Jenifer Whitten-Woodring Curriculum Vitae

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Education

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

- University of Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, 2006, 2007, 2008
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research at Arizona State University, 2008

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

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

Academic Positions

University of Massachusetts Lowell, 2010-Present

Dean of the Honors College 2021 to present Interim Dean of Honors College 2020 to 2021 Associate Professor of Political Science 2016 to 2021 Director of Global Studies PhD Program 2016 to 2020 Assistant Professor of Political Science 2010 to 2016 Center for Women and Work Associate 2011 to 2020

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

Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA, 2000-2003

Instructor and Newspaper Adviser

Administrative Experience at the University of Massachusetts Lowell

Dean of the Honors College, 2022 - present

- Honors College has grown to nearly 2000 students
- Oversaw move of Honors College to the Allen House
- Established Department Liaisons
- Established Alumni, Faculty & Staff, Student, and Friends & Family Leadership Circles

- Initiated move to create alternative pathways in Honors
 - Offering students interdisciplinary options
 - Offering students alternatives to completing Honors Project

Interim Dean of Honors College, 2020-2022

- Initiated study to assess the diversity of the Honors College
- Piloted test-blind admissions policy
- Worked with the Registrar's Office and Honors team to get Honors into Advisement Report
- Revised first-year seminar to include a series of lectures by professors from across campus and more one-on-one time for the students with their seminar instructor
- Obtained a grant from the Commonwealth Honors Program to hold mentorship webinars
- Restructured the Honors Fellowship Program
- In the process of having the honors track approved as an academic minor (reflected on the student's transcript)
- Working with RHSA and TriAlpha to make the Honors College more accessible to first generation and underrepresented students

Director of Global Studies PhD Program, 2016-2021

- Oversaw substantial restructuring of the program and the curriculum
- Support current students in the completion of their degrees and navigation of the job market
- Recruited UML faculty to join GLST faculty group
- Recruited diverse cohorts, including many students from the Global South
- Transitioned from a comprehensive exam to a qualifying paper to foster student publication
- Identified potential market for GLST students in interdisciplinary programs and developed new course aimed at preparing students to teach in these programs

Provost's Fellow/Launch@UML Co-Creator and Co-Director, 2018-2020

- Co-created program aimed at engaging new faculty in the university and the community
- Developed monthly events introducing new faculty to university and community resources (with Launch Leadership Team)
- Oversaw identification of mentorship teams for new faculty and facilitate team interactions

Co-Creator and Faculty Director of Teaching Assistant Training Program, 2019-2020

- Co-created program introducing teaching assistants to university resources
- Worked with faculty from colleges across the university to develop a two-day curriculum to prepare teaching assistants for the classroom, to introduce university policies, and to clarify expectations of teach assistants
- Worked with staff to run two-day event

Emerging Scholars Leadership Team, 2012-present

- Foster research partnerships between faculty and undergraduate students
- Mentor faculty mentors (with the rest of the ES leadership team)

Graduate Coordinator for Peace and Conflict Studies Program, 2012 to 2013

- Oversaw recruiting and admissions of first cohorts of this interdisciplinary program
- Advised graduate students

Transfer Coordinator for Department of Political Science, 2012 to 2019

- Advised incoming transfer students
- Encouraged transfer students to become engaged in the department and UML programs so that they could become successfully integrated in the university community

Selected UML Committee Work

- Co-Chair of Greeley Scholar Advisory Board 2020-present
- Chair Political Science Search Committee 2018
- Member of FAHSS Associate Dean Search Committee 2019
- Chair Political Science Search Committee 2011-2012
- Member of Political Science Search Committee 2012, 2014, and 2019
- Member Security Studies Search Committee 2015-2016
- Center for Women and Work Leadership Team, 2019-present
- Faculty Advisor for College of Fine Arts Humanities and Social Sciences PhD Student Advisory Board, 2017-2018

Administrative Experience Beyond UML

Chair of the Commonwealth Honors Council, 2022-present

- Leader of council comprised of all deans and directors of honors colleges and programs in the Commonwealth Honors Program (includes all state universities, colleges and almost all community college)
- Participate in site visits to evaluate programs

Interim Chair of Commonwealth Honors Council, 2021-present

- Facilitate meetings and manage communication between Commonwealth Honors deans and directors
- Share site reports and other information with Department of Higher Education

National Science Foundation Panelist (not allowed to list dates)

Broadening Our Approach: A Workshop on Comparative Political Communication, 2022

• Co-created and organized workshop at Duke University's DeWitt Wallace Center for Media and Democracy.

International Studies Association

- Program Co-Chair for the 2019 Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada
 - Oversaw creation and management of program for conference attended by about 6500
 - Coordinated with section program chairs to select, create and schedule panels
 - Managed program-related conflicts and identified solutions
- 2014-2015 Chair for 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

American Political Science Association

APSA is the leading professional organization for the study of political science and serves more than 11,000 members in more than 100 countries.

