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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Sociology, Oregon State University 2013 - present  
Associate Professor of Sociology, Oregon State University 2003 - 2013  
Interim Chair, Department of Sociology, Oregon State University 11/08 - 7/09  
Interim Chair, Department of Sociology, Oregon State University 8/05 - 4/06  
Coordinator of Online Degree Program, Sociology, Oregon State University 2011 - 2015  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Oregon State University 1997 - 2003

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1997 Department of Sociology, University of Washington  
M.A. 1992 Department of Sociology, University of Washington  
B.S. 1984 Food Biochemistry, University of California at Davis

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociology of food insecurity, welfare policy (broadly defined), and material hardship;  
rural dimensions of these topics.  
Social science research methods and scholarship of teaching sociological writing.

## HONORS & AWARDS

2015 Invited Visiting Professor at Facultad Latinoamericana Ciencias Sociales (Quito, Ecuador) (September 2015 – March 2016)

2012 Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger Harvest of Hope Awardee. (Statewide award honoring advocates and service providers address hunger issues in Oregon.)

2011 OSU Division of Outreach and Engagement Vice Provost's Award for Excellence in Strategic Impact

2005 Invited Visiting Professor at Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain; Department of Sociology. January - June.

2004 College of Liberal Arts Researcher of the Year Award

2003 Emerging Scholar Award (presented by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi)

2000 College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Award (sponsored by Emeritus Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts)

## BOOKS

2014 (2012) Mark Edwards. Writing in Sociology. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES/ BOOK CHAPTERS

Paredes, Myriam and Mark Edwards. 2018. Chapter 1. "Security via Sovereignty: Lessons from the Global South," in Hossfeld, Leslie, Brooke Kelly, and Julia Waity, Food and Poverty: Food Insecurity and Food Sovereignty among America's Poor. Vanderbilt Press.

Leanne Giordono and Mark Edwards. 2018. Invited chapter in "Oregon Safety Net Policy" for edited volume *Oregon State and Local Politics: Innovation and Change*. (Editors: Richard Clucas, Mark Henkels, Priscilla Southwell, Ed Weber)

Precious, Cheryl, Keith Baker, and Mark Edwards. 2017. "Coping with Compassion: Role Transformation among Oregon Food Pantry Directors." Voluntas 28(5):2011-2031.

Edwards, Mark, Colleen Heflin, Peter Mueser, Sue Porter, and Bruce Weber. 2016. "The Great Recession and SNAP Caseloads: A Tale of Two States" Journal of Poverty 20(3):261-277. DOI: 10.1080/10875549.2015.1094770 .

Porter, Suzanne and Mark Edwards. 2014. "Household and Economic Factors Associated with Geographic and School Mobility Among Low-Income Children." Journal of Children and Poverty 20(2):111-130.

Torgerson, Melissa and Mark Evan Edwards. 2013. "Demographic Determinants of Perceived Barriers to Community Involvement: Examining Rural/Urban Differences." Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly 42(2):369 – 388.

Edwards, Mark Evan. 2012. "Food Insecurity in Western US States: Increasing Collaboration Between State Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations." Food, Culture and Society 15(1):93-112.

Lee, Wei-Tau, Karl R. Haapala, Mark E. Edwards, and Kenneth H. Funk. 2012. "A Framework for the Evaluation and Redesign of Human Work Based on Societal Factors." Published, peer-reviewed conference paper from the CIRP International Conference on Life Cycle Engineering 2012. Springer Press.

