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Academic Positions

Associate Professor. The Ohio State University. Department of Sociology: May 2010 - Present.

Assistant Professor. The Ohio State University. Department of Sociology: September 2004 – April 2010.

Education

Ph.D. University of Illinois at Chicago. Department of Sociology: August 2004.

M.A. University of Illinois at Chicago. Department of Sociology: July 2000.

B.S. Illinois Institute of Technology. Department of Civil Engineering: May 1994.

Grants

The Lilly Foundation. “The Religious Leadership and Diversity Project” Principal Investigator: Korie L. Edwards. November 2013 - December 2016. \$493,101.

Ruth Landes Memorial Research Fund. “The Religious Leaders and Civic Activity in Ohio Project.” Principal Investigator: Korie L. Edwards. October 2012-December 2015. \$20,000.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “Columbus Congregations for Healthy Youth.” Principal Investigator: Kenneth J. Steinman. Co-Principal Investigators: Townsend Price-Spratlen, Elizabeth Cooksey, Linda James Myers, and Korie L. Edwards. Funding from October 2003 through December 2007. \$1,093,309.

Louisville Institute. “Racialized Realities: Understanding the Lives of Black, White, Hispanic, and Asian Youth in America.” Principal Investigators: Brad Christerson, Richard Flory, and Korie L. Edwards. Funding from January 2005 through April 2006. \$36, 886.

Publications

Books

Christerson, Brad, Korie L. Edwards, and Richard Flory. 2010. *Growing Up in America: The Power of Race in the Lives of Teens*. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press. [Equal contributions: Authorship in alphabetical order].

Edwards, Korie L. 2008. *The Elusive Dream: The Power of Race in Interracial Churches*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Christerson, Brad, Korie L. Edwards, and Michael O. Emerson. 2005. *Against All Odds: The Struggle for Racial Integration in Religious Organizations*. New York: New York University Press. [Equal contributions: Authorship in alphabetical order].

Articles and Chapters

Edwards, Korie L. Forthcoming. "The Space Between: Exploring How Religious Leaders Reconcile Religion and Politics." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Edwards, Korie L. 2014. "Role Strain Theory and Understanding the Role of Head Clergy of Racially Diverse Churches." *Sociology of Religion* 75 (1): 57-79.

Edwards, Korie L., Brad Christerson and Michael O. Emerson. 2013. "Race, Religious Organizations, and Integration." *Annual Review of Sociology* 39: 211-228.

Edwards, Korie L. 2013. "Much Ado About Nothing? Rethinking the Efficacy of Multiracial Churches for Racial Reconciliation." Pages 231-254 in *Christians and the Color Line: Race and Religion after Divided by Faith* edited by Rusty Hawkins and Phillip Sinitiere. New York: Oxford University Press.

Edwards, Korie L. and Brad Christerson. 2013. "Religion and America's Urban Youth" in *Adolescent Development and School Achievement in Urban Communities: Resilience in the Neighborhood* edited by Gary Creasey and Patricia Jarvis. New York: Psychology Press.

Edwards, Korie L. 2009. "Race, Religion, and Worship: Are African-American Worship Practices Distinct?." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48:30-52.

Edwards, Korie L. 2009. "Home is Calling Me: Blacks, Religion, and Multiculturalism." Pages 190-195 in *Family Affair: What It Means to be African-American Today* edited by Gil L. Robertson IV. Chicago: Agate Publishing.

Edwards, Korie L. 2008. "Bringing Race to the Center: The Importance of Race in Interracial Churches." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47:5-9.

Edwards, Korie L. 2008. "Religion and African-Americans." Pages 1137-1139 in *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Society* edited by Richard T. Schaefer. New York: Sage Publications.

Lewis, Amanda, Maria Krysan, Sharon Collins, Korie L. Edwards, and Geoff Ward. 2004. "Institutional Patterns and Transformations: Race and Ethnicity in Housing, Education, Labor Markets, Religion, and Criminal Justice." Pages 66-119 in *The Changing Terrain of Race and Ethnicity* edited by Maria Krysan and Amanda Lewis. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Edwards, Korie L., Katrina M. Carter-Tellison, and Cedric Herring. 2004. "For Richer, For Poorer, Whether Dark or Light: Skin Tone, Marital Status, and Spouses' Earnings." Pages 65-81 in *Skin Deep: How Race and Complexion Matter in the "Color-Blind" Era* edited by Cedric Herring, Verna Keith, and Hayward Derrick Horton. Chicago: University of Illinois Press.

