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**Education**

B.A. (Hons.) First Class, Government, University of Queensland (Australia), 1987.  
M.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 1990.  
PhD., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993.

**Appointments**

Director of the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2011 to present.

Professor of sociology, Harvard University, 2007 to present.

Director of the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University, 2007 to 2011.

Professor of sociology, Princeton University, July 2000 to June, 2007.

Faculty associate, Office of Population Research, Princeton University, September 1993 to present.

Associate professor of sociology, Princeton University, 1998–2000.

Assistant professor of sociology, Princeton University, 1994–1998.

Lecturer with the rank of assistant professor, Princeton University, 1993–1994.

**Books and Monographs**

Grusky, David, Bruce Western, and Christopher Wimer (eds.). 2011. *The Great Recession*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Loury, Glenn and Bruce Western. 2010. *Daedalus* 139(3). Guest editors of special issue on “The Challenge of Mass Incarceration.”

Western, Bruce. 2006. *Punishment and Inequality in America*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Patillo, Mary, David Weiman, and Bruce Western (eds.). 2004. *Imprisoning America: The Social Effects of Mass Incarceration*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Western, Bruce. 1999. *Sociological Methods and Research* 28(1). Guest editor of special issue on "Bayesian Methods in the Social Sciences."

Western, Bruce. 1997. *Between Class and Market: Postwar Unionization in the Capitalist Democracies*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

### **Refereed Articles**

Western, Bruce, Deirdre Bloome, Benjamin Sosnaud, and Laura Tach. Forthcoming. "Economic Insecurity and Social Stratification." *Annual Review of Sociology*.

Bloome, Deirdre and Bruce Western. Forthcoming. "Cohort Change and Racial Differences in Educational and Income Mobility." *Social Forces*.

Western, Bruce and Jake Rosenfeld. 2011. "Unions, Norms, and the Rise in US Wage Inequality." *American Sociological Review* 76:513–537.

Geller, Amanda, Irwin S. Garfinkel, and Bruce Western. 2011. "Paternal Incarceration and Support for Children in Fragile Families." *Demography* 48:25–47.

Wildeman, Christopher and Bruce Western. 2010. "Incarceration in Fragile Families." *Future of Children* 20:181–202.

Western, Bruce and Becky Pettit. 2010. "Incarceration and Social Inequality." *Daedalus* 8–19.

Western, Bruce and Deirdre Bloome. 2009. "Variance Function Regressions for Studying Inequality." *Sociological Methodology* 39:293–326.

Pager, Devah, Bruce Western, and Bart Bonikowski. 2009. "Discrimination in Low-Wage Labor Markets." *American Sociological Review* 74:777–779.

Western, Bruce, Deirdre Bloome, and Christine Percheski. 2008. "Inequality Among American Families with Children, 1975 to 2005." *American Sociological Review* 73:903–920.

Western, Bruce, Meredith Kleykamp, and Jake Rosenfeld. 2006. "Did Falling Wages and Employment Increase U.S. Imprisonment?" *Social Forces* 84:2291–2312.

Western, Bruce and Becky Pettit. 2005. "Black-White Wage Inequality, Employment Rates, and Incarceration." *American Journal of Sociology* 111:553–578.

Lopoo, Leonard M. and Bruce Western. 2005. "Incarceration and the Formation and Stability of Marital Unions." *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 67:721–734.

