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## Position

2014– POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW, Department of Ecology and Evolution, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.  
Supervisor: Sarah Cobey

## Education

2019–2024 PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA, May. 2024.  
Thesis Title: Cross-scale dynamics of infectious disease  
Advisor: Bryan T. Grenfell

2014–2019 BSc in Mathematics and Statistics (Honours), McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada  
Thesis Title: Estimating time-varying transmission rates of the SIR model  
Advisor: Benjamin. M. Bolker

## Honours and Awards

2024 Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation Awardee, Life Sciences Research Foundation  
2023 COVID Response Recognition Award, Princeton University

2023 Honorary Fellowship: Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Fellowship, Princeton University

2018 Undergraduate Student Research Awards, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

## Teaching

2019–2021 Graduate Assistantship in Instruction. Disease Ecology, Economics, and Policy (ENV 304 / ECO 328 / EEB 304 / SPI 455), Princeton University, Fall 2019, 2020, 2021.

## Advising and mentoring

2020–2021 Joanne Wha-Eum Lee. Princeton University undergraduate senior thesis project. Title: Direct and indirect mortality impacts of COVID-19 in the US, March–December 2020.

2019–2020 Tomi Lawal. Princeton University undergraduate senior thesis project. Title: Analyzing the impact of a third dose of the measles–mumps–rubella vaccine used in a university mumps outbreak.

## All publications

ORCID: 0000-0003-2202-3361. See [Google Scholar](#) for links to articles.

- 2024 **Park, S.W.**, Messacar, K., Douek, D.C., Spaulding, A.B., Metcalf, C.J.E., and Grenfell, B. T., 2024. Predicting the impact of COVID-19 non-pharmaceutical intervention on short-and medium-term dynamics of enterovirus D68 in the US. *Epidemics*, 46, 100736.
- 2024 Yang, Q., Wang, B., Lemey, P., Dong, L., Mu, T., Wiebe, R. A., Guo, F., Sequeira Trovao, N., **Park, S.W.**, Lweis, N., Tsui, J.L.-H., Bajaj, S., Cheng, Y., Yang, L., Haba, Y., Li, B., Zhang, G., Pybus, O.G., Tian, H., and Grenfell, B.T., 2024. Synchrony of Bird Migration with Global Dispersal of Avian Influenza Reveals Exposed Bird Orders. *Nature Communications*, 15(1), 1126.
- 2023 **Park, S.W.**, Daskalaki, I., Izzo, R., Aranovich, I., te Velthuis, A., Notterman, D., Metcalf, C.J.E., and Grenfell, B.T., 2022. Relative role of community transmission and campus contagion in driving the spread of SARS-CoV-2: lessons from Princeton University. *PNAS Nexus*, 2(7): pgad201.
- 2023 **Park, S.W.**, Sun, K., Abbott, S., Sender, R., Bar-On, Y.M., Weitz, J.S., Funk, S., Grenfell, B.T., Backer, J.A., Wallinga, J., Viboud, C., and Dushoff, J., 2022. Inferring the differences in incubation-period and generation-interval distributions of the Delta and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2. *PNAS*, 120(22), e2221887120.
- 2023 **Park, S.W.**, Dushoff, J., Grenfell, B.T., and Weitz, J.S., 2022. Intermediate levels of asymptomatic transmission can lead to the highest levels of epidemic fatalities. *PNAS Nexus*, 2(4): pgad106.
- 2023 Lee, W.E., **Park, S.W.**, Weinberger, D.M., Olson, D., Simonsen, L., Grenfell, B.T., and Viboud, C., 2023. Direct and indirect mortality impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, March 1, 2020 to January 1, 2022. *eLife*, 12:e77562.
- 2023 Harris, J.D.\* , **Park, S.W.\*** , Dushoff, J., and Weitz, J.S., 2022. How time-scale differences in asymptomatic and symptomatic transmission shape SARS-CoV-2 outbreak dynamics. *Epidemics*, 100664. \*Contributed equally.
- 2022 Baker, R.E., Saad Roy, C.M., **Park, S.W.**, Farrar, J., Metcalf, C.J.E., and Grenfell, B.T., 2022. Long-term benefits of nonpharmaceutical interventions for endemic infections are shaped by respiratory pathogen dynamics. *PNAS*, 119(49), e2208895119.
- 2022 Sender, R., Bar-On, Y., **Park, S.W.**, Noor, E., Dushoff, J., and Milo, R., 2022. The unmitigated profile of COVID-19 infectiousness. *eLife*, 11:e79134.
- 2022 Messacar, K., Baker, R.E., **Park, S.W.**, Nguyen-Tran, H., Cataldi, J.R., and Grenfell, B.T., 2022. Preparing for uncertainty: endemic paediatric viral illnesses after COVID-19 pandemic disruption.

