

# HEATHER R. EDWARDS, PH.D., MSW, BSW

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Howard University</b> , Washington, DC <i>Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work</i>	7/10
<b>Howard University</b> , Washington, DC <i>Master of Social Work</i>	5/04
<b>University of Texas at Austin</b> , Austin, TX <i>Bachelor of Social Work</i>	5/01

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Policy practice aimed at improving the child welfare system
- The political process related to social welfare policies

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Wayne State University, Detroit, MI</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i>	8/11-Present
<b>University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX</b> <i>Roy E. Dulak Post Doctoral Fellow in Community Practice Research</i>	8/10-6/11
<b>University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX</b> <i>Preparing Future Faculty Fellow</i>	8/09-6/10

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## PUBLICATIONS

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- Edwards, H. R.** (2010). Evidence and beliefs used in congressional hearings to influence federal child welfare policymaking. In *2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC: American Political Science Association.
- Edwards, H. R.** & Hoefler, R. (2010). Being change agents: Are social workers using Web 2.0 effectively? *Journal of Policy Practice*, 9(3), 220 - 239.
- Obst, K., Wright, N., **Edwards, H. R.**, & Brown, K. (2010). Graduate education and professional development. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 43(3), 571 - 572.
- Edwards, H. R.**, Bryant, D. U., & Bent-Goodley, T. B. (2011). Participation and influence in federal child welfare policymaking. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 5(2-3), 145-166.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Edwards, H.R.** & Pryce, J. (October, 2011). *Child Welfare Policymaking: Beliefs, Evidence, & Political Context*. Paper presentation at the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA. (Peer reviewed).

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS *(continued)*

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- Edwards, H.R.** (July 2011). *Participation and influence in federal child welfare policymaking*. Paper presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy, Bridgewater, MA.
- Edwards, H.R. & Hoefler R.** (November 8, 2010). *A Tale of Two Professions: A Comparative Analysis of Web 2.0 Advocacy on Social Work and Nursing Websites*. Paper presentation at the 39th Annual Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference, Alexandria, VA. (Peer reviewed).
- Watson, L., Milam, S., & **Edwards, H.R.** (October, 2010). *Texas: The owners' manual*. Workshop conducted at the 2010 National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, H.R.** (September, 2010). *Evidence and Beliefs Used in Congressional Hearings to Influence Federal Child Welfare Policymaking*. Paper presentation at the 2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. (Peer reviewed).
- Edwards, H.R.** (July, 2010). *Evidence and Beliefs Used in Congressional Hearings to Influence Federal Child Welfare Policymaking*. Paper presentation at the 3rd National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy, Bridgewater, MA. (Peer reviewed).
- Edwards, H.R.** (April, 2010). *Evidence and Beliefs Used in Congressional Hearings to Influence Federal Child Welfare Policymaking*. Paper presentation at the 5th Annual National Science Foundation Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate-SBES Conference, Austin, TX. (Peer reviewed).
- Edwards, H.R.** (February 5-7, 2010). *Writing circles: Empowering students to support and improve their own writing and research*. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Peer reviewed).
- Edwards, H.R. & Hoefler, R.** (November 8, 2009). *Being change agents: Are social workers using Web 2.0 effectively?* Paper presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, San Antonio, TX. (Peer reviewed).
- Edwards, H.R.** (July 16-17, 2009). *What types of beliefs do child welfare advocates use to shape federal child welfare laws?* Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy, Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts. (Peer reviewed).
- Edwards, H.R. & Bent-Goodley, T.B.** (April 16, 2009). *Writing circles: Empowering students to support and improve their own writing and research*. Paper presented at the Lily-East Conference Millennial Learning: Teaching in the 21st Century, Newark, DE. (Peer reviewed).

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** *(continued)*

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Bent-Goodley, T.B. & **Edwards, H.R.** (April 16, 2009). *How are your students of color really experiencing their learning environment?* Paper presented at the Lily-East Conference Millennial Learning: Teaching in the 21st Century, University of Delaware. (Peer reviewed).

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**EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

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**Lutheran Social Services of the National Capitol Area**, Washington, DC 2006  
*Social Worker, Traditional Foster Care*  
*Adoptions Coordinator, Domestic and International*

**Progressive Life Center, Inc.**, Washington, DC 2005 -  
*Therapeutic Foster Care Social Worker* 2006

**DC Metro Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers**, 2004 -  
Washington, DC 2005  
*Office Manager/Continuing Education Coordinator*

**The State of the African American Male Initiative (SAAM)**, Washington, DC 5/04-6/05  
*Consultant/National Advisory Committee Member*

**Office of Congressman Danny K. Davis (D-IL)**, Washington, DC 8/03-4/04  
*Legislative Intern*

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**UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Planning Committee Member, National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy 1/11-Present

Volunteer, 4th and 1 Sports Training and SAT preparation camp for boys from under-represented groups, Mt. Pleasant, TX 6/10-7/10

Invited Speaker, Induction Ceremony, Phi Alpha National Honor Society, Iota Omega Chapter, University of Texas at Arlington 10/30/09

Member, Faculty Assembly, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington 9/09 – 6/10

Member, Policy Content Area Committee, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington 9/09 – 6/10

Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas at Arlington 9/09 – 6/10

Student Representative, Doctoral Program Committee, School of Social Work, Howard University 10/06 – 5/07

Secretary, Board of Directors, DC Metro Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers 7/05-6/07

MSW Student Representative, the Board of Directors, DC Metro Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers 9/03-6/04

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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National Association of Social Workers	5/01-Present
Society for Social Work Research	1/09-Present
Council on Social Work Education	8/09-Present
Black Administrators in Child Welfare	9/11-Present
American Political Science Association	1/09-Present
Midwest Political Science Association	9/11-Present
Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network	9/11 - Present