Western, Bruce and Meredith Kleykamp. 2004. "A Bayesian Change Point Model for

- Historical Time Series Analysis." *Political Analysis* 12:354–374.
- Pettit, Becky and Bruce Western. 2004. "Mass Imprisonment and the Life Course: Race and Class Inequality in U.S. Incarceration." *American Sociological Review* 69:151–69.
- Lynch, Scott and Bruce Western. 2004. "Bayesian Predictive Checks for Nonstandard Models." *Sociological Methods and Research* 32:301–335.
- Farber, Henry S. and Bruce Western. 2002. "Ronald Reagan and the Politics of Declining Union Organization." *British Journal of Industrial Relations* 40:385–402.
- Western, Bruce. 2002. "The Impact of Incarceration on Wage Mobility and Inequality." *American Sociological Review* 67:477–98.
- Western, Bruce and Becky Pettit. 2002. "Beyond Crime and Punishment: Prisons and Inequality." *Contexts* 1:37–43.
- Western, Bruce. 2001. "Bayesian Thinking about Macrosociology." *American Journal of Sociology* 107:353–378.
- Farber, Henry S. and Bruce Western. 2001. "Accounting for the Decline of Unions in the Private Sector, 1973–1998." *Journal of Labor Research* 22:459–486.
- Western, Bruce, Jeffrey R. Kling, and David F. Weiman. 2001. "The Labor Market Consequences of Incarceration." *Crime and Delinquency* 47:410–427.
- Western, Bruce and Becky Pettit. 2000. "Incarceration and Racial Inequality In Men's Employment." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 54:3–16.
- Western, Bruce and Sara McLanahan. 2000. "Fathers Behind Bars: The Impact of Incarceration on Family Formation." *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research* 2:307–322.
- Wallerstein, Michael and Bruce Western. 2000. "Unions in Decline? What has Changed and Why." *Annual Review of Political Science* 3:355–77.
- Western, Bruce. 1999. "Bayesian Analysis for Sociologists: An Introduction." *Sociological Methods and Research*. 28:7–34.
- Morris, Martina and Bruce Western. 1999. "U.S. Earnings Inequality at the Close of the 20th Century." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 25:623–657.
- Western, Bruce and Kieran Healy. 1999. "Explaining the OECD Wage Slowdown: Recession or Labor Decline." *European Sociological Review* 15:233–249.

- Western, Bruce and Katherine Beckett. 1999. "How Unregulated is the U.S. Labor Market? The Penal System as a Labor Market Institution." *American Journal of Sociology* 104:1030–1060.
- Western, Bruce, Katherine Beckett, and David Harding. 1998. "The Penal System and the American Labor Market." *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales* 124:27–35. (In French.) Reprinted in German in *Der Lohn der Angst: Flexibilität und Kriminalität in der "neuen Arbeitsgesellschaft,"* edited by Pierre Bourdieu. Constance: UVK Universitätsverlag Konstanz, 2001.
- Western, Bruce and Katherine Beckett. 1998. "The Free Market Myth: The Criminal Justice System as a U.S. Labor Market Institution." *Berliner Journal für Soziologie* 8:159–180 (1998). (In German.)
- Western, Bruce. 1998. "Causal Heterogeneity in Comparative Research: A Bayesian Hierarchical Modelling Approach." *American Journal of Political Science* 42:1233–1259.
- Western, Bruce. 1996. "Vague Theory and Model Uncertainty in Macrosociology." *Sociological Methodology* 26:165–192.
- Western, Bruce. 1996. "The Puzzle of Australian Union Decline." *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology* 32:31–43. Reprinted as "Australian Union Decline," in *Business, Work, and Community*, edited by Geoff Dow and Rachel Parker. Melbourne, Australia: Oxford University Press.
- Berk, Richard A., Bruce Western, and Robert Weiss. 1995. "Statistical Inference for Apparent Populations" (with discussion). *Sociological Methodology* 25:421–485.
- Western, Bruce. 1995. "Concepts and Suggestions for Robust Regression Analysis." *American Journal of Political Science* 39:786–817.
- Western, Bruce. 1995. "A Comparative Study of Working Class Disorganization: Union Decline in 18 Advanced Capitalist Countries." *American Sociological Review* 60:179–201.
- Western, Bruce. 1994. "Institutional Mechanisms for Unionization: An Analysis of Social Survey Data from 16 OECD Countries." *Social Forces* 73:497–520.
- Western, Bruce and Simon Jackman. 1994. "Bayesian Inference for Comparative Research." *American Political Science Review* 88:412–423.
- Western, Bruce. 1994. "Unionization and Labor Market Institutions in Advanced Capitalism, 1950-1985." *American Journal of Sociology* 99:1314–1341.
- Western, Bruce. 1993. "Postwar Unionization in 18 Advanced Capitalist Countries."

*American Sociological Review* 58:266–282.

