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Curriculum Vitae

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I'm a researcher in psychology and metascience, mainly focusing on research ethics, psychological methods and investigative (forensic) psychology. I'm the founding director of [Institute for Globally Distributed Open Research and Education](https://www.igdore.org) (IGDORE), an independent research institute dedicated to improving the quality of science and quality of life for researchers, students, and their families.

Employment and Education

2018–current	Researcher, Ronin Institute
2016–current	Founding Director & Researcher, IGDORE
2016	PhD in Psychology (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
2015	Visiting Scholar for 5 months (Psychology & Law Lab; Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada)
2015	Licentiate in Psychology (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
2011	Accepted as a Ph.D. Student (University of Gothenburg, Sweden; on parental leave during 2013)
2010	M.Sc. in Psychology (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
2010–2016	Member of the research unit for Criminal, Legal and Investigative Psychology (CLIP; University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
2008–2011	Research Assistant in Psychology (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)

Publications (incl. preprints)

Rohrer, J. M., Tierney, W., Uhlmann, E. L., DeBruine, L. M., Heyman, T., Jones, B. C., ..., Willén, R. M., ..., Yarkoni, T. (2021). [Putting the Self in Self-Correction: Findings from the Loss-of-Confidence Project](https://doi.org/10.1177/1745691620964106). *Perspectives on Psychological Science*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1745691620964106>

Willén, R. M. (2017). [Därför väljer jag att vara oberoende forskare \[Why I choose to be an independent scientist\]](#). *Tidningen Curie*. **Scholarly debate**.

Willén, R. M., & Nilsonne, G. (2017). [Psykologin i framkant för öppen vetenskap \[Psychology in the frontline of open science\]](#). *Psykologtidningen [The Swedish Journal for Psychologists]*, 3, 28–31. (Full list of references available [here](#); oops, this link is now dead.) **Scholarly debate**.

Willén, R. M., Granhag, P. A., & Strömwall, L. A. (2016). [Factors Affecting Two Types of Memory Specificity: Particularization of Episodes and Details](#). *PLoS ONE*, 11, e0166469. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0166469

Nilsonne, G., & Willén, R. M. (2016). [Öppna data kan öka kunskapsmassan och motverka fusk](#)

[\[Open data can increase our knowledge and counteract cheating\]](#). Läkartidningen [The Swedish Journal for Medical Doctors], 113; ELCU. **Scholarly debate.**

Willén, R. M. (2016). [Counting on the Details: Inquiring Into Past Events of Cooperative Interviewees](#). Doctoral Thesis. University of Gothenburg, Sweden. URI: <http://hdl.handle.net/2077/43236>

Willén, R. M. (2015). *Recollection of Repeated Events: Difficulties and Possibilities*. Licentiate Thesis. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Willén, R. M., & Granhag, P. A. (2015). [Data from interviews with 95 respondents recollecting repeated dental visits](#). Journal of Open Psychology Data, 3: e7, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5334/jopd.an>

Willén, R. M., Granhag, P. A., Strömwall, L. A., & Fisher, R. P. (2015). Facilitating particularisation of repeated similar events with context-specific cues. *Scandinavian Journal of Psychology*, 56, 28-37. DOI: 10.1111/sjop.12180

Landström, S., Ask, K., Sommar, C., & Willén, R. M. (2014). Children's Testimony and the Emotional Victim Effect. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*. DOI: 10.1111/lcrp.12036

Granhag, P.A., Strömwall, L.A., Willén, R.M., & Hartwig, M. (2013). Eliciting cues to deception by tactical disclosure of evidence: The first test of the Evidence Framing Matrix. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 18, 341-355.

Willén, R.M., & Strömwall, L.A. (2012). Offenders' lies and truths: An evaluation of the Supreme Court of Sweden's criteria for credibility assessment. *Psychology, Crime and Law*, 18, 745-758. DOI: 10.1080/1068316X.2010.548815

Willén, R.M., & Strömwall, L.A. (2012). Offenders' uncoerced false confessions: A new application of statement analysis? *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 17, 346-359. DOI: 10.1111/j.2044-8333.2011.02018.x

Landström, S., Willén, R.M., & Bylander, E. (2012). Rättspraktikers inställning till modern ljud- och bildteknik i rättsalen – en rättspsykologisk studie [Legal practitioners' beliefs about modern audio and video technique in the courtroom – a legal psychology study]. *Svensk Juristtidning* [Swedish Law Review], 3, 197-218.

Strömwall, L.A., & Willén, R.M. (2011). Inside criminal minds: Offenders' strategies when lying. *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling*, 8, 271-281.

Willén, R.M. (2011). Statement analysis in criminal cases and asylum procedures. In G. H. Gudjónsson, A. K. Newton, & J. F. Sigurdsson (ed:s), *Perceptions: Victims, Offenders and Witnesses*. Gothenburg, Sweden.

Reviewing

I have peer reviewed for the following scientific journals:

- American Journal of Psychology
- Collabra
- Journal of Investigative Psychology & Offender Profiling

- Journal of Open Psychology Data
- Journal of Social Psychology (review of shared data and material)
- Law & Human Behavior (student reviewer as per editorial practice)
- Meta-Psychology
- PLOS ONE
- Psychiatry, Psychology and Law
- Psychology, Crime, & Law
- Scandinavian Journal of Psychology
- The European Journal of Psychology Applied to Legal Context

Received funding

- 2015 Kungl. Vetenskaps- och Vitterhets-Samhället i Göteborg [The Royal Society of Arts and Sciences in Gothenburg]. Grant for research visit at Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada (≈ 1100 euro).
- 2015 Filosofiska fakultetens gemensamma donationsnämnd, Göteborgs Universitet [The Joint Donation Committee for the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Gothenburg]. Grant for research visit at Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada (≈ 3200 euro).
- 2015 Helge Ax:son Johnsons stiftelse [The Helge Ax:son Johnson Memorial Foundation]. Grant for conference participation (≈ 2200 euro).
- 2014 Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas minne [The Lars Hierta Memorial Foundation]. Grant for research visit at Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada (≈ 3200 euro).

