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appointments Associate Professor of Cultural Studies and Program Faculty in Global Affairs, George Mason University, 2017-present.
Assistant Professor of Cultural Studies, George Mason University, 2012-2017.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, College of Wooster, 2011-2012.
Visiting Residential Scholar, Center for Ideas and Society/Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Riverside, 2010.
Instructional Technology Fellow, Macaulay Honors College, City University of New York (CUNY), 2006-2010.
Adjunct Instructor, Hunter College, CUNY, 2003-2006.

education Ph.D., Sociology, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2010.
M.A., Sociology, Queens College, CUNY, 2005.
B.A., Gender Studies/Social Sciences, New College of Florida, 1997.
Exchange Program in European History and Culture, University of Amsterdam, 1995.

publications

Books

Craig Willse. 2015. *The Value of Homelessness: Managing Surplus Life in the United States*. University of Minnesota Press.
Patricia Ticineto Clough and Craig Willse, eds. 2011. *Beyond Biopolitics: Essays on the Governance of Life and Death*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Edited Journals

Soniya Munshi and Craig Willse, eds. 2016. "Navigating Neoliberalism in the Academy, Nonprofits, and Beyond." *Scholar and Feminist Online* 13.2.
Craig Willse and Dean Spade, eds. 2013. "Born in Flames." *Women and Performance: A Journal of Feminist Theory* 23.1.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Dean Spade and Craig Willse. 2014. "Sex, Gender, and War in an Age of Multicultural Imperialism." *QED: A Journal of GLBTQ Worldmaking* 1.1: 5-29.
Patricia Ticineto Clough and Craig Willse. 2010. "Gendered Security/National Security: Political Branding and Population Racism." *Social Text* 105 28.4: 45-63.
Craig Willse. 2010. "Neo-liberal Biopolitics and the Invention of Chronic Homelessness." *Economy and Society* 39.2: 155-84.
Craig Willse. 2008. "'Universal Data Elements,' or the Biopolitical Life of Homeless Populations." *Surveillance and Society* 5.4: 227-251.
Patricia Ticineto Clough, Greg Goldberg, Rachel Schiff, Aaron Weeks, and Craig Willse. 2007. "Notes Towards a Theory of Affect-Itself." *ephemera* 7.2: 60-77.

Law Review Articles

Craig Willse and Dean Spade. 2005. "Freedom in a Regulatory State?: Lawrence, Marriage and Biopolitics." *Widener Law Review* 307: 309-29.
Dean Spade and Craig Willse. 2000. "Confronting the Limits of Gay Hate Crimes Activism: A Radical Critique." *UCLA Chicano-Latino Law Review* 21: 38-52.

Book Chapters

Soniya Munshi and Craig Willse. 2017. "Foreword." In *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex*, ed. INCITE!. Durham: Duke University Press: xii-xxii, reprinted from *The Scholar and Feminist Online* 13.2.

- Dean Spade and Craig Willse. "Norms and Normalization." 2016. In *Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theory*, ed. Mary Hawkesworth and Lisa Disch. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 551-71.
- Dean Spade and Craig Willse. "I Still Think Marriage is the Wrong Goal." 2010. In *Against Equality: Queer Critiques of Gay Marriage*, ed. Ryan Conrad. Lewiston, ME: Against Equality Press: 30-32.
- Greg Goldberg and Craig Willse. 2007. "Losses and Returns: The Soldier in Trauma." In *The Affective Turn: Theorizing the Social*, ed. Patricia Ticineto Clough with Jean Halley. Durham: Duke University Press: 265-86.

