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## EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Syracuse University, 2008  
Dissertation title: *Impoverished Democracy: Economic Inequality, Residential Segregation, and the Decline of Political Participation*  
MA, Political Science, Syracuse University, 2004  
BA, English and Theater, Oberlin College, 1999

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Summer program in quantitative methods, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Summer 2011

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Science, Arcadia University, 2016 – present  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Arcadia University, 2012 – 2016  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, California State University, Long Beach,  
2009 - 2012

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### *Arcadia University*

Member, Advisory Group, Office of Social Impact and Innovation (SI<sup>2</sup>), Fall 2019 – present  
(Was consulting member of the Social Innovation Task Force)  
Elected Member of Faculty Senate and Chair of the Work and Welfare Committee,  
August 2016 – August 2018  
Member, First-year Book Selection Committee, Arcadia University, Fall 2012 – Spring 2018  
Member, Faculty Governance Task Force, Spring 2013 – Spring 2014,  
Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Member, Scholarly Communication Committee/Digital Repository Task Force, Arcadia University, Fall 2012 – Spring 2016

External Reviewer, ICPR Protocol, Institutional Review Board, Arcadia University, Fall 2012 – Fall 2013

*California State University, Long Beach*

Member, College of Liberal Arts Academic Awards Committee, California State University at Long Beach, Spring 2011 – Spring 2013 [elected in college-wide election]

Alternate Member, College of Liberal Arts Grade Appeals Committee, California State University at Long Beach, Spring 2011 – Spring 2012 [elected in college-wide election]

Member, College of Liberal Arts Faculty Council, California State University at Long Beach, Fall 2010 – Spring 2012 [elected by department]

**DEPARTMENTAL & STUDENT SERVICE**

*Arcadia University*

Department Chair, Fall 2018 – present

Political Science Program Director, Fall 2015 – present

Faculty Advisor, Roteract Student Organization, Spring 2019 – present

Faculty Advisor, Student Veterans Organization, Spring 2015 – Spring 2019  
(Organization is dormant)

*California State University, Long Beach*

Member, Political Science Department Honors Committee, California State University at Long Beach, Spring 2010 – 2012

Political Science Department Liaison/Representative, California Faculty Association, California State University at Long Beach, Spring 2010 - 2012

Organizer, “Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and Beyond: The Revolutionary Wave in the Middle East,” California State University, Long Beach, Monday, March 14, 2011

Member, Political Science Department Graduate Committee, California State University at Long Beach, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

Member, Curriculum Committee, Political Science Department, California State University at Long Beach, Fall 2009 – Spring 2010

**PUBLICATIONS***Books*

*Displacing Democracy: Economic Segregation in America* (2015, The University of Pennsylvania Press)

*Peer-Reviewed Articles*

Dennis, Christopher; Hayes, Thomas; Papadopoulos, Stavros; Widestrom, Amy. "The Political Response to Increasing Income Inequality: The Case of State Wage Policies Since 1968". [Under Review at *Political Research Quarterly*, as of February 2021]

Widestrom, Amy, Thomas J. Hays, and Christopher Dennis. 2018. "The Effect of Political Parties on the Distribution of Income in the American States: 1917 - 2011," *Social Science Quarterly* 9: 3, 895 – 914.

Widestrom, Amy. 2017. "Building Civic Environment to Empower Citizens" *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50:4, 997 – 999.

*Chapters in Edited Volumes*

Widestrom, Amy. 2020. "Ideas, Institutions, Intercurrence, and the Community Reinvestment Act," in *How Ideas Shape Urban Political Development*, eds. Richardson Dilworth and Timothy Weaver. Philadelphia, PA: The University of Pennsylvania Press.

Widestrom, Amy. 2018. "Combating Modeling "at the Expense of Relevance": Moving the Study of Political Behavior Past Large-N Survey Analysis in American Politics" in *Doing Qualitative Research in Politics: Integrating Theory Building and Policy Relevance*, eds. Angela Kachuyevski and Lisa M. Samuel. New York, NY: Palgrave/Macmillan.

