

# TIFFANY WU

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Early childhood education policy, childcare subsidies, school choice, causal inference, qualitative methods, research-practice partnerships

### EDUCATION

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- 2025    **University of California, Irvine**  
(exp)    Ph.D in Education (Educational Policy and Social Context)  
          Dissertation: *Three Studies on Policies and Practices to Improve Outcomes for Children in Underserved Communities*  
          Committee: Jade Jenkins, Adriana Villavicencio, Greg Duncan, Emily Penner
- 2023    **University of California, Irvine**  
          MA in Education (Educational Policy and Social Context)
- 2018    **University of Oxford**  
          MSc in Child Development and Education, *distinction*
- 2017    **University of California, Irvine**  
          B.A. in Psychology, *cum laude*

### GRANTS

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2022-2024 Administration for Children and Families. *Improving the Quality and Supply of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Providers: Evaluating the Impacts of the 2014 CCDF Block Grant Reauthorization*, \$100,000 (Co-I)

### PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

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**Wu T.**, Villavicencio, A., Ponce Soria, V. (*Conditionally accepted at Harvard Educational Review*)  
Racial attitudes among Asian American parents and their influence on school choice.

### SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Ponce Soria, V., Villavicencio, A., **Wu T.** (*Email for draft*) Counter-narratives from Spanish and Chinese-speaking parents navigating school choice.

Bailey, D.H., **Wu, T.**, Jenkins, J.M., & Duncan, G.J. (*Email for draft*) Expert forecasts of future impacts of early childhood interventions.

**Wu, T.**, Jenkins, J.M., Whitaker, A. (*Manuscript in preparation*) The impacts of subsidized childcare reimbursements on childcare providers.

Botvin, C., Watts, T., Jenkins, J., Sauval, M., **Wu, T.**, Dodge, K., & Peisner-Feinberg-E. (*Manuscript in preparation*) Examining the mixed-delivery system during pre-k expansion in North Carolina.

**Wu, T.** & Jenkins, J.M. (*Analyses in progress*) The role of early childhood training in elementary grade teaching.

Villavicencio, A., **Wu, T.**, Ponce Soria, V., Yoo, P.Y., Clark, D., Martorell, P. (*Analyses in progress*) Why don't parents choose in-demand schools?: A mixed methods analysis.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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**Wu T.**, Jenkins JM., Whitaker A. (June 2024) *The impacts of subsidized childcare reimbursements on childcare providers*. Paper to be presented at the National Research Conference on Early Childhood

**Wu T.**, Ponce Soria, V., Villavicencio, A. (November 2023) *How racial beliefs of Asian American parents influence school choice*. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

Villavicencio, A., **Wu T.**, Ponce Soria, V. (September 2022 & May 2023) *School choice parent interview findings* presented to partner School District

**Wu T.**, Jenkins JM., Whitaker A. (November 2022) *How did the reauthorization of CCDF affect the supply of subsidized child care?* Poster presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

**Wu T.**, Jenkins JM., Whitaker A. (November 2022) *How did the reauthorization of CCDF affect the supply of subsidized child care?* Invited poster presentation to the Early Childhood Education Consortium

Benci-Woodward, L., Marquez, C., Perez, B., **Wu, T.**, Bdiawi, D., Ozbardakci, N., Thomas, A.G., Cauffman, E. (May 2017) *The Role of Self-Esteem in Adolescents' Susceptibility to Peer Pressure*. Poster presented at the UCLA Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (PURC), Los Angeles, California

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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2020	Minority Serving Institution Award (\$10,500)
2020	UC Irvine Diversity Recruitment Fellowship (\$5,000)
2017	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Fellowship (\$1,400)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of California Irvine**

2020	Education 106, Introduction to Early Childhood Education
2021	Education 124, Multicultural Education in K-12 Schools; 2 quarters
2021	Education 243, Policy and Teaching (MAT); 2 sections

### **Discussion Leader**

2014 University Studies 83/84

## SERVICE

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### Reviewer

2024- American Journal of Education (Ad hoc)  
2024- Evaluation Review (Ad hoc)

### University Service

2023- Associated Doctoral Students in Education Student Representative *UC, Irvine*  
2021-2023 Graduate Program Recruitment Weekend Coordinator *UC, Irvine*  
2022 Early Childhood Education Consortium Coordinator *Cross-University Collaboration with Columbia University, Duke, and UC Irvine*  
2021-2022 Education and Social Policy Lab Manager *UC, Irvine*

### Other Service

2022- First 5 Orange County Childcare Business Program, Research Evaluation Team  
2021- Research mentorship for UC Irvine undergraduate students:  
Raymond Ibarra\*\*, Valeria Alarcon\*\*, Ryan Nguyen<sup>+</sup>, Gerdin Gomez<sup>+</sup>, Christine Apostol\*, Thanh Hoang\*, Katherine Canero\*, Sophie Wong\*  
(\*\* Career Pathways for Research in Learning and Education, Analytics and Data Science Fellows Program, <sup>+</sup> Qualitative research team, \* Quantitative research team)

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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2022 Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (*CIRTL*) Associate Certificate  
2022 Certificate in Course Design, *UC Irvine Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation*