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Dr. Willingham has traveled the globe for more than two decades, dedicating his career to understanding and combating parasitic zoonotic diseases that affect livestock and people in rural areas of underdeveloped countries. His research has received numerous awards, including a Fulbright Fellowship and recognition from the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists. Research he coordinated in Africa, funded by the Danish International Development Agency, was instrumental in alerting the international community to cysticercosis, a zoonotic disease that is carried by pigs and is emerging globally as a major preventable cause of epilepsy in humans.

Dr. Willingham worked from 2010 – 2013 at the World Health Organization's Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) based in Geneva, Switzerland. During that time, he facilitated identification and prioritization of global research needs for helminth and zoonotic diseases, as well as environment, agriculture and infectious diseases, and assisted in initiating TDR's new research program on environmental and climate change impacts on vector-borne diseases. Dr. Willingham currently lives in the West Indies where he serves as Professor of One Health and Associate Dean for Research and Postgraduate Studies at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine on the Caribbean island of St Kitts.