Berk, Richard A., Alec Campbell, Ruth Klap, and Bruce Western. 1992. “The Deterrent Effect of Arrest in Incidents of Domestic Violence: A Bayesian Analysis of Four Field Experiments.” *American Sociological Review* 57:698–708.

Berk, Richard A., Alec Campbell, Ruth Klap, and Bruce Western. 1992. “A Bayesian Analysis of the Colorado Springs Spouse Abuse Experiment.” *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 83:170–200.

Western, Bruce. 1991. “A Comparative Study of Corporatist Development.” *American Sociological Review* 56:283–294.

Western, Bruce. 1989. “Decommodification and the Transformation of Capitalism: Welfare State Development in 17 OECD Countries.” *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology* 25:200–221.

### **Book Chapters and Other Publications**

Western, Bruce. 2011. “Poverty Politics and Crime Control in Europe and America.” *Contemporary Sociology* 40:287–288.

Garip, Filiz and Bruce Western. Forthcoming. “Model Comparison and Simulation for Hierarchical Models: Analyzing Rural-Urban Migration in Thailand.” *Handbook of MCMC*, edited by Galin Jones, Steve Brooks, Xiao-Li Meng, and Andrew Gelman. CRC Press.

Western, Bruce. 2010. “Retrenching Civil Rights: Mass Imprisonment in America.” Pp. 144–154 in *The Next Twenty-Five Years*, edited by David Featherman, Martin Hall, and Marvin Krislov. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Pager, Devah, Bruce Western, and David Pedulla. 2009. “Employment Discrimination and the Changing Landscape of Low-Wage Labor Markets.” *University of Chicago Legal Forum* 2009:317–344.

Devah Pager, Bruce Western, and Naomi Sugie. 2009. “Sequencing Disadvantage: Barriers to Employment facing Young Black and White Men with Criminal Records.” *Annals of the American Academy of Social and Political Science* 623:195–213.

Western, Bruce and Christopher Wildeman. 2009. “The Black Family and Mass Incarceration.” *Annals of the American Academy of Social and Political Science* 621:221–242. Reprinted in the *Kansas Law Review*, 2009.

Western, Bruce. 2008. *From Prison to Work: A Proposal for a National Prisoner Reentry Program*. Hamilton Project Discussion Paper 2008-16. Washington DC: Brookings Institution.

- Western, Bruce. 2007. "The Prison Boom and the Decline of American Citizenship." *Society* 44:30–37.
- Guetzkow, Josh and Bruce Western. 2007. "The Political Consequences of Mass Imprisonment." Pp. 228–242 *Remaking America: Democracy and Public Policy in an Age of Inequality*, edited by Jacob Hacker, Suzanne Mettler, and Joe Soss. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Western, Bruce. 2007. "The Penal System and the Labor Market." Pp. 335–359 in *Barriers to Re-Entry? The Labor Market for Released Prisoners in Postindustrial America*, edited by Shawn Bushway, Michael A. Stoll, and David F. Weiman. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Western, Bruce. 2007. "Mass Imprisonment and Economic Inequality." *Social Research* 74:509–32.
- Western, Bruce. 2007. "Introduction to *Society of Captives*." *Society of Captives*, by Gresham Sykes. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Uggen, Christopher, Sara Wakefield, and Bruce Western. 2005. "Work and Family Perspectives on Reentry." Pp. 209–244 in *Prisoner Reentry and Crime in America*, edited by Jeremy Travis and Christy Visher. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Western, Bruce, Meredith Kleykamp, and Jake Rosenfeld. 2004. "Crime, Punishment, and American Inequality." Pp. 771–796 in *Social Inequality*, edited by Katherine Neckerman. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Western, Bruce, Len Lopoo, and Sara McLanahan. 2004. "Incarceration and the Bonds Between Parents in Fragile Families." Pp. 21–45 in *Imprisoning America: the Social Effects of Mass Incarceration*, edited by Mary Patillo, David Weiman, and Bruce Western. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Western, Bruce, Becky Petit, and Josh Guetzkow. 2002. "Black Economic Progress in the Era of Mass Imprisonment." Pp. 165–180 in *Invisible Punishment: The Collateral Consequences of Mass Imprisonment*, edited by Meda Chesney-Lind and Marc Mauer. New York: New Press.
- Western, Bruce and Kieran Healy. 2001. "Wage Growth, Recession, and Labor Decline in the Industrialized Democracies, 1965–1993." Pp. 121–144 in *Unemployment in the New Europe*, edited by Nancy Bermeo. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Western, Bruce. 2001. "Institutions, Investment and the Rise in Unemployment." Pp. 71–93 in *Neoliberalism and Institutional Analysis*, edited by John Campbell and

Ove Pedersen. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University.

