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POSITIONS HELD

- 2007- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
 University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2006-2007 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Health Care Policy
 Harvard Medical School

EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University
 Dissertation: "Cohabitation, Divorce, and the Trial Marriage Hypothesis"
- 2006 A.M., Statistics, Harvard University
- 1999 M.A., Sociology, New School for Social Research
- 1997 Vordiplom, Sociology, Free University of Berlin, Germany

HONORS AND COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS

- 2005-2006 Eliot Fellowship, Harvard University (\$24,500)
- 2005-2006 Dissertation Completion Grant, Institute for Quantitative Social Science,
 Harvard University (\$8000, declined)
- 2004 Aage B. Sørensen Memorial Award, Best Graduate Student Paper,
 Department of Sociology, Harvard University (\$500)
- 2003 Graduate Society Term-Time Research Fellowship, Harvard University
 (\$7500)
- 2002 Certificate of Excellence in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and
 Learning, Harvard University
- 1999 GSC Conference Travel Grant, Harvard University,

- 1997-2001 Stipendiat der Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes
- 1997-1998 German Academic Exchange (DAAD) Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

* = *peer reviewed*

* **Elwert**, Felix, and Nicholas A. Christakis. *Forthcoming*. "Wives and Ex-Wives: A New Test for Homogamy Bias in the Widowhood Effect." *Demography*.

* **Elwert**, Felix, and Nicholas A. Christakis. *Forthcoming*. "Variation in the Effect of Widowhood on Mortality by the Causes of Death of Both Spouses." *American Journal of Public Health*.

* Connor, Stephen R., Felix **Elwert**, Carol Spence, and Nicholas A. Christakis. 2008. "Racial Disparity in Hospice Use in the United States in 2002." *Palliative Medicine* 22:205-213.

Elwert, Felix. 2008. "Bereavement Effects by Race" *Forthcoming in Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, edited by Vincent N. Parillo. Beverly Hills, CA: Sage.

Elwert, Felix. 2008. "Societal Implications of Incarceration." *Forthcoming in Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, edited by Vincent N. Parillo. Beverly Hills, CA: Sage.

* Subramanian, S.V., Felix **Elwert**, and Nicholas Christakis. 2008. "Widowhood and mortality among the elderly: the modifying role of neighborhood concentration of widowed individuals." *Social Science and Medicine* 66:873-884.

* Connor, Stephen R., Felix **Elwert**, Carol Spence, and Nicholas A. Christakis. 2007. "Geographic Variation in Hospice Use in the United States in 2002." *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* 34:277-285.

* **Elwert**, Felix, and Nicholas A. Christakis. 2006. "Widowhood and Race." *American Sociological Review* 71(1):16-41. [With ASR online supplement]

Elwert, Felix, and Christopher Winship. 2002. "Commentary: Population Versus Individual Level Causal Effects." *International Journal of Epidemiology* 31:432-434.

Elwert, Felix. 2002. "Soziale Faktoren des kunstmusikalischen Aufstiegs Venedigs um 1500 [Social Factors and the Rise of Art Music in Venice around 1500]." Pp. 85-105 in *Musik und Urbanität*, edited by Christian Kaden and Volker Kalisch. Essen: Verlag die Blaue Eule.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Jin, Lei, Felix Elwert, Jeremy Freese, and Nicholas A. Christakis. *Revise and Resubmit (Demography)*. “Reduction in Long-Term Survival Given Higher Operational Sex Ratio at Sexual Maturity.”

Elwert, Felix. *Under Review*. “Death Date Miscoding in the Medicare Vital Status File.”

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Elwert, Felix. “Cohabitation, Divorce, and the Trial Marriage Hypothesis.”

Elwert, Felix. “The Effect of Incarceration on Aggregate Unemployment Rates.”

Elwert, Felix and Christopher Winship. “Endogenous Selection.”

Sharkey, Patrick, and Felix Elwert. “The Legacy of Disadvantage: Multigenerational Neighborhood Effects on Cognitive Ability.”

Elwert, Felix. “Causal Inference for Time-Varying Treatments in Population Studies.”

Elwert, Felix. “Illness and the Widowhood Effect: A Case Study of Causal Inference for Time-Varying Treatments.”

Elwert, Felix and Elizabeth Wrigley-Field. “Widowhood and the Black-White Mortality Crossover.”

RESEARCH GRANTS

Investigator. National Institute of Aging. Project Title: Neighborhood Effects on Health in the Framingham Heart Study and the Role of Social Networks. Project 3 in P01 AG031093. Period: 4/15/2008-4/14//2012. Amount: \$203,839.

Principal Investigator. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Graduate School Fall Competition. Project Title: Differential Effects of Widowhood and the Black-White Crossover in Mortality.” Period: 7/1/2007 - 6/30/2008 Amount: \$11,000.

