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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2009 – present Assistant Professor, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California
2007– 2009 Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research, Harvard University

EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D. Sociology, Princeton University
Dissertation Title: *Shelters, Soup Kitchens, and Supportive Housing: An Open Systems Analysis of the Field of Homeless Assistance Organizations*
Committee: Paul DiMaggio (chair), Martin Ruef, Viviana Zelizer
2003 M.A. Sociology, Princeton University
2000 B.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (Summa Cum Laude)

INTERESTS

Interorganizational and social networks, culture, and economic sociology

PUBLICATIONS

- Esparza, N.**, & Weare, C. Meet Up or Move On? How Culture Impacts Norms of Collective Action. Accepted at *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly's* special issue on Elinor Ostrom.
- Weare, C., & **Esparza, N.**, & Lichterman, P. Forthcoming. Culture and Collaboration: Organizational Culture in Action, *Policy Studies Journal*.
- Esparza, N.**, & Walker, E. Forthcoming. Trade Associations and the Legitimation of Entrepreneurial Movements: Collective Action in the Emerging Gourmet Food Truck Industry, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.
- Esparza, N.** Forthcoming. The Diffusion of Ten Year Plans to End Homelessness, *Social Service Review*.
- Esparza, N.** 2013. Diffusion of Corporate Philanthropy: Economic and Institutional Effects on the Establishment of Company-Sponsored Foundations, 1950-2000, *Social Forces*.

Esparza, N., & Jeon, S. 2013. Interlocking Boards of Trustees and Grant Acquisition, *Public Performance & Management Review*, 36: 637-664.

Rossmann, G., **Esparza, N.**, & Bonacich, P. 2010. I'd like to Thank the Academy, Multiplicative Productivity, and Social Networks, *American Sociological Review*, 75: 31-51.

Esparza, N. 2009. Community Factors Influencing the Prevalence of Homeless Youth Services. *Child and Youth Services Review*, 31: 1321-1329.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

Lichterman, P., **Esparza, N.**, & Weare, C. The Fraught Unity of Civic Coalitions: A Cultural Approach to Networks. (revise & resubmit at *American Journal of Sociology*).

Esparza, N. From Fixing Prices to Fixing Images: Corporate Contributions as a Strategic Response to Scandal (revise & resubmit at *American Sociological Review*).

Esparza, N. Patterns of Interlocking Boards of Directors: The Search for Specific and Complementary Knowledge.

Esparza, N., & Hamilton, P. How the Spatial Concentration of Nonprofits Can Explain Sector Size.

CURRENT SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS

National Science Foundation, Sociology, **Esparza, N.** (Co-PI), with Chris Weare (PI), Paul Lichterman, Nina Eliasoph), \$105,000. Dynamics of Civic Relationships: Applying Social Network Analysis and Ethnography to Housing Issues.

Kresge Foundation, Advancing Knowledge in Human Services Organizations, **Esparza, N.** (PI), \$24,842. From Structure to Composition: What Influences Network Effectiveness?

USC Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, **Esparza, N.** (PI), \$25,000. Scientific Networks in an Emerging Field: Federal Incentives for Collaborative Research

RESEARCH GRANTS

2011 – 2013 Kresge Foundation, Advancing Knowledge in Human Services Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations, Esparza (PI), \$24,842

2011 – 2012 USC Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Esparza (PI), \$25,000

2010 – 2011 USC Center on Philanthropy & Public Policy, faculty grant, Esparza (PI), \$15,000

2010 – 2011 National Science Foundation, Sociology, Esparza (Co-PI), with Chris Weare (PI), Paul Lichterman, Nina Eliasoph), \$105,000

2010 – 2011 John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation, faculty grant, Esparza (PI), \$15,000

2006 – 2007 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Esparza (PI), \$7,500

2005 – 2007 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Doctoral Dissertation
Research Grant, Esparza (PI), \$25,000

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2010 – Associate and Scholar at the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University
of Wisconsin-Madison

2008 Best Student Paper from the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division of the
Society for the Study of Social Problems

2003 – 2007 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2002 – 2006 The Graduate School, Princeton University Summer Fellowship Grant

2004 – 2005 Social Science Research Council Program on Philanthropy and the Nonprofit
Sector Dissertation Fellowship

2003 – 2005 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship. (declined award for NSF fellowship)

2004 Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology,
Princeton University

2004 Candace Rogers Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Eastern
Sociological Society

2002 Emerging Scholar Award, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations
and Voluntary Action

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy
Introduction to Public Policy and Public Management (undergraduate)
Program and Policy Evaluation (master and doctoral)
Research Design (doctoral)

INVITED TALKS

From Structure to Composition: What Influences Network Effectiveness?, Advancing the
Knowledge Human Services Philanthropy & Nonprofit Organizations Scholars
Workshop, University of Indiana, November 2012.