Beckett, Katherine and Bruce Western. 2001. "Governing Social Marginality: Welfare, Incarceration and the Transformation of State Policy." Pp. 35–50 in *Mass Imprisonment: Social Causes and Consequences*, edited by David Garland. London: Sage Publications.

Beckett, Katherine and Bruce Western. 2000. "Crime Control American Style: The Emergence and Consequences of the U.S. War on Crime." Pp. 15–32 in *Criminal Justice in Transition: Criminal Policy Trends Into the New Millennium*, edited by Penny Green and Andrew Rutherford. Oxford: Hart Publishing.

Western, Bruce. 1998. "Institutions and the Labor Market." Pp. 224–244 in *New Institutionalism in Sociology*, edited by Mary Brinton and Victor Nee. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Western, Bruce and Erin Kelly. 1997. "Comparing Demographics and Labor Market Characteristics of New Jersey Foreign Born." Pp. 35–54 in *Keys to Successful Immigration: Implications of the New Jersey Experience*, edited by Thomas J. Espenshade. Lanham, MD: Urban Institute Press.

Szelenyi, Ivan, Szonja Szelenyi, Tamas Kolosi, and Bruce Western. 1992. "The Making of Political Fields in Post-Communist Transition: Dynamics of Class and Party in Hungarian Politics, 1989-1990." In *Post-Communist Transition: Emerging Pluralism in Hungary*, edited by Andras Bozoki, Andras Körösenyi, and George Schöpflin. New York: St. Martin's.

### **Working Papers and Short Articles**

Western, Bruce and Christopher Muller. 2011. "Mass Incarceration, Macrosociology and the Poor."

Western, Bruce. 2011. "The Social Consequences of Incarceration." *Reason* July.

Western, Bruce. 2010. "Decriminalizing Poverty." *The Nation* 291:12–13.

Western, Bruce. 2008. "Criminal Background Checks and Employment Among Workers with Criminal Records." *Criminology and Public Policy* 7:1201–1205.

Western, Bruce. 2008. "Reentry: Reversing Mass Imprisonment." *Boston Review* July–August.

Western, Bruce. 2004. "Politics and Social Structure in *The Culture of Control*." *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 7:33–41.

Western, Bruce. 2003. "Lawful Re-entry." *The American Prospect* December: 54–56.

Western, Bruce. 2000. Entries on “Advanced Capitalism” and “Unionization” for the *Routledge Encyclopedia of International Political Economy*, edited by R.J.B. Jones. London: Routledge.

### **Selected Professional Activities and Membership in Academic Organizations**

Co-Chair of the Task Force on the Challenge of Mass Incarceration for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2009–2010.

Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*, 2009–2012.

National Research Council Panelist, Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007–2009.

Board of Overseers, General Social Survey, 2006–2009.

Technical Review Committee of the National Longitudinal Survey, 2006–2009.

Council of the American Sociological Association, 2004–2007.

Executive Council, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2002–2005.

Executive Director, Society for Comparative Research, 2002–2005.

Editorial Board, *Socio-Economic Review*, 2002–present.

Editorial Board, *Political Analysis*, 2001–present.

Editorial Board, *Sociological Methodology*, 2001–2006.

Sociology Advisory Panel, National Science Foundation, 2001–2003.

Editorial committee and associate editor, *World Politics*, 1998–present.

Corresponding editor, *Theory and Society*, 1999–present. Program Co-Chair, Eleventh International Conference on Socio-Economics, Madison, Wisconsin, 1999.

Consulting editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 1998–2000.

Member of the American Sociological Association, the American Statistical Association, the Australian Sociological Association, the Population Association of America, the Society for Comparative Research, the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, and the Sociological Research Association.