- 2018 Program (with UML Political Communication Group) for the APSA Political Communication Pre-conference
 - Led the UML Political Communication Group in creating the program for the preconference, from the call for proposals and the selection of papers to the assembly of the panels, and the running of the day-long event
- Secretary of Human Rights Section, 2016-2017
- Secretary/Treasurer for Foreign Policy Section, 2010-2013

College Media Association

The voice of collegiate media and its advisers, College Media Association serves student media pros, staffs and programs with education, research and resources. CMA communicates and works with professional media organizations and education associations on the local, state and national levels.

- California College Media Association Board, 2004-2005
- College Media Advisers Ethics Committee Co-Chair, 2004-2005

Publications (Peer Reviewed)

Book:

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer and Douglas Van Belle. 2014. *Historical Guide to World Media Freedom: A Country-by-Country Analysis*. CQ Press/Sage. *This book was designated a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title for 2015.

Journal Special Issue:

Sandal, Nukhet and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}. 2020. Presidential Issue: Revisioning International Studies: Innovation and Progress. *International Studies Review*. 22 (2).

Articles and Book Chapters:

Sandal, Nukhet and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}. Forthcoming. "Holding the Sacred Accountable: The Dynamics of the State-Religion Relationship and Media Freedom." *Global Studies Quarterly*.

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer. 2022. "Conceptualization, Measurement and Data" in *Handbook of Research Methods and Applications in International Relations*. Huddleston, R. Joseph, Thomas Jamieson and Patrick James (eds). Edward Elgar Publishing.

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, Mona Kleinberg, Ardeth Thawnghmung and Myat The Thitsar[‡]. 2020. "Poison If You Don't Know How to Use It: Facebook, Democracy and Human Rights in Myanmar." *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 25(3): 407-425. DOI: 10.1177/1940161220919666

Sandal, Nukhet and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}. 2020. "Introduction: Revisioning International Studies: Innovation and Progress. *International Studies Review*. 22(2): 187-191.

Anderson Nicole[†] and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring 2019. "Covering or Covering Up? The Effects of Media Freedom and Major Disasters on Social and Economic Rights." *Journal of Human Rights*. DOI: 10.1080/14754835.2019.1657385

Bouzerdan, Camelia[‡] and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*} 2018. "Killing in Context: An Analysis of the News Framing of Femicide." *Human Rights Review*, 19(2): 211-228.

Carlo-Gonzalez, Celin⁺ Chris McKallagat[‡], and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}. 2017 "The Rainbow Effect: Media Freedom, Internet Access and Gay Rights" *Social Sciences Quarterly*, 98(3): 1061-1077.

McKallagat, Chris[‡], Flavio D.S. Souza⁺, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring and Cameron Wimpy^{*}. 2017. "Are Media at Work in Your Neighborhood: The Effect of Media Freedom and Social Media on Workers' Rights" *Social Sciences Quarterly*, 98(3): 1078-1098.

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer. 2016. "News about Her: The Effects of Media Freedom and Internet Access on Women's Rights." *Journal of Human Rights*, 15(3): 383-407.

Hutchison, Marc, Salvatore Schiano⁺ 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.

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.

[†] Indicates UML undergraduate student (at the time of writing)

[‡] Indicates UML graduate student (at time of writing)

^{*} Indicates names are listed in alphabetical order

Publications (other)

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer 2018. "Categorizing Media Freedom from 1948-2016: Version 3 of the Global Media Freedom Dataset." Comparative Politics Newsletter, 28(2): 74-78. http://comparativenewsletter.com/files/archived_newsletters/2018_fall.pdf

Works under Review

Anderson, Nicole, Aerin Commins and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}. "Fostering Bottom-up Censorship from the Top-down: Nationalism and Media Freedom." Revised and Resubmitted to the *International Journal of Press/Politics*.

Young, Halle⁺, Nicole Anderson⁺, Mona Kleinberg and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring. "More a Red Herring than a Harbinger of Democracy: Myanmar's Experiment with Media Freedom and Domestic Media Coverage of the Rohingya." Revised and Resubmitted to the *International Journal of Communication*.

Kleinberg, Mona, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring, Myat The Thitsar[‡], and Ardeth Thawnghmung. "Why Myanmar's Facebook Users were Susceptible to Hate Speech." in *Countering online hate and its offline consequences in conflict-fragile settings*. Bahador, Babak, Rachel Brown, Craig Hammer and Laura Livingston (eds). Funded by the World Bank and under review at the University of Michigan Press.

Works in Progress

Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer The Fabled Fourth Estate: Challenging Assumptions about Media Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights. Under contract with Columbia University Press.

