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Current Appointments

Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (2018-present)
Department of Public Policy (Economics)

Areas of Specialization

Environmental Economics, Labor Economics

Academic Affiliations

Research Affiliate, Institute for Labor Economics (IZA)
Faculty Affiliate, California Policy Lab (CPL)
Faculty Affiliate, California Center for Population Research
Adjunct Research Affiliate, RAND
Associate Director for Economic Research, UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation

Previous Appointments and Professional Experience

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government (June - December 2017)
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University Center for the Environment (June - December 2017)
Independent Consultant, The World Bank (2014-2015)
Graduate Research Fellow, Environmental Defense (2009, 2010)

Education

Harvard University, PhD, Economics, 2017
Dissertation: Essays in Environmental and Labor Economics
Committee: Lawrence Katz, Robert Stavins, Andrei Shleifer, Joseph Aldy
Oxford University, MSc, Development Economics, 2011 (on Rhodes Scholarship)
Oxford University, MSc, Environmental Change and Management, 2010 (on Rhodes Scholarship)
Columbia University, B.A., Economics and Political Science, 2009 (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Park, R.J., Goodman, J., Hurwitz, M., and Smith, J. (2020) "Heat and Learning." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. (link to paper)

Press: *The Wall Street Journal*; *The BBC*; *The Washington Post* (1); *The Washington Post* (2); *NPR*; *The Guardian*; *Bloomberg*; *The Telegraph*; *CTV News*; *NRC Netherlands*; *US News and World*; *Marginal Revolution*; *PBS News Hour*; *Grist*; *Slate*

Park, R.J. (forthcoming) "Hot Temperature and High Stakes Performance." *Journal of Human Resources*. (link to paper)

Press: *The New York Times*; *NPR*; *The Washington Post*; *KPCC Radio*; *Le Matin Suisse*; *Marketplace*; *Marginal Revolution*; *Bloomberg*

Park, R.J., A. Behrer, Goodman, J. (2020) "Learning is Inhibited by Heat Exposure, Both Internationally and Within the U.S." *Nature Human Behavior*. (link to paper)

Press: *The New York Times*; *The Guardian*; *Scientific American*; White House CEA Blog; *The Seattle Times*; *Grist*

Park, R.J., Bangalore, M., Sandhoefner, E., and Hallegatte S. (2018) “Households and Heat Stress: Estimating the Distributional Consequences of Climate Change.” *Environment and Development Economics*. (link to paper)

Heal, G., and Park, R.J. (2016) “Temperature stress and the direct impact of climate change: A Review of an emerging literature.” *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy* 10 (2). (link to paper)

Press: *The BBC*; *Business Insider*; *The Globe and Mail*; *Vox*

Fankhauser, S., Hepburn, C., and Park, R.J. (2011) “Combining multiple climate policy instruments: How not to do it.” *Climate Change Economics*, 1 (03), 209-225. (link to paper)

Working Papers

(with Patrick Behrer and Nora Pankratz), “Temperature, Workplace Safety, and Labor Market Inequality” (under review, *American Economic Review*)

(with Paul Stainier), “Inequality in Workplace Climate Exposure” (revisions requested, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*)

(with Alan Barreca and Paul Stainier), “Extreme Temperature, Household Energy Demand and Financial Delinquency”

(with Geoffrey Heal), “Feeling the Heat: Temperature, Physiology, and the Wealth of Nations.” NBER Working Paper No. 19725

(with David Keith, Gernot Wagner, Patrick Behrer, and Colleen Golja), “Heat, Labor and Equity” (conditionally accepted, *Environmental Research Communications*)

“Will We Adapt? Labor and Adaptation to Climate Change”

Winner of Harvard Enel Award for Best Doctoral Thesis in Environmental Economics (2017)

In Progress

(with A. Patrick Behrer and Mike Dalton), “Labor Market Frictions and Adaptation to Climate Change”

