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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  
Social Stratification  
Qualitative/Quantitative Research Methods

## Grants

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. (Forthcoming Spring 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. "Faith in Urban Settings" in *Handbook of Adolescent Development in Urban Communities* 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**

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. "Multiculturalism, Religion and Power: The Case of African-American Pastors in a Racially Diverse Congregation." (Under review at *Sociological Forum*).

## **Works in Progress**

Price-Spratlen, Townsend, Linda James Myers, Kenneth J. Steinman, Korie L. Edwards, Jason Whitesel, and Elizabeth Cooksey. "Framing Faith: Religiosity and Spirituality among African-American Parents and Pastors." [Jason Whitesel: Graduate Student].

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. "How Religion Matters in the Lives of 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].

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. "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." 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 Sociology Department's Colloquium Series at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL: 2003.

### **Peer Reviewed Presentations**

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.

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., 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**

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

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

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

### **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*

*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. December 20, 2008. Topic: Race and Interracial Churches.

### Radio

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*.

## Honors and Awards

Nominee for *Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award*, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH: 2009.

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