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### Short biography

I am a post-doctoral researcher at the Stockholm University Demography Unit (SUDA) and a visiting fellow in the Department of Methodology at the London School of Economics. Prior to completing my PhD, I worked as a senior researcher at the Office for National Statistics. I have also worked as a managing consultant for a range of research projects, typically providing advice on research design and analysis for surveys and evaluation projects. My research covers a range of topics relating to demography, sociology, migration studies, geography, epidemiology, political science and research methods. I have received large-scale funding for several projects that aim to understand the demographic lives of immigrants and their descendants. My recent research includes studies of refugees living in Europe, studies of health inequalities, and studies of the impact of residential segregation on different members of society. My teaching reflects my research interests, in particular topics relating to demography, migration, and research methods.

### Academic and research positions

2016 -	<b>Postdoctoral researcher</b> , Stockholm University Demography Unit
2016 -	<b>Visiting Fellow</b> , Department of Methodology, London School of Economics
2014 - 2016	<b>Fellow</b> , Department of Methodology, London School of Economics
2012 - 2013	<b>Researcher</b> , Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics
2007 - 2010	<b>Senior researcher</b> , Office for National Statistics
2006	<b>Researcher</b> , Food Ethics Council
2005	<b>Analyst</b> , BG Group
2001 - 2003	<b>Researcher</b> , University of Brighton
2000 - 2001	<b>Analyst</b> , South East Water

### Education

2011 - 2015	<b>PhD (Demography)</b> , Thesis title:	London School of Economics (LSE) <i>Origin, destination and convergence: Understanding the fertility of international migrants and their descendants</i>
	Supervisors:	Wendy Sigle and Jouni Kuha
2012 - 2014	<b>Postgraduate Certificate of Higher Education</b> (full certificate), LSE	
2010 - 2011	<b>MSc Social Research Methods</b> (distinction), LSE Dissertation title:	<i>Migrant fertility in England and Wales: Measuring fertility convergence</i> (distinction)
2001 - 2003	<b>MSc Statistical Consultancy</b> , Dissertation title:	University of Brighton <i>Best-practice in statistical consultancy</i>
2000 - 2002	<b>BSc Psychology</b> ,	Open University
1996 - 1999	<b>BEng Civil Engineering</b> ,	University of Leeds

### Research interests

Social demography  
The lives of immigrants and their descendants  
Families, children and childbearing  
Research design and research methodology

## Peer-reviewed publications

- 2019 Wallace, M. and Wilson, B. (2019)  
**The search for selection:  
Comparing migrant mortality versus origin**  
*Population and Development Review*  
(Accepted for publication)
- Mendola, D., Busetta, A., Cetorelli, V. and Wilson, B. (2019)  
**Asylum seekers and refugees in informal settlements in Italy:  
A multidimensional vulnerability assessment**  
*Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, Published online: 10 May 2019  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2019.1610368>
- Naci, H., Salcher-Konrad, M., Mcguire, A., Berger, F., Kuehne, T., Goubergrits, L., Muthurangu, V., Wilson, B. and Kelm, M. (2019)  
**Impact of patient-specific computational modelling on treatment decision making: A randomized controlled trial in congenital heart disease**  
*Nature NPJ Digital Medicine*, 2 (1), 17  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41746-019-0085-1>
- Bijlsma, M.J., Wilson, B., Tarkiainen, L., Myrskylä, M. and Martikainen, P. (2019)  
**The impact of unemployment on antidepressant purchasing:  
Combining the parametric g-formula and individual intercepts  
to adjust for time-varying confounding and unobserved selection**  
*Epidemiology*, 30(3), 388-395  
<https://doi.org/10.1097/EDE.0000000000000985>
- Wilson, B. (2019)  
**The intergenerational assimilation of completed fertility:  
Comparing the convergence of different origin groups**  
*International Migration Review*, 53(2), 429-457  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0197918318769047>
- 2017 Wilson, B. and Kuha, J. (2017)  
**Residential segregation and the fertility of immigrants and their descendants**  
*Population, Space and Place*, 24(3): e2098  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2098>
- Busetta, A., Cetorelli, V. and Wilson, B. (2017)  
**A universal health care system?  
Unmet need for medical care among regular and irregular immigrants in Italy**  
*Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 20(2), 416-421  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-017-0566-8>
- 2016 Wilson, B. and Dyson, T. (2016)  
**Democracy and the demographic transition**  
*Democratization*, 24(4), 594-612  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2016.1194396>
- 2012 Adserà, A., Ferrer, A. M., Sigle-Rushton, W. and Wilson, B. (2012)  
**Fertility patterns of child migrants:  
Age at migration and ancestry in comparative perspective**  
*The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 643(1), 160-189  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0002716212444706>