Reviews and Essays

- Craig Willse. "Homelessness and housing justice in gentrifying Brooklyn." 2015. University of Minnesota Press Blog. <http://www.umnpressblog.com/2015/10/homelessness-and-housing-justice-in.html>.
- Craig Willse. "Queer Dilemmas." 2015. Invited contribution for *The Writing Instructor*. <http://parlormultimedia.com/twitest/toc-2015-03>.
- Craig Willse. 2014. "Life Beyond Work: *The Problem with Work: Feminism, Marxism, Antinwork Politics, and Postwork Imaginaries*." *ephemera* 14.3: 541-47.
- Craig Willse. "Cities and War" and "Gentrification and Resistance." 2013. *Cities and Globalization Working Group*. <http://citiesandglobalization.org/>.
- Dean Spade and Craig Willse. 2013. "Marriage Will Never Set Us Free." *Organizing Upgrade*. <http://www.organizingupgrade.com/>.
- Craig Willse and Dean Spade. 2013. "We Are Born in Flames." *Women and Performance: A Journal of Feminist Theory* 23.1: 1-5.
- Craig Willse. 2013. "Surplus Life: Biopower and Neoliberalism." *Scholar and Feminist Online* 11.1-2.
- Craig Willse. 2012. "Magic vs. Neoliberalism: Riots Against Everywhere." *Women Studies Quarterly* 40.3-4: 317-25.
- Craig Willse. 2012. Review of *Homelessness, Housing, and Mental Illness*, Russell K. Schutt with Stephen M. Goldfinger. *Contemporary Sociology* 41.2: 234-35.
- Craig Willse and Silvana DePaula. 2010. "Improvisation." Exhibition catalog essay. *If I Don't Move Can You Hear Me?/Matrix 235*, Emily Roysdon. Berkeley Museum of Art.
- Dean Spade and Craig Willse. 2010. "Free State Epitaph/Epitafio del Estado Libre." Text for *Ecstatic Resistance* poster, Emily Roysdon for *Manifesta 8*.
- Craig Willse. "Living Better." 2010. Curatorial essay. *The Body: Visual AIDS*. http://www.thebody.com/visualaids/web_gallery/2009/willse/statement.html.
- Dean Spade and Craig Willse. 2009. "White Knight." Review of *Milk*, directed by Gus Van Sant. *Left Turn* (April/May): 72-73.
- Craig Willse. 2005. "Anti-War Politics After the Public Sphere." *The Journal of Aesthetics and Protest* 4: 175-86.
- Craig Willse. 2005. Review of *Smoke and Mirrors: The Politics and Culture of Air Pollution*, ed. E. Melanie Du Puis. *Contemporary Sociology* 34.4: 372.
- Craig Willse. 2004. "Political Economies of Exposure." Exhibition essay. *Pilot TV: Experimental Media for Feminist Trespass*: 26-28.
- Craig Willse. 2003. "Thoughts on Meaningless Political Action." *LTTR* 2.
- Craig Willse. "The Public Space of the Prison." *Loud Paper* 4.2: 20-23.
- Craig Willse. 2003. "These places that feel like home." In Patti Young Kim (ed.), *Home Project*. Halifax: 106 Press.
- Craig Willse. 2001. "You Can't Go Home Again: AIDS and Homelessness." *POZ Magazine* (January).

invited talks

- “People with AIDS are Dying for Homes: AIDS, Activism, and Housing.” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2017.
- Guest lecture, “Art of Protest.” Pratt Institute, 2017.
- “Sticking Together and Tearing it Apart,” with Dean Spade, Tufts University, 2017.
- “People with AIDS are Dying for Homes: AIDS, Activism, and Housing.” Public and Publics Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, 2017.
- “Homeless by Design.” Royal College of Art, London, 2017.
- “Queer Life ‘After’ AIDS.” Queer Beyond Repair Symposium, University of Maryland, 2016.
- “The Value of Homelessness.” Sociology Department Colloquium, Georgetown University, 2016.
- “The Value of Homelessness.” Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 2016.
- “Race, Sex, Gender, and Space in Gentrifying Los Angeles.” Center for Sexual Dissidence, University of Sussex, 2015.
- Symposium participant, “Biopolitical Afterlives.” American Communities Program, California State University, Los Angeles, 2014
- Panelist, “Academic Boycotts Considered.” Middle East Dialogue, Policy Studies Organization, Washington, DC, 2014.
- “The Academic Boycott of Israel.” Students for Justice in Palestine, American University, 2014.
- Panelist, “Marrying the State.” Queer Dreams and Nonprofit Blues Conference, Columbia University School of Law, 2013.
- “Gays, Guns, and Gaga.” Wesleyan University, 2013.
- “Better Homes Exhibit.” Sculpture Center, Long Island City, Queens, 2013.
- Panelist, “Cultural Studies Colloquium.” George Mason University, 2012.
- Discussant and moderator, “Beyond Biopolitics.” Center for the Humanities, CUNY Graduate Center, 2012.
- “Cartographies of Homelessness: Vulnerability and Activism in a Neoliberal Age.” Prescott College, 2011.
- “From Chronic Homelessness to Housing First: The Neoliberal Governance of Surplus Populations.” Center for Ideas and Society, University of California, Riverside, 2010.
- “From Pathology to Population: Measuring and Managing Homelessness.” Workshop on Critical Methods, CUNY Graduate Center; NYU Steinhardt, Department of Media, Culture and Communication, 2010.
- “Free State Epitaph.” Multi-media presentation with Dean Spade. Ecstatic Resistance exhibition, Grand Arts, Kansas City, MO; X Initiative, New York, NY, 2009.
- “State Racism After the Welfare State.” Queer Worlds Symposium, University of Washington, 2008.
- “Neoliberal Governance Problems and the Invention of Chronic Homelessness.” Seattle University School of Law, 2008.
- “Political Economies of Exposure: Modulating Queer Bodies in Media and Marriage.” Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2004.
- “Race and the Cultural Politics of Gay Marriage Movements.” Columbia University School of Law, 2004.
- “Feedback Politics.” Bard College, 2004.

