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[Abbreviated CV on research & teaching for FAU webpage]

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor Beginning August 2012
 Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Davie FL
 Assistant Professor August 2006 - May 2012
 Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Davie FL

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	2006	Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island (Sociology)
		Dissertation: Transnational Opposition and Negotiation: Challenges to an Oil Pipeline in Ecuador
		Specialization: Environmental Sociology, Globalization, Social Movements, Environmental Justice, Global Inequalities
M.A.	2000	University of New Orleans, Louisiana (Sociology)
		Thesis: “Recovery” in the Media: An Alaska Native Perspective on the <i>Exxon Valdez</i> Oil Spill
		Specialization: Environmental Sociology, Marine Ecology
B.S.	1990	University of Kansas (School of Journalism)
B.A.	1990	University of Kansas (Spanish)

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Widener, P. 2011. *Oil Injustice: Resisting and Conceding a Pipeline in Ecuador*. Lanham MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

Widener, P. 2015. "Consuming Violence: Oil and Food in Everyday Life." Pp 201-209 in *Letting Go: Feminist and Social Justice Insight and Activism*, eds. D. King and C. G. Valentine. Nashville TN: Vanderbilt University Press.

Widener, P. and M. Karides. 2014. "Food System Literacy: Empowering Citizens and Consumers beyond Farm-to-Fork Pathways." *Food, Culture & Society* 17(4): 665-687.

Widener, P. 2013. "A Protracted Age of Oil: Pipelines, Refineries and Quiet Conflict." *Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability* 18(7): 834-851.

- Widener, P. 2011. "Governing and Contesting China's Oil Operations in the Global South." In *Environmental Inequalities Beyond Borders: Local Perspectives on Global Injustices*, eds. J. Carmin and J. Agyeman. Cambridge MA: MIT Press.
- Widener, P. 2009. "Oil Tourism: Disasters and Destinations in Ecuador and the Philippines." *Sociological Inquiry* 79(3): 266-288.
- Widener, P. 2009. "Global Links and Environmental Flows: Oil Disputes in Ecuador." *Global Environmental Politics* 9(1): 31-57.
- Widener, P. and V. Gunter. 2007. "Oil Spill Recovery in the Media: Missing an Alaska Native Perspective." *Society and Natural Resources* 20: 767-783.
- Widener, P. 2007. "Benefits and Burdens of Transnational Campaigns: A Comparison of Four Oil Struggles in Ecuador." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 12(1): 21-36.
- Widener, P. 2007. "Oil Conflict in Ecuador: A Photographic Essay." *Organization & Environment* 20(1): 84-105.
- Widener, P. 2000. "Lead Contamination in the 1990s and Beyond: A Follow-up." Pp. 258-69 in *Illness and the Environment: A Reader in Contested Medicine*, eds. S. Kroll-Smith, V. Gunter and P. Brown. NY: New York University Press.

Other Publications & Invited Reviews or Comments

- Widener, P. 2014. Invited book review of "Sustainable Failures" by S. Cable, Temple University Press, in *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 55(6): 520-522.
- Widener, P. 2014. Invited Q & A: "Focus on: Patricia Widener, An Interview about Investing in Environmental Solutions," *Journal of Environmental Investing* 5(1): 66-68.
- Widener, P. 2012. Invited book review of "Oil in the Soil" by P. L. Martin, Rowman & Littlefield, in *Global Environmental Politics* 12(4): 157-8.
- Widener, P. 2011. "JEI's Scholarship Program Motivates Students' Efforts toward Practical Solutions." *Journal of Environmental Investing* 2(2): 5-7.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker

- Widener, P. 2014. "Oil & Society." Centre of Sustainability CSAFE, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, 2014.
- Widener, P. 2013. "Oil Injustice." Public meeting, Gisborne City Council, Gisborne, New Zealand, 2013.
- Widener, P. 2012. "Just and Unjust Movements: Oil and Food in Ecuador and Florida." University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA, 2012.

Conference Papers

- Widener, P. 2015. "Oil's Public Image: For Consumers in Promotion, By Citizens in Protest & By Law in Warning." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans LA.
- Widener, P., C. Rowe and C. Andreano. March 2015. "Climate Awareness: A Media & Event Analysis of Locality, Social Problem & Institutional Amnesia." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans LA.
- Widener, P. 2014. "Learning in the Field: Ethical Differences, Time Banking, & Online Privacy Protections." American Sociological Association, San Francisco CA.
- Widener, P. 2014. "Technological Impacts on Environmental & Community Advocacy: Electronic Surveillance & Public Participation." Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco CA.
- Widener, P. 2012. "Unjust Movements for Justice: Oil and Food Conflicts in Ecuador & Florida." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Denver CO. [Published 2015]
- Karides, M. and P. Widener. 2012. "The Culture of Food: Race, Class, Privilege and Bias." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Denver CO.
- Widener, P. 2012. "Fostering Food-System Literacy." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans LA. [Published 2014]
- Widener, P. 2011. "South Florida's Small-scale Farmers: Working an Additional Shift as Community Educators." Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle WA. [Published 2014]
- Widener, P. 2010. "A Protracted Age of Oil: Pipelines, Refineries and Quiet Conflict in the American Midwest," International Sociological Association Meeting, XVII World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden. [Published 2013]
- Widener, P. 2010. "Activist-Educator & Human Trafficking: Opportunities to Raise Student Interest and Support Local NGOs," Society for Applied Anthropology, Merida, Mexico.
- Widener, P. 2009. "Modern Day Slavery in Florida," World Social Forum, Belem, Brazil.
- Widener, P. 2008. "Monitoring China's Oil Operations in the Amazon," Southeast Conference on Amazonian and Andean Studies, Boca Raton FL. [Published 2011]
- Widener, P. 2008. "Oil Transforms a Tourism Town," Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Environment and Technology Section, Boston MA. [Published 2009, 2011]
- Widener, P. 2008. "Governing and Contesting China's Extractive Practices in the Global South," Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) on Environmental Capacity Development in Transitional States and Emerging Democracies, Rennes, France. [Published 2011]
- Widener, P. 2007. "Community Contention and China's Oil Expansion in the Amazon," Beijing International Conference on Environmental Sociology. Organized by Renmin University and the Committee on Environment and Society (RC24) of the

