

**Leiha Edmonds**

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**EDUCATION**

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Expected 2026	Ph.D., Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill <i>Aging in Place, Places for Aging: Social and Geographic Dimensions of Aging in Cities</i>
2016	Masters of Urban Planning and Policy, the University of Illinois at Chicago <i>Planning for Transit-Oriented Development's Impacts on Working-Age People with Disabilities in Chicago</i>
2010	B.A., Sustainable Development, American University

**RESEARCH**

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2023-present	<i>Doctoral Research Fellow</i> , Department of Health Sciences, Community Practice Lab The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2021-present	<i>Doctoral Researcher</i> , (NSF 1853260) Youth Family Caregivers and the Geography of Childhood, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2017 - 2021	Urban Institute, Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center <i>Research Associate</i> (2020-2021) <i>Research Analyst</i> (2017-2019)
2015-2016	<i>Research Assistant</i> , Great Cities Institute, the University of Illinois at Chicago

**TEACHING**

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Fall 2024	<i>Instructor</i> , <u>Space, Place, and Difference</u> , University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Fall 2021	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , <u>Health and Medical Geographies</u> , University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
2019-2021	<i>Instructor</i> , <u>Community-Engaged Research</u> , East Baltimore Research Project and Urban Institute
2017- 2021	<i>Instructor</i> , <u>Performance Measurement and Evaluation</u> , Measure4Change and Urban Institute

**SERVICE**

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Graduate Student Representative, *Indigenous Geographies Hiring Committee*, 2022-2023  
 Manager, *US Caregiving Youth Research Consortium*, 2021 to present  
 Founder and Organizer, *UNC Critical Health Geographies Group*, 2021 to present  
 Coordinator, *UNC Geography Department Colloquium Series*, 2021 to 2022  
 Manager, *Community and Economic Development Hub Cross-Center Initiative*, 2017 to 2021  
 Co-Founder and Organizer, *Urban Institute Community Engaged Methods Group*, 2019 to 2021

**GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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UNC School of Health Science, *Community Practice Lab Graduate Fellowship*, 2023-2024  
 Annie E Casey Foundation, *East Baltimore Research Project*, 2018-2021  
 Cities of Service, *Love Your Block Evaluation*, 2018-2021  
 World Bank Group, *Measure4Change*, 2019-2020  
 Social Security Administration's Disability Research Consortium, *Master's Thesis Fellowship*, 2016

## ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [Under review] **Edmonds, L.**, and Delamater, P. (2024). Exploring Longitudinal Change in Spatial Accessibility to Hospitals for Older Adults: A Case Study of Baltimore, Maryland. *Urban Health*.
- [Under review] **Edmonds, L.**, Martin, N., and Poulus, D. (2024). Inplacement, not just displacement: Urban assemblages and neighborhood stability in the face of gentrification. *Journal of Urban Affairs*.
- [Under review] **Edmonds, L.** & Olson, E., (2024). Researching Everyday Geographies of Caregiving Youth: Versatile Everyday Emotion Mapping (VEEMethod). *Qualitative Research*.
- Olson, E., & **Edmonds, L.** (2023). "Caregiving Youth" and the Patchwork History of Recognition in the United States. *International journal of environmental research and public health*, 20(20), 6920.
- Levy, D, **Edmonds, L.**, and Long, D. (2020). Moving to Work Agencies' Use of Funding Flexibility. *Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research*, Volume 22, Number 3 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

