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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; Religion; Qualitative Methods

EMPLOYMENT

- 2014-present Senior Scientist, Department of Population, Families and Reproductive Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.
- 2013-present Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.
- 2007-2013 Lecturer on Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2006-2007 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2004-2006 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003-2004 Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2000-2004 Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2000-2003 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 1999-2000 Research Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania,

Philadelphia, PA.

- 1997-2000 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1998-1999 Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Swarthmore, PA.
- 1995-1996 Affiliate Fellow, Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 1998-1989 Research Assistant for *The Fundamentalism Project*, American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2013 Edin, Kathryn and Timothy J. Nelson. *Doing the Best I Can: Fatherhood in the Inner City*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- 2005 Nelson, Timothy J. *Every Time I Feel the Spirit: Religious Ritual and Experience in an African American Church*. New York: New York University Press.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 2016 Davison, Kirsten, Jo N. Charles, Neha Khandpur, and Timothy J. Nelson. "Fathers' Perceived Reasons for Their Underrepresentation in Child Health Research and Strategies to Increase Their Involvement." *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. Pp. 1-8.
- 2015 Buher-Kane, Jennifer, Timothy Nelson and Kathryn Edin. "Formal, Informal, and In-kind Child Support." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 77(3): 591-611.
- 2014 Edin, Kathryn, Laura Tach and Timothy J. Nelson. "The Diverging Destinies of Fathers and What it means for Children's Lives." Pp. 213-222 in *Families in an Era of Increasing Inequality*, edited by Paul R. Amato et al. Springer International.
- 2012 Nelson, Timothy J. "Transformations: Framing Religious Ritual." Pp. 9-30 in *Understanding Religious Ritual: Theoretical Approaches and Innovations*, edited by John Hoffman. New York: Routledge.
- 2011 Reed, Joanna, Kathryn Edin and Timothy J. Nelson. "Daddy, Baby; Momma Maybe: Low Income Urban Fathers and the 'Package Deal' of Family Life." Pp. 85-107 in *Social Class and Changing Families in an Unequal America*, edited by Marcia Carlson and Paula England. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- 2009 Augustine, Jennifer March, Timothy J. Nelson and Kathryn Edin. "Why Do Poor Men Have Children? Fertility Intentions among Low-Income Unmarried U.S. Fathers." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Vol. 624, pp. 99-117, July.

- 2009 Nelson, Timothy J. "At Ease with Our Own Kind: Worship Practices and Class Segregation in American Religion." Pp. 45-68 in *Religion and Class in America: Culture, History, and Politics*, edited by Sean McCloud and William A. Mirola. Boston: Brill.
- 2004 Nelson, Timothy J. "Low-Income Fathers." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 30:427-51.
- 2004 Edin, Kathryn, Timothy J. Nelson, Rechelle Paranal and Kate Linnenberg "Fatherhood and Incarceration as Potential Turning Points in the Criminal Careers of Unskilled Men." Pp. 46-75 in *Imprisoning America: The Social Effects of Mass Incarceration*, edited by Mary Pattillo, David Weiman and Bruce Western. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- 2002 Edin, Kathryn, Laura Lien and Timothy J. Nelson. "Taking Care of Business: The Economic Survival Strategies of Low-Income Non-Custodial Fathers." Pp. 125-46 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 Timothy J. Nelson, Susan Clampet-Lundquist and Kathryn Edin. "Sustaining Fragile Fatherhood: How Low-Income, Non-Custodial Fathers in Philadelphia Talk about their Families." Pp. 525-53 in *The Handbook of Father Involvement: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Catherine Tamis-LeMonda and Natasha Cabrera. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
- 2001 Edin, Kathryn and Timothy J. Nelson. "Working Steady: Race, Low-Wage Work, and Family Involvement Among Non-Custodial Fathers in Philadelphia." Pp. 375-404 in *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.
- 1997 Nelson, Timothy J. "The Church and the Street: Race and Poverty in an Inner-City Congregation." Pp. 169-190 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.
- 1996 Nelson, Timothy J. "Sacrifice of Praise: Emotion and Collective Participation in an African American Worship Service." *Sociology of Religion* 57: 379-396.
- 1992 Griswold, Wendy, Fred Kniss, Stephen Ellingson, Penny Becker, Timothy J. Nelson and Dick Flory "Straining at the Tie That Binds: Congregational Conflicts in the 1980s" *Review of Religious Research* 34:193-209.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 "Fragile Fatherhood: The Growth of Family Instability and Complexity in the U.S. and the Implications for Child Wellbeing." University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway. September 19.
- 2016 "The New Package Deal: Low-Income Fathers and Their Children." *Symposium on Economic Inequality and Family Change*. Center for Family and Demographic Research, Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, OH. April 19.
- 2016 "At First I was so Happy: Low-Income Men's Emotional Responses to Fatherhood." *The Forgotten Father: The Impact of Perinatal Depression on Dads*. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health Healthy Start Program. Philadelphia, May 5.
- 2015 Author-meets-critics session for *Doing the Best I Can*. *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Hilton Hotel, New Orleans, March 28.
- 2014 Author-meets-critics session for *Doing the Best I Can*. *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Hilton Hotel, San Francisco, August 14.
- 2014 Author-meets-critics session for *Doing the Best I Can*. *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Marriot Hotel, Baltimore, February 20.
- 2014 "Inner City Fathers and the New Package Deal." *Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health Colloquium*. Baltimore, January 24.
- 2013 "Doing the Best I Can: Fatherhood in the Inner City." University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology colloquium. Philadelphia. October 2.
- 2013 "Beyond Stereotypes: Fathers and Mothers with Young Children in High-Poverty, Urban Neighborhoods." *Policy Roundtable: Meeting the Needs of Vulnerable Families with Young Children*. Rhode Island Home Visiting Network, sponsored by Rhode Island KIDS Count and the Rhode Island Department of Health. Providence Marriot Hotel, September 30.

