

# Jenifer Whitten-Woodring

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Academic Profile**

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### **Positions Held**

#### **University of Massachusetts Lowell, 2010-Present**

Associate Professor of Political Science 9/2016 to present  
Assistant Professor of Political Science 9/2010 to 8/2016  
Director of Global Studies PhD Program 7/2016 to present  
Transfer Coordinator for Department of Political Science 7/2012 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

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## Publications

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

\*This book has been designated a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title

Hutchison, Marc, Salvatore Schiano (UML undergraduate) and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*. 2016 "When the Fourth Estate Becomes a Fifth Column: The Effect of Media Freedom and Social Tolerance on Domestic Conflict." *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 21 (2): 165-187.

\*Names are listed in alphabetical order

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Douglas Van Belle. 2015 "The Correlates of Media Freedom: An Introduction of the Global Media Freedom Dataset." *Political Science Research and Methods*, FirstView Article/December 2015, DOI 10.1017/psrm.2015.68, Published online: 02 December 2015.

Kim, HeeMin, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring and Patrick James. 2015. "The Role of Media in the Repression-Protest Nexus: A Game Theoretic Model" *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 59(6): 1017-1042.

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

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

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## Forthcoming Articles

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

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## Works under Review

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

"The Rainbow Effect: Media Freedom, Internet Access and Gay Rights" (with Celin Carlo-Gonzalez and Chris McKallagat, UML PhD student)

"Are Media at Work in Your Neighborhood: The Effect of Media Freedom and Social Media on Workers' Rights" (with Flavio Da Silva Souza, Chris McKallagat and Cameron Wimpy)

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## Works in Progress

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“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)

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

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

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## Associated Professional Experience

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### 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

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## Research and Teaching Interests

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### Political Communication

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

### Comparative Politics

- Social Movements, Repression and Dissent
- Authoritarian Breakdowns and Democratic Transitions

### International Relations

- Human Rights
- Foreign Policy Analysis

### Methodology

- Research Design
- Quantitative Research Methods

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## Grants and Fellowships

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- Fundação Luso-Americano FLAD Mobility Grant to launch “The Multi-Leveled Fourth Estate” research project in the Azores, 2015
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Service Learning Faculty Grant, 2013
- University of Massachusetts Lowell Healy Grant, 2012
- 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

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## Honors and Awards

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- 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
- Alexander George Best Paper Honorable Mention from Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association, 2011
- Best Paper in International Communication Section of the International Studies Association, 2009
- The Letty and Peter Toma Prize for research excellence, 2009
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

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## Service

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- 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

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### Additional Skills

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

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### Selected Conference Presentations

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- 2016 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer. "The Multi-Leveled Fourth Estate." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, March 2016.
- 2016 Carlo-Gonzalez, Celin<sup>†</sup>, Chris McKallagat<sup>‡</sup> and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\* "Let's Report It: Media Freedom, Media Access and Gay Rights." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, March 2016.
- 2015 Da Silva Souza, Flavio<sup>†</sup>, Chris McKallagat<sup>‡</sup>, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\* and Cameron Wimpy "Media at Work: The Effect of Media Freedom and Internet Penetration on Workers' Rights." American Political Science Association Political Communication Pre-Conference, University of San Francisco, September 2015.
- 2015 Hutchison, Marc and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "Threatening News: External Threats, Media Freedom and Political Trust." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 2015.
- 2015 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Flavio Da Silva Souza<sup>†</sup>, "Should We be All A Twitter? #YBYA: The Effect of New Media and Media Freedom on Human Rights." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, February 2015.

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- 2015 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, "News about Her: the Effects of Media Freedom and New Media on Women's Social, Political and Economic Rights." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, February 2015.
- 2014 Hutchison, Marc and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "Threatening News: External Threats, Media Freedom and Political Trust." American Political Science Association Political Communication Pre-Conference, George Washington University, Washington DC, August 2014.
- 2014 Hutchison, Marc, Salvatore Schiano†, and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "When the Fourth Estate Become the Fifth Column: The Effect of Media Freedom and Social Tolerance on Domestic Conflict." International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, May 2014.
- 2014 Hutchison, Marc and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "Threatening News: External Threats, Media Freedom and Political Trust." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 2014.
- 2013 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Mikhaila Schaeffer†, "Where is the Iron Core? New Media, Media Freedom and Corruption." International Studies Association West, Pasadena, September 2013.
- 2013 Hutchison, Marc and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "When the Fourth Estate Becomes the Fifth Column: The Effect of Media Freedom and Social Tolerance on Domestic Conflict." Mid-West Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2013.
- 2013 Below, Amy and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "Connecting the Frames: Who Says What About Climate Change in the News, Congressional Hearings and Presidential Addresses." International Studies Association Annual Meeting San Francisco, April 2013.
- 2012 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Mikhaila Schaefer†, "International Relations and the Iron Core: Newspapers, Media Freedom and Corruption." New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, April 2012.
- 2012 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Mikhaila Schaefer†, "International Relations and the Iron Core: Newspapers, Media Freedom and Corruption." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 2012.
- 2012 Kim, HeeMin, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring and Patrick James, "The Role of Media in the Repression-Protest Nexus: A Game Theoretic Model." Accepted and Prepared for Presentation at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, August 2012 (Conference cancelled due to Hurricane Isaac).
- 2012 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Mikhaila Schaefer†, "International Relations and the Iron Core: New Media, Media Freedom and Corruption." Accepted and Prepared for presentation at the American Political Science Association Political Communication Pre-conference New Orleans, August 2012 (Conference cancelled due to Hurricane Isaac).
- 2011 Kim, HeeMin, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring and Patrick James, "The Role of Media in the Repression-Protest Nexus: A Game Theoretic Model." Peace Science Society Annual Meeting Los Angeles, October 2011.
- 2011 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Douglas Van Belle, "The Correlates of Media Freedom." American Political Science Association Political Communication Pre-conference, Seattle, August 2011.
- 2011 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, "The Fabled Fourth Estate: Do New Media Make a Difference?" International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, March 2011.
- 2010 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, "Fighting Words: The Role of Media in Contentious Politics." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, August 2010.

- 2010 Sandal, Nukhet and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "Holding the Sacred Accountable: the Effect of Government Involvement in Religion on Media Freedom." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, February 2010.
- 2009 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Patrick James, "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." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, August 2009.
- 2009 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Douglas Van Belle, "What Makes Media Free? Revelations on Media Freedom and the Update of the Global Press Freedom Dataset (1948-2007)." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, August 2009.
- 2009 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, "Fighting Words: the Role of Media in the Repression-Protest Nexus." Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting, New Haven, 2009.
- 2009 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Patrick James, "Fourth Estate or Mouthpiece? A Formalization of the Relationship among Media, Regime Type and Government Respect for Human Rights." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, February 2009.
- 2008 Below, Amy and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "Global Warming Heats Up: Climate Change in the News Media and U.S. Environmental Foreign Policy." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2008.
- 2008 Below, Amy and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*, "Climate Change in the News Media and U.S. Environmental Foreign Policy." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 2008.
- 2007 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, "The Relationship Between Women's Rights, Media Freedom from Government Censorship, and the Level of Democracy/Autocracy." Peace Science Society North American Annual Meeting, Columbia, October 2007.
- 2006 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, "Watchdog or Lapdog? The Relationship Between Media Freedom from Government Censorship, Level of Democracy/Autocracy and Government Respect for Human Rights." Peace Science Society North American Annual Meeting, Columbus, October 2006.

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#### **Selected Presentations and Participation in events at University of Massachusetts Lowell**

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- 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