Widestrom, Amy. 2016. "Comparative Urban Governance," in *The Guide to Urban Politics and Policy*, eds. Richardson Dilworth and Christine Palus. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage/CQ Press.

Dennis, Christopher, and Amy Widestrom (Widestrom is lead author). 2011. "'A Deep Blue Hole'?: California, the Tea Party, and the 2010 Midterm Elections," in *Key States, High Stakes: Sarah Palin, the Tea Party and the 2010 Midterm Election*, ed. Charles S. Bullock, III. New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

Widestrom, Amy. 2011. "Buffalo, NY, 1854 - 1877," in *Cities in American Political History*, ed. Richardson Dilworth. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press. [peer reviewed]

Widestrom, Amy. 2011. "Buffalo, NY, 1877 - 1896," in *Cities in American Political History*, ed. Richardson Dilworth. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press. [peer reviewed]

Widestrom, Amy. 2011. "St. Louis, MO, 1941 - 1952," in *Cities in American Political History*, ed. Richardson Dilworth. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press. [peer reviewed]

- Pues, Sylvester, David R. Werner, and Amy Widestrom (equal co-authorship). 2011. "The History and Politics of Correctional Education," in *Education-Based Incarceration and Recidivism*, ed. Anthony Normore and Brian Fitch. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Pues, Sylvester, David R. Werner, and Amy Widestrom (equal co-authorship). 2011. "Prison Education: The Inmate as Student," in *Education-Based Incarceration and Recidivism*, ed. Anthony Normore and Brian Fitch. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Stonecash, Jeffrey M., and Amy Widestrom (equal co-authorship). 2006. "Political Parties and Elections," in *Governing New York State*, ed. Jeffrey M. Stonecash, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Albany: SUNY Press.
- Stonecash, Jeffrey M., and Amy Widestrom (equal co-authorship). 2006. "The Legislature, Parties, and Resolving Conflict," in *Governing New York State*, ed. Jeffrey M. Stonecash, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Albany: SUNY Press.
- Lundquist, Stephanie, and Amy Widestrom (equal co-authorship). 2006. "The Economy, Taxes, and Policy Constraints in New York," in *Governing New York State*, ed. Jeffrey M. Stonecash, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Albany: SUNY Press.

#### *Invited Book Reviews*

- Widestrom, Amy. 2015/2016. Review of Heywood T. Sanders. *Convention Center Follies: Politics, Power, and Public Investment in American Cities*, forthcoming in *Perspectives on Politics* Winter 2016.
- Widestrom, Amy. 2011/2012. Review of Daniel Martinez HoSang. *Racial Propositions: Ballot Initiatives and the Making of Postwar California* (2010), in *Southern California History* Winter 2011/2012.

#### *Additional Publications*

- Widestrom, Amy. "A Chance to Write Your Own Political Message," October 7, 2012. *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, opinion column.
- Widestrom, Amy. "Analysis shows people want more unity from political candidates," October 24, 2012 (8:40 AM), *Constitution Daily*, <http://blog.constitutioncenter.org/2012/10/analysis-shows-people-want-more-unity-from-political-candidates/>, blog post.

#### *Works in Progress*

- "State Politics, Policies, and Income Distribution: Does Politics Matter?" with Thomas Hayes and Christopher Dennis, research article.

#### *New Research Projects*

- The Political Construction of Social Deviance (solo research project)

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Participant, Seminar for Department Chairs, Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences, February 9 – 11, 2020, Savannah, GA.

Participant, Academic Leadership Academy, Pennsylvania State University, June 18 – 22, 2017, State College, PA.

“Satire in Springfield: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love The Simpsons as a Pedagogical Tool,” presented at the Annual Teaching and Learning Conference of the American Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA, February 8 – 10, 2013.

