

## Resume

Robert J. Willis, Ph.D.

Birth: April 28, 1935

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Parents: Judge and Mrs. Robert J. Willis

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### **Academic Preparation:**

- ∞ Ph.D. in Leadership and Human Behavior, United States International University, San Diego, California, June 1972. Program included working for four years at the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute and the Center for Studies of the Person under the supervision of Dr. Carl Rogers. Areas emphasized were group dynamics, individual psychotherapy, and religious psychology. Dissertation under Dr. Rogers: *A Search for Predictors of Growth in Interpersonal Interactions*.
- ∞ S.T.M. in Theology, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California, June 1967. Emphasis on religious psychology.
- ∞ M.A. in Philosophy, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, June 1960. Special area of concentration: ethics and the philosophy of government.
- ∞ B.A. in Arts and Humanities, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, June 1959.

### **Teaching Experience—College**

- ∞ St. Joseph College, West Hartford, Connecticut: Adjunct professor of Psychology in master's program in Counseling: "Guided Practicum," Spring and Fall 1988, Fall 1991; "Group Therapy," Fall 1992; adjunct professor of Pastoral Counseling in master's program in Pastoral Ministry, Summers 1988 & 1989, Spring 1991 & 1995; "Counseling Techniques for the Pastoral Person," clinical professor August 1989-August 1990.
- ∞ La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Adjunct professor of Psychology in master's program in Pastoral Counseling: "Basic Counseling I," Summer 1979,

- “Psychology of Psychic Healing,” Summer 1980. Assistant professor of Psychology: “Personality Growth and Adjustment,” “Effective Communication,” “Counseling Theory and Practicum,” “Introduction to Psychology,” 1972-1973.
- ∞ Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey: Field supervisor in the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, 1978-1979. Adjunct professor for “Supervised Counseling” for doctoral students in the Graduate School of Education, Fall 1963.
  - ∞ University of California, Graduate Theological Union, Jesuit School of theology at Berkeley, Berkeley, California: Adjunct professor of Theology in doctor of ministry program: “Psychology of Religion,” “Psychology of Healing,” 1978-1979.
  - ∞ Rider College, Lawrenceville, New Jersey: Assistant professor of Psychology: “Theories of Personality,” “Psychology of Drug Use,” “Abnormal Psychology,” “Psychology of Human Sexuality,” 1973-1977.
  - ∞ University of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan: Adjunct professor of Religious Studies: “Counseling in a Christian Context—Theory and Practicum,” “The Psychological Dimensions of Prayer—Theory and Practicum,” Summer 1973.
  - ∞ Seattle University, Seattle, Washington: Co-organizer of a master’s program in Adult Religious Education (SUMORE): counseling, administration, “Effective Communication in Community—Theory and Practicum,” Summers 1968-1972.
  - ∞ Holy Names College, Oakland, California: Instructor in theology at Holy Names Novitiate, Los Gatos, California, “Religious Psychology,” 1964-1965.
  - ∞ University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California: Instructor in theology at Presentation College, Los Gatos, California, “Religious Psychology,” 1964-1967.

## **Research**

### Developmental Theory of Interpersonal Relationships

- ∞ “Ministry, Governance, and Relational Growth,” *The Ministry of Governance*. James K. Mallett (ed). Washington, D.C.: Canon Law Society of America, 1986. Pp. 160-192.

- ∞ “Growth and Religious Diversity,” *Human Development*, Vol.5, VI, Spring 1984. Boston. Pp. 19-27.

#### Relationship of Values to Health Care Organization and Delivery

- ∞ “Development and Implementation of Organization Philosophy,” *Quality of Work Life: Health Care Applications*. Ken Buback and Mary Kathryn Grant (eds). St. Louis: Catholic Health Association. Pp. 27-33.
- ∞ “Philosophy in Religious Health Care Facilities,” *Journal of Religion and Health*, Vol. 22, #4, Winter 1983. Pp. 287-306.
- ∞ “The Practice of Philosophy in Religious Health Care Facilities,” *Proceedings*, Mercy Sponsorship Seminar. Mercy Health Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 1982. P. 1-40.
- ∞ “The Reliability and Factorial Validity of the Questionnaire on the Quality of Relationships in Hospitals,” C. Turner and R. Willis. *Journal of Educational and Psychological Measurement*, Vol. 41, 1981. Pp. 1223-1229.
- ∞ *Questionnaire on the Quality of Relationships in Hospitals*. R. Willis and C. Turner. Survey instrument and technical manual. Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation, 23500 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, January 1981.
- ∞ “Questionnaire on the Quality of Relationships in Hospitals,” report of a study done June through August 1980. Presented to the chief executive officer and senior management team of Mercy Hospital, Muskegon, Michigan, December 1980.
- ∞ “Questionnaire on the Quality of Relationships in Hospitals,” report of a study done May through July 1980. Presented to the chief executive officer and senior management team of Mercy Hospital, Port Huron, Michigan, May 1981.

