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Academic Positions

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

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.

Research and Teaching Interests

Race and Ethnicity
Sociology of Religion
Qualitative/Quantitative Research Methods
Social Stratification

Grants

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “Columbus Congregations for Healthy Youth.” Principal Investigator: Kenneth J. Steinman. Co-PIs: 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. Louisville Institute. Funding from January 2005 through April 2006. \$36, 886.

Publications

Books

Christerson, Brad, Korie L. Edwards, and Richard Flory. (UNDER CONTRACT). *Growing Up in America: How Race Matters for the Lives of Black, White, Latino and Asian Teens in America*. 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 February 2009). "Home is Calling Me: Blacks, Religion, and Multiculturalism" 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 Edwards, and Geoff Ward. 2004. "Institutional Patterns and Transformations: Race and Ethnicity in Housing, Education, Labor Markets, Religion, and Criminal Justice" 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" 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

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.

Manuscripts Under Review

Edwards, Korie L. "Race, Religion, and Worship: Are African-American Worship Practices Distinct?" (Conditional Acceptance at *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*).

Price-Spratlen, Townsend, Linda J. Myers, Kenneth J. Steinman, Korie L. Edwards, Jason Whitesel, and Elizabeth Cooksey. "Framing Faith: Religiosity and Spirituality among African American Parents and Pastors." (Under review at *Review of Religious Research*).
[Jason Whitesel: Graduate Student]

Works in Progress

Edwards, Korie L. "Race and Power in a 'Multiculturalist' Era: The Case of African-American Pastors in a Racially Diverse Congregation."

Edwards, Korie L., Khosi Kubeka, Townsend Price-Spratlen, and Kenneth Steinman. "The Meaning of Race for Religious African-American Youth." [Khosi Kubeka: Graduate Student].

Edwards, Korie L. and Khosi Kubeka. "Left with Little Recourse: Gender and Power in African-American Churches." [Khosi Kubeka: Graduate Student].

Edwards, Korie L. and Gerardo Marti. "Two Views from Within: Insider Ethnographer Status within Religious Organizations."

Edwards, Korie L. "Cross Cultural Research in American Religion."

Steinman, Kenneth J., Jason Whitesel, Elizabeth Cooksey, Townsend Price-Spratlen, and Korie L. Edwards. "Sexual Guilt among Religiously Active African-American Youth." [Jason Whitesel: Graduate Student]

Cooksey, Elizabeth, Kenneth J. Steinman, Townsend Price-Spratlen, and Korie L. Edwards. "Sexual Behavior among Religiously Active African-American Youth."

Steinman, Kenneth J., Townsend Price-Spratlen, Jason Whitesel, and Korie L. Edwards. "Perceptions of Adolescent Sexuality in an African-American Faith Community." [Jason Whitesel: Graduate Student]

Presentations

Invited Presentations

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." Brown Bag Series Panelist. Sociology Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL: 2006.

Edwards, Korie L. "Author Meets Critic" Session 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, Multi-Cultural Religious Community." Speaker at the *Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly*, St. Louis, MO: 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 brown bag series for the Sociology Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL: 2003.

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Flory, Richard, Brad Christerson, and Korie L. Edwards. "God in Me, with Me or for Me: Race and Teens' Views on Religion." Paper to be presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Louisville, KY: October 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: August 2007.

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

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

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

Steinman Kenneth J., Khosi Kubeka, Elizabeth Cooksey, Townsend Price-Spratlen, Korie L. Edwards, and Linda Myers. "Congregational Differences in Adolescent Religiosity and Positive Youth Development: Findings from 14 African-American Churches." Paper presented at the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR: October 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: October 2006.

Edwards, Korie L., Linda J. 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: November 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* (roundtable), Philadelphia, PA: August 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: August 2005.

Steinman, Kenneth, 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: March 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: October 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: October 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: October 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: August 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: August 2002.

Edwards, Korie L. "African-Americans and Their Continuing Legacy of Activism and Protest." Paper presented at the *Third Annual Ethnography Conference* at Loyola University, Chicago, IL: March 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.: August 2000.

Professional Service

Professional Organization Service

Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section Council (Member). *American Sociological Association*, 2008-2009.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reviewer

American Sociological Review

Social Forces

Social Problems

Sociological Forum

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion

Sociology of Religion

Review of Religious Research

City and Community

Mobilization

Ethnoscapes: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Race and Ethnicity in the Global Context

Research on Aging

Teaching Experience

Honors Introduction to Sociology
Introduction to Sociology
Race in Society
Race, Ethnicity and Religion Graduate Seminar
Critical Whiteness Theory Graduate Seminar
Racial and Ethnic Differentiation 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. Scheduled to air November 2008. Topic: Race and Interracial Churches.

Radio

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*.

Honors and Awards

First Prize Winner of *Association of Black Sociologists* Graduate Student Paper Competition, Chicago, IL: August 2002.

Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program (ICEOP) Fellowship
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL: August 2000 – July 2004.

Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, *University of Illinois at Chicago*, Chicago, IL: August 1999 – July 2000.

Professional Memberships

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