- Wright, Bradley R. E., Dina Giovanelli, Emily G. Dolan and Mark Evan Edwards. 2011. "Explaining Deconversion from Christianity: A Study of Online Narratives." Journal of Religion and Society 13:1-17.
- Edwards, Mark Evan, Melissa Torgerson, and Jennifer Sattem. 2009. "Paradoxes of Providing Rural Social Services: The Case of Homeless Youth." Rural Sociology 74(3):330-355.
- Edwards, Mark Evan and Lorelle Jabs. 2009. "When Safety Culture Backfires: Unintended Consequences of Half-Shared Governance in a High Tech Workplace." The Social Science Journal 46:707-723.
- Edwards, Mark, Bruce Weber, and Stephanie Bernell. 2006. "Identifying Factors That Influence State-Specific Hunger Rates in the U.S.: A Simple Analytic Method for Understanding a Persistent Problem." Social Indicators Research 81:579-595.
- Bernell, Stephanie, Bruce Weber and Mark Edwards. 2006. "Restricted Local Opportunities Poor Personal Choices, or Social Decay? What Explains Food Insecurity and Hunger in Oregon." Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics 31(2):193-211.
- Edwards, Mark Evan. 2005. "Occupational Structure and the Employment of American Mothers of Young Children." Journal of Family and Economic Issues 26(1):31-53.
- Weber, Bruce, Mark Edwards, and Greg Duncan. 2004. "The Importance of Place in Welfare Reform: Are Work and Poverty Outcomes Different in Rural Areas?" Eastern Economic Journal 30(1):31-51.
- Bowman, Sally, Roger Bairstow, and Mark Edwards. 2003. "Poverty Education in the Classroom and Beyond." Journal of Teaching in Marriage and Family 3:23-46.
- Edwards, Mark Evan. 2002. "Institutional Barriers to Taking Good Advice: A Comment on 'Authorizing Family Science.'" Journal of Marriage and Family 64(4):1048-1051.
- Edwards, Mark Evan. 2002. "Education and Occupations: Re-examining the Conventional Wisdom about Later First Births Among American Mothers." Sociological Forum 17(3):423-443.
- Edwards, Mark Evan. 2002. "Writing Before Students: A Model for Teaching Sociological Writing." Teaching Sociology 30:254-259.
- Edwards, Mark Evan, Robert Plotnick, and Marieka Klawitter. 2001. "Do Attitudes and Personality Characteristics Affect Socioeconomic Outcomes?: The Case of Welfare Use by Young Women." Social Science Quarterly 82(4):829-845.
- Edwards, Mark Evan. 2001. "Home Ownership, Affordability, and Mothers' Changing Work and Family Roles." Social Science Quarterly 82(2):370-384.

- Edwards, Mark Evan. 2001. "Uncertainty and the Rise of the Work-Family Dilemma." Journal of Marriage and Family 63(1):183-196.
- Klawitter, Marieka, Robert Plotnick, and Mark Edwards. 2000. "Determinants of Initial Entry onto Welfare by Young Women." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management 19(4):527-546.
- Edwards, Mark Evan, Sheila Cordray, and Jon Dorbolo. 2000. "Unintended Benefits of Distance Education Technology for Traditional Classroom Teaching." Teaching Sociology 28:386-391.
- Edwards, Mark Evan. 1996. "Pregnancy Discrimination Litigation: Legal Erosion of Capitalist Ideology under Equal Employment Opportunity Law." Social Forces 75(1):247-268.
- Burstein, Paul and Mark Evan Edwards. 1994. "The Impact of Employment Discrimination Litigation on Racial Disparity in Earnings: Evidence and Unresolved Issues." Law and Society Review 28(1):79-111.

