Lavar Edmonds

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University — Expected June 2027
Dissertation committee: Caroline Hoxby, Isaac Sorkin, Ran Abramitzky

M.A. in Economics, Stanford University — 2024

B.S. in Economics, University of Mary Washington — 2014
Cum laude, Honors in Economics, Minor in Mathematics

FIELDS

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Economic History

JOB MARKET PAPER

Losing Recipes: Black Teacher Displacement and the Long Shadow of Desegregation

WORKING PAPERS

Which Match Matters? HBCUs, Same-Race Teacher Effects, and Black Student Achievement
Under review

PUBLICATIONS

Gromis, Ashley, Ian Fellows, James R. Hendrickson, Lavar Edmonds, Lillian Leung, Adam Porton, and Matthew Desmond. "Estimating Eviction Prevalence across the United States." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119, no. 21 (2022)

Publication Award, Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2023

WORK IN PROGRESS

Paradise or Parasite? College Proximity and Local Educational Inequality

The Weakness of Strong Ties? Long-Run Effects of School Closures after School Desegregation

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Leonard W. Ely and Shirley R. Ely Graduate Student Fellowship, SIEPR — 2026
Emerging Scholars Fellowship, Stanford Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity — 2023–2026
Stanford Graduate Fellowship in Science and Engineering — 2020
Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Fellowship, Stanford — 2020
Adam Smith Award for Graduate Study in Economics, Mary Washington — 2014

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, Stanford University — 2022–2024
Undergraduate: Principles of Economics (ECON 1, Daniel Fragiadakis); Economics of Education (ECON 146, Caroline Hoxby); Empirical Environmental Economics (ECON 177, Hunt Allcott)
Graduate: Statistical Analysis in Education: Regression (EDUC 400B, Sean Darling-Hammond and Eric Bettinger); Mission and Money in Education (EDUC 255, Geoffrey Cox)

Mathematics Teacher, King George High School, Virginia — 2015–2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Alfredo Artiles, Stanford University	2025
Research Assistant to Rebecca Lester and Natalie Millar, Hoover Institution	2024
Research Consultant, Burning Glass Institute	2023
Research Consultant, W.E. Upjohn Institute	2023
Research Assistant to Ellora Derenoncourt, Princeton University	2022
Research Specialist, Eviction Lab, Princeton University	2017–2020
Data Analyst, Center for Research and Reform in Education, Johns Hopkins	2017
Research Assistant, School District of Philadelphia	2016

PRESENTATIONS

2026	NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy (poster); APPAM Fall Research Conference (scheduled)
2025	APPAM Fall Research Conference
2024	AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (invited); Bay Area Student Economic History Workshop; AEA Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference
2023	ASSA Annual Meeting (NEA session); NBER Race and Stratification Working Group; Race, Racism, and Structural Inequality Conference, Duke University; W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research; APPAM Fall Research Conference
2022	APPAM Fall Research Conference (discussant); U.S. Department of Education; Urban Institute
2018–21	*Pre-doctoral:* Association for Education Finance and Policy (2020); Population Association of America (2019); Princeton University (2018, 2019); New York University School of Law (2019); USDA Economic Research Service (2019)

POLICY WRITING

Edmonds, Lavar, Heidi Ombisa Skallet, Jon Pedersen, David Simon, and Aaron Sojourner. *Adoption, Financial Incentives, and Child Achievement*. Minn-LInK Research Brief no. 62. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota, 2023.

Edmonds, Lavar, Peter Hepburn, Olivia Jin, and Matthew Desmond. *Eviction Prevalence and Spatial Variation within the Houston Independent School District*. Eviction Lab Research Brief. Princeton, NJ: Eviction Lab, Princeton University, 2021.

SERVICE

Referee for *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*

Member, American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

SKILLS

Stata, R, Python, ArcGIS, SAS, LaTeX

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