Selected talks and seminars

- 2021 The IGDORE Project: Reinventing Academia with an Open (Science) Mind. Riot Science Club, University of Exeter, United Kingdom. February 4th, 2021.
- 2019 Good Science, Bad Science. An Introduction to the Replicability Crisis & the Proposed Solutions. Faculty of Psychology, University of Airlangga, Indonesia. May 10th, 2019.
- 2018 Reinventing University: The IGDORE Project and New Academia. 2018 Australasian Open Science Conference. University of Queensland School of Psychology, Brisbane, Australia. 24-25 September.
- 2018 Open Scientific Practices: Restoring Trust in Science. Keynote Speech at the Annual Symposium of Western Alliance, Melbourne, Australia. September 12-14, 2018.

- 2017 Transparent och replikerbar vetenskap – en pågående revolution. Rättsmedicinalverket [National Board of Forensic Medicine] / Centre for Ethics, Law and Mental Health (CELAM), University of Gothenburg, Sweden. December, 13.
- 2017 Transparent and replicable science – an ongoing revolution. Physical Resource Theory, Department of Space, Earth and Environment, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden. December, 19.

Conference Presentations (not updated since 2018)

- Willén, R. M. (2018). The IGDORE Project: Reinventing Academia with an Open (Science) Mind. Lightning Talk at the 3rd official meeting of the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS), Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, 24-26 June, 2018.
- Willén, R. M. (2018). What Difference Does a PhD Make? Building a Massive Open Online Scientist Training (MOOST). Unconference Pitch at the 3rd official meeting of the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS), Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, 24-26 June, 2018.
- Willén, R. M. (2018). The IGDORE Project. Presentation held at IGDORE's Inaugural Open Science Meetup Bali, Indonesia, 23-29 April, 2018.
- Willén, R. M. (2018). How Retroactive Disclosure Statements Can Make the Past More Useful. Brief Presentation held at IGDORE's Inaugural Open Science Meetup Bali, Indonesia, 23-29 April, 2018.
- Willén, R. M. (2017). Beyond WEIRD: Introducing an Open Psychology Laboratory in Indonesia. Lightning Talk at the 2nd official meeting of the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS) (Charlottesville, Virginia, USA).
- Willén, R. M., Granhag, P. A., Strömwall, L. A., & Fisher, R. P. (2015). How to measure recollections of repeated events? Paper presented at the 11th biennial meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory & Cognition (SARMAC) (Victoria, Canada).
- Willén, R. M., Granhag, P. A., Strömwall, L. A., & Fisher, R. P. (2013). Individualisering av upprepade övergrepp: Hur många tillfällen minns man och går det att minnas fler? [Particularisation of repeated abuse: How many events are remembered and is it possible to increase the recollection?] Brottsoffermyndighetens Viktimologiska forskarkonferens [The Victimological Conference of the Swedish Crime Victim Support Authority] (Stockholm, Sweden).
- Granhag, P.A., Strömwall, L.A., Willén, R.M., & Hartwig, M. (2011). Elicit cues to deception: The effects of different evidence disclosure tactics. Paper presented at the 8th meeting of the Nordic Network for Research on Psychology and Law (NNPL) (Oslo, Norway).
- Willén, R.M. & Strömwall, L.A. (2010). "Of course I can lie!" - CBCA and RM scores on offenders' statements. Paper presented at the 20th Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law (EAPL) (Gothenburg, Sweden).

Teaching

- 2021 Guest lecturer. Course: [Open Science and Reproducible Research](#). Third cycle course. Topic: “Academia and the Prevalence of Questionable Research Practices”. Institutionen för klinisk neurovetenskap, Karolinska institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2017 Co-supervised a bachelor thesis in psychology (Arian Jafar & Bo Jenner) at Karolinska institutet, Stockholm, Sweden. (Principal supervisor: Gustav Nilsson).
- 2015 Initiated a new course in research methodology on doctorate level and developed the course curriculum. Course: “Open Science”. Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2015 Responsible for a seminar for researchers and graduate students. Topic: Transparent research methods. Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2014-2015 Lecturer at two recurring courses (incl. examination). Course: Personality and Social Psychology on undergraduate level. Topics: Introduction to psychological research methods. Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2014-2015 Responsible for a recurring half-day seminar (incl. idea, planning, creation and examination). Course: Introductory forensic psychology on undergraduate level. Topic: “Assessment of credibility in legal practice”. Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2014-2015 Responsible for a recurring seminar (incl. examination). Course: Introductory forensic psychology on undergraduate level. Topic: “Extra-legal factors influencing legal decision making in courts”. Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2011 Guest lecturer. Course: Introductory forensic psychology on undergraduate level. Topic: “Statement analysis in courts and asylum cases”. Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.

Selected Appearances in Popular Media

Scientists Rarely Admit Mistakes. A New Project Wants to Change That.

Interview. <https://undark.org/article/loss-of-confidence-project-replication-crisis/>

'New academia' - a safe harbour for researchers who love science. Blog post. <https://medium.com/@IGDORE/new-academia-a-safe-harbour-for-researchers-who-love-science-c4baa87c1ebe>

Everything Hertz Podcast. Episode 57: Radical Transparency (with Rebecca Willén). <https://soundcloud.com/everything-hertz/57-radical-transparency-with-rebecca-willen>