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EDUCATION

University of Chicago. Ph.D. in Sociology, December, 1997. MA in Sociology, June 1990.
Westmont College. Santa Barbara, California. BA *cum laude* in Sociology, June 1985.

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Poverty and Inequality; Fatherhood; Culture; Qualitative Methods; Religion

EMPLOYMENT

Senior Scientist, Department of Population, Families and Reproductive Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. 2014-present.

Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. 2013-present.

Lecturer on Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 2007-2013.

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 2006-2007.

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. 2004-2006

Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. 2003-2004

Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. 2000-2004

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. 2000-2003

Research Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania. 1999-2000

Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology. 1997-2000

Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 1998-1999

Affiliate Fellow, Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. 1995-1996

Research Assistant for *The Fundamentalism Project*, a comparative study of religious fundamentalisms. A project of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. 1988-1989

PUBLICATIONS

Edin, Kathryn, Laura Tach and Timothy J. Nelson. "The Diverging Destinies of Fathers and What it means for Children's Lives." Pp. 213-224 in *Families in an Era of Increasing Inequality*, edited by Paul R. Amato et al. Springer International. 2014

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Imprisoning America: the Social Effects of Mass Incarceration, edited by Mary Pattillo, David Weiman and Bruce Western. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2004.

Edin, Kathryn, Laura Lien and Timothy J. Nelson. "Taking Care of Business: The Economic Survival Strategies of Low-Income Non-Custodial Fathers." In *Laboring Below the Line: The New Ethnography of Poverty, Low-Wage Work, and Survival in the Global Economy*, edited by Frank Munger. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2002.

Edin Kathryn, Timothy J. Nelson and Susan Clampet-Lundquist "Sustaining Fragile Fatherhood: How Low-Income, Non-Custodial Fathers in Philadelphia Talk about their Families." (with) Pp. 525-53 in *The Handbook of Father Involvement: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Catherine Tamis-LeMonda and Natasha Cabrera. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. 2002.

Edin, Kathryn and Timothy J. Nelson. "Working Steady: Race, Low-Wage Work, and Family Involvement Among Non-Custodial Fathers in Philadelphia." *The Problem of the Century: Racial Stratification in the United States at Century's End*, edited by Douglas S. Massey and Elijah Anderson. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2001

Nelson, Timothy J. "The Church and the Street: Race and Poverty in an Inner-City Congregation." In *Contemporary American Religion: An Ethnographic Reader*, edited by Penny Edgell Becker and Nancy Eiesland. Alta Mira Press. 1997.

Nelson, Timothy J. "'He Made a Way Out of No Way': Religious Experience and Everyday Life in an African-American Congregation." *Review of Religious Research* 39:5-26. 1997.

Nelson, Timothy J. "Sacrifice of Praise: Emotion and Collective Participation in an African American Worship Service." *Sociology of Religion* 57: 379-396. 1996.

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PUBLISHED REVIEWS

Living Faith: Everyday Religion and Mothers in Poverty, by Susan Crawford Sullivan. *American Journal of Sociology*. 2013.

Heartwood: The First Generation of Theravada Buddhism in America, by Wendy Cadge. *American Journal of Sociology*. Fall 2006.

New Day Begun: African American Churches and Civic Culture in Post-Civil Rights America, edited by R. Drew Smith. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 2004, 43:3-4.

Fire in My Bones: Transcendence and the Holy Spirit in African American Gospel, by Glenn Hinson. *Sociology of Religion* 2001 62:3 (Fall) pp. 408-9.

Slave Missions and the Black Church in the Antebellum South, by Janet Duitsman Cornelius. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 2001 40:2 (June) pp. 333-4.

Black Families at the Crossroads: Challenges and Prospects, (with Kathryn Edin) by Robert Staples and Leonor Boulin Johnson. *Contemporary Sociology* 1994 23:3 (May) pp. 401-2.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

\$10,000 Course Development Grant from the Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society (PRRUCS) at the University of Pennsylvania. 2004-2006.

\$150,000 award from the Russell Sage Foundation to extend in-depth interviews with low-income, non-custodial fathers in Charleston, SC. 2000-2001.

\$300,000 award from the Eli Lilly Foundation to fund qualitative research on the volunteer efforts at rebuilding African American churches destroyed by arson (with Co-PI Dr. Katie Day of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia). 1998-2004.

\$250,000 award from the Russell Sage Foundation to fund in-depth interviews with non-custodial, low-income fathers in Philadelphia/Camden, NJ and Austin, TX (with Co-PIs Kathryn Edin of the University of Pennsylvania and Laura Lein of the University of Texas, Austin). 1998-2000.

PRESENTATIONS

"Daddy, Baby, Momma Maybe." (with Johanna Miranda Reed and Kathryn Edin). Presented at "Thinking about the Family in an Unequal Society" conference at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, May 2009.

"Poverty and Fathering in the Inner-City." Plenary presentation at the Northeast Family Strengthening Conference, "Empowering Families: Tools for Healthy Marriage, Responsible Fatherhood and Family Finances," sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families, Region I, US Department of Health and Human Services. Providence, RI, May 2009.

"Claiming Fatherhood: Race and the Dynamics of Paternal Involvement among Unmarried Men" (with Kathryn Edin and Laura Tach). Paper presented at "The Moynihan Report

Revisited: Lessons and Reflections after Four Decades" organized by the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Harvard University, September 2007.

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit." Paper presented at the Religious Research Association/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Rochester, New York, October 2005.

"The Greatest of These: Emotional Work and Feeling Rules in Christianity." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada. October, 2002.

"Unplanned But Not Accidental: Low-Income, Non-Custodial Fathers' Participation in Childbearing Decisions." (with Kathryn Edin and Kimberly Torres) Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March, 2001.

"Stop By Here: The Impact of White Volunteers on Three African American Congregations in South Carolina." Presented at the Religious Research Association/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, November, 1999.

"'Doin' the Best I Can': How Low-Income, Non-Custodial Fathers in Philadelphia Talk about their Families." (with Kathryn Edin and Susan Clampet-Lundquist) Urban Seminar Series Conference on Fatherhood, April 23-24, 1999. John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

"Single Mothers, Absent Fathers, and Social Categories." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. August, 1998.

"Author meets critics panel" for Robert Orsi's *Thank You St. Jude*. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, August 1997

"The Church and the Street: Race and Poverty in an Inner-City Congregation." Presented at the Religious Research Association/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, November 1996.

"City on a Hill: Social Location and Its Impact on the Congregation." Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, New York, New York, August 1996.

"Sacrifice of Praise: Emotion and Collective Participation in an African-American Worship Service." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, August 1996.

"Climbing Jacob's Ladder: Emotion and Collective Participation in an African-American Worship Service." Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, October 1995.

"The Congregation as a Unit of Analysis in the Sociology of Religion." Presented at the Center for the Study of American Religion Fall Symposium on "The Future of Congregations." Princeton, New Jersey, October 1995.