

Jenifer Whitten-Woodring

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science
University of Massachusetts Lowell
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Academic Profile

Positions Held

University of Massachusetts Lowell, 2010-Present

Assistant Professor of Political Science 9/10 to present
Transfer Coordinator for Department of Political Science 7/12 to present
Graduate Coordinator for Peace and Conflict Studies Program 9/2012 to 9/2013
Faculty Member for Peace and Conflict Studies, and Global Studies Programs
Center for Women and Work Associate

California State University, San Marcos, 2003-2005

Lecturer and Newspaper Adviser

Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA, 2000-2003

Instructor and Newspaper Adviser

Education

Ph.D. in Politics and International Relations, University of Southern California, August 2010

- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
 - Dissertation: *The Fabled Fourth Estate: Media Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights* (Patrick James, Ann Crigler, Philip Seib, and Carol Wise)
 - University of Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection
 - Time Series Analysis (August 2006)
 - Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (August 2007)
 - Maximum Likelihood (2008)
 - Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research at Arizona State University (January 2008)
 - Fields of study: Comparative Politics, International Relations (Foreign Policy Analysis), Methods
- M.S. in Radio, Television and Film, Syracuse University, 1989
B.F.A. in Communication, Emerson College, 1987

Publications

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Douglas Van Belle. *Historical Guide to World Media Freedom: A Country-by-Country Analysis*. CQ Press/Sage. 2014.

Kim, HeeMin, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring and Patrick James. "The Role of Media in the Repression-Protest Nexus: A Game Theoretic Model" *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 59(6): 1017-1042.

"Fourth Estate or Mouthpiece? A Formal Model of the Relationship among Media, Regime Type and Government Respect for Human Rights," (with Patrick James) *Political Communication*, 2012. 29 (2): 113-136.

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer. "Watchdog or Lapdog? Media Freedom, Regime Type and Government Respect for Human Rights" *International Studies Quarterly*, 2009. 53: 595-625.

Forthcoming Articles

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Douglas Van Belle. "The Correlates of Media Freedom: An Introduction of the Global Media Freedom Dataset." *Political Science Research and Methods*, Accepted and Forthcoming.

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer. "News about Her: the Effects of Media Freedom and Internet Access on Women's Rights." Provisionally Accepted for publication in a special edition on media and human rights to the *Journal of Human Rights*, Forthcoming 2016.

Works under Review

Hutchison, Marc, Salvatore Schiano and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring. "When the Fourth Estate Becomes a Fifth Column: The Effect of Media Freedom and Social Tolerance on Domestic Conflict." Invitation to Revise and Resubmit from the *International Journal of Press/Politics*.

Below, Amy and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring. "Connection Frames and Climate Change: News Media's Influence on Agenda Setting." Under review.

Works in Progress

"The Multi-Leveled Fourth Estate: Global vs. Local Media" (book project) Awarded a seed grant from the Luso-American Development Foundation

“Holding the Sacred Accountable: the Effect of Government Involvement in Religion on Media Freedom” (with Nukhet Sandal)

“Should We be All A Twitter? #YBYA: The Effect of New Media and Media Freedom on Human Rights” (with Flavio Da Silva Souza, UML undergraduate Emerging Scholar)

“International Relations and the Iron Core: New Media, Media Freedom and Corruption” (with Mikhaila Schaeffer, UML undergraduate Emerging Scholar)

“Threatening News: External Threats, Media Freedom and Political Trust” (with Marc Hutchison)

“Extra! Not Extra! Media Freedom, Internet Access and Gay Rights as Human Rights” (with Chris McKallagat, UML PhD student)

“Media at Work: The Effect of Media Freedom and Social Media on Workers’ Rights” (with Flavio Da Silva Souza, Chris McKallagat and Cameron Wimpy)

“Media Freedom and Mass Killing” (with Gary Uzonyi)

Associated Professional Experience

Freelance Writer, 1987-2004

Wrote feature articles for national and regional magazines, newspapers and websites including *Child* magazine, *Central PA* magazine, *Apprise* Magazine, *Clubmom.com*, the *Boston Herald*, and the *Harrisburg Patriot- News*.