#### Drug Use Among College Students

- ∞ “The Relationship of College Students’ Use of Marijuana to Parental Attitudes and Drug-Taking Behavior,” C. Turner and R. Willis. *International Journal of the Addictions*, Vol. XV, #4, 1980, pp. 1103-1112.

- ∞ “The Relationship between Self-Reported Religiosity and Drug Use of College Students,” C. Turner and R. Willis. *Journal of Drug Education*. Vol 9, #1, pp. 66-77. Also a chapter in S. Eiseman, G. Huban, and J. Wingard (eds). *Drug Abuse: Theory and Practice*.
- ∞ “Student Drug Use at Rider College,” report of a survey conducted during the Fall semester 1975. Presented to the dean and associate deans of students, Fall 1976.

### **Publications in Religious Psychology and Psychotherapy**

- ∞ Willis, Robert J. *The Democracy of God: An American Catholicism*. Lincoln, Nebraska: iUniverse, in process of publication.
- ∞ Willis, Robert J. *Breaking the Chains: A Catholic Memoir*. Lincoln, Nebraska: iUniverse, July 2005. 344 pages.
- ∞ “Love Within the Catholic Community,” *American Catholic—Northeast*. Bristol, Connecticut: Vol. 2, #1, January 1994.
- ∞ “The Respectful Relationship,” *American Catholic—Northeast*. Bristol, Connecticut, Vol. 1, #7, December 1993.
- ∞ “Mature Obedience to Church Authority,” *American Catholic—Northeast*. Bristol, Connecticut: Vol. 1, #6, November 1993, p.2.
- ∞ “Sexual Relationships and a Broken Trust,” *CONNtact*. Hartford, Ct.: Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ, Vol 9, #7, September 1993, p. 18.
- ∞ “Reflections on Sexuality and Spirituality,” *CONNtact*. Hartford, Ct.: Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ, Vol. 9, #5, June 1993, p. 12.
- ∞ “Repression Leads to Unhealthy Sexual Expression,” *CONNtact*. Hartford, Ct.: Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ, Vol. 9, #2, March 1993, p. 2.
- ∞ “And in This Corner: A Therapeutic Mismatch,” *The Psychotherapy Patient*, Vol. 9, #1, Spring 1995.
- ∞ Willis, Robert J. *Transcendence in Relationship: Existentialism and Psychotherapy*. Norwood, New Jersey: Ablex Publishing Company, 1994, 236 pages.

- ∞ “Healing as Personal Time,” in Feuerstein, G. & Feuerstein, T.L. *Voices on the Threshold of Tomorrow: 145 Views of the New Millennium*. Wheaton, Illinois: Quest Books, 1993, pp. 93-94.
- ∞ “A Light Shines in the Darkness,” *Voices: The Art and Science of Psychotherapy*, Vol. 27, #3, Fall 1991, pp. 59-64.
- ∞ “In Search of a Soul,” *Voices: The Art and Science of Psychotherapy*, Vol. 27, #'s 1 & 2, Spring/Summer 1991, pp. 62-67.
- ∞ “The Triumph of Humanity: Weisel’s Struggle With the Holocaust,” *Journal of Religion and Health*, Summer 1991, pp. 161-177.
- ∞ “The Healing of There and Then,” *The Psychotherapy Patient*, Vol. 6, 1 / 2, 1989. New York: The Haworth Press, pp. 73-90.
- ∞ “The Prisoner of Death,” *The Psychotherapy Patient*, Vol. 5, 1 / 2, Fall 1988. New York: The Haworth Press, pp. 301-315. Also published as a chapter in *Psychotherapy and the Remorseful Patient*, Mark Stern (ed). New York: The Haworth Press, 1989. Pp. 301-315.
- ∞ “The Life of Therapy,” *Psychotherapy in Private Practice*, Vol. 3, #1, Spring 1985. New York: The Haworth Press. Pp. 63-70.
- ∞ “The Many Faces of the Hesitant Patient,” *The Psychotherapy Patient*, Vol. 1, #2, Winter 1984, Mark Stern and Jerome Travers (eds). New York: The Haworth Press. Pp. 37-49. Also published as a chapter in *Psychotherapy and the Uncommitted Patient*, Mark Stern and Jerome Travers (eds). New York: The Haworth Press, 1984. Pp. 37-49.
- ∞ “Meditation to Fit the Person,” formal paper on meditation and human growth. Presented to the faculty and students of La Salle College, November 29, 1977. Appeared in the *Journal of Religion and Health*, Vol. 18, #2, April 1979, pp. 93-119.
- ∞ “Christianity and Myth: A Modern Crisis,” *Spiritual Life*, Vol. 2, Summer 1980, pp. 80-93.
- ∞ “The Move to Communes: Some Psychological Hypotheses,” *Communal Studies Newsletter*, Vol. III, #2, July/Summer 1976, pp. 1-12.