Other Publications

2012. Review of "Divine Callings: Understanding the Call to Ministry in Black Pentecostalism" by Richard Pitt. *Sociology of Religion* 73: 345-346.

2011. "Dr. Cornel West Trips Over White Supremacy." *The Griot: The Newsletter of the Association of Black Sociologists*. September Issue: Pages 15-19.

2007. Review of *A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church* by Gerardo Marti. *Review of Religious Research* 48:327-328.

2006. Review of *Long March Ahead: African American Churches and Public Policy in Post-Civil Rights America* edited by R. Drew Smith. *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 104: 371 -372.

Works in Progress

Edwards, Korie L. and Michelle Oyakawa. "Kingpins and Social Mobilization: Why Leaders Matter."

Edwards, Korie L. *Pastors and Politics in a Battleground State*.

Presentations

Invited Presentations

Edwards, Korie L. "Embracing Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Church in the 21st Century." Plenary Speaker for *Tipple-Vosburgh Lecture Series* at Drew Theological School. Madison, NJ: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. Panelist for "Building a Scholarly Life and Maintaining Work- Life Balance: Challenges and Strategies." *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. "Author Meets Critic." Panelist for *When Diversity Drops: Race, Religion, and Affirmative Action in Higher Education*, by Julie J. Park. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. Panelist. "Religious Practices and Social Inequality." Joint session for the *American Sociological Association and Association for the Sociology of Religion Meetings*. New York, NY: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. "Author Meets Critic." Panelist for *Blacks and Whites in Christian America: How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions* by Jason Shelton and Michael O. Emerson. *Association for the Sociology of Religion Meetings*. New York, NY: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. "Belonging and Participation in America: Who Is In?" Panelist at the *Religion and American Culture Conference* at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Indianapolis, IN: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. "Back to the Future: How Our Past and Present (Might) Predict the Future of Reconciliation." Keynote Speaker at the *Bethel University Conference on Sociological Perspectives on Reconciliation*. Minneapolis, MN: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. "Author Meets Critic." Panelist for *Divine Callings: Understanding the Call to Ministry in Black Pentecostalism* by Richard Pitt. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Phoenix, AZ: 2012.

Edwards, Korie L. Panelist. "What Junior Faculty Need to Know to Become Senior." Panel at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD: 2010.

Edwards, Korie L. "White Hegemony in Racially Diverse Religious Organizations." Presentation for *The Power of Race in American Religion Workshop* at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI: 2010.

Edwards, Korie L. "Lived Experience and Advice: Life as a New Assistant Professor." Panelist for the *National Science Foundation's Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Program* at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH: 2009.

Edwards, Korie L. "Reflections on the Role of Race in the 2008 Election." Presentation for the Sociology and Anthropology Department's *Butler A. Jones Lectureship on Race in Society* at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH: 2008.

Edwards, Korie L. "The Face of Race in Interracial Churches." Paper presented at the *Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Religion* at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN: 2007.

Edwards, Korie L. "Negotiating the Job Market." Panelist for the Sociology Department's Colloquium Series at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL: 2006.

Edwards, Korie L. "Author Meets Critic." Panelist for *A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church* by Gerardo Marti. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR: 2006.

Edwards, Korie L. "Building Interracial, Multicultural Religious Community." Keynote Speaker at the *Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly*, St. Louis, MO: 2006.

Steinman, Kenneth J., Ronald Ryles, Townsend Price-Spratlen, Korie L. Edwards, and Elizabeth Cooksey. "The Promise and Challenge of Interdisciplinary, Faith-Based Campus-Community Partnerships: The Experience of Columbus Congregations for Healthy Youth." Paper presented at the *Outreach Scholarship Conference*, Columbus, OH: 2006.

Edwards, Korie L. "Beyond Segregation: Understanding How Interracial Churches Work." Presentation at *Judson Baptist Church*, Chicago, IL: 2004.

Edwards, Korie L. "Decently and In Order: Worship Style and Practices in an Interracial Church." Paper presented for the Sociology Department's Colloquium Series at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL: 2003.

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Edwards, Korie L. and Michelle Oyakawa. "Examining the Contemporary Structure of Black Religious Leader Non-Local Civic Engagement." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN: 2014.

Edwards, Korie L. "Black Religious Leaders on President Barack Obama in a Political Battleground State." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. Discussant. "Race and Religion Intersections." *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY: 2013.