### **Selected Invited Papers and Testimony, 2006–2011**

“Income Insecurity among American Families with Children.” Paper presented at Stockholm University (2011).

“Unions, Norms, and the Rise in Wage Inequality.” Paper presented at Princeton University (2009), University of Michigan (2009). Testimony to the Joint Economic Committee of the US Congress. Hearings on the Economic Consequences of Mass Incar-

ceration (October, 2007).

“Mass Incarceration and the Black Family.” Paper presented with Christopher Wildeman at the conference on the Moynihan Report Revisited. Harvard University (September 2007).

“Income Inequality Among American Families with Children.” Paper presented at Princeton University (March 2007), Yale University (April 2007), Nuffield College, Oxford University (November 2008).

“Punishment and Inequality in America.” Paper presented at Cornell University (March 2006), New School University (October 2006), Open Society Institute (November 2006), University of Chicago (February 2007), Howard Thurman Lecture at Stetson University (January 2007), Sociological Research Association (2009), Columbia University (2010).

### **Selected Grants, Awards, and Honors**

Co-Principal Investigator. “Inequality and Youth Civic Participation.” With Robert Putnam. Spencer Foundation Grant, 2009–2011.

Michael J. Hindelang Award for the Most Outstanding Contribution to Research in Criminology, American Society of Criminology, 2008 for *Punishment and Inequality in America*.

Albert J. Reiss Award for Distinguished Scholarly Publication, Crime, Law and Deviance Section of the American Sociological Association, 2007, for *Punishment and Inequality in America*.

Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected April 2007.

James F. Short Jr Award for Distinguished Article, Crime, Law and Deviance Section of the American Sociological Association, 2006, for “Black-White Wage Inequality, Employment Rates, and Incarceration.” (with Becky Pettit).

Principal Investigator. “Investigating Prisoner Re-Entry: The Impact of Conviction Status on the Employment Prospects of Young Men.” With Devah Pager. National Institute of Justice Research Grant, 2005–2007. \$275,587.

Guggenheim Fellow. “The Growth and Consequences of American Economic Inequality.” John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 2005.

Principal Investigator. “The Growth and Consequences of American Economic Inequality.” Russell Sage Foundation Grant, 2005–2008. \$202,722.

Principal Investigator. “Discrimination in Low-Wage Labor Markets: An Audit Study for New York City.” With Devah Pager, Co-Principal Investigator National Science Foundation Research Grant, 2003–2005. \$156,605. This project also has a subcontract with the JEHT Foundation, 2003–2005. \$138,737.

Principal Investigator. "Incarceration Effects and Data Quality in the Fragile Families Study." Russell Sage Foundation Grant, 2001. \$33,900.

Principal Investigator. "The Impact of Incarceration on Family Formation: The Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study." With Sara McLanahan, Co-Principal Investigator. National Science Foundation Grant, 2001–2004. \$340,012.

Principal Investigator. Princeton Working Group on Inequality. With Larry Bartels, Paul DiMaggio, and Howard Rosenthal Co-Principal Investigators. Russell Sage Foundation grant, 2001–2003, \$778,790.

Article prize, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2000, for "How Unregulated is the U.S. Labor Market" (with Katherine Beckett).

Article prize, Law and Society Association, 2000, for "How Unregulated is the U.S. Labor Market" (with Katherine Beckett).

Third prize in the Prize of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for Essays in the Social Sciences (for publications in German), 1998.

Subcontract. "The Impact of Penal Policy on Employment: An Extension of the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study." With Sara McLanahan and Irwin Garfinkel, Principal Investigators. Mott Foundation Grant, 2000–04, \$65,000.

Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, 1999–2000.

Richard Stockton Bicentennial Preceptorship, Princeton University, 1997–2000.

Jean Monnet Fellow, 1995–1996. European University Institute. Florence, Italy.

"The Impact of Unions on Wages and Unemployment." National Science Foundation Research Grant, 1995–1998. \$98,000.

Hortense Fishbaugh Memorial Scholarship, 1992–93. University of California, Los Angeles.

Cleary Memorial Prize for Government, University of Queensland, Australia, 1986.