- International Sociological Association. Beijing, People's Republic of China.
[Published 2011]
- Widener, P. 2007. "Fault Lines of Environmental Mediation: A Case of Oil Impacts in Ecuador," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA. [Published 2009]
- Widener, P. 2007. "Oil-induced Disaster Tourism: Cases in Alaska and Ecuador," Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Tampa FL. [Published 2009]
- Widener, P. 2005. "Eco-fund Negotiations in Ecuador: Contention, Elation and Exhaustion," Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe NM. [Published 2011]
- Widener, P. 2005. "Eco-trust Negotiations: Conservation Crumbs or Participation Equity?" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Environment and Technology Section, Philadelphia PA. Conference roundtable. [Published 2011]
- Widener, P. 2004. "Burdens and Benefits of Transnational Networks on Local Actors: Oil Opposition and Negotiation in Ecuador," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Environment and Technology Section, San Francisco CA. [Published 2007, 2011]
- Widener, P. and Valerie Gunter. 2004. "'Recovery' in the Media: An Alaska Native Perspective on the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Environment and Technology Section, San Francisco CA. [Published 2007]

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Widener, P. "Oil's Public Image: In Promotion, Protest, & Warning."
- Widener, P., C. Rowe, C. Andreano, and M. Ahumada. "Right to Know Climate Change: Missing Causation, Social Disparity & Memory."
- Widener, P., C. Rowe, A. Estrada, M. Ahumada, M. Eichloff and J. Anderson. "Climate Action & Education through Creativity & Conversations." Forthcoming. In *Systemic Crises of Global Climate Change: Intersections of Race, Class and Gender*, editors P. Godfrey and D. Torres; Routledge.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS & COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

- Sustainable Lens, Resilience on Radio, interview by radio host S. Mann, recorded 7 February 2014, aired 11 February 2014.
- "Oil's Not Well," interview by B. Munro, 9 February 2014, *Otago Daily News*.
- "Go for it, oil and gas opponents advised," by E. Goodwin, 5 February 2014, *Otago Daily News*.
- "Oil ... a community perspective," by T. Loomis, 22 October 2013, *The Gisborne Herald*.
- Latin America Bureau, Latin America Current Events & News, interview by N. Crowder, recorded 8 November 2011.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Reporter

Bangkok, Thailand (1995-1997) Miller Freeman Publishing Group

Assistant Editor

Bangkok, Thailand (1992-1995) *JewelSiam*, an industry magazine for foreign investors and buyers of jewelry and gemstones

Copy Editor and Reporter

Bangkok, Thailand (1991-1992) *The Nation*, The Nation Publishing Group

TEACHING [5 courses per academic year]

Graduate Courses (MA program)

- Global Environmental Perspectives
- Global Health Perspectives

Undergraduate Courses

- Environmental Sociology
- Global Social Change
- Health & Social Inequalities
- Justice, Health & the Environment (writing intensive)
- Poverty & Society
- Sociology of Climate & Disaster

Teacher Training & Workshops

- Faculty Learning Community: Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities into the Undergraduate Curriculum (2011-2012)
- Faculty Learning Community: Critical Thinking (2009-2010)
- Writing Across the Curriculum, training on writing intensive courses (2007)

Student Research: Advising, Mentoring, Funding, Collaboration & Awards

- Book chapter in collaboration with five undergraduates: Widener, P., C. Rowe, A. Estrada, M. Ahumada, M. Eichloff and J. Anderson. "Climate Action & Education through Creativity & Conversations." Forthcoming. In *Systemic Crises of Global Climate Change: Intersections of Race, Class and Gender*, eds. P. Godfrey and D. Torres. Routledge.
- Conference paper: Widener, P., C. Rowe and C. Andreano. 2015. "Climate Awareness: A Media & Event Analysis of Locality, Social Problem & Institutional Amnesia." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans.
- Broward Undergraduate Student Research Award, for students K. Kracker and T. Mossaber, \$2,000 (\$1,000 to advisor) (Spring 2015)
- Broward Undergraduate Student Research Award, for C. Andreano, \$2,000 (\$1,000 to advisor) (Fall 2014)
- Broward Undergraduate Student Research Award, for M. Ahumada, \$3,000 (Fall 2012)

- Climate Change Initiative, FAU, “Climate Knowledge & Participation in Southeast Florida,” used in part to support graduate student C. Rowe, \$3,300 (Fall 2012)
- Submitted award-winning nomination for an Undergraduate Honors Award, for K. Murillo (Spring 2009)