Jung Eun Lee

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Description

Jungeun Olivia Lee joined the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work in 2014. Prior to her appointment at USC, she was a research scientist at the University of Washington's School of Social Work and Social Development Research Group after receiving her doctoral degree in 2009.

Her area of expertise seeks to disentangle a complex relationship between socioeconomic status and behavioral health, particularly substance use, during one's life course and across generations. Conceptually anchored in life course perspective, Lee's current work focuses on 1) the impact of socioeconomic status—such as unemployment, education and neighborhood deprivation—on problematic substance use and 2) the impact of maternal substance use and socioeconomic status on offspring's behavior.

Lee is currently leading the 20-year longitudinal Young Women and Child Development Study, which will examine an extensive range of life-course pathway factors, such as behavioral health, substance use, mental health, physical health, and correlates for both teen mothers and children. She is also the lead investigator at the USC site of a multi-campus consortium that seeks to understand substance use, campus intimate partner violence, and help-seeking behaviors among college students. In addition, Lee is a consultant on a grant funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse to lead multiple papers investigating the link between socioeconomic status and substance use among young adults and the role of childhood individual and neighborhood disadvantages in the link.

She is a member of the Society for Social Work and Research and the Society for Prevention Research. Lee has served as a reviewer for multiple journals including Addiction, Addictive Behaviors, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, American Journal of Public Health, Child Development, Developmental Psychology, and Journal of Society for Social Work and Research.

Lee is interested in quantitative methodology for longitudinal data and has expertise in four general areas of advanced statistics, including mixture modeling (often referred to as the "person-centered approach"), structural equation modeling, categorical data analysis and techniques for handling missing data.

Industry Expertise

Social Services, Health and Wellness, Education/Learning, Research

Topics

Behavioral Health, Substance abuse treatment, Social Work Education, Social Work, Substance Abuse, Class

Affiliations

Education

University of Washington
PhD

University of Wisconsin-Madison
MSW

Seoul National University
MA

Catholic University of Korea
BA

Accomplishments

Graduate School Social Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle
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