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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science
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Education

Ph.D. in Politics and International Relations, University of Southern California
Defended June 25, 2009

- 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)
- Arizona State University Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (January 2008)
- Fields of study: Comparative Politics, International Relations (Foreign Policy Analysis), and Methods

M.S. in Radio, Television and Film, Syracuse University, 1989

B.F.A. in Communication, Emerson College, 1987

Publications

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer (Forthcoming September 2009) "Watchdog or Lapdog? Media Freedom, Regime Type and Government Respect for Human Rights" *International Studies Quarterly* (Forthcoming September 2009).

"Fourth Estate or Mouthpiece? A Formal Model of the Relationship among Media, Regime Type and Government Respect for Human Rights," (with Patrick James) Under Review.

Works in Progress

"Climate Change in the News Media and U.S. Environmental Foreign Policy" (with Amy Below)
Winner of Best Paper for International Communication, International Studies Association 2009

"Does Promoting Media Freedom Promote Human Security for Women?
Rethinking the Assumptions of USAID"

"Challenges and Issues in Measuring Media Freedom: The Update of the Global Press Freedom Dataset (1948-2007)," (with Douglas Van Belle)

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

Conference Presentations

“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.

“Fourth Estate or Mouthpiece? A Formalization of the Relationship among Media, Regime Type and Government Respect for Human Rights” Presented at the Annual North American Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Claremont, California, 2008. 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.

“The Relationship Between Women’s Rights, Media Freedom from Government Censorship, and the Level of Democracy/Autocracy” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 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.

Research and Teaching Experience

University of Southern California, 2006 to Present **Research and Teaching Assistant**

- Taught discussion sections for undergraduate courses in Methods, Introduction to International Relations, and Leadership and Public Diplomacy
- Research assistant for Jefferey Sellers on the Gold Project (compiled profiles of city governments in United States, Canada, New Zealand and Australia)
- Currently research assistant for Patrick James
- Grantsmanship for Center for International Relations

California State University, San Marcos, 2003-2005 **Lecturer & Newspaper Adviser**

- Taught Mass Media and Society and Student Newspaper Workshop courses.

Cedar Crest College, 2000-2003 **Instructor & Newspaper Adviser**

- Taught Broadcast and Print Journalism, Media Law and Ethics, News Media in America, Student Newspaper Workshop, and Basic Composition courses.
- Received a grant to attend the Poynter Institute's Coaching and Story Editing Seminar .

Lehigh University, summer 2002 **Adjunct Professor**

Syracuse University, 1988-1989 **Teaching Assistant**

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

International Relations

- Human Rights
- Security
- International Law
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Conflict Processes

Comparative Politics

- Comparative Political Institutions
- Social Movements
- Authoritarian Breakdowns and Democratic Transitions

Political Communication

- International Political Communication
- Comparative Media Policies
- News Media and Foreign Policy
- News Media and Democratic Transitions

Methodology

- Research Design
- Research Methods

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- 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
- 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

- Editorial Board, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2010-
- Reviewer for *International Studies Quarterly* and *The International Journal of Press/Politics*
- Founded Quantitative Methods Group for Politics & International Relations Program, 2008
- California College Media Association Board, 2004-2005
- College Media Advisers Ethics Committee Co-Chair, 2004-2005

Additional Skills

- Computer: STATA, SPSS, RATS, EViews, R
- Languages: German (proficient), French (basic)

References

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