Edwards, Korie L. "Makin' It: The Role of Religion in the Lives of Urban African Americans." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Phoenix, AZ: 2012.

Edwards, Korie L. Panelists. Edwards, Korie L. "Much A-Do About Nothing?: A Discussion of Multiracial Churches in American Race Relations." Paper presented at the *Divide by Faith: A Decade Retrospective Conference*, Indiana Wesleyan University, Merrillville IN: 2010.

Christerson, Brad, Korie L. Edwards, and Richard Flory. "Race, Class, and Family Socialization in Adolescence." Paper presented at the *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA: 2009.

Flory, Richard, Brad Christerson, and Korie L. Edwards. "God in Me, with Me or for Me: Race and Teens' Views on Religion." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Louisville, KY: 2008.

Edwards, Korie L. "Left with Little Recourse: Gender Roles in African-American Churches." Paper presented at the *Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting*, New York, NY: 2007.

Edwards, Korie L. "Are African-American Worship Practices Distinct?" Paper presented at the *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York, NY: 2007.

Steinman, Kenneth J., Elizabeth Cooksey, Townsend Price-Spratlen, Korie L. Edwards, and Linda James Myers. "Religiosity, Spirituality and Sexual Behavior among Black Church Youth." Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association*, Boston, MA: 2006.

Edwards, Korie L. "Is Being Christian Enough? Exploring Identity in an Interracial Church." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR: 2006.

Steinman, Kenneth J., Elizabeth Cooksey, Townsend Price-Spratlen, Korie L. Edwards, and Linda James Myers. "Sexual Guilt among Religiously Active African-American Youth." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR: 2006.

Steinman, Kenneth J., Khosi Kubeka, Elizabeth Cooksey, Townsend Price-Spratlen, Korie L. Edwards, and Linda James Myers. "Congregational Differences in Adolescent Religiosity and Positive Youth Development: Findings from Fourteen African-American Churches." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR: 2006.

Edwards, Korie L., Linda James Myers, Kenneth J. Steinman, Townsend Price-Spratlen, Jovan Nicholas, and Jason Whitesel. "Conceptualizations of Religion and Spirituality among African-American Parents and Pastors and the Construction of Adolescent Attitudes and Behaviors." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Rochester, NY: 2005.

Christerson, Brad, Korie L. Edwards, and Richard Flory. "Racial Differences in Religious Participation Among Adolescents." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Rochester, NY: 2005.

Edwards, Korie L. "Exploring Racial Identity among African-American and White Interracial Church Attendees: Material for Cross-racial Bridging?" Paper presented at the *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA: 2005.

Edwards, Korie L. "Exploring Racial Identity among African-American and White Interracial Church Attendees: Material for Cross-racial Bridging?" Paper presented at the *Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA: 2005.

Steinman, Kenneth J., Townsend Price-Spratlen, Linda James Myers, Korie L. Edwards, and Elizabeth Cooksey. "Congregations, Universities and the Promise of Collaborative Research: The Example of Columbus Congregations for Healthy Youth." Paper presented at the *Addiction and Spirituality: Scientific, Theological, & Clinical Perspectives Conference* sponsored by Fetzer Institute and Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN: 2005.

Edwards, Korie L. "Decently and In Order: Worship Style and Practices in an Interracial Church." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Kansas City, MO: 2004.

Christerson, Brad, Korie L. Edwards, and Michael O. Emerson. "Struggle for Racial Integration in Religious Organizations." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Norfolk, VA: 2003.

Edwards, Korie L., Katrina Carter, and Cedric Herring. "For Richer, For Poorer, Whether Dark or Light: Skin Tone, Self-Esteem and Spouses' Earnings." Paper presented at the *University of Illinois at Chicago Sociology Conference*, Chicago, IL: 2002.

Edwards, Korie L. "The Effects of Perceived Threat and Opportunities for Interracial Contact on Interracial Friendship." Paper presented at the *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL: 2002.

Edwards, Korie L. "Are Public Housing Residents the Catalyst for the Underclass?" Paper presented at the *Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL: 2002.

Edwards, Korie L. "African-Americans and Their Continuing Legacy of Activism and Protest." Paper presented at the *Third Annual Ethnography Conference*, Loyola University, Chicago, IL: 2001.

Herring, Cedric, Korie L. Edwards and Katrina Carter. "For Richer, For Poorer, Whether Dark or Light: Skin Tone, Self-Esteem and Spouses' Earnings." Paper presented at the *Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C.: 2000.