The Influence of Network Dynamics on Performance and Governance in Federally Funded
Service Networks, University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy,
March 2012.

Collaboration and Culture: Organizational Culture and the Dynamics of Collaborative Networks,
USC Bedrosian Center Research Award Series, March 2012.

From Structure to Composition: What Influences Network Effectiveness, Advancing the
Knowledge Human Services Philanthropy & Nonprofit Organizations Scholars
Workshop, Toronto, 2011.

The Diffusion of Ten Year Plans to End Homelessness. Institute for Research on Poverty,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011.

How the Spatial Concentration of Anti-poverty Nonprofits Can Explain Sector Size. Seminar
Series on Poverty and Public Policy, West Coast Poverty Center and the Daniel J. Evans
School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, 2010.

- Social Triage in the Emergency Department. Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, Aspen, 2009.
- Racial Biopsy: How Race Operates in the Emergency Department. Social Research on Race: Building Bridges across the Academic Pipeline Symposium, Indiana University Department of Sociology, Bloomington, 2009.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- The Influence of Network Governance in Federally Funded Service Networks. Public Management Research Association, University of Wisconsin Madison, June 2013.
- Mobilizing Cuisine. West Coast Data Conference, University of California Berkeley, April 2013.
- The ties that bind: Detecting communities and bridges in policy networks. West Coast Data Conference, University of Colorado, March 2012
- Social Networks and Political Mobilization. International Network for Social Network Analysis, March 2012.
- Detecting Communities and Bridges: The Structuration of Policy Networks. ARNOVA Annual Conference, Toronto, 2011.
- Patterns of Interlocking Boards of Directors: The Search for Specific and Complementary Knowledge. Academy of Management Conference, San Antonio, 2011.
- The Diffusion of Ten Year Plans to End Homelessness. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, 2011.
- Network Governance: Investigation into the Formation and Evolution of Networks. Public Management Research Association Conference. Syracuse, 2011.
- Application in Social Network Analysis. Academy of Management Conference. Montreal, 2010.
- Changing Landscapes or Spatial Inertia?: Do New Antipoverty Nonprofits Locate Near Incumbents or Fill Emerging Service Gaps. ARNOVA Annual Conference, Alexandria, 2010.
- The Spatial Concentration of Homeless Services: How spatial location can help explain sector size. ARNOVA Annual Conference, Cleveland, 2009.
- Interorganizational Consensus and the Strength of Strong Ties. Public Management Research Association Conference. Columbus, 2009.
- Loaves and Fishes: Unilateral and Collaborative Service Provision among Detroit Churches. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Boston, 2008.
- From Fixing Prices to Fixing Images: Corporate Contributions as a Strategic Response to Scandal. Academy of Management Annual Conference, Anaheim, 2008.
- Place and Inequality: Where are the Homeless Services? American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, 2007.
- Homeless Youth Service Provision. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, Montréal, Canada, 2006.
- I'd Like to Thank the Academy, Multiplicative Productivity, and Social Networks. International Sunbelt Social Networks Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 2006.
- The Formal Status of Organizations: The Case of Federal Policy on Homelessness. SSRC Program on Nonprofits Capstone Conference, Florence, Italy, 2005.

SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-Faculty Organizer, Nonprofit Doctoral Research Seminar, 2010-current

Faculty Organizer, Sol Price School Research Seminar, 2011- 2012

Undergraduate Degree Committee, Sol Price School of Public Policy, 2009-2010

Master Public Administration Degree Committee, Sol Price School of Public Policy, 2009-current

Faculty Advisor to USG Community Service, Hunger and Homelessness; Latino Association of Policy, Planning, and Development; USC Sol Price School of Public Policy Review

USC University Delegate, Presidential Inauguration of D. Michael Lindsay, the eight president of Gordon College, September 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Grant Reviewer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, 2011

Grant Reviewer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of University Partnerships, FY 2009, 2010

Referee Service: *Academy of Management Journal*, *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Public Administration Theory and Research*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Social Networks*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*