#### OTHER SCHOLARSHIP (since 2008)

- 2017 Edwards, Mark. "Food Insecurity in Oregon and the U.S.: Uneven Recovery in the Midst of Overall Improvements (2014-2016)." OSU Rural Studies Program Fact Sheet. [https://appliedecon.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/oregonhungerreport\\_28oct2017.pdf](https://appliedecon.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/oregonhungerreport_28oct2017.pdf)
- 2016 Edwards, Mark. "Food Insecurity in Oregon: Considering the Role of Housing." OSU Rural Studies Program Fact Sheet. <http://agsci.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/oregonhungerreportoctober2016.pdf>
- 2016 Edwards, Mark. "Food Insecurity in Oregon: Continuing Hardship for Some (2012-2014)". OSU Rural Studies Program Fact Sheet. <http://agsci.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/oregonhungerreportjune2016.pdf>
- 2014 Gantla, Snehalatha and Mark Edwards. "Hunger in Oregon Since the Great Recession." OSU Rural Studies Program Fact Sheet. [http://ruralstudies.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/oregon\\_hunger\\_report\\_2014.pdf](http://ruralstudies.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/oregon_hunger_report_2014.pdf)
- 2014 Edwards, Mark. "Domestic Food Insecurity." In: Albala, K (Ed.). SAGE Encyclopedia of Food Issues.
- 2014 Edwards, Mark. "Hunger Rates in the US States." In: Michalos AC (Ed.). Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research. Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer, pp 3050-3053.

- 2012 Website: Ending Hunger in Oregon: 2012 Food Security Summit.  
<http://osuhungersummit.org> Development of archive of video and powerpoint presentations, updated tutorials, etc. for general public interested in food security issues.
- 2012 Mark Edwards, Mallory Fallin, and Breandan Jennings. “Hunger in Oregon During the Great Recession”. OSU Rural Studies Program white paper.  
<http://ruralstudies.oregonstate.edu>
- 2011 Emily Wornell, Misty Freeman, and Mark Edwards. “Oregon Stakeholder Opinions Regarding JOBS/TANF Reduction.” Analysis of qualitative data collected from 500 Oregon clients, service providers, and advocates, to be included in legislative testimony, prepared for Department of Human Services Budget-note Committee. November.
- 2010 Sue Porter and Mark Edwards. “Newly Poor in the Great Recession: Characteristics of Oregon Households Receiving Food Assistance.” Master of Public Policy white paper.  
<http://oregonstate.edu/cla/mpp/research>
- 2010 Mark Edwards. “Who is Vulnerable to Hunger in Oregon?” OSU Rural Studies Program white paper. <http://ruralstudies.oregonstate.edu/>
- 2010 Mark Edwards. “Understanding Food Insecurity and ‘Hunger’ in Oregon.” OSU Rural Studies Program Fact Sheet. <http://ruralstudies.oregonstate.edu/>
- 2009 Mark Edwards. “Food Insecurity in Western States.” Rural Connections newsletter of the Western Rural Development Center. November.
- 2009 Mark Edwards. West Coast Poverty Center’s “Dialogues” project. Co-author of and consultant for first edition of Center’s new public release of policy-relevant research they sponsored. Food insecurity project includes some of Edwards’ original text and participation in dialogue with policy makers, advocates, and agency leaders.  
<http://depts..washington.edu/wcpc/FoodInsecurity>
- 2009 Mark Edwards. “Understanding Food Insecurity and Hunger in Oregon – 2009”. OSU Rural Studies Program Fact Sheet. <http://ruralstudies.oregonstate.edu/>

#### PROFESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED (since 2008)

- Edwards, Mark. “Responding to Rural Food Insecurity: The Case of Oregon.” Presentation, and organizing of panel with same title, at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Association. Portland, OR. August 2018.
- Scanlan, James and Mark Edwards. “Explaining Recent State Differences in Food Security.” Presented at the annual meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR. April 2017.

