent searching during one-shot information literacy instruction sessions: Does it prepare students for research? Paper presented at *EBLIP6 (Evidence Based Library and Information Practice 6) – Valuing Knowledge and Expertise.* Manchester, UK.

**Willson, R.** (June 2011). A library is more than books: Direct instruction and support of scholarly student activities in psychology. Panel presented at the *72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canadian Psychological Association Convention.* Toronto, Canada.

MacMillan, M., & **Willson, R.** (November 2010). Unconventional classrooms, unconventional methods: Conducting scholarship of teaching and learning research in places you don't expect. Paper presented at *2010 Centennial Symposium on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.* Banff, Canada.

Julien, H., & **Willson, R.** (May 2009). Information literacy learning outcomes: Critical factors in the learning environment. Paper presented at the *Canadian Association for Information Science – Mapping the 21st Century Information Landscape: Borders, Bridges and Byways.* Ottawa, Canada.

Julien, H., & **Willson, R.** (May 2009). Assessing learning outcomes of information literacy instruction at Canadian business schools. Paper presented at *WILU (Workshop for Instruction in Library Use) – Reflections.* Montreal, Canada.

### **Tutorial and Poster Presentations (Refereed)**

**Willson, R.** (October 2018). Information and uncertainty: Information activities of short-term teaching and research contract staff. Poster presented at *Information Seeking In Context 2018 (ISIC2018).* Krakow, Poland.

## Research/Professional Seminars & Presentations (Non-Refereed)

- Willson, R.** (September 2020). The challenge of academic transitions: Making sense of new academic roles and preparing for what comes next. Talk for the Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria. Pretoria, South Africa (Online). [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (July 2020). Transitioning from doctoral student to academic researcher: Preparing for what comes next. Talk at the Department of Psychology Seminar, McGill University. Montreal, Canada. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (February 2020). People are not frozen in time: Using Transitions Theory and liminality to examine the experiences of people undergoing change. Talk at the School of Information Studies Departmental Seminar, McGill University. Montreal, Canada. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (October 2019). Difficult academic transitions: How early career and casual academics make sense of new jobs roles and contexts (and what can be done to help). Presentation to the Swinburne University of Technology. Melbourne, Australia. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (October 2019). How can PhD researchers prepare for what comes next?: Understanding the doctoral transition. Presentation to La Trobe University. Melbourne, Australia. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (May 2019). "A glimpse of the abyss on the other side": Experiences of transitioning from PhD to early career and preparing for what comes next. Presentation to the University of Derby. Derby, UK. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (September 2018). Transitions: How to support early career academics. Plenary presentation to *Vitae Researcher Development International Conference 2018*. Birmingham, UK. [Invited plenary]
- Willson, R.** (May 2018). Expectations and preparation: The transition from doctoral student to early career academic. Presentation to *Supporting resilience at different academic stages*, Vitae Regional Meeting of Scotland and Northern Ireland. Glasgow, UK. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (April 2018). The experience of early career academics: The influence of governments, universities, and colleagues on academics' work – and what we can do. Presentation to *The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities*, Oxford University. Oxford, UK. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (January 2018). Expectations and affect in the transition from doctoral student to early career academic. Presentation to *Preparing Researchers for an Unknown Future: Cultures, Behaviours & Mindsets*, Vitae event. Birmingham, UK. [Invited talk]