(with Anna Stansbury and Greg Schubert), “Monopsony and Workplace Safety”

(with Nora Pankratz, Alan Barreca, and Bret Stevens), “Climate Shocks and Consumer Credit”

(with Isaac Opper and Lucas Husted), “The Impact of Natural Disasters on Human Capital”

Books, Book Chapters, & Other Publications

Park, R.J. (book contract signed, manuscript in preparation) “Little Fires: The Everyday Costs of a Warmer World.” *Princeton University Press*

Park, R.J. (2020) “Impacts of Warming Temperatures on Education and Learning.” *Econofact*

Park, R.J. (2019) “Air condition sweltering schools to close racial achievement gaps.” *USA Today*

Goodman, J., Hurwitz, M., Park, R.J., and Smith, J. (2018) “Heat isn’t just a nuisance to students; it’s a barrier to learning.” *The Hill*

Hepburn, C., and Park, R.J. (2010) "Economic Modeling of Climate Change," in "Climate Change: Global Risks, Challenges & Decisions." *Cambridge University Press*

Grants, Honors & Awards

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grant, 2020-2022
Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant, 2020-2022
Haynes Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 2020-2021
California Center for Population Research Faculty Seed Grant, 2019-2020
California Strategic Growth Council (with JR Deshazo, Alan Barecca, and Greg Pierce), 2018-2020
Southern California NIOSH Pilot Research Grant, 2018-2019
Weiss Family Fund (with Patrick Behrer), 2017-2019
Harvard Enel Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in Environmental Economics, 2017
Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Chowdhury Fellowship, 2016-2017
Harvard Environmental Economics Program Research Grant, 2014-2015
Harvard University Climate Change Solutions Fund, 2013-2015
The Switzer Foundation, Environmental Leaders Fellowship, 2014-2015
National Science Foundation (NSF), Doctoral Research Fellowship, 2011-2014
Oxford University Environmental Change Institute Award for best masters thesis, 2011
Rhodes Scholarship (New York District), 2009-2011
Columbia University Romine Prize for best undergraduate economics thesis, 2009
Summa Cum Laude, 2009
Phi Beta Kappa, 2008

Presentations

* denotes invited but canceled or postponed due to Covid-19.

2021 (including scheduled):

AEA annual meetings (conference presentation); CERES 2021 (conference presentation); Santa Clara University ; Seoul National University; European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists annual meetings (conference presentation); Montana State (invited seminar); Western Economic Association International annual meetings (conference presentation)

2020:

AEA annual meetings (conference presentation); UC Environmental and Energy Economics Seminar (UC-wide e-seminar); UCLA Climate Adaptation Research Symposium (presenter, moderator); Columbia University (guest lecture); Harvard University Center for the Environment* (panelist); London School of Economics (workshop presentation); Korea University* (invited seminar); National University of Singapore* (invited seminar); Arizona State* (invited seminar); Washington Center for Equitable Growth (conference presentation)

2019:

AEA annual meetings (conference presentation, discussant); UC Berkeley (guest lecture); Korea University (invited seminar); Seoul National University (invited seminar); Sunkyunkwan University (invited seminar); Luskin Livable LA (invited speaker); American Occupational Health Conference (conference presentation); AERE Summer meetings (conference presentation); RAND (invited seminar); NBER Summer Institute (conference egg-timer); Harvard Kennedy School (invited workshop presentation); USC (invited seminar); UCLA Institute of Environment and Sustainability (invited lecture)

2018:

All-California Labor Economics Conference (conference presentation); UCLA Institute of Environment and Sustainability (invited seminar); NBER Summer Institute (conference egg-timer); IZA Bonn Workshop (conference presentation); UCLA Fielding School of Public Health (invited seminar); UCSD Environmental Economics Seminar (invited seminar); UCSD Scripps Institution of Oceanography (guest lecture); AEA AERE Boston (conference presentation)