## URBAN INSTITUTE PUBLICATIONS

- Edmonds, L.**, Gerken, M., & Bogle, M. (2021). Reclaiming Shared Space through City-to-Citizen Collaboration: A Formative Evaluation of the Love Your Block Program. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Edmonds, L.**, Minson, C., & Hariharan, A. (2021). Centering Racial Equity in Measurement and Evaluation for Nonprofits. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Theodos, B., **Edmonds, L.**, Teles, D., Stacy, C., Docter, B., Davis, C., & Schwabish, J. (2021). History and Programmatic Overview of the Economic Development Administration. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Theodos, B., **Edmonds, L.**, Teles, D., Stacy, C., Docter, B., Davis, C., & Schwabish, J. (2021). Economic Development Administration Programs and Project Types: EDA Program Evaluation. Washington, DC: Urban Institute.
- Walker, F., Popkin, S. J., **Edmonds, L.**, Levy, D. K., Oliver, W., & Spauster, P. (2021). Promise Heights' Response to the Challenges Created by COVID-19. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Bogle, M., Gerken, M., **Edmonds, L.**, & Davis, C. (2021). Ascribing Outcomes of Complex Interventions to Social Networks: How "Sociomapping" Was Used to Assess Results for the Love Your Block Evaluation. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Theodos, B., **Edmonds, L.**, & Tangherlini, D. (2021). Community Equity Endowments: A New Form of Community Benefit.
- Theodos, B., Davis, C., Teles, D., Stacy, C., Docter, B., **Edmonds, L.**, & Schwabish, J. (2021). The Location of Economic Development Administration Grants: EDA Program Evaluation. Washington, DC: Urban Institute.
- Edmonds, L.**, Tatian, P. A., Cohen, M., & Park, J. (2020). Year 1 Evaluation of the PRO Neighborhoods Purple Line Collaborative. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Theodos, B., & **Edmonds, L.** (2020). New Models for Community Shareholding. Equity Investing in Neighborhood Real Estate Investment Trusts and Cooperatives. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Theodos, B., **Edmonds, L.**, & Scally, C. P. (2020). Policy Strategies to Build a More Inclusive Economy with Cooperatives. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Stacy, C. P., Davis, C., Docter, B., **Edmonds, L.**, González, J., Hariharan, A., ... & Treskon, M. (2020). Spatial Mismatch and Federally Supported Rental Housing: Do Public Housing and Vouchers Help People Live Closer to Available Jobs?.
- Levy, D. K., **Edmonds, L.**, Batko, S., & Gaddy, M. (2019). Public Housing Work Requirements: Case Study on the Chicago Housing Authority. Washington, DC: Urban Institute
- Reynolds, K., **Edmonds, L.**, & Poethig, E. (2019). Innovative Financing Approaches for Affordable Rental

Housing in the Chicago Region. Washington, DC: Urban Institute

**Edmonds, L.** (2018). *Financing the Development in Transit-Oriented Development*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute.

Theodos, B., Scally, C. P., & **Edmonds, L.** (2018). *The ABCs of Co-Op impact*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute.

Bogle, M., **Edmonds, L.**, & Gourevitch, R. (2018). *Coming Together for Change: A Qualitative Study of Social Connectedness Outcomes Produced by the Love Your Block Program*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute

Levy, D. K., **Edmonds, L.**, & Simington, J. (2018). *Work Requirements in Housing Authorities: Experiences to Date and Knowledge Gaps*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute

Theodos, B., Seidman, E., **Edmonds, L.**, & Hangen, E. (2017). *State and Local Policy: A Critical Concern for CDFIs*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute

## PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

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Co-Presenter. *Complex family caregiving, young people, and the U.S. care economy*. Association of American Geographers. April 2024

Presenter. *Exploring Longitudinal Change in Access to Hospitals for Older Adults: A Case Study in Baltimore, Maryland*. International Conference on Urban Affairs. April 2024

Presenter. *Caregiving Youth Redesign the City*. International Young Carers Conference. April 2024

Panelist. *Thinking critically about the geographies of care: reflections on space, place, and embodiment*. Women and Gender Studies South. March 2024

Co-Presenter. *Rethinking the geography of ableism from the perspective of care and caregiving. Revaluing Care in the Global Economy: Alternative Care Networks*. January 2024

Presenter. *Expanding Home Accessibility Services: Strategies for Sustaining Cross-Sector Collaborations*. Administration of Community Living (ACL). November 2023

Presenter. *Mapping Everyday Geographies of Caregiving Youth*. Caregiving Youth Institute. April 2023

Presenter. *Mapping Everyday Geographies of Caregiving Youth*. Association of American Geographers. March 2023

Guest Lecture.

