

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Personal

Name: Lena Cecilia Edlund  
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### Degrees

Ph.D. 1996 Stockholm School of Economics  
B.A. 1989 Stockholm School of Economics

### Employment history

07/02-present Associate Professor (with tenure since 2009), Columbia University  
2019-2024 Visiting Professor, Uppsala University  
07/10-06/11 Associate Professor, PAM, Cornell  
09/06-06/07 Visiting Scholar Russell Sage Foundation  
10/02-05/03 Visiting Research Fellow, University College London  
07/99-06/02 Assistant Professor, Columbia University  
06/97-06/99 Research Associate, Stockholm School of Economics  
08/96-05/97 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics,  
and Population Studies Center, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor  
08/94-07/95 Associate Expert, Women and Gender Equality – UNESCO, Paris

### Service

2012-2015 Editor *Economica*.  
2013-2017 Editorial board *Journal of Comparative Economics*.

### **Forthcoming**

The State and Gender Equality: Sweden – Model or Aberration?  
Annals of the American Academy of Social and Political Science  
Forthcoming

On Monotheism: the Power of One  
Economics, Religion and Public Policy, Vol. 2, Singapore: World Scientific  
2026

### **Research**

Gentrification and the Rising Returns to Skill  
(joint with Cecilia Machado and Maria Sviatschi)  
*Economica*, April 2022, vol. 89, pp. 258-293.

Cousin Marriage is not Choice: Muslim Marriage and Underdevelopment  
*American Economic Review, P&P* 2018, vol. 108, pp. 353-357.

An Adaptive Significance of Morning Sickness? Trivers-Willard and *Hyperemesis Gravidarum*  
(joint with Douglas Almond, Marten Palme and Michael Joffe)  
*Economics and Human Biology* May 2016, vol. 21, pp. 167-171.

How the Other Half Lived: Marriage and Emancipation in the Age of the Pill  
(joint with Cecilia Machado)  
*European Economic Review* November 2015, vol. 80, pp. 295-309.

Domestic Partnership for What? Evidence from Swedish Register Data  
(joint with Lina Andersson, Mats Hammarstedt, and Michael Mueller-Smith)  
*Demography*, vol. 52, issue 4, pp. 1243-1268.

Girl Adoption: Another Side of Son Preference  
(joint with Yuyu Chen, Avi Ebenstein and Hongbin Li)  
*Population Studies* March 2015, vol. 69, issue 2, pp. 1-18.

The Role of Paternity Presumption and Custodial Rights for Understanding Marriage  
*Economica*  
October 2013, vol. 80, issue 320, pp. 650-669.

Son Preference and the Persistence of Culture:  
Evidence from South and East Asian Immigrants to Canada  
(joint with Douglas Almond and Kevin Milligan).  
*Population and Development Review*,  
March 2013, pp. 75-95.

Sex Ratios and Crime: Evidence from China  
(joint with Hongbin Li, Junjian Yi and Junsen Zhang).  
*Review of Economics and Statistics*,

Chernobyl's Subclinical Legacy: Prenatal Exposure to  
Radioactive Fallout and School Outcomes in Sweden  
(joint with Douglas Almond and Märten Palme).  
*Quarterly Journal of Economics*,  
November 2009, pp. 1730-1732.

Women, Wealth and Mobility  
(joint with Wojciech Kopczuk).  
*American Economic Review*,  
March 2009, pp. 146-178.  
(Errata in June 2009 issue.)

Son biased sex ratios in the 2000 US Census  
(joint with Douglas Almond)  
*Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences*,  
April 15, 2008 vol. 105, no. 15, pp. 5681-5682.

Trivers-Willard at Birth and One Year:  
Evidence from U.S. Natality Data 1983-2001  
(joint with Douglas Almond)  
*Proceedings of the Royal Society: Series B*,  
7 October 2007, vol. 274, no. 1624, pp. 2491-2496.

Hermaphroditism: What's not to like?  
(joint with Evelyn Korn)  
*The Journal of Theoretical Biology*,  
7 April 2007, vol. 245, no. 3, pp. 520-527.

Marriage: Past, Present, Future?  
*CEifo Economic Studies*, December 2006, vol. 52, no. 4.

Individual vs. Parental Consent in Marriage:  
Implications for Intra-household Resource Allocation and Growth  
(joint with Nils-Petter Lagerlof).  
*The American Economic Review P P*,  
May 2006, vol. 96, no. 2, pp. 304-307.

The Price of Marriage: Net vs. Gross Flows and the South Asian Dowry Debate  
*The Journal of the European Economic Association P P*  
April-May 2006, vol. 4, no. 2-3, pp. 542-551.

Sex and the City.  
*The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*,  
March 2005, vol. 107, no. 1, pp. 25-44.

Unmarried Parenthood and Redistributive Politics  
(joint with Laila Haider and Rohini Pande).  
*The Journal of the European Economic Association*,  
January 2005, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 95-119.

Why have Women become Left-Wing:  
The Political Gender Gap and the Decline in Marriage  
(joint with Rohini Pande).  
*Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2002, vol. 117, pp. 917-961.

