

Nicolas Pardo

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Education

2023–2028* **Ph.D.**, Education, University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education
2019–23 **A.B.** Psychology, Duke University

Research Experience

2023– Research Assistant, [EdPolicy Hub](#), University of Southern California
2022–2023 Research Intern, [NC Department of Public Instruction](#), Exceptional Children Division
2022 Research Assistant, [Duke Culture Lab](#), Duke University

Awards & Honors

2022 - 2023 [Jacqueline A. Morris Fellowship for Child Policy Research](#)
2023 Winfred Quinton Holton Prize for Education Research (Top Honors), Duke University
2023 Dr. Phail Wynn Jr. Leadership in Education Award, Duke University
2019 - 2023 [Robertson Scholar](#), Full scholarship and joint leadership program between Duke and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Grants & Funding

2024 - 2026 [WT Grant Foundation Mentoring Grant](#)(\$60,000)
Awarded as mentee. Co-application with mentor(Dr. Adam Kho)
2025 USC Rossier Internal Research Grant (\$1,000)

Publications

 [Google Scholar](#)

Journal Articles

- J1. Smith, S. L., Dawson-Amoah, M., Tong, T., **Pardo, N.**, Alonso-Morris, E. A. & Kho, A. Public School Choice Options in the United States. *Encyclopedia* 4. <https://doi.org/10.3390/encyclopedia4010006> (2024).

*Expected.

Working papers

- W1. Kho, A., Rabovsky, S., Smith, S. & **Pardo, N.** *Alternatives for Whom? Trends in Alternative School Enrollment and Student and Staff Characteristics*
- W2. Kho, A., Tong, T. & **Pardo, N.** *High School Employment and Academic & Economic Outcomes*
- W3. Polikoff, M. & **Pardo, Nicolas.** *Chronic Absenteeism: NC and VA* Commissioned by AEI. 2025.
- W4. Polikoff, M. S., **Pardo, Nicolas**, Byon, J., Saavedra, A., Rapaport, A., Silver, D. & Garland, M. *The Rainbow Connection: LGBT Social Networks and Support for LGBT-Inclusive Education* R&R at International Journal of Public Opinion Research. 2025.

Posters

- P1. **Pardo, Nicolas.** *District and School Allocation of ESSER funds: Evidence from Washington State* AEFP (Washington, DC, USA). Mar. 2025.
- P2. Smith, S., Dawson-Amoah, M., Tong, T., **Pardo, N.**, Alonso-Morris, E. A. & Kho, A. *Public School Choice Options in the United States* APPAM (Baltimore, MD, USA). Nov. 2024.
- P3. **Pardo, Nicolas.** *NC Teacher Working Conditions and Attrition* Duke School Research Partnership Presentation (Durham, NC, USA). Apr. 2023.

Selected Media Coverage

2025 The 74 Million, [Chronic Absenteeism's Post-COVID 'New Normal'](#) [W3]

Teaching

University of Southern California

2024 Teaching Assistant, Resourcing Schools for Excellence and Equity (EDUC 717)

Duke University

2024 Costanzo Teaching Fellow, Introductory Psychology (PSY 101)
Structured teaching fellowship with a focus on pedagogy for teaching assistants

Academic Service

2024 Committee Member, Rossier Faculty Hiring Committee

Professional Affiliations

AEFP	Member
AERA	Member
UCEA	Member

Other Experience

2021	Instructional Support Specialist, NC Education Corps , Wake County Public School System
2020	Education Access and Equity Intern, Greater Charlotte Area Mutual Aid

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