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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Urban Geography, Geographies of Aging, Care economies and caregiving, Housing Studies, Affordable housing and community development policy, Multi-method and participatory methodologies, Creative mapping

EDUCATION

Expected 2025	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> (Committee Chairs: Dr. Betsy Olson and Dr. Paul Delamater)
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> (Committee Chair: Dr. Janet Smith)
2010	B.A., Sustainable Development, American University

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022-present	<i>Doctoral Research Fellow</i> , Department of Health Sciences, Community Practice Lab The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three years of ethnography and mixed-method research on home repairs and aging in community in the Triangle Region of North Carolina
2021-2024	<i>Doctoral Researcher</i> , (NSF 1853260) Youth Family Caregivers and the Geography of Childhood, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two years leading creative mapping and oral history fieldwork with young carers and their families in Palm Beach County, Florida
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 EXPERIENCE

2024	<i>Instructor</i> , <u>Space, Place, and Difference</u> , University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
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

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

External Awards and Grants

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

Internal Awards and Grants

UNC School of Health Science, *Community Practice Lab Graduate Fellowship*, 2023-2024

Presidential Award for Impact, 2019, Urban Institute

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Journal Articles

[Under review] Olson, E., & **Edmonds, L.** (2024). Theorizing Ableism with Care: Considering the Role of Caregiving Youth in Everyday Geographies of Precarious Care. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.

[Under review] **Edmonds, L.** & Delamater, P. (2024). Spatial Access to Hospitals for a Growing Population of Older Adults: A Case Study of Baltimore, Maryland. *GeoJournal*

[Accepted] **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*.

[Accepted] **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

INVITED LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2024 Invited Speaker. *Advancing Livable Inclusive Vibrant Environments (ALIVE): Age-Friendly Communities in the Central Pines Region*. North Carolina AARP
 Guest Lecture: *Program Evaluation for Nonprofits and Local Government*. OCCT 836: Occupational Science Community Practice
- 2023 Invited Speaker. *Expanding Home Accessibility Services: Strategies for Sustaining Cross-Sector Collaborations*. Administration of Community Living (ACL).
 Guest Lecture: *Versatile Everyday Emotions Mapping: Methods and Practices for Community GIS*. GEOG 423: Bricks and UNC Histories
 Guest Lecture. *Visualizing and Spatializing Data: Audiences, accuracy, and accountability in data viz*. GEOG 697: Geography Capstone
 Guest Lecture. *Data: creativity, context, control, and consent*. GEOG 697: Geography Capstone
- 2022 Invited Speaker. *Designing and Aligning Outputs, Outcomes, and Impact Measures for Equitable Programming and Investment*. Momentous Capital. Washington, DC
- 2021 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.
 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.
- 2019 Keynote. *Measuring the Community Impact of Cooperative Business*. Cooperative Conference of the Americas, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Facilitator. *Co-Op Roundtable: The Future of State and Local Policy*. NCBA CLUSA

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- 2024 Caregiving Youths' Emotional Geographies of Rest and Care. *Bodies, Health, and Environments*
Complex family caregiving, young people, and the U.S. care economy. *Association of American Geographers*.
Exploring Longitudinal Change in Access to Hospitals for Older Adults: A Case Study in Baltimore, Maryland. *International Conference on Urban Affairs*.
Caregiving Youth Redesign the City. *International Young Carers Conference*.
Thinking critically about the geographies of care: reflections on space, place, and embodiment. *Women and Gender Studies South*.
Rethinking the geography of ableism from the perspective of care and caregiving. *Revaluing Care in the Global Economy: Alternative Care Networks*.
- 2023 Mapping Everyday Geographies of Caregiving Youth. *Caregiving Youth Institute*.
Mapping Everyday Geographies of Caregiving Youth. *Association of American Geographers*.
- 2019 Love Your Block: Engaging Residents as Partners to Rebuild Community. *Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference*.
Measure4Change: Enriching Internal Evaluators & Igniting Regional Collaboration Among Nonprofit Organizations. *American Evaluators Association Conference*
- 2017 Using Housing as a Platform for Services—Building on Resident Input and Engagement. *National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics (NAWRS) Conference*.

SERVICE

To the Profession

Graduate Student Representative, *Geographies of Aging and Life Course (GOALS)*, 2024 to present
Manager, *US Caregiving Youth Research Consortium*, 2021 to present

To the University

Graduate Student Representative, *Indigenous Geographies Hiring Committee*, 2022-2023
Founder and Organizer, *UNC Critical Health Geographies Group*, 2021 to present
Coordinator, *UNC Geography Department Colloquium Series*, 2021 to 2022

To Urban Institute

Mentor, *Qualitative Researchers at Urban*, 2018-2021
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

SELECTED MEDIA CITATIONS

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

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

PROFESSIONAL URBAN PLANNING AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

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