

## Leiha Edmonds

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### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Geographies of Aging, Urban Geographies, Health Geographies, Care Economies, Affordable Housing, Community Development Policy, Spatialized Structural Inequities, Multi-method, Participatory Methodologies, Creative Mapping

### EDUCATION

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| 2025 | Ph.D., Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill<br><i>Geographies Of Aging Well In Cities: Community-Engaged Case Study Research On The Places Of Aging</i> (Committee Chairs: Dr. Betsy Olson and Dr. Paul Delamater) |
| 2016 | Masters of Urban Planning and Policy, the University of Illinois at Chicago<br><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                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2025 - present | Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Indiana University Bloomington<br>Core Faculty, Human Biology Program, Indiana University Bloomington<br>Affiliate Faculty, Irsay Institute, Indiana University Bloomington |
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### RESEARCH

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| 2022-2025   | Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Health Sciences, Community Practice Lab The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill            |
| 2021-2024   | Doctoral Researcher, (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<br>Research Associate (2020-2021)<br>Research Analyst (2017-2019)      |
| 2015-2016   | Research Assistant, Great Cities Institute, the University of Illinois at Chicago                                                          |

### TEACHING

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| 2025- Present<br>at Indiana University,<br>Bloomington | Urban Geography<br>Qualitative Methods in Geography<br>Geography Capstone                                               |
| 2021 - 2025<br>at UNC-Chapel Hill                      | Research Methods in Geography<br>Space, Place, and Difference<br>Feminist Geographies<br>Health and Medical Geographies |

2017-2021                      Community-Engaged Research  
at Urban Institute            Performance Measurement and Evaluation

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

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### External Awards and Grants

Orange County, NC Department on Aging, *2022-2027 Master Aging Plan Evaluation*, 2022-present  
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, Urban Institute, 2019

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Academic Journal Articles

[Under Review] **Edmonds, L.**, & Lavelly, R (2025). Home Repair Policies and the Uneven Landscape of Aging in Community for Low-Income Older Adult Homeowners: A Case Study of Orange County, NC and the Home Preservation Coalition. *Frontiers in Public Health*

[Under Review] Olson, E., & **Edmonds, L.** (2025). Caregiving Youth in US Schools: Perceptions of Recognition and Support in Palm Beach County FL

[Under Review] Olson, E., & **Edmonds, L.** (2025). 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] Olson, E. & **Edmonds, L.** (2025). Exploring Caregiving Youth's Resilience through Their Everyday Emotional Geographies. *Childrens Geography*

**Edmonds, L.**, & Delamater, P. (2025). Evaluating spatial access to hospitals for aging populations in legacy cities: a case study of Baltimore, Maryland. *GeoJournal*, 90(3), 1-11.

**Edmonds, L.**, & Olson, E. (2025). 'I care for my grandma because she's one of my best friends': Intergenerational caregiving and the everyday geographies of aging in Palm Beach County, Florida. *Health & Place*, 93, 103464.

**Edmonds, L.**, & Olson, E. A. (2024). Researching everyday geographies of caregiving youth: Versatile Everyday Emotion Mapping (VEEMethod). *Qualitative Research*, 14687941241297297.

Martin, N., **Edmonds, L.**, and Poulus, D. (2024). Inplacement, not just displacement: Urban assemblages and neighborhood stability in the face of gentrification, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, DOI: 10.1080/07352166.2024.2396372

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

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- 2026 Invited Speaker. *Aging-Friendly Cities and Housing Stability*. Wayne State University
- 2025 Invited Speaker. *Expanding Home Accessibility Services: Strategies for Sustaining Cross-Sector Collaborations*. Environmental Defense Fund Cities Initiative
- Guest Lecture: *Program Evaluation for Nonprofits and Local Government*. Occupational Studies 836: Occupational Science Community Practice

Facilitator. *Orange County Master Aging Plan Year 4 Workshop*

- 2024 Guest Lecture: *Aging in Community: OC Home and Housing Models for Older Adults*. Social Work 843: Older Adults: Theory and Practice  
 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*. Occupational Studies 836: Occupational Science Community Practice  
 Facilitator. *Orange County Master Aging Plan Year 3 Workshop*
- 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  
 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.  
 Keynote. *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

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- 2025 When Homes and Housing Policies Need to be Repaired: A Case Study of Affordable Housing Preservation to Support Aging In Community in Orange County, NC. *International Conference on Urban Affairs*.  
 Aging in Place and the Role of Coalitional Housing Supports. *NC Association on Aging*  
 Intergenerational Caregiving for an Aging America. *NC Association on Aging*  
 When Homes and Housing Policies Need to be Repaired: A Case Study of Affordable Housing Preservation to Support Aging In Community in Orange County, NC. *Association of American Geographers*.  
 Community Coalitions as a Framework for Interdependent Care in North Carolina. *Carework Network*
- 2024 Caregiving Youth and Secondary Education Policy. *National Center on Family Support - Building Bridges: Connecting Caregiving Research, Policy, and Practice*  
 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*.

#### PROFESSIONAL URBAN PLANNING EXPERIENCE

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2022 - present	<i>Research and Evaluation Coordinator, Orange County Master Aging Plan, Orange County, North Carolina</i>
2023 - 2025	<i>Coordinator, Orange County Home Preservation Coalition, Orange County, North Carolina</i>
2016–2017	<i>Community Development Planning Analyst, City of Evanston, Illinois</i>

#### SERVICE

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##### To the Profession

Peer review

- Health & Place
- INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing

Graduate Student Representative, *Geographies of Aging and Life Course (GOALS)*, 2024 to 2025

Manager, *US Caregiving Youth Research Consortium*, 2021 to 2025

##### To the University

Indiana University Bloomington

Coordinator, *IUB Geography Department Colloquium Series*, 2025 to 2027

UNC - Chapel Hill

Invited Judge, *Carolina Across 100 POV Challenge: Affordable Housing*, 2025

Invited Grant Reviewer, *Our State, Our Homes: Partnering to Address Housing Needs in North Carolina*, 2024

Graduate Student Representative, *Indigenous Geographies Hiring Committee*, 2022-2023

Founder and Organizer, *UNC Critical Health Geographies Group*, 2021 to 2025

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

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Heather Altman, "[Episode 78: Master Aging Plan & Home Preservation Coalition](#)." WCOM 103.5 FM: The

Aging Well Together Radio Show, May 22, 2025

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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Gerontological Society of America, 2025 to present

Association of American Geographers, 2020 to present

Urban Affairs Association, 2020 to present

American Evaluation Association, 2019 to present

Women in Planning and Development, 2016 to present