

TIFFANY WU

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Early childhood education policy, child care, school choice, causal inference, qualitative methods, research-practice partnerships

EDUCATION

- 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

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)

PUBLICATIONS

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

WORKING PAPERS

Ponce Soria, V., Villavicencio, A., **Wu T.** (*Under review at Race Ethnicity and Education*) Counter-narratives from Spanish and Chinese-speaking parents navigating school choice.

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

Wu, T., Jenkins, J.M., Whitaker, A. The impacts of subsidized childcare reimbursements on childcare providers.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

Wu, T. & Jenkins, J.M. The role of early childhood training in elementary grade teaching.

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

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

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

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

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⁺, Gerdin Gomez⁺, Christine Apostol*, Thanh Hoang*, Katherine Canero*, Sophie Wong*
(** Career Pathways for Research in Learning and Education, Analytics and Data Science Fellows Program, ⁺ Qualitative research team, * Quantitative research team)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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*