Reporter and News Anchor, 1989-1995

- WITF, Harrisburg, PA (NPR & PBS affiliate), 1993-1995
- WHAM, Rochester, NY, 1991-1993
- WTNY, Watertown, NY, 1990-1991
- WSYR, Syracuse, NY, 1989-1990

***Boston Herald*, Editorial Assistant, 1987-1988**

Research and Teaching Interests

Political Communication

- International Political Communication
- Comparative Media Systems and Policies
- Media and Conflict, Media and Foreign Policy, Media and Democratic Transitions

International Relations

- Human Rights
- Foreign Policy Analysis

Comparative Politics

- Social Movements and the Politics of Repression and Dissent
- Authoritarian Breakdowns and Democratic Transitions

Methodology

- Research Design
- Quantitative Research Methods

Grants, Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- Fundação Luso-Americano FLAD Mobility Grant to launch “The Multi-Leveled Fourth Estate” research project in the Azores, 2015
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Innovative Teaching Award, 2014
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Department of Political Science Teaching Excellence Award, 2014
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Service Learning Teaching Award, 2013
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Service Learning Faculty Grant, 2013
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Healy Grant (a seed grant), 2012
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Center for Women and Work Associate 2011-2013
- Best Paper in International Communication Section of the International Studies Association, 2009
- The Letty and Peter Toma Prize for research excellence, 2009
- Alexander George Best Paper Honorable Mention from Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association, 2011
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- APSA Political Methodology Section Methods Fellowship to attend 2009 Annual Summer Methods Meeting
- School of International Relations Dissertation Research Grant, 2008-2009
- School of International Relations Summer Grant, 2008
- School of International Relations Summer Grant, 2007
- Politics and International Relations Doctoral Program Summer Research Award, 2007
- Department of Political Science Funding to attend University of Essex Summer School, 2006
- Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics Research Grant, 2006
- Joint Summer Fellowship School of International Relations & Center for International Studies, 2006
- Politics and International Relations Fellowship, 2005-2006

Service

- 2014-2015 President of International Communication Section of the International Studies Association
- 2014 Program Chair for International Communication Section of the International Studies Association

- Executive Board International Communication Section of the International Studies Association, 2010-2012, 2013-2016
- Executive Board (Secretary/Treasurer) for Foreign Policy Section of the American Political Science Association, 2010-2013
- Editorial Board, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2010-Present
- Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *New Media & Society*, *Political Communication*, *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Sociological Inquiry* and *Social Problems*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*
- Co-Director for Emerging Scholar Program 2012-Present
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Political Science Search Committee Chair 2011-2012
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Political Science Search Committee, 2012-2013
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Political Science Search Committee, 2014-2015
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Center for Public Opinion Advisory Board
- Faculty Adviser University of Massachusetts Lowell Political Science Club 2011-2012
- California College Media Association Board, 2004-2005
- College Media Advisers Ethics Committee Co-Chair, 2004-2005

Additional Skills

- Computer: STATA, SPSS, QDA Miner/Wordstat
 - Languages: German (proficient), French (basic)
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Selected Conference Presentations

“Threatening News: External Threats, Media Freedom and Political Trust” with Marc Hutchison. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015

“Media at Work: The Effect of Media Freedom and Internet Penetration on Workers’ Rights.” with Flavio Da Silva Souza, Chris McKallagat and Cameron Wimpy Presented at the Political Communication Pre-conference for APSA, San Francisco, 2015

“Should We be All A Twitter? #YBYA: The Effect of New Media and Media Freedom on Human Rights” (with Flavio Da Silva Souza, UML undergraduate Emerging Scholar). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 2015