- Maguire, Jen, Kate MacTavish, Mark Edwards. "Carrot or Stick: Motivation and Small Town Service Delivery." Presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM. April 2017.
- Gross, Joan and Mark Edwards. "Embodying a Signature Pedagogy for Sustainable Food Systems Education: The Oregon/Ecuador Intercultural Learning Community." Presented at the annual meetings of the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Pasadena, CA June 2017.
- Moreno-Luna, Arlyn, Deanna H. Olson, Ken Vance-Borland, and Mark Edwards. "The Role of Social Networks in Federal Agency Hiring: Comparison of Employees from Diverse Backgrounds." Presented at the annual meetings of the Pacific Sociological Society Long Beach, CA. April 2015.
- Parker, Ashley and Mark Edwards. "Stigma and the Hearth Act of 2009." Presented at the annual meetings of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association. Vancouver, BC. October 2013.
- Campbell, Shannon, Mark Edwards, and Scott Akins. "Measuring Quality of Life Outcomes in Housing First Residents in Portland, Oregon." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. April 2014.
- Paredes, Myriam and Mark Edwards. "Indicators of Food Security and Food Sovereignty." VI Congreso Iberoamericano sobre Desarrollo y Ambiente, 2013. Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), sede Ecuador. Quito, Ecuador. 11- 13 Diciembre de 2013.
- Weber, Bruce, Mark Edwards, and Conor Wall. "Understanding Food Insecurity at the State and Local Level." *Food Insecurity: Assessing Disparities, Consequences and Policies* Research Symposium. University of Missouri, Columbia. October 18, 2012.
- Wei-Tau (Mike) Lee, Karl R. Haapala, Mark Edwards, and Kenneth H. Funk II. "A Framework for the Evaluation and Redesign of Human Work Based on Societal Factors." The 19<sup>th</sup> CIRP International Conference on Life Cycle Engineering 2012. Berkeley, CA. May 2012.
- Porter, Sue, Mark Edwards, and Bruce Weber. "The Impact of the Great Recession on Low-income Households and the Food Assistance Safety Net in Rural and Urban Areas." Presented at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society. Boise, ID. July 2011
- Edwards, Mark. "The Social Construction of Food Insecurity/ The Legitimation of Domestic Hunger." Presented at the annual meetings of the Association for the Study of Food and Society. Missoula, MT. June 2011.
- Entner-Wright, Bradley, Dina Giovanelli, Emily Dolan, and Mark Edwards. "Explaining Deconversion from Christianity: Evidence from On-Line Narratives." Presented at the

annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. Boston, MA. August 2008.

Edwards, Mark. "The Rise of State Agency/NGO Collaboration against Food Insecurity in the Western U.S." Presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics. San Jose, Costa Rica. July 2008.

Melissa Torgerson and Mark Edwards. "Perceptions or Reality? Measuring Housing Adequacy in the U.S." Presented at the annual meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR. April 2008.

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (since 2008)

- 2018 "Foodstamps for Foodhandlers and Other Tales of Dysfunction." Invited lecture. Pomona College. April 2.
- 2016 "Feeding More than Minds." Panel participant at City Club Friday Forum. Portland Oregon. Also, broadcast on Oregon Public Broadcast. June 24.
- 2015 "Measuring Food Insecurity." Lecture at Facultad Latinoamericana Ciencias Sociales – Ecuador. November 22.
- 2014 Director/Organizer/Host of "2014 Food Security Summit: Hungry for Change" conference at OSU. 275 attendees
- 2012 Invited faculty panelist at University Outreach & Engagement Strategic Conference, October 29. Corvallis, OR.
- 2012 Director/Organizer/Host of 350-person conference, "Ending Hunger in Oregon: 2012 Food Security Summit." Also led workshop on "The Great Recession and Hunger in Oregon." <http://pne.oregonstate.edu/topics/hunger/osuhungersummit>
- 2010 Testified before the State Senate's Human Services & Rural Health Policy Committee on about hunger in Oregon. February 18. Salem, OR.
- 2009 OSU Extension Family and Community Development In-Service Conference. "The Changing Economy and its Impact on Oregon Communities" March 5. Newport, OR
- 2008 West Coast Poverty Center. "The Rise of State Agency/NGO Collaboration Against Food Insecurity in West Coast States." University of Washington. February 25. Seattle, WA.
- 2008 Oregon Food Bank Network quarterly meeting. "Recent Research on Food Insecurity and Hunger in West Coast States." Oregon State University. January 17. Corvallis, OR.