- 2013 "Doing the Best I Can." *Johns Hopkins Department of Sociology Colloquium*. Baltimore, March 29.
- 2013 "Inner-City Fathers and the New Package Deal." *Ford School of Public Policy Colloquium*. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI, February 22.
- 2009 "Daddy, Baby, Momma Maybe." (with Johanna Miranda Reed and Kathryn Edin). *Thinking about the Family in an Unequal Society*. The University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, 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.
- 2007 "Claiming Fatherhood: Race and the Dynamics of Paternal Involvement among Unmarried Men" (with Kathryn Edin and Laura Tach). *The Moynihan Report Revisited: Lessons and Reflections after Four Decades*, sponsored by The American Academy of Political and Social Science, Harvard University, September.
- 2006 "Not Planned but Not Accidental: Low-Income, Non-Custodial Fathers' Participation in Fertility Decisions." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Conrad Hilton, Chicago, August 28.
- 2005 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit." *Religious Research Association/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Rochester, New York, October.
- 2002 "The Greatest of These: Emotional Work and Feeling Rules in Christianity." *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, Toronto, Canada, October.
- 2001 "Unplanned but Not Accidental: Low-Income, Non-Custodial Fathers' Participation in Childbearing Decisions." (with Kathryn Edin and Kimberly Torres) *The Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, March.
- 1999 "Stop by Here: The Impact of White Volunteers on Three African American Congregations in South Carolina." *Religious Research Association/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*, Boston, November, 1999.
- 1999 "'Doin' the Best I Can': How Low-Income, Non-Custodial Fathers in Philadelphia Talk about their Families." *Urban Seminar Series Conference on Fatherhood*. John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, April 23-24.
- 1998 "Single Mothers, Absent Fathers, and Social Categories." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, August.
- 1997 Author meets critics panel for Robert Orsi's *Thank You St. Jude*. *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting*, Toronto, Canada, August.
- 1996 "The Church and the Street: Race and Poverty in an Inner-City Congregation." *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." *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." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York, New York, August.
- 1995 "Climbing Jacob's Ladder: Emotion and Collective Participation in an African-American Worship Service." *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." *The Future of Congregations*, symposium sponsored by The Center for the Study of American Religion. Princeton, New Jersey, October.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2016-present Johns Hopkins Discovery Award. *JHU mHealth Collaborative for Fathers*. With Arik Marcel, Alain Labrique, Sara Johnson and Amy Tsui.
- 2013-2015 Harvard Catalyst Award. *Where Are the Dads? First Steps to Engaging Fathers in Childhood Obesity Prevention*. With Kirsten Davison, Harvard School of Public Health.
- 2004-2006 \$10,000 Course Development Grant. University of Pennsylvania Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society (PRRUCS).
- 2000-2001 \$150,000 award from the Russell Sage Foundation to extend in-depth interviews with low-income, non-custodial fathers in Charleston, SC. Co-PI with Kathryn Edin, Northwestern University.
- 1998-2004 \$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).
- 1998-2000 \$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).