Angulo, A.J., Emma Peterson[‡], and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}. "The Correlates of Academic Freedom: Introducing the Global Academic Freedom Dataset."

Abou-Kahlil, Catherine⁺, Mona Kleinberg, Emelia Misail⁺, Ardeth Thawnghmung and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*} "Information Famine to Information Feast: How People in Myanmar Distinguish Credible Sources from Misinformation."

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

Teaching

- Social Science Research Workshop, including Stata training (Enlightened Myanmar Research Foundation, Yangon Myanmar, January 2016)
- Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research (UML, Global Studies PhD Program)
- Conflict, Cooperation, Security and Human Rights (UML, Global Studies PhD Program)
- Politics of Repression and Dissent (UML, Peace and Conflict Studies MA Program and Honors College)
- Quantitative Methods in Political Science (UML, Political Science BA Program)
- Media and Politics around the World (UML, Political Science BA Program)
- Political Communication and Media Studies (UML, Political Science BA Program)

Grants and Fellowships

- Fundação Luso-Americano FLAD Mobility Grant to launch 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

Honors and Awards

- 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

Service

- Editorial Board, Social Science Quarterly, 2019-present
- Editorial Board, Foreign Policy Analysis, 2010-2015
- 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 Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, New Media & Society, Political Communication, The International Journal of Press/Politics, The Journal of Human Rights, The Journal of

Peace Research, Political Communication, Sociological Inquiry, Social Problems, and Studies in Comparative International Development.

- University of Massachusetts Lowell Center for Public Opinion Advisory Board 2012
- 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, NVivo
- Languages: German (proficient), French (basic)

Recent Invited Talks

- 2019 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, Mona Kleinberg, Ardeth Thawngmung, and Myat The Thitsar[‡]: "Myanmar's Facebook-fueled Genocide: How Social Media Feed Intolerance." The Social Science Research Council's Workshop on Digital Threats to Democracy, Brooklyn, NY, June 2019.
- 2017 Bouzerdan[‡], Camelia and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}: "Killing in Context: An analysis of news coverage of violence against women." Domestic Human Rights in the Media Symposium, Center for International Human Rights, John Jay College-City University of New York, New York City, June 2017.
- 2016 "The Fabled Fourth Estate: Challenging Assumptions about Media Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights," University of Connecticut Department of Political Science Speaker Series, November 2016.
- 2016 Carlo-Gonzalez, Celin⁺, Chris McKallagat[‡] and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}: "The Rainbow Effect: Media Freedom, Internet Access and Gay Rights" New World of Comparative Political Communication Conference, Texas A&M University, May 2016.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Commonwealth Honors Council, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, Council on Honors Education (Association for Public and Land Grant Universities), International Studies Association.

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2022 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, AJ Angulo, Emma Peterson and Emily Saylor. "The Correlates of Academic Freedom." International Studies Association Annual Convention, Nashville, TN, April 2022. And the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, Montreal, September 2022.
- 2019 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, Mona Kleinberg, Ardeth Thawngmung, and Myat The Thitsar[‡]: "Facebook, Communal Violence and Democracy in Myanmar." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, September 2019.

- 2018 Anderson, Nicole⁺, Aerin Commins[‡] and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}: "Fostering Bottom-up Censorship from the Top-down: Nationalism and Media Freedom." International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2018.
- 2018 Anderson, Nicole⁺, Aerin Commins[‡] and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}: "Fostering Bottom-up Censorship from the Top-down: Nationalism and Media Freedom." FLACSO-ISA Joint International Conference, Quito, Ecuador, July 2018.
- 2018 Anderson, Nicole⁺ and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*} Covering or Covering Up? The effects of media freedom and media access on social and economic rights." ISA Northeast, Baltimore, November 2018.
- 2017 Anderson, Nicole⁺, Aerin Commins[‡] and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}: "Fostering Bottom-up Censorship from the Top-down: Nationalism and Media Freedom." American Political Science Association Political Communication Pre-Conference, University of San Francisco, August 2017.
- 2017 Anderson, Nicole⁺ and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}: "The Fabled Fourth Estate: Media Freedom and Socio-Economic Rights." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.
- 2017 Hutchison, Marc and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*}: "The Medium Matters: The Effects of Media Freedom and Territorial Threats on Political Trust." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.
- 2016 Carlo-Gonzalez, Celin⁺, Chris McKallagat[‡] and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring^{*} "The Rainbow Effect: Media Freedom, Media Access and Gay Rights." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, March 2016.
- 2016 Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer. "The Multi-Leveled Fourth Estate." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, March 2016.
- 2016 Carlo-Gonzalez, Celin⁺, Chris McKallagat[‡] 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⁺, Chris McKallagat[‡] 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[†], "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.
- 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 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." 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).
- 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, Connection Frames and the News Media's Influence on the US Policy Agenda." 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.