tion. *The Lancet*, 400(10364): 1663-1665.

- 2022 **Park, S.W.**, Bolker, B.M., Funk, S., Metcalf, C.J.E., Weitz, J.S., Grenfell, B.T., and Dushoff, J., 2022. The importance of the generation interval in investigating dynamics and control of new SARS-CoV-2 variants. *Journal of The Royal Society Interface*, 19: 20220173-20220173
- 2022 Nguyen-Tran, H., **Park, S.W.**, Messacar, K., Dominguez, S.R., Vogt, M.R., Permar, S., Permaul, P., Hernandez, M., Douek, D.C., McDermott, A.B., Metcalf, C.J.E., Grenfell, B.T., and Spaulding, A.B., 2022. Enterovirus D68: a test case for the use of immunological surveillance to develop tools to mitigate the pandemic potential of emerging pathogens. *The Lancet Microbe*, 3(2): e83-e85.
- 2022 Lizewski, R.A.\* , Sealfon, R.S.G.\* , **Park, S.W.\*** , Smith, G.R.\* , Porter, C.K.\* , Gonzalez-Reiche, A.S.\* , Ge, Y.\* , Miller, C.M.\* , Goforth, C.W., Pincas, H., Termini, M.S., Ramos, I., Nair, V.D., Lizewski, S.E., Alshammary, H., Cer, R.Z., Chen, H.W., George, M.-C., Arnold, C.E., Glang, L.A., Long, K.A., Malagon, F., Marayag, J.J., Nunez, E., Rice, G.K., Santa Ana, E., Schilling, M.A., Smith, D.R., Sugiharto, V.A., Sun, P., van de Guchte, A., Khan, Z., Dutta, J., Vangeti, S., Voegtly, L.J., Weir, D.L., Metcalf, C.J.E., Troyanskaya, O.G., Bishop-Lilly, K.A., Grenfell, B.T., van Bakel, H., Letizia, A.G.\* , and Sealfon, S.C.\* , 2022. SARS-CoV-2 outbreak dynamics in an isolated US military recruit training center with rigorous prevention measures. *Epidemiology*, 33(6): 797-807.  
\*Contributed equally.
- 2021 Baker, R.E., **Park, S.W.**, Wagner, C.E., and Metcalf, C.J.E., 2021. The limits of SARS-CoV-2 predictability. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, 5(8): 1052-1054.
- 2021 Dushoff, J., and **Park, S.W.**, 2021. Speed and strength of an epidemic intervention. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 288(1947): 20201556.
- 2021 **Park, S.W.**, Pons-Salort, M., Messacar, K., Cook, C., Meyers, L., Farrar, J., Grenfell, B.T., 2021. Epidemiological dynamics of enterovirus D68 in the United States and implications for acute flaccid myelitis. *Science Translational Medicine*, 13(584): eabd2400.
- 2020 **Park, S.W.**, Sun, K., Champredon, D., Li, M., Bolker, B.M., Earn, D.J.D., Weitz, J.S., Grenfell, B.T. and Dushoff, J., 2020. Forward-looking serial intervals correctly link epidemic growth to reproduction numbers. *PNAS*, 118(2): e2011548118.
- 2020 Weitz, J.S., **Park, S.W.**, Eksin, C. and Dushoff, J., 2020. Awareness-driven behavior changes can shift the shape of epidemics away from peaks and toward plateaus, shoulders, and oscillations. *PNAS*, 117(51): 32764-32771.
- 2020 Baker, R.E., **Park, S.W.**, Yang, W., Vecchi, G.A., Metcalf, C.J.E. and Grenfell, B.T., 2020. The impact of COVID-19 nonpharmaceutical interventions on the future dynamics of endemic infections. *PNAS*, 117(48): 30547-30553.
- 2020 Metcalf, C.J.E., Morris, D.H., and **Park, S.W.**, 2020. Mathematical models to guide pandemic response. *Science*, 369(6502): 368-369.