- 2010 O'Leary, L., Natamba, E., Jefferies, J. and Wilson, B. (2010)  
**Fertility and partnership status in the last two decades**  
*Population Trends*, 140, 5-35
- Wilson, B. (2010)  
**Children with a non-resident parent**  
*Population Trends*, 140, 53-81
- Wilson, B. and Stuchbury, R. (2010)  
**Do partnerships last?**  
**Comparing marriage and cohabitation using longitudinal census data**  
*Population Trends*, 139, 37-63
- 2009 Wilson, B. (2009)  
**Estimating the cohabiting population**  
*Population Trends*, 136, 21-27
- 2008 Wilson, B. and Smallwood, S. (2008)  
**Age differences at marriage and divorce**  
*Population Trends*, 132, 17-25
- Wilson, B. and Smallwood, S. (2008)  
**The proportion of marriages ending in divorce**  
*Population Trends*, 131, 28-36
- 2007 Wilson, B. and Smallwood, S. (2007)  
**Understanding recent trends in marriage**  
*Population Trends*, 128, 24-32

## Books

- 2007 Smallwood, S. and Wilson, B. (2007)  
**Focus on Families 2007**  
 London: Palgrave Macmillan

## Book chapters and other publications

- 2015 Wilson, B. (2015). **Origin, destination and convergence: understanding the fertility of international migrants and their descendants.** *PhD thesis*, LSE
- 2011 Wilson, B. (2011). **Migrant fertility in England and Wales: Measuring fertility convergence.** *Masters dissertation*, LSE
- 2009 ONS (2009) **Households, Families and Children.** *Social Trends* 39 (pp. xxvi-xxx)
- 2007 McConnell, H., & Wilson, B. (2007). **Families.** In S. Smallwood & B. Wilson (Eds.), *Focus on Families 2007* (pp. 1–18). London: Palgrave Macmillan
- Wilson, B., & Smallwood, S. (2007). **Family geography.** In S. Smallwood & B. Wilson (Eds.), *Focus on Families 2007* (pp. 71–86). London: Palgrave Macmillan

## Working papers and work in progress

- 2019** Wilson, B., Drefahl, S., Sasson, I., Henery, P. and Uggla, C. (2019)  
**Regional trajectories in life expectancy and life-span variation: Persistent inequality in two Nordic welfare states**  
*Stockholm Research Reports in Demography (working paper)*, 2019:10  
[https://su.figshare.com/articles/Regional\\_trajectories\\_in\\_life\\_expectancy\\_and\\_life-span\\_variation\\_Persistent\\_inequality\\_in\\_two\\_Nordic\\_welfare\\_states/7857347/1](https://su.figshare.com/articles/Regional_trajectories_in_life_expectancy_and_life-span_variation_Persistent_inequality_in_two_Nordic_welfare_states/7857347/1)
- Wilson B., Marten L., Marbach M., Hangartner D. and Hainmueller J. (2019)  
**Age at arrival and the integration trajectories of childhood refugees**  
(available on request)
- Wilson B., Goisis A. and Aradhya S. (2019)  
**The Impact of Early Parenthood on the Integration of Childhood Refugees**  
(available on request)
- Mussino, E., Wilson, B. and Andersson, G. (2019)  
**The fertility of child migrants from low fertility origins: Does social support for childbearing have an impact on tempo and quantum differentials?**  
(available on request)
- 2018** Wilson, B. and Sigle, W. (2018)  
**Defining and testing the convergence of migrant fertility**  
(available on request)
- 2017** Bijlsma, M. and Wilson, B. (2017)  
**A new approach to understanding the socio-economic determinants of fertility over the life course**  
Joint working paper:  
*Stockholm Research Reports in Demography, Stockholm University, 2017:08* and  
*MPIDR Working Papers, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, WP-2017-013*  
<http://www.demogr.mpg.de/papers/working/wp-2017-013.pdf>