INVITED METHODOLOGICAL SEMINARS

2008 “Causal Inference for Time-Varying Treatments (Parts 1 & 2),” Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2007 “Introduction to Causal Inference for Time-Varying Treatments,” full-day workshop at the Department of Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

- 2007 “Causality,” half-day workshop at the University of Mannheim Spring School, Mannheim, Germany.
- 2006 “Introduction to Causal Inference for Time-Varying Treatments in Population Science,” half-day workshop, Vienna Institute of Demography, Vienna, Austria.
- 2006 “Summer Institute on Longitudinal Methods: Causal Inference,” three-day workshop (co-taught with Christopher Winship), The Methodology Center, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.
- 2005 “Counterfactual Causal Modeling,” methodological seminar, *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
 • One of five invited methodological seminars at ASA.
- 2004 “Teaching Quantitative Subjects to Non-Quantitative Students,” workshop taught at the *Fall Teaching Conference*, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2003 “Estimating Causal Effects of Policy Interventions,” lectures given at the Open Society Institute, Soros Foundation, Tashkent and Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2008 Elwert, Felix, and Christopher Winship. “Endogenous Selection Bias,” *Symposium on Causality*, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena, Germany.
- 2008 Elwert, Felix. “Cohabitation, Divorce, and the Trial Marriage Hypothesis,” Initiative in Population Research, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2007 Elwert, Felix, and Nicholas A. Christakis. “Marital Status and Longevity: New Tests from Marital Triads and Ex-Wives,” *Inaugural Conference*, Center for Inequalities and the Life Course, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2007 Elwert, Felix, and Christopher Winship. “Endogenous Selection,” *ASA Methodology Section Conference*, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2006 Elwert, Felix. “Children and Divorce: A Case Study of Causal Inference from Time Varying Treatments,” paper presented at *Causal Analysis in Population Studies: Concepts, Methods, Applications*, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna.
- 2006 Elwert, Felix. “Marriage Reconsidered: How Cohabitation Causally Reduces the Risk of Divorce,” paper presented at the Center for Research on Inequality and the Life Course, Yale University.

- 2005 Elwert, Felix. "Causality in Family Research," talk at the *Einstein Akademie* of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Berlin, Germany.
- 2005 Elwert, Felix. "Widowhood and Race in the United States," paper presented at the Social Science Research Center Berlin, Germany.
- 2003 Elwert, Felix. "Cohabitation, Divorce, and the Causal Effect(s) of Screening," paper presented at the *Second Conference of the European Research Network on Divorce*, Regular Session, Tilburg, The Netherlands.
- 2003 Elwert, Felix. "Trial Marriage Reconsidered: Evidence for a Positive Causal Effect of Cohabitation on Marital Stability," paper presented at the *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Regular Session, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2002 Elwert, Felix. "Incarceration, Unemployment and Eurosclerosis," paper presented at the *Sørensen Memorial Conference*, Cambridge, MA.
- 1999 Elwert, Felix. "Rising Noise: A Sociological Model for the Late Consolidation of Art Music in Cinquecento Venice," paper presented at the *German Musicological Society*, Annual Meeting of the Section on Sociology and Social History, Schmöckwitz, Germany.
- 1999 Elwert, Felix. "The Impact of Incarceration on OECD Measures of Labor Market Performance," paper presented at the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington D.C.
- 1999 Elwert, Felix. "Truth and Transitional Justice in Germany after 1989," paper presented at the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research.

TEACHING

UW-Madison

Sociology 120: Marriage and the Family (instructor, undergraduate)

Sociology 360: Statistics for Sociologists I (instructor, undergraduate-graduate)

Harvard University

Sociology 203a: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (teaching fellow, graduate)

Sociology 91r: Crime, Deviance, Incarceration, and Policing (instructor, undergraduate)

Quantitative Reasoning 36: Statistics and Public Policy (teaching fellow, undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2008- Co-Chair, Undergraduate Event committee, Department of Sociology
- 2008- Development Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2007- Steering Committee, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007- Social Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007- Advanced Placement Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2005-2007 Authors' Committee, Harvard Social Science Statistics Blog
- 2003 Junior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Harvard
- 2002-2003 Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Awards Committee, Harvard
- 2002 Co-Organizer, Sørensen Memorial Conference, Harvard University
- 2001-2003 At-Large-Representative (Social Sciences), Graduate Student Council, Harvard University

Peer Reviewer: *Acta Sociologica*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Springer Press*.

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 2007- Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2005-2007 Graduate Associate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University
- 2003-2006 Doctoral Trainee, Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School
- Member:
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| American Sociological Association | 2002-present |
| American Statistical Association | 2003-present |
| National Council on Family Relations | 2004-2006 |
| Population Association of America | 2002-present |

REFERENCES

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