- Willson, R.** (December 2017). What to expect when you're expecting to be an academic – and how to prepare yourself for life after the PhD. Presentation for the Higher Degree by Research students at the *Faculty of Health, Arts and Design*, Swinburne University. Melbourne, Australia. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (December 2017). Figuring out transitions: Using Transitions Theory to examine sense making during times of change. Presentation for the *Faculty of Health, Arts and Design*, Swinburne University. Melbourne, Australia. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (April 2017). Information in transition: Applying Transitions Theory to information behaviour research. Presentation for the *Department of Computer and Information Sciences*, Northumbria University. Newcastle, UK. [Invited talk]
- Willson, R.** (February 2017). The problem with working in the university is the university: “Systemic Managerial Constraints” and working in academe. Presentation at *Educational Futures and Fractures*. Glasgow, UK.
- Willson, R.** (November 2016). The problem with working in the university is the university: “Systemic Managerial Constraints” and working in academe. Presentation at the *Department of Computer & Information Sciences Departmental Seminar*, University of Strathclyde. Glasgow, UK.
- Willson, R.** (October 2013). Focusing on experiences of change: Applying Transitions Theory to information behaviour research. Presentation at *the School of Information Studies Research Seminar Series*, Charles Sturt University. Wagga Wagga, Australia.
- Techentin, C., Evans, S. E., & **Willson, R.** (May 2012). Beyond the textbook: Skill building in our first-year courses. Presentation at the *Mount Royal Faculty Association Spring Retreat*. Kananaskis, Canada.
- Willson, R.**, & Day, S. (November 2009). Copyright in Classrooms: Balancing the Rights of Users and Creators. Presentation at the *Grant MacEwan College Professional Development Day*. Edmonton, Canada.
- Willson, R.** (November 2008). The Effect of Misspellings on Information Retrieval on Online Public Access Catalogues. *Presentation to University of Alberta Libraries Staff*, University of Alberta. Edmonton, Canada.
- Knoch, J., & **Willson, R.** (November 2008). Boolean and Beyond: Advanced Search Features for Information Retrieval. Presentation at the *Grant MacEwan College Professional Development Day*. Edmonton, Canada.
- Willson, R.** (February 2008). The Effect of Misspellings on Information Retrieval on Online Public Access Catalogues: A Pilot Study. Presentation at the *School of Library and Information Studies Professional Development Day*. Edmonton, Canada.

**Willson, R.** (August 2004). The Administration of Neuropsychological Tests to Older Adults with Mild to Moderate Cognitive Impairment Using Videoconferencing: Implications for Assessing Capacity for Independent Functioning. Presentation to *Alberta Hospital Ponoka Administration and Professional Staff*. Ponoka, Canada.

Goldberg, E., Gorrie, M., Schielke, J., & **Willson, R.** (June 2003). Illegal and immoral use of handicapped parking stalls. *Presentation to Alberta Advisory Committee on Barrier-Free Transportation*. Edmonton, Canada.

## Community Engagement

**Willson, R.** (July 2018). Episode 122: Dr. Rebekah Willson on Grounded Theory [Podcast]. *Research In Action*. Oregon State University Ecampus.  
<https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e122/>

Smith, L., **Willson, R.**, & Jardine, C. (August 2017). Sensible or censorship? Gatekeeping, filtering and access to information in libraries. Presentation at *The House That Heals the Soul exhibit at The Centre for Contemporary Art*. Glasgow, UK.

Smith, L., **Willson, R.**, & Jardine, C. (August 2017). Libraries for All? Libraries, social inequalities and activism in Scotland. Presentation at *The House That Heals the Soul exhibit at The Centre for Contemporary Art*. Glasgow, UK.

**Willson, R.** (May 2015). Inflammatory books: Book burning, censorship, and your right to smut. Presentation at *Nerd Nite Wagga*. Wagga Wagga, Australia.

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## Teaching Experience

### Assistant Professor

GLIS 601 Foundation of Information Studies (September 2019 – Current)

- Redevelopment and instruction on a masters-level courses on the foundations of library and information studies

GLIS 611 Research Principles and Analysis (January 2020 – Current)

- Masters-level course on research methods

### Lecturer

CS 962 Information, Libraries and Society (February 2017 – March 2019)

- Developed and provided instruction on a post-graduate class on information literacy, library sectors, and professional development

CS 954 Information Retrieval and Access (September 2016 – October 2019)

- Developed and provided instruction on a post-graduate module on reference services

### **Adjunct Instructor**

LIS 518 References Sources and Services, University at Buffalo (August 2015 – December 2015)

- Instruction of an online post-graduate course

### **Teaching Assistant/Marker**

INF 321 Introduction to Research, Charles Sturt University (May 2015 – June 2015)

- Marked research evaluation assignments in an online undergraduate class on research methods

INF 447 Research in Practice, Charles Sturt University (August 2014 – October 2014)

- Marked research evaluation assignments and evidence-based practice proposals in an online graduate class on research methods

PSYCO 104 Introductory Psychology, University of Alberta (September 2005 – December 2005)

- Lecture: “Physiological Mechanisms of Behaviour”

### **Information Literacy Instruction**

Mount Royal University (August 2009 – June 2012)

- Developed 22 information literacy instruction sessions
- Taught 162 sessions in many disciplines including Psychology, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and General Education (course evaluations for selected classes available on request)

MacEwan University (August 2008 – May 2009)

- Developed 8 information literacy instruction sessions
- Taught 42 sessions in many disciplines including Anthropology, Early Childhood Education, Education, Information Management & Library Technology, and English

