

# **Jungeun Olivia Lee**

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Jungeun Olivia Lee focuses on a relationship among SES, adverse childhood experiences, substance use, and its comorbid mental health.

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## **Biography**

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. Dr. Lee seeks to disentangle a complex relationship among socioeconomic status, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and behavior health, particularly substance use and its comorbid mental health, during the life course and across generations. Conceptually anchored in the life course perspective, Dr. Lee's research focuses on (a) the impacts of socioeconomic status, both at individual- and neighborhood levels, on problematic substance use and their underlying mechanisms; (b) associated gender differences; and (c) the intergenerational impacts of parental substance use, socioeconomic status, and ACEs on children. She has contributed to multiple grants as an investigator. She is currently principal investigator for a grant funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The study seeks to identify developmental timing and dynamic changes in maternal substance use and socioeconomic status among low-income young mothers, link them to child developmental outcomes, and then link those back to maternal exposure to ACEs. She is also the lead investigator at the USC site of a multi-campus consortium that seeks to understand ACEs, intimate partner violence, and substance use. She is a member of the Society for Social Work and Research and the Society for Prevention 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. To reference the work of Jungeun Olivia Lee online, we ask that you directly quote their work where possible and attribute it to "Jungeun Olivia Lee, a faculty at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work" (LINK: <https://dworakpeck.usc.edu>)

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## **Industry Expertise**

Social Services, Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

SES, Childhood Adversity, Life Course Human Development, Substance use

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## **Education**

University of Washington  
PhD

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
**MSW**

**Seoul National University**  
**MA**

**Catholic University of Korea**  
**BA**

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## **Accomplishments**

**Graduate School Social Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle**  
**2008**

**NIH/OBSSR Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Honors Early Stage Investigator Paper**  
**Award**  
**NIH/OBSSR**

**Early Career Preventionist Network Travel Scholarship**  
**Society for Prevention Research**

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