Facilitator. *Designing and Aligning Outputs, Outcomes, and Impact Measures for Equitable Programming and Investment*. Momentous Capital. December 2022

Expert Interviewee. *Community Wealth Building Initiatives and Policy in the US Context*. Ownership Matters: A Canadian Policy Agenda for Community Ownership of Wealth-Generating Assets. Royal Roads University, Colwood, British Columbia. November 2022

Guest Speaker. *Centering Racial Equity in Measurement and Evaluation for Community Development Initiatives*. US Bank Community Development Corporation Racial Equity Summit: Measuring what Matters. St Louis, MO. November 2022

Guest Lecture. *Urban Health in the US*. UNC GEOG 222: Health and Medical Geography. Fall 2021

Panelist. *Community Engaged Methods 101*. Measure4Change Conference, Washington DC, December 2020.

Panelist. *Making the Case for Racial Equity in Subsidized Housing Outcomes*. Maryland Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies (MAHRA) Conference, Salisbury, MD, May 2020 (*Canceled due to COVID-19*)

Panelist. *Connecting Racial Equity and Inclusion with Performance Measurement in Nonprofits*. Measure4Change Conference, Washington DC, December 2019.

Keynote. *Measuring the Community Impact of Cooperative Business*. Cooperative Conference of the Americas, San Jose, Costa Rica, November 2019.

Panelist. *Measure4Change: Enriching Internal Evaluators & Igniting Regional Collaboration Among Nonprofit Organizations*. American Evaluators Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 2019

Panelist. *Love Your Block: Engaging Residents as Partners to Rebuild Community*. Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2019

Facilitator. *Creating Client Centered Feedback Loops*, Measure4Change Washington DC, June 2019

Panelist. *Connecting the Dots: Secondary Data and Racial Equity*, Measure4Change Baltimore, MD, May 2019

Facilitator. *Co-Op Roundtable: The Future of State and Local Policy*. NCBA CLUSA, Denver, CO, May 2019

Facilitator. *Co-Op Roundtable: The Future of State and Local Policy*. NCBA CLUSA Harrisburg, PA, April 2019  
Panelist. *Logic Models, Indicators and Feedback Loops*, Measure4Change Baltimore, MD, February 2019  
Panelist. *Qualitative Data Collection 101*, Measure4Change Baltimore, MD, December 2018  
Panelist. *Protecting Client Data and Privacy*, Measure4Change Baltimore, MD October 2018  
Panelist. *Using Housing as a Platform for Services—Building on Resident Input and Engagement*. National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics (NAWRS) Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, August 2017

AWARDS AND HONORS

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Presidential Award for Impact, 2019, Urban Institute

SELECTED MEDIA CITATIONS

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Vernon Oakes, "[Development Specialist Margaret Lund & Researcher Leiha Edmonds discuss the ABCs of Co-op Impact](#)," WOL-AM 1450: Everything Co-Op Radio Show, July 11, 2019  
Ryan Marshall, "[Potential development could increase growth around MARC station](#)," Fredrick News Post. March 23, 2019

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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Association of American Geographers  
American Evaluation Association  
Urban Affairs Association  
Women in Planning and Development

PROFESSIONAL URBAN PLANNING EXPERIENCE

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2023 - present	<i>Coordinator</i> , Orange County Home Preservation Coalition, Orange County, North Carolina
2022 - present	<i>Master Aging Plan Research and Evaluation Specialist</i> , Orange County, North Carolina
2016–2017	<i>Community Development Planning Analyst</i> , City of Evanston, Illinois