## Under review

**Disentangling the quantum and tempo of immigrant fertility**  
sole authored

**Female genital mutilation in Mali and Mauritania**  
with Valeria Cetorelli, Ewa Batyra and Ernestina Coast

**What is the effect of UGN+NP on levels of key ANC and ENC indicators in a lab experiment in Bangladesh?**  
with Paul Bouanchaud

**A new approach to understanding the socio-economic determinants of fertility over the life course**  
with Maarten Bijlsma

**Educational Differences in Cohort Fertility across Sub-national Regions in Europe**  
with Jessica Nisen, Sebastian Klüsener, Johan Dahlberg, Lars Dommermuth, Aiva Jasilioniene, Michaela Kreyenfeld, Trude Lappegård, Peng Li, Pekka Martikainen, Karel Neels, Bernhard Riederer, Saskia te Riele, Laura Szabó, Alessandra Trimarchi, Francisco Viciano and Mikko Myrskylä

## Grants, funding, and consultancy

- 2018 Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden) **Co-applicant**  
*The Neighbourhood Revisited: Spatial Polarization and Social Cohesion in Contemporary Sweden*  
**40.2m SEK (\$4.5m)**
- 2018 FORTE (Sweden): **Co-applicant**  
*Influences of origin and destination on migrant fertility*  
**3.7m SEK (\$430,000)**
- 2017 Swedish Research Council: **Principal Applicant**  
*Exposure to Swedish society and immigrant integration: The family formation of immigrants who arrived as children*  
**3.4m SEK (\$420,000)**
- 2016 Forte program (Sweden): **Co-applicant**  
*Migrant Trajectories: Geographical Mobility, Family Careers, Employment, Education, and Social Insurance in Sweden 1990-2016*  
**9m SEK (\$1.1m)**
- 2016 LSE RIIF (UK): **Co-investigator**  
*Funding to carry out the first wave of a longitudinal survey of Syrian and Iraqi refugees arriving in Greece*  
**£30,000 (\$39,000)**
- 2016 STICERD Grant (UK): **Co-applicant**  
*Seed funding for a project to understand trends and evaluate policies relating to female genital mutilation in Africa*  
**£5,000 (\$6,000)**
- 2016 FP7-funded project, CARDIOPROOF (Europe), **Consultant**  
*Design, conduct, and analysis of a randomized survey-based experiment*  
**£2,000 (\$3,000)**
- 2015 LSE RIIF (UK): **Co-investigator**  
*Seed funding to pilot a longitudinal survey of refugees who arrive in Lesbos, Greece*  
**£3,000 (\$4,000)**
- 2015 Unilever (UK): **Consultant**  
*Methodological advice for research to evaluate the impact of low cost washing devices on gender equality in Kenya*  
**£1,000 (\$1,500)**
- 2014 – 2016 BBC Media Action (UK): **Consultant**  
*(1) Longitudinal analysis to evaluate the impact of targeted public broadcasting on reproductive health outcomes in Ethiopia*  
*(2) Propensity score matching to evaluate the effects of media exposure on governance outcomes in Kenya*  
**£4,000 (\$5,000)**
- 2012 – 2013 ESRC (UK): **Consultant**  
*Analysis of UK data sources for the Joint Programming Initiative (European research project), “More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change”*  
**£3,000 (\$4,000)**

## Selected conference presentations

**The Impact of Early Parenthood on the Integration of Childhood Refugees**, *Conference on the Postponement of Parenthood*, Villa Vigoni, Lake Como, Italy, September 2018.