A Theory of Prostitution  
(joint with Evelyn Korn).  
*Journal of Political Economy*, February 2002, vol 110, pp. 181-214.

The Marriage Squeeze Interpretation of Dowry Inflation - A Comment.  
*Journal of Political Economy*, December 2000, vol. 108, pp. 1327-1333.

Son Preference, Sex Ratios and Marriage Patterns.  
*Journal of Political Economy*, December 1999, vol. 107, pp. 1275-1304.

In Monograph:  
Long-Term Effects of Early-Life Development: Evidence from the 1959-1961 China Famine  
(joint with Douglas Almond, Hongbin Li and Junsen Zhang)  
in *The Economic Consequences of Demographic Change in East Asia*,  
Edited by Takatoshi Ito and Andrew Rose, NBER-EASE Vol. 19.

## **Book Reviews:**

Matthias Doepke and Fabrizio Zilibotti. Love, Money, and Parenting: How Economics Affect the Way we Raise our Kids  
Journal of Economic Literature. Vol. 59, no. 3, September 2021.

Sophie Lewis. Full Surrogacy Now: Feminism Against Family.  
Population and Development Review. Vol. 46, issue 3, pp. 621-624, 2020.

Mara Hvistendal. Unnatural Selection: Choosing Boys over Girls, and the Consequences of a World Full of Men.  
Journal of Economic Literature. Vol. 50, Iss. 1, pp. 200-201, 2012.

## **Research In progress:**

From Tribe to State: Family in Social Evolution  
Book project

It's the Phone Stupid: Mobiles and Murder  
NBER WP 25883, May 2019 (joint with Cecilia Machado)

Son Preference, Sex Selection and Economic Development: The Case of South Korea  
(joint work with Chulhee Lee, Seoul National University)  
Polygyny and Its Discontents: Paternal Age and Human Capital Accumulation  
(joint with Nils-Petter Lagerlöf)

General Polygyny, Why Africa?  
(joint with Hyejin Ku)

Should I Stay or Should I Go? Single Parenthood Revisited  
(joint with Paola Valenti)

Beggar-Thy-Women: Foreign Brides and the Domestic Front – The Case of Taiwan  
(joint with Elaine Liu and Jin-Tan Liu)

**Teaching**                      Labor (undergraduate)  
   Gender and Economics (undergraduate and Ph.D.)  
   Topics in Policy Analysis (M.A.)

**PhD supervision**    2015 Felix Muchomba(examination committee)  
                                 2014 Elia De La Cruz (examination committee)  
                                 2010 Cecilia Machado (examination committee)  
                                 2006 Ji Young Yoo (examination committee)  
                                 2004 Laila Haider (co-sponsor with Rohini Pande)  
                                 2002 Lenna Nepomnyaschy (examination committee)  
                                 2001 Stephanie Aaronson (examination committee)

**Research grants**

- 2008 General Research Fund of the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2 years,  
(with Hongbin Li and Junsen Zhang)
- 2007 NSF grant proposal no. 0721155, 3 years (with Douglas Almond)
- 2001 NSF grant SES-0114939 (with Rohini Pande)
- 2000 Russell Sage Presidential Awards (with Rohini Pande)
- 1997 Swedish Research Council for the Humanities  
and Social Sciences
- 1996 Tom Hedelius' and Jan Wallander's Foundation  
for Social Science Research
- 1995 Swedish Council for Planning and Co-ordination of Research

**Refereeing**

Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Review,  
Quarterly Journal of Economics, Economic Journal,  
Journal of Labor Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics,  
Journal of Human Resources, Australian Economic Papers,  
Journal of Population Economics, Review of Economic Studies,  
Economica, Oxford Economic Papers, Scottish Journal  
of Political Economy, Economics of Transition, Review of  
Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Economics,  
Southern Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization,  
World Development, American Economic Journal: Policy/Applied Economics,  
Journal of Asian Economics, Economic Letters, Berkeley Electronic Press  
Journal of Development Studies

Demography, Population Studies,  
Economic Development and Cultural Change,  
Current Anthropology

Theoretical Population Biology, Journal of Theoretical Biology,  
Evolution, Behavioral Ecology

Journal of Medical Ethics, Social Science and Medicine

National Science Foundation  
Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

**Other**

- 2023- present Member of council advising the Swedish Minister of Finance.
- 2014-2015 Consultant, Asian Development Bank.
- since 2014 Research Affiliate, CESifo.
- since 2010 Research Associate, NBER.
- 2004-2010 Research Affiliate, CEPR.
- 2003-2012 Associate editor *Economica*.
- 2003-2010 Research Fellow, IZA.
- 2002/3 Visiting Research Fellow, University College London.
- since 2001 Appointed "Oavlönad Docent", Stockholm School of Economics.
- 1999 Appointed Research Associate "Socialforskningsradet"  
(Swedish Council for Social Works Research).
- 1996 Awarded the Gunnar Myrdal Prize for best  
contribution to "Ekonomisk Debatt".
- 1992 Stipend, Sweden-American Foundation.
- 1991 Stipend, Fulbright Commission.
- Languages: Swedish, English, French.