“News about Her: the Effects of Media Freedom and New Media on Women’s Social, Political and Economic Rights.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 2015

“Threatening News: External Threats, Media Freedom and Political Trust” with Marc Hutchison. Presented at the Political Communication Preconference for APSA, Washington DC 2014

“Threatening News: External Threats, Media Freedom and Political Trust” with Marc Hutchison. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto 2014

“When the Fourth Estate Become the Fifth Column: The Effect of Media Freedom and Social Tolerance on Domestic Conflict” with Marc Hutchinson and Salvatore Schiano. Presented at Annual Convention of the International Communication Association, Seattle, 2014

“Connecting the Frames: Who Says What About Climate Change in the News, Congressional Hearings and Presidential Addresses” with Amy Below. Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting San Francisco, 2013

“International Relations and the Iron Core: New Media, Media Freedom and Corruption” (with Mikhaila Schaeffer) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, 2012

“The Role of Media in the Repression-Protest Nexus: A Game Theoretic Model” (with HeeMin Kim and Patrick James) Presented at the Peace Science Society Annual Meeting Los Angeles, 2011.

“The Correlates of Media Freedom” Presented at Political Communication Preconference for the American Political Science Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2011.

“The Fabled Fourth Estate: Will New Media Make a Difference in Human Rights” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, 2011.

“Fighting Words: The Role of Media in Contentious Politics” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, 2010.

“Does Promoting Media Freedom Promote Human Security for Women? Rethinking the Assumptions of USAID” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, 2010.

“Holding the Sacred Accountable: the Effect of Government Involvement in Religion on Media Freedom,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA 2010. With Nukhet Sandal.

“A Game Theoretic Model of the Influence of Foreign Policy on the Domestic Relationship among Media, Regime Type and Government Respect for Physical Integrity Rights” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, 2009. With Patrick James.

“What Makes Media Free? Revelations on Media Freedom and the Update of the Global Press Freedom Dataset (1948-2007)” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, 2009. With Douglas Van Belle.

“Fighting Words: the Role of Media in the Repression-Protest Nexus” Presented at the Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting, New Haven, Connecticut, 2009.

“Fourth Estate or Mouthpiece? A Formalization of the Relationship among Media, Regime Type and Government Respect for Human Rights” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, New York, 2009. With Patrick James.

“Global Warming Heats Up: Climate Change in the News Media and U.S. Environmental Foreign Policy” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, 2008. With Amy Below.

“Climate Change in the News Media and U.S. Environmental Foreign Policy” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, California, 2008. With Amy Below. Winner of Best Paper for International Communication.

“The Relationship Between Women’s Rights, Media Freedom from Government Censorship, and the Level of Democracy/Autocracy” Presented at the Annual North American Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Columbia, South Carolina, 2007.

“Watchdog or Lapdog? The Relationship Between Media Freedom from Government Censorship, Level of Democracy/Autocracy and Government Respect for Human Rights” Presented at Journeys in World Politics Workshop at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 2007.

“Watchdog or Lapdog? The Relationship Between Media Freedom from Government Censorship, Level of Democracy/Autocracy and Government Respect for Human Rights” Presented at Annual North American Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Columbus, Ohio, 2006.

Selected Presentations and Participation in events at University of Massachusetts Lowell

- Keynote Speaker for Model UN “The Assumptions about Media, Social Media and Media Freedom”, April 2015
- Political Science Department Workshop, “When the Fourth Estate Becomes a Fifth Column”, January 2014
- Fine Arts Humanities and Social Sciences Research and Publishing Forum Presentation of “Climate Change in the News,” March 21, 2012
- Fine Arts Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Research Series Presentation of “Holding the Sacred Accountable” March 7, 2012
- International Education Week Panel, November 15, 2011
- Center for Public Opinion Occupy Forum Panel, November 8, 2011
- Students vs. Faculty Debate (fundraiser for the Model UN) 2011, 2013, 2014