- ∞ “Nhat Ky Muoi Lam Ngay O Dong Nam A,” *Doi Dien*, Vol. 34, April 1972. Saigon, Vietnam: Redemptorist Fathers. Pp. 1-20.
- ∞ “The Promise and the Symbol: Comments on Storytelling,” *The Barat Review: A Journal of the Liberal Arts*, Vol. 2, #2, Fall/Winter 1971, pp. 105-110.
- ∞ “The Church’s Changing Face,” *Commonweal*, November 23, 1971, pp. 204-205.
- ∞ “Election Time Comes to Saigon,” *America*, November 13, 1971, pp. 400-402.
- ∞ “Obedience According to the Spirit,” *Sisters Today*, Vol. 37, #1, September 1965, pp. 1-12.

### **Formal Papers (Unpublished)**

- ∞ “Being and Transcendence in Existential Psychotherapy,” Third Annual Sabina and Daniel Kirk Memorial Lecture, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York, October 25, 1991.
- ∞ “Growth, Ministry, and Relational Development,” presented to a symposium on diocesan governance, Canon Law Society of America, Chicago, November 17, 1984.
- ∞ “The Justice of Jesus,” presented to the legislative assembly of the New York Province of the Sisters of Mercy, July 22, 1978.
- ∞ “To Whom should You Go?,” formal paper on psychotherapy and religious guidance. Presented to the faculty and students of Rutgers University, October 23, 1977.
- ∞ “A Theology of Storytelling,” formal paper on symbolism and personal growth. Presented to the faculty and students of Rutgers University, October 9, 1977.
- ∞ “The Role of the Catholic College in Modern American Society,” presented to the faculty of La Salle College, February 4, 1973.

### **Professional Experience**

- ∞ Retirement, May 1, 2000. Devoted to reading, thinking, and writing.
- ∞ Executive Director, Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut, March 1992 to May 2000.

- ∞ Clinical Director, Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut, October 1989 to March 1992.
- ∞ Interim Director, Counseling Institute, St. Joseph College, West Hartford, Connecticut, August 1989 to August 1990.
- ∞ Member, Board of Trustees, Mercy Center, Madison, Connecticut, June 1990 to June 1995. Chairman, 1992-1995.
- ∞ Visiting Fellow, Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, June 1990.
- ∞ Director of Family Therapy, Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut, September 1987 to October 1989.
- ∞ Member, Independent Peer Review Panel, under the New Jersey Board of Psychological Examiners, November 1986 to August 1987.
- ∞ Member, Civilian Review Board for New Jersey (#707), United States Selective Service System, June 1984 to August 1987.
- ∞ Diplomate in Counseling Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology, May 1982.
- ∞ Psychological consultant, Movement for a Better World, non-governmental-organization (NGO) office at the United Nations, New York, Summer 1982 to Winter 1983/84.
- ∞ Member, New Jersey Board of Psychological Examiners, November 1979 to July 1984. Chairman, 1983-1984.
- ∞ Consultant to the Vice President for Ministerial Development, Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation, Farmington Hills, Michigan, Spring 1979 to Spring 1982. Position included: consultant for planning in Ministerial Development Division, designing and implementing task force meetings, organizational and training sessions for governance and management, designing and implementing organizational evaluations to determine the extent of realization of SMHC's goals and values in its twenty-two hospitals, consultant in design and implementation of health care research.
- ∞ Private practice of psychology in psychotherapy, group dynamics, religious psychology, organizational development and consultation. Psychotherapy

primarily with adults, individuals and couples: 30-35 hours/week; supervision of psychotherapy practice of psychologists and social workers: 6 hours/week.

September 1977 to August 1987.

- ∞ Member, Regional Review Committee of the Central New Jersey Health Planning Council, August 1976 to December 1977.
- ∞ Member, New Jersey State Steering Committee, Common Cause, 1974 to 1976.
- ∞ Listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers, 1976-2000.
- ∞ Licensed private professional psychologist, Pennsylvania, 1973-1998; New Jersey, 1974-1998; Connecticut, 1989 to present.
- ∞ Director, Counseling Center, Rider College, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, August 1973-September 1977.
- ∞ Consultant to social service, religious, business, and educational institutions. Worked primarily as an intensive growth group facilitator, communications laboratory trainer, organizational development consultant, market research consultant, process consultant for legislative/consultative committees and assemblies. 1967 to 1982.
- ∞ Founding member and staff therapist, Center for Studies of the Person, La Jolla, California, October 1968 to July 1972.
- ∞ Intensive small group facilitator in a research project in group dynamics in an educational system, Dr. Carl Rogers, Western Behavioral Sciences Institute, La Jolla, California, 1967-1968.
- ∞ Family therapy training under the principle supervision of Laryssa Nechay, M.S.W. and Bill Nunn, M.D. Additional supervision by Jay Haley and Virginia Satir. Family Therapy Institute, Los Gatos, California, 1964-1968.
- ∞ Student Counselor, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California, 1963-1965.
- ∞ Member, Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus, August 1953 to July 1972.