### **RESEARCH CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Ideas, Institutions, Intercurrence, and the Community Reinvestment Act,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 21 – 24, 2019.

“State Politics, Policies, and Income Distribution: Does Politics Matter?” accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 7 – 9, 2016. (with Thomas Hayes and Christopher Dennis; unable to attend).

“American Urban Political Development: What Questions Should we be Asking?” invited roundtable participant, the Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 12 – 14, 2015.

“Ideas, Institutions, and Intercurrence: Urban Political Development and the Community Reinvestment Act,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3 – 6, 2015.

“The Political Development of Public Policy: Institutions, Intercurrence, and the Community Reinvestment Act,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28 – 31, 2014.

“A Tale of Two High Schools: Schools as Places for Cultivating Citizenship and Youth Civic Identity,” accepted for presentation at the Citizenship Studies Conference, “Place, (Dis)Place and Citizenship,” Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan, March 20 – 22, 2014, with Kira Baker-Doyle and Marc Brasof (equal co-authorship).

“The Politics of Inequality: State Legislatures and Inequality in the American States,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science association, Hollywood, CA, March 28 – 30, 2013, with Christopher Dennis (Widstrom is lead author).

- “Party Control of State Legislatures and Income Distribution and Growth in the American States,” accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 30 – September 2, 2012, with Christopher Dennis (Widestrom was lead author). (Paper accepted, meeting cancelled.)
- “Economic Segregation, Voter Mobilization, and Political Participation in Atlanta, 1970-2008,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1- 4, 2011.
- “The Political Development of Public Policy: Ideas, Institutions, and the Politics of Urban Policy,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 21 – 23, 2011.
- “Location, Location, Location: Economic Segregation, Voter Mobilization, and Political Participation in Atlanta, 1970-2008,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, New Orleans, LA, March 16 – 19, 2011.
- “Too Big Not to Fail: Federalism and the Failure of Local Urban Redevelopment Policies,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2 – 5, 2010.
- “Quiet Neighborhoods: an Examination of Voter Turnout, Income Inequality, and Economic Segregation,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 22 – 25, 2010.
- “Economic Segregation and the Statehouse: An Examination of Economic Residential Segregation and State-Level Social Welfare Expenditures,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1 – 3, 2010.
- “Economic Segregation and the State: Examining the Relationship between Residential Segregation and State-Level Social Welfare and Community Development Programs,” presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Long Beach, CA, November 12 – 14, 2009.
- “Zoned Out: The Effect of Urban Policies and Economic Segregation on Political Mobilization in Inner-City Neighborhoods,” presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Long Beach, CA, November 12 – 15, 2009.
- “Assessing Urbanist Literature in Political Science,” invited roundtable participant, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 12 – 15, 2009.
- “Separate and Not Equal: Economic Segregation and the Organizational Capacity of Voluntary Associations,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2 – 5, 2009.

"Neglected Neighborhoods: Economic Inequality, Residential Segregation and Declining Voter Turnout Among Low-Income Citizens," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28 – 31, 2008.

"Zoned Out: The Impact of Urban Renewal Policies on Organizational Capacity in Inner-City Neighborhoods," presented at the Policy History Conference, Clayton, MO, May 29 – June 1, 2008.

"The Context of Civil Society: How Neighborhoods Affect Voluntary Associations, Civil Society, and Civic Engagement," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2, 2007

"Impoverished Democracy: How Economic Inequality and Its Geographic Segregation Affect Voter Turnout," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31 – September 3, 2006.

"Impoverished Democracy: How Economic Inequality and Its Geographic Concentration Affect Civic Engagement," presented at the annual meeting of the Policy History Conference, Charlottesville, VA, June 1 – June 4, 2006.

"Economic Inequality, Its Spatial Concentration and Its Affect on Civic Life," presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20 – April 23, 2006.

"Redeveloping Urban Politics: A New Perspective on Urban Policy and Institutional Relationships," presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 11 – 13, 2004.