**Age at Arrival and the Integration Trajectories of Childhood Refugees**, *European Population Conference*, Brussels, Belgium, June 2018

**The impact of unemployment on depression: combining the parametric g-formula and individual intercepts to adjust for time-varying confounding and unobserved selection**, *The Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society (SIS)*, Palermo, Sicily, June 2018

**Regional inequalities in length of life: A Nordic comparison**, *Workshop on Inequality and Uncertainty in Length of Life*, Tel Aviv, Israel, May 2018

**Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Informal Settlements in Italy: A Multidimensional Vulnerability Assessment**, *Chaire Quetelet*, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, November 2017

**A new approach to understanding the socio-economic determinants of fertility over the life course**, *Population Association of America conference*, Chicago, April 2017

**What is the influence of childhood exposure to cultural norms? The role of segregation and community composition in explaining migrant fertility**, *Conference of the Italian Association for Population Studies (AISP)*, Florence, February 2017

**What does the recent refugee crisis mean for the future of European demography? From policies and statistics to the voices of Syrian refugees**, *British Society for Population Studies conference*, Winchester, September 2016

**Female genital mutilation/cutting in Mali and Mauritania**, *British Society for Population Studies conference*, Winchester, September 2016

**What is the influence of childhood exposure to cultural norms? The role of segregation and community composition in explaining migrant fertility**, *European Population Conference*, Mainz, September 2016

**The interplay between socio-economic background and unmarried parental cohabitation: The case of France and Britain**, paper presented at *The Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association (ISA) Summer Conference*, Philadelphia, August 2015

**A conceptual framework for migrant fertility**, paper presented at the *European Population Conference*, Budapest, June 2014

**Disentangling the quantum and tempo of immigrant fertility**, paper presented at the *International Union for the Scientific Study of Population conference*, Busan, August 2013

**Understanding the Fertility Convergence of Migrant Generations**, paper presented at the *International Union for the Scientific Study of Population conference*, Busan, August 2013

**Disentangling the quantum and tempo of immigrant fertility**, paper presented at the *International Conference of Population Geography*, Groningen, June 2013

**The quantum convergence of migrant fertility in the UK**, paper presented at the *Population Association of America* conference, New Orleans, April 2013

**Migration and fertility convergence**, paper presented at the *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Nottingham, September 2012

**Generational fertility convergence in England and Wales: Assessing the own-child method**, paper presented at the *European Population Conference*, Stockholm, June 2012

**Migrant fertility in England and Wales**, paper presented at the *British Society for Population Studies* conference, York, September 2011

**Migrant fertility: origins, generations, and convergence**, paper presented at the postgraduate demography conference *Popfest*, Groningen, July 2011

**Do partnerships last?**, *European Population Conference*, Vienna, June 2010

**Age difference at marriage and divorce**, *European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce* conference, Oslo, April 2008

**Cohabitation ending in separation**, *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Manchester, September 2008

**Marriages ending in divorce**, *GSS methodology conference*, London, April 2008

**Age difference and trends in marriages ending in divorce**, *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Manchester, September 2007

### **Invited presentations**

**Age at Arrival and the Integration Trajectories of Childhood Refugees**, *Institut national d'études démographiques (INED)*, Paris, January 2018

**What is the influence of childhood exposure to cultural norms? The role of segregation and community composition in explaining migrant fertility**, *Centre for Economic Demography*, Lund University, Lund, February 2017

**The quantum convergence of migrant fertility in the UK**, *Oxford Fertility Seminar Series*, Oxford, February 2013

**Migration and fertility convergence**, *Demographic Liaison Group*, City Hall, London, April 2011

**Family trends using the General Lifestyle Survey**, *GLF user group*, London, April 2009

**Social Trends: Families and households**, presentation to the *UK media*, London, April 2009

**The proportion of marriages ending in divorce**, presentation to the charity *OnePlusOne*, London, April 2008

## Teaching experience

I have more than 400 hours of experience in teaching for higher education, including courses for undergraduates, postgraduates, faculty, and professional researchers. I have a degree in teaching and have designed several courses, most recently a summer school in survey research methods.