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## **Scholarly Service Activities**

### **Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology (JASIS&T)**

- Editor (January 2020 – Current)
- Associate editor/reviewer for the Special Issue “*Information Behaviour and Information Practices: A Special Issue for Research on People’s Engagement with Technology*” (October 2017 – January 2019)

### **Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)**

- Research Engagement Committee, Vice-Chair (July 2020 – Current)
- Strategic Planning Taskforce, Member (October 2019 – August 2020)
- Membership Committee, Co-Chair (November 2017 – November 2018)
- Annual Meeting, reviewer (papers and posters) (April 2015, April 2017- Current)
- ProQuest Doctoral Dissertation Award (March – May 2019)
- Pratt Severn Award, jury member (March – May 2018)
- ASIS&T reviewer for the Beta-Phi-Mu's Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (April – May 2017)
- International Relations Committee, Member (September 2016 – November 2017)

### **Special Interest Group Needs, Seeking, and Use (SIG USE), Association for Science and Technology (ASIS&T)**

- Chair Elect, Chair, Immediate Past Chair (Elected October 2018; October 2018 – Current)
- Co-chair of the 2015 SIG USE Symposium (November 2014 – November 2015)

### **Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)**

- Programme Committee, ALISE Works-in-Progress Showcase Co-Chair (for 2021)
  - Nominations Committee, Member (December 2017 – December 2018)
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## **Professional Service Activities**

### **Evidence Based Library and Information Practice**

- Co-Chair, EBLIP10: Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland (December 2017 – June 2019)
- Associate Editor (Research Articles) (February 2015 – January 2018)
- Reviewer for articles and evidence summaries (April 2014 – January 2015)

### **Library and Information Research Group, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals**

(October 2016 – July 2018)

- Committee Member, CPD and Events Team

### **Institute for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Mount Royal University**

(May 2011 - November 2011)

- Conference co-chair of the 2011 Centennial Symposium on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

### **NEOS Library Consortium**

(December 2008 – July 2009)

- Communications Committee – Member
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## **Institutional and University Service Activities**

### **McGill University**

(August 2019 – Current)

- Co-Chair, School of Information Studies Equity Committee (September 2019 – current)
- Member, School of Information Studies Curriculum Committee (September 2019 – current)
- School of Information Studies Representative, Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (September 2019 – current)
- Faculty Advisor, McGill Association for Information Science & Technology Student Chapter (September 2019 – current)

### **University of Strathclyde**

(August 2016 – June 2019)

- Postgraduate Research Coordinator – Support and Development (September 2018 – June 2019)
- Member of Faculty Board of Study, Faculty of Science (Appointed October 2017 – June 2018)
- Member of Athena SWAN Committee, Department of Computer and Information Sciences (Appointed February 2017 – June 2019)
- Equality and Diversity Representative, Department of Computer and Information Sciences (Appointed November 2016 – June 2019)

### **Charles Sturt University**

(July 2012 – December 2015)

- Research Advisory Committee, Subcommittee of the Academic Senate – Higher Degree by Research Student Representative (Appointed September 2013 – December 2015)
- Research Management Committee, School of Information Studies – Student Representative (Appointed July 2012 – December 2015)
- School Board, School of Information Studies – Postgraduate Student Representative (Appointed July 2012 – February 2014)
- Communications Committee, School of Information Studies – Student Representative (Appointed July 2012 – February 2014)

## **Mount Royal University**

(August 2009 – June 2012)

- General Faculties Council – Councillor (Elected member 2011– 2013)
- Learning Outcomes Standing Committee, subcommittee of the General Faculties Council– Library Councillor (Elected member 2010–2013)
- Appointments, Tenure and Promotions Committee, subcommittee of the General Faculties Council– Library Councillor (Elected member 2011–2013)
- Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable – Library Representative (Member 2009-2011)
- Scholarship Standing Sub-Committee, Library Faculty Council (Elected chair 2010/2011; elected member 2009/2010 and 2011/2012)
- Assessment Working Group, University Library (Member 2010)
- Open Access Working Group, University Library (Member 2009-2012)

## **MacEwan University**

(September 2008 – May 2009)

- Library Instruction Advisory Committee (Member 2008/2009)

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## **Professional Memberships**

Association for Information Science & Technology (Member 2014-Present)

Association of Library and Information Science Education (Member 2013-Present)

Canadian Association for Information Science (Member 2009-Present)

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