"Reassessing the Post-World War II Increase in the Incumbency Effect," Presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 11 – 13, 2004, with Jeffrey M. Stonecash (equal co-authorship).

#### **INVITED TALKS**

"Economic Inequality and the Politics of the 2016 Presidential Election," ACJ (Abington, Cheltenham, Jenkintown) League of Women Voters

#### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

*Successful: External*

Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award, 2015 (awarded and accepted) [\$500]

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, 2008 – 2009 (awarded and accepted) [\$38,500]

Brookings Institution Research Fellowship, Governance Studies, 2007 – 2008 (awarded and accepted) [\$22,000]

Miller Center Fellowship at the University of Virginia, 2007 - 2008 (awarded and declined)  
[\$18,000]

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant, 2004 (awarded and accepted)  
[\$5,000]

*Successful: Internal (California State University, Long Beach)*

College of Liberal Arts Travel Grant, Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2011 (awarded and  
accepted) [\$600 each]

*Successful: Internal (Syracuse University)*

Summer Dean's Research Award, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2003,  
2006, and 2007 (awarded and accepted) [\$2,500 in 2003, \$2,900 in 2006, and \$3,000 in  
2007]

Roscoe Martin Fund Small Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public  
Affairs, Syracuse University, 2005, 2006, and 2007 (awarded and accepted)  
[\$700 in 2005, \$700 in 2006, and \$500 in 2007]

Nagel Fund Small Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University,  
2006 – 2007 (awarded and accepted) [\$1,500]

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, 2003 – 2004 (awarded and  
accepted) [\$14,000 stipend, plus tuition remission]

European Union Summer Research Grant, European Union Center, Syracuse University,  
Summer 2003 (Awarded and accepted) [\$3,000]

*Unsuccessful: External (Arcadia University)*

Spencer Foundation Research Grant, "Measuring Participatory Leadership and Critical  
Engagement," Summer/Fall 2014, with Kira Baker-Doyle and Marc Brasoff of Arcadia  
University [\$400,000]

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

The 2016 American Political Science Association's Clarence Stone Scholar Award, given by  
the Urban and Local Politics Section

The American Academy of Political and Social Science, Graduate Fellow, 2008

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Referee/Reviewer, *Political Behavior*, *American Politics Research*

Panel Chair, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX,  
April 21 – 23, 2011.



Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1 – 3, 2010.

Panel Chair and Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2 – 5, 2009.

Panel Chair and Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20 – 23, 2006.

Workshop Participant, “Vision 2007 – 2008: The Future of Social Provision Initiative,” November 2007

### **RELATED TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Co-Academic Director, Constitutional Scholars Institute, “The Constitution, the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendments, and Public Schools,” Arcadia University/National Constitution Center, Summer 2015

Teaching Assistant (Volunteer), “Contemporary American Literature” and “Introduction to Shakespeare,” San Quentin State Prison, through Patten College, San Quentin, CA, January – June 2002

Instructor, Syracuse University *University College*, Syracuse, NY, Spring 2007

Instructor, Onondaga Community College, Onondaga, NY, 2003 – 2004

### **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

Congressional Fellow, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs (Chairman Christopher J. Dodd, D-CT), Washington, D.C., January 2009 – June 2009

Resource Development & Public Relations Coordinator, Mercy Housing California, San Francisco, CA, February 2001 – June 2002

Fundraising Assistant, Bill Bradley for President Campaign, San Francisco, CA, August 1999 - February 2000

### **COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Research Consultant & Data Analyst, “Address America” project, the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA, July 2012 – May 2013

Member, L.A. County Sheriff’s Department Education Based Incarceration Curriculum Committee, Los Angeles, CA, March 2010 – May 2011  
Subcommittee Chair, Inmate Diagnostic Team

Program Coordinator, Gilder Lehrman Saturday Academy of American Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, October – November, 2007

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, American Political Science Association