

College Dean

Dean Stephan Wilson

Stephan M. Wilson is the dean of the College of Human Environmental Sciences at Oklahoma State University. Wilson graduated cum laude from Wabash College with an artium baccalaurei in biology and philosophy. He received a master of science in child and family studies with a specialization in lifespan development and family studies from the University of Tennessee where he also received a PhD in human ecology with a specialization in cultural anthropology.

Before coming to OSU, Wilson was senior associate dean and professor in the College of Health and Human Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno. He also served as chair of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at UNR, the interim director of the Nevada Center for Ethics and Health Policy, and Co-Director of the SAGE Consortium (Scholars for Aging and Ethics).

At the University of Kentucky, Wilson held several positions as acting chair and later director of graduate studies in the Department of Family Studies and director of the Research Center for Families and Children. He has also held faculty positions at Virginia Tech, Illinois State University and Montana State University where he was the acting department chair of the Department of Health and Human Development and director of Human Development and Counseling.

Early in his career he served as a US Peace Corps teacher in Kenya, and returned 22 years later with his family to teach at Kenyatta University in Nairobi as a Visiting Senior Fulbright Scholar. He continues collaboration with colleagues at Kenyatta University and with colleagues at several universities in China.

As a Fellow of the National Council on Family Relations, Wilson's lifetime contributions to cross-cultural and cross-national family studies will be honored by the NCFR with the presentation of the Jan Trost Award at its national conference in November.

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