

Hal Wolman

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Dr. Wolman has a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Master's in Urban Planning from M.I.T. Prior to coming to George Washington, Dr. Wolman was Director of the Policy Sciences Graduate program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County from 1997-2000. Prior to that he was Professor of Political Science and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University where he also served for periods of time as the Director of Wayne State's Center for Urban Studies and Associate Dean of its College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs. While in Michigan he served as Co-Director of the Center for Local Economic Development in the Michigan Department of Commerce. He also was a Senior Research Associate in the Urban Institute's Public Finance Program from 1978-1984.

In addition to his work in academic and research institutes, Dr. Wolman has experience in the world of public affairs and policy making, both as staff Director of the House Subcommittee on the Cities and as a legislative assistant to Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson. He also was Director of Research for the White House conference on Balanced Growth and Economic Development. He has recently served as the staff consultant to the National Research Council's Committee on the Future of American Cities.

Dr. Wolman is currently the Principal Investigator for a Sloan Foundation funded project, undertaken collaboratively with the Brookings Institution, on "What Happens When Manufacturing Jobs Disappear," a study employing both quantitative and case study techniques to examine regions that have lost large numbers of manufacturing jobs and how they have responded to the loss. He is also Co-PI on a study of regional economic resilience undertaken collaboratively with Brookings and Prof. Ned Hill at Cleveland State University, and funded by the MacArthur Foundation through the Building Resilient Regions program at the University of California-Berkeley.

Dr. Wolman's authored and edited books include *Urban and Regional Policy and Its Effects*, V. 1 (Brookings Institution Press, 2008), *Governance and Opportunity in Metropolitan Areas* (National Academy Press, 1999), *Urban Politics and Policy: A Comparative Approach* (Basil Blackwell, 1992), and *Comparing Housing Systems: Housing Performance and Housing Policy in the U.S.*

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His research and publications have been on a wide range of subjects, including urban and regional economic development, urban performance, city-suburban disparities, state and local fiscal policy, intergovernmental relations, and urban and metropolitan politics.