# ELIZABETH SO YUN PARK

3470 Trousdale Pkwy, 11th floor, Los Angeles, CA 90089 • liz.park@usc.edu

# **EDUCATION**

### University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA

Ph.D. Candidate in Urban Education Policy, 2019 (expected)

Dissertation: Three Essays on the High School to Community College STEM Pathway Committee: Tatiana Melguizo (Chair), Morgan Polikoff, Adrianna Kezar, T.J. McCarthy

#### University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA

Master of Science in Education Policy, 2011

#### University of California, Los Angeles - Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a Minor in French, 2008

### Publications

#### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Ngo, F., Chi, E., **Park, E.S.** (2018). Mathematics course placement using holistic measures: Possibilities for community college students. *Teachers College Record*, 120(2), 1-42.
- Park, E.S. (in press). Examining community college students progression through the English as a Second Language sequence. *Community College Review*.

#### In Preparation

- Park, E.S., Ngo, F., Melguizo, T. The role of misaligned math in helping or hindering STEM-aspiring community college students.
- Melguizo, T., Martorell, P., Chi, E., **Park, E.S.** & Kezar, A. The effects of a comprehensive college transition program on psychosocial factors associated with success in college.
- Cole, D., Newman, C., **Park**, **E.S.**, & Hypolite, L. Comprehensive college transition program, mattering and sense of belonging: SEM from year one of a longitudinal study.
- Chi, E., Jeon, M.J., **Park, E.S.**, Melguizo, T., & Kezar, A. Mediation of psychosocial outcomes in a college transition program for low-income students.

### Policy Briefs, Monographs, Blog Posts

- Venegas, K., Cadena, M., Galvan, C., **Park, E.S.**, Astudillo, S., Avilez, A., Ward, J., Lanford, M., & Tierney, W.G. (Feb., 2017) Understanding DACA and the implications for higher education Los Angeles, CA: Pullias Center for Higher Education.
- Park, E.S. (June, 2016). What happens after community college? 21stcenturyscholar.org
- Park, E.S. (May, 2016). Dialoguing on postsecondary access. 21stcenturyscholar.org
- Park, E.S. (Nov., 2015). Assessment and placement policies and practices in developmental math: Evidence from experimentation in a Large Urban Community College District in California. Los Angeles, CA: Pullias Center for Higher Education.
- Duffy, M., Schott, A., Beaver, J., Hallar, B., Sludden, J., & **Park, E.S.** (July, 2014). Lessons from multiple measures reforms across six two-year colleges in three states. Philadelphia, PA: Research for Action.
- Park, E.S., & Sludden, J. (April, 2014). Issue brief: Early childhood education in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA: Research for Action.
- Duffy, M., Schott, A., Beaver, J., & Park, E.S. (March, 2014). Tracing the development of multiple measures for college placement across states and systems. Philadelphia, PA: Research for Action.
- Sludden, J., Beaver, J., Park, E.S., Kumar, A., & Gao, J. (Feb., 2014). Governor Corbetts expanding excellence program: A Research for Action policy note. Philadelphia, PA: Research for Action.

- Duffy M., Jack J., **Park, E.S.**, & Shaw K. (Aug., 2013). From policy to practice: Tracing the development and implementation of placement and diagnostic assessments across states, systems, and community colleges. Lessons from Florida and Virginia Community College Phase 2. Philadelphia, PA: Research for Action.
- Duffy M., Schott A., Jack J., & **Park, E.S.** (March, 2013). From policy to practice: Tracing the development and implementation of placement and diagnostic Assessments across states, systems, and community colleges. Analysis of policy reforms in five states Phase 1. Philadelphia, PA: Research for Action.
- Duffy M., & Park, E.S., (Sept., 2012). Brief one: LDC and MDC theory of action and the landscape of implementation. Philadelphia: Research For Action.