2017:

USC Dornsife Microeconomics of Climate Change Workshop (conference presentation); UC Santa Barbara Occasional Workshop on Environmental Economics (conference egg-timer); Michigan EEE-Labor Seminar (invited seminar); Harvard Center for the Environment (invited seminar); Harvard Energy Policy Seminar (invited seminar); Harvard Global Health Seminar (invited seminar); United Nations Development Program (invited seminar); Stanford Climate Economics

Workshop (discussant); Dartmouth Northeast Workshop (conference egg-timer); MIT Sloan (guest lecture); UCLA (invited seminar); Maryland AREC (invited seminar); Duke Nicholas School of the Environment (invited seminar); UK Department for International Development - DFID (invited seminar)

2013-2016:

NBER Summer Institute (conference egg-timer); IZA Bonn (conference presentation); Seoul National University (invited seminar); University of California Berkeley, ARE (invited seminar); Yale University Northeast Workshop (conference presentation); Seoul National University (invited seminar); Oxford University Institute for New Economic Thinking (invited seminar); Columbia University Earth Institute (conference presentation); The World Bank (invited seminar); Harvard Center for Health and the Global Environment (presenter); NBER Summer Institute (co-presenter); Harvard Business School (moderator); Seoul National University (invited seminar); Oxford University (invited speaker); Harvard Center for Health and the Global Environment (guest lecture)

Teaching

(UCLA)

Environmental Economics and Policy (M 217), UCLA (masters), Avg instructor rating (8.7/9)

Principles of Microeconomic Theory (PP 201), UCLA (masters), Avg instructor rating (8.4/9)

Microeconomics: Market Failures and Inequality (PA 111), UCLA (undergraduate), Avg instructor rating (8.7/9)

Graduate Seminar in Environmental Economics and Policy (PP 290), UCLA (masters), Avg instructor rating (8.7/9)

(Harvard - graduate teaching fellow)

American Economic Policy, Harvard University Economics Department, 2014, 2016 (masters and undergraduate)

Principles of Macroeconomics, Harvard University Economics Department (undergraduate), 2014

Principles of Microeconomics, Harvard University Economics Department (undergraduate), 2013

Environmental Economics and Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government (masters and undergraduate), 2013

(Columbia - undergraduate teaching fellow)

Principles of Microeconomics, Columbia University Economics Department (undergraduate), 2009

Teaching Awards

UCLA Department of Public Policy Professor of the Year Award, 2020

Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence (American Economic Policy), 2014

Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence (Principles of Economics), 2014

Professional Service

Referee (* denotes multiple occasions): *American Economic Review (AER)**; *American Economic Review: Insights*; *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*; *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**; *Quarterly Journal of Economics (QJE)**; *Review of Economics and Statistics (RESTAT)**; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*; *Journal of Public Economics**; *Journal of Development Economics*; *Journal of Human Resources**; *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (JAERE)**; *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management (JEEM)**; *Nature: Climate Change**; *Nature: Sustainability*; *Economics Letters*; *Climatic Change*; *Climate Policy*; *Resource and Energy Economics*; *Washington Center for Equitable Growth*; *Yale University Press*

Member, American Economic Association (AEA)

Member, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)

Member, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE)

Member, Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA)

Selection Committee Member, The Rhodes Scholarships (2019-2020)

Facilitator, The Rhodes Trust: biannual Character and Service workshops for current Rhodes Scholars (2016-2019)

Trans-disciplinary Speaker Series Committee, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs (2019-present)
Faculty Advisory Committee, UCLA Center for Asian American Studies (2018-present)

Policy Briefings/Advising

The World Bank Climate Group; United Nations Development Program; NYC Department of Health and Hygiene; NYC Department of Education; California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR); California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal-OSHA); United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID); The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; California Department of Insurance: Climate Insurance Working Group; California State Legislature; UBS Group ; California Council on Science and Technology (CCST)