conference presentations

- Moderator, “Pedagogies of Dissent and Resistance in the Trump Era,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2017.
- Panelist, “Daily Life of Police Violence,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2017.
- “AIDS, Activism, and Housing.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2016.

Chair and discussant, “Non-profit Blues: Affective Economies in/of the NPIC.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, 2015.

“Dispossession, Disinvestment, and the Prison-Gentrification System.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 2014.

“In the Antechamber of the Prison Industrial Complex: Neoliberalism, Housing, and Homelessness.” Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2013.

Discussant, “Ecstatic Corona.” Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2013.

“Social Scientific Desire and Its Others.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR, 2012.

“Race, Sex, Space, and Housing: Sociology and Homelessness.” Queer Places, Practices, and Lives Symposium, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2012.

“Race-ing Homelessness and Sexing Sociology.” Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA., 2012.

Panel participant, “Contesting Publics and Privates in the Neoliberal University.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2011.

“School, What is it Good For?” Critical Ethnic Studies Association Conference, University of California, Riverside, 2011.

“We are Born in Flames: Queer Critiques of States and Revolutions.” UCLA Queer Studies Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, 2010.

“Race-ing Homelessness: Social Science and the Nonprofit Industrial Complex.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2009.

“Near Death Experiences: Measuring and Managing Vulnerability in Post-Welfare States.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2009.

“Sociology and Its Unruly Others: The Racialization of Homelessness.” Critical Race and Anti-Colonial Studies Conference, Montreal, QC, 2009.

“Care and Compliance in Post-Welfare State Governance: Supportive Housing Programs in the U.S.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2009.

“Compliance, Risk, and the Psychiatrization of Homelessness.” Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2008.

“Pharmaceuticals First: Compliance in Supportive Housing Programs.” Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, 2007.

“Investing in Catastrophe: Managing Mass Mental Illness.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY 2007.

“The Race to Quantification in Technoscientific Mental Health Management.” Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, 2006.

Discussant, “Beyond Biopolitics Symposium.” The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2006.

“Feedback Politics: Technological Mediations of Truth in War and Media.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2005.

teaching

George Mason University (2012-present)

Graduate: Biopolitics and Race; Gender and Sexuality; Space, Place, and Power; Cultures of Activism.

Undergraduate: Globalization and Culture; Global Social Movements.

College of Wooster (2011-2012)

Undergraduate: Introduction to Sociology; Research Methods; Social Problems; Inequality in America.

Hunter College, CUNY (2003-2006)

Undergraduate: Introduction to Sociology; Sociology of Sex and Gender; Social Research Methods.

advising**Dissertation Chair** (ongoing)

Sita AlQahtani, “Visual Representation of Contemporary Biopolitical Warfare: Bosnia-Herzegovina Conflict and the War on Terror.”

Austin Gallas, “Undercover Surveillance, State Racism, and Sexual Economy in Early Twentieth Century New York.”

Dissertation Committee Member (completed)

Kimberly Klinger, “The Birth of Morbopolitics: Pittsburgh and the Normalization of Organ Transfer,” 2016.

Dissertation Committee Member (ongoing)

Basak Durgun, “The Reinvention of Urban Parks and Gardens in Istanbul.”

Caroline West, “Signifying Capital: Mass Media and the Art of Visualizing Poverty.”

Christine Rosenfeld, “The Saddle Region of Hawai’i Island: Navigating Conflict in Indigenous Space.”

Liz Andrews, “An American Icon: Making President Barack Obama.”

Caroline Guthrie, “Fantasies of the Historical Imaginary and the Reshaping of the American Past.”

Aimee Dixon, “Behind-the-Scenes: African American Female Filmmakers, 1890-1940.”

M.A. Thesis Committee Member (completed)

Vali Mansour, “Fields of Power and Social Struggle: Making Revolution and Collective Action in Iran and Egypt” (Sociology, George Mason University), 2015.

Andrew Kachel, “Stranger Circulations” (Curatorial Studies, Bard College), 2014.