# Conference Presentations

- Park, E.S., Ngo, F., & Melguizo, T. The role of misaligned math in helping or hindering STEM-aspiring community college students. Paper presented at the Community College 2 PhD Conference at UCLA.
- Chi, E., Jeon, M.J., **Park**, **E.S.**, Melguizo, T., & Kezar, A. Mediation of psychosocial outcomes in a college transition program for low-income students. Panel presented at the 2018 American Educational Research Association Annual Conference.
- Cole, D., Newman, C., **Park**, **E.S.**, & Hypolite, L. Comprehensive college transition program, mattering and sense of belonging: SEM from year one of a longitudinal study. Paper presented at the 2018 American Educational Research Association Annual Conference.
- Park, E.S., Ngo, F., & Melguizo, T. The role of misaligned math in helping or hindering STEM-aspiring community college students. Paper presented at the 2018 Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference.
- Melguizo, T., Martorell, P., Chi, E., **Park, E.S.** & Kezar, A. The effects of a comprehensive college transition program on social and psychological factors associated with success in college. Paper presented at the 2018 Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference.
- Chi, E., Jeon, M.J., Park, E.S., Melguizo, T., & Kezar, A. Mediation of psychosocial outcomes in a
  college transition program for low-income students. Paper presented at the 2018 Society for Research
  on Educational Effectiveness.
- Park, E.S. Is college worth it? Exploring the non-pecuniary returns to higher education. Poster presented at the 2017 Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference.
- Melguizo, T., Martorell, P., Chi, E., & **Park, E.S.** Is the Thompson Scholars Learning Community (TSLC), a comprehensive college transition program, helping low-income students develop social and psychological factors related to college persistence and degree attainment? Paper presented at the 2017 Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference.
- Melguizo, T., Ngo, F., Chi, E., & **Park, E.S.**. Improving assessment and placement in developmental Math, English, & ESL: Lessons from a research-practitioner partnership. Presentation at the 2016 Strengthening Student Success Conference.
- Park, E.S. Help and hindrances in progression of ESL students at community colleges. Paper presented at the 2016 Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference.
- Park, E.S. Unpacking English as a Second Language students motivation and self-efficacy in the community colleges. Roundtable presented at the 2015 Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference in Denver.
- Ngo, F., Chi, E., & **Park, E.S.** Selection on non-cognitive traits: Possibilities for community college students. Paper presented at the 2015 Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference in Denver.
- Park, E.S., Duffy, M., & Jack, J. Exploring the tensions between state-level developmental education policy and institutional implementation: A case study of Virginia. Paper presented the 2014 American Education Research Association Conference in Philadelphia.

• Lacy T.A., & Park, E.S. College & search: Using Google Trends to assess postsecondary information seeking behavior. Poster presented at the 2013 Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference.

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pullias Center for Higher Education	Los Angeles, CA
Graduate Research Assistant	2014 - Present
Research for Action	Philadelphia, PA
Senior Research Assistant	2011-2014
Consortium for Policy Research in Education	Philadelphia, PA
Graduate Research Assistant	2010 - 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	
University of Southern California Center for Excellence in Teaching Future Faculty Teaching Institute	Fall 2018
14-week training program on pedagogy and teaching strategies	
University of Southern California	Summer 2017
EDUC 570 Research Method and Data Analysis (Master's Level)	
Teaching Assistant for two sections of the course to Dr. Tatiana Melguizo	
University of Southern California	Fall 2016
Stata/Statistics Mini-Workshop (Ph.D. Level)	
Organized and taught a three session statistics and Stata workshop	
University of Southern California	Fall 2016
EDUC 658 Hierarchical Linear Method (Ph.D. Level)	
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Morgan Polikoff	
University of Southern California Center for Excellence in Teaching	Fall 2016

# SERVICE

Increasing Access via Mentoring (I AM Mentor)	Los Angeles, CA
College Mentor	2015 - 2017
Mighty Writers	Philadelphia, PA
College Essay Writing Tutor	2012 - 2014
Elite Kids	Los Angeles, CA
K-8 Math and English Tutor	2009 - 2010

### AWARDS

Dean's Fellowship, University of Southern California, 2014-2018

Russell Endowed Fellowship, University of Southern California, 2018-2019

Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2018-2019

ASHE Graduate Student Public Policy Seminar (by nomination only)

ASHE Travel Scholarship - \$500

USC Rossier Internal Research Fund - \$775

2016 University-Wide TA Training

# Programming Languages

Stata • R • MPlus • LaTeX • EQS

# Professional Affiliation

American Education Research Association Association for Education Finance and Policy Association for Study in Higher Education