A summary of my teaching experience is as follows:

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| 2017 – 2018 | <b>Lecturer and course leader/organiser</b> , London School of Economics<br><i>Survey research methods: from design to analysis (summer school)</i><br><i>Event history methods for the social sciences</i>   |
| 2017 – 2018 | <b>Lecturer</b> , Stockholm University<br><i>Migration, ethnicity and integration</i>   |
| 2016        | <b>Lecturer and course leader</b> , London School of Economics<br><i>Survey research methods: from design to analysis (summer school)</i>   |
| 2014 – 2016 | <b>Fellow</b> , Department of Methodology, London School of Economics<br><i>Fundamentals of social science research design</i><br><i>Survey methodology</i><br><i>Causal inference for experimental and observational studies</i><br><i>Statistical analysis of survey data and the use of survey weights</i><br><i>Event history analysis</i><br><i>Introduction to quantitative analysis</i><br><i>Applied regression analysis</i><br><i>Dissertation supervision</i> |
| 2011 – 2014 | <b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> , London School of Economics<br><i>Causal inference for experimental and observational studies</i><br><i>Assessing social progress</i><br><i>Applied regression analysis</i><br><i>Introduction to linear regression</i><br><i>Introduction to quantitative analysis</i><br><i>Survey methods (LSE methods summer school)</i>  |
| 2013        | <b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> , Essex Summer School<br><i>Logit and probit models</i>  |
| 2012 & 2013 | <b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> , ICPSR Summer Program, Berkeley<br><i>Causal inference for the social sciences</i>  |

## Awards

Economic and Social Research Council Studentship 2010-2014  
LSE Departmental Teaching Prize (Methodology) 2013  
Best Overall Performance: MSc Social Research Methods 2011

## Professional memberships

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population  
European Association for Population Studies  
Population Association of America  
British Society for Population Studies  
Swedish Demographic Association  
Italian Population Association  
Fellow of the Higher Education Academy



## Professional service

- Service as expert:** I have served as an expert for the following groups:  
*Mapping research on segregation (Swedish Research Council)*
- Project management:** I am a member of the steering committee for the RJ programme:  
*'The Neighbourhood Revisited: Spatial Polarization and Social Cohesion in Contemporary Sweden'*
- I am also currently managing my own VR project on *'Exposure to Swedish society and immigrant integration'*
- Previously, I have served as a supervisor for two LSE funded projects, including the organisation and management of a pilot and large-scale survey of Syrian and Iraqi refugees arriving in Greece from 2015-16.
- Work as a referee:** I have refereed more than 25 articles for journals including:  
*Advances in Life Course Research, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Demographic Research, European Journal of Population Studies, Genus, International Migration, International Migration Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Population, Population and Development Review, Population Research and Policy Review, Population Space and Place, Population Studies, Population Trends, and Studia Demograficzne*
- Research networks:** Founder member and editor of *'demotrends'*, a collaborative blog for population researchers  
Member of *'research network for the study of migration and fertility'*  
Former member of *'European network for the sociological and demographic study of divorce'*
- Conference and seminar organisation:**
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| 2013      | Methodology: multi-level modelling session organiser<br><i>British Society for Population Studies</i> |
| 2012-2013 | Population studies seminar organiser<br><i>London School of Economics</i>                             |
| 2012      | Methodology: event history session organiser<br><i>British Society for Population Studies</i>         |
| 2012      | Families and households strand organiser<br><i>British Society for Population Studies</i>             |
| 2008-2010 | Families and households strand organiser<br><i>British Society for Population Studies</i>             |

## Languages

- Advanced: English  
Basic: Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and French

*References available on request*