Qualifying Fields Adviser (ongoing)

Christina Riley, Social Movement Studies.

Ryan Bowerman, Citizenship and Biopolitics.

Kayla Keener, Gender and Neoliberal Political Economy.

Qualifying Fields Adviser (completed)

Sita AlQahtani, Biopolitics, 2017.

Tauheeda Yasin, Critical Race/Ethnic Studies, 2017.

Austin Gallas, Critical Prison Studies, 2016.

Christine Rosenfeld, Biopower, 2015.

Caroline Guthrie, Gender and Biopolitics, 2015.

**awards,
fellowships,
and funded
workshops**

Faculty Adviser of the Year Award, George Mason University, 2016-17.

Participant, Faculty Development Seminar. Palestinian American Research Center, 2014.

Participant, Gender, Justice, and Neoliberal Transformations. Barnard Center for Research on Women, 2012.

Sponsored Dissertation Fellowship. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2009-2010.

Instructional Technology Fellowship. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2006-2010.

Doctoral Research Grant. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2008.

Participant, Workshop on Surveillance and Inequality. Arizona State University, 2007.

Graduate Student Fellowship. Catastrophe and Discontent Seminar. Center for Place, Culture and Politics. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2006-2007.

Student Travel and Research Grant. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2006, 2007, 2009.

Graduate Student Tuition Scholarship (declined), Seminar in Experimental Critical Theory (SECT). University of California Humanities Research Institute, 2006.

Graduate Tuition Fellowship. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2003-2006.

Graduate Student Fellowship, The Conviction Seminar. Center for the Study of Women and Society. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2003-2004.
Time-Warner Cable Scholarship in Gender and Media Studies, 2004.
University Fellowship. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2002-2004.

**university
service**

Member, Executive Committee, Cultural Studies Doctoral Program, 2013-present.
Faculty adviser, Registered Student Organization, 2012-present.
Graduate workshop facilitator, Writing for Publication, 2015, 2016.
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Cultural Studies Program, 2013, 2015-17.

**professional
and
community
service**

Panel co-organizer, Palestine, Zionism, and BDS: Pedagogies of Dissent in the Trump Era. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2017.
Workshop co-organizer, Other Fights Like These. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2017.
Panel co-organizer, Diversity as Backlash: Connecting Struggles from the “Frontlines” in a Time of Neoliberal Rule. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2016.
Activism Caucus co-chair, American Studies Association, 2015-present.
Member, Steering Committee, USACBI, 2015-present.
Program committee co-chair, Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2015.
Elected member, Governing Board. Cultural Studies Association, 2013-15.
Co-chair, Site Resources Committee. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2013.
Panel co-organizer, Social Movements in an Age of Debt. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2013.
Workshop co-facilitator, Gentrification, Urban Change, and Local Resistance. Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development, Washington, DC, 2013.
Screening and panel discussion co-organizer, *Born in Flames*. Co-hosted by CAGE and *Women and Performance*, New York, NY, 2013.
Screening co-organizer, *Born in Flames*. Critical Ethnic Studies Association Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2013.
Workshop co-organizer, Introduction to Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions. Critical Ethnic Studies Association Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2013.
Workshop co-organizer, Alternatives to the Academic Industrial Complex, Critical Ethnic Studies Association Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2013.
Workshop co-organizer, Cultural Production and/as Cultural Studies. Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, Concordia College, 2013.
Member, Selection Committee. DC Queer Studies Symposium: Debilitating Queerness, University of Maryland, 2013.
Panel co-organizer, Contesting Publics and Privates in the Neoliberal University. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2011.
Panel co-organizer, The U.S. Nonprofit Industrial Complex and its Discontents. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2009.
Panel chair, Health, Markets and Governance. Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, 2007.
Panel organizer and chair, Networks Fighting Networks. International Association for Science, Technology, and Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2006.
Graduate Student Mentor. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2006-2009.
Panel organizer and chair, Foucault, Technology and Sociology. Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2005.
Student representative, Presidential Search Committee, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2004.

Student representative, Steering Committee. Center for the Study of Women and Society, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2004.

Ad-hoc peer reviewer: *Global Discourse*, *Between the Lines Press*, *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *University of California Press*, *Lateral Journal*, *Oxford University Press*, *University of Minnesota Press*, *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, *Subjectivities*, *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, *Urban Geography*, *Surveillance and Society*, *Women, Gender & Families of Color*, *Transgender Studies Quarterly*, *Social Problems*, *Foucault Studies*, *Ethnography*, *Political Power and Social Theory*, *ephemera*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *American Journal of Sociology*.

Member: American Studies Association, American Association of Geographers.