Professional Service

Professional Organization Service

Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award Committee (Member). *American Sociological Association*, Racial and Ethnic Minorities section, 2013-2014.

Advisory Board Member. *Social Problems*. 2014-2017.

Editorial Board Member. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 2011-2015.

Secretary. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 2010-2014.

Program Chair. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD: 2009-2010.

Nominations Committee (Co-Chair). *American Sociological Association*, Racial and Ethnic Minorities section, 2009-2010.

Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section Council (Member). *American Sociological Association*, 2008-2011.

Paper Award Committee (Member). *American Sociological Association*, Sociology of Religion section, 2009-2009.

Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award Committee (Member). *American Sociological Association*, Racial and Ethnic Minorities section, 2008-2009.

Session Organizer. "Religion, Race, Class and Family Life." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA: 2009.

Student Paper Award Committee (Chair). *Association of Black Sociologists*, 2005-2008.

Session Organizer. "African-Americans and Religion in the Contemporary United States." *Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting*, New York, NY: 2007.

Session Organizer. "Student Paper Awards." *Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting*, New York, NY: 2007.

Membership Committee (Member). *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2004-2006.

Session Organizer. "Student Paper Awards." *Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting*, Montreal, QC: 2006.

Presider. "Religion Roundtable." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL: 2002.

University/Department Service

Chair. Diversity and Inclusion Committee. 2011-2013.

Member. Faculty Recruitment: Globalization and Social Change. 2012-2013.

Member. Grade Grievance Committee. 2012-2013.

Chair. Spring Awards Luncheon Committee. 2011-2012.

Member. Salary and Workload Committee. 2011-2012.

Chair. Form/Huber Colloquium Series. 2010-2011.

Co-Chair. Graduate Admissions Committee. 2010-2011.
Member. Graduate Placement Committee. 2010-2011.
Member. Salary and Workload Committee. 2009 – 2010.
Member. Form/Huber Colloquium Series. 2009 – 2010.
Co-Chair. Form/Huber Colloquium Series. 2008 – 2009.
Member. Faculty Recruitment Committee. 2007 – 2008.
Member. Form/Huber Colloquium Series. 2007 – 2008.
Chair. Grade Grievance Committee. 2006 - 2007.
Member. Instructional Development Committee. 2006 - 2007.
Member. Executive Committee. 2005 - 2006.
Member. Undergraduate Studies Committee. 2005 - 2006.
Member. Graduate Studies Committee. 2004 - 2005.

Ad hoc Reviewer

American Sociological Review
City and Community
Ethnoscapes: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Race and Ethnicity in the Global Context
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
Mobilization
Qualitative Sociology
Research on Aging
Review of Religious Research
Social Forces
Social Problems
Sociological Forum
Sociology of Religion

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Sociology
Honors Introduction to Sociology
Race in Society
Qualitative Methodology Graduate Course
Racial and Ethnic Differentiation Graduate Seminar
Critical Whiteness Theory Graduate Seminar
Race, Ethnicity and Religion Graduate Seminar

Other Experience

Civil Engineer. Illinois Department of Transportation, Schaumburg, IL: 1994 -1998.

Media Appearances

Television

Invited Guest. *Religion and Ethics Newsweekly*. PBS-TV. Producer: Marcia Henning. July 31, 2009. Originally aired December 20, 2008. Topic: Interracial Churches.

Radio

Invited Guest. *The Michael Eric Dyson Show*. Public Radio WEAA-FM Baltimore, MD. Nationally syndicated. Originally aired July 19, 2010. Topic: Interracial Churches.

Invited Guest. *The John Hall and Kathy Emmons Show*. WORD-FM. Pittsburgh, PA. August 6, 2009: 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Topic: *African Americans and Christianity*.

Invited Guest. *The Reggie Bryant Show*. WURD-AM. Philadelphia, PA. September 15, 2008: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Topic: *The Elusive Dream: The Power of Race in Interracial Churches*.

Invited Guest: *The Wilmer Leon Show*. Nationally syndicated satellite radio. September 13, 2008: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm. Topic: *The Elusive Dream: The Power of Race in Interracial Churches*.

Newspaper

“Churches Struggle to Meld Cultures in an Era of Diversity.” *Washington Post*. March 28, 2010 by Annie Gowan.

“Are Evangelicals Doing a Good Job at Racial Integration?” *Christianity Today*, February 25, 2010 by Ruth Moon.

University Affiliations

Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
Center for the Study of Religion

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Association of Black Sociologists