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Marieke Van Willigen writes about the mental and physical health of adolescents, women and disaster survivors.

Biography

Dr. Van Willigen earned her BA from Ithaca College in upstate New York and her MA and PhD in Sociology from The Ohio State University. She then spent 19 years as a faculty member at East Carolina University in Greenville NC. During that period she served as Undergraduate Director, Women's Studies Director, Interim Chair, and Associate Dean. She joined the faculty at Georgia Southern University in 2015 as Professor and Chair. Her research and teaching interests lay at the intersections of gender, mental/physical health, and the sociology of adolescence. She has also spent 15 years teaching social statistics to terrified undergraduate and graduate students, and counted herself as successful when they left class most days with a smile on their faces.

Areas of Expertise

Natural Disaster Assessment, Social Statistics, Gender and Society, Mental Health

Education

Ohio State University
Ph.D. Sociology

Ohio State University
M.A. Sociology

Ithaca College
B.A. Sociology

Accomplishments

UNC Bridges Academic Leadership Academy for Women
2012

Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, East Carolina University
2012 and 2006

Upper Division Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, East Carolina University
2003 and 2005

The Open Door Award by the ECU Undergraduate Sociology Society
2002

**Nominated for the Distinguished Contribution Award of the American Sociological Association Section
on Sex and Gender**
1997

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