- 2020 **Park, S.W.**, Bolker, B.M., Champredon, D., Earn, D.J.D., Li, M., Weitz, J.S., Grenfell, B.T. and Dushoff, J., 2020. Reconciling early-outbreak estimates of the basic reproductive number and its uncertainty: framework and applications to the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) outbreak. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 17: 20200144.
- 2020 **Park, S.W.**, Champredon, D., and Dushoff, J., 2020. Inferring generation-interval distributions from contact-tracing data. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 17(167): 20190719.
- 2020 Weitz, J.S., Beckett, S.J., Coenen, A.R., Demory, D., Dominguez-Mirazo, M., Dushoff, J., Leung, C.-Y., Li, G., Măgălie, A., **Park, S.W.**, Rodriguez-Gonzalez, R., Shivam, S., and Zhao, C.Y., 2020. Modeling shield immunity to reduce COVID-19 epidemic spread. *Nature medicine*, 26(6): 849-854.
- 2020 **Park, S.W.**, Cornforth, D.M., Dushoff J., and Weitz J.S., 2020. The time scale of asymptomatic transmission affects estimates of epidemic potential in the COVID-19 outbreak. *Epidemics*, 31: 100392.
- 2020 **Park, S.W.**, and Bolker, B.M., 2020. A note on observation processes in epidemic models. *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology*, 82(3): 1-8.
- 2020 **Park, S.W.**, Sun, K., Viboud, C., Grenfell, B.T., and Dushoff, J., 2020. Potential Role of Social Distancing in Mitigating Spread of Coronavirus Disease, South Korea. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, 26(11): 2697–2700.
- 2019 **Park, S.W.**, Champredon, D., Weitz, J.S., and Dushoff, J., 2019. A practical generation-interval-based approach to inferring the strength of epidemics from their speed. *Epidemics*, 27: 12-18.
- 2018 **Park, S.W.**, Dushoff, J., Earn, D.J.D., Poinar, H., and Bolker, B.M., 2018. Human ectoparasite transmission of the plague during the Second Pandemic is only weakly supported by proposed mathematical models. *PNAS*, 115(34): E7892-E7893.
- 2017 **Park, S.W.**, and Bolker, B.M., 2017. Effects of contact structure on the transient evolution of HIV virulence. *PLoS Computational Biology*, 13(3): e1005453.
- 2017 Rekart, M.L., Ndifon, W., Brunham, R.C., Dushoff, J., **Park, S.W.**, Rawart, S., and Cameron, C.E., 2017. A double-edged sword: does highly active antiretroviral therapy contribute to syphilis incidence by impairing immunity to *Treponema pallidum*?. *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 93(5): 374-378.

## Preprints

- 2024 Yang, Q., **Park, S.W.**, Saad-Roy, C., Ahmad, I., Viboud, C., Arinaminpathy, N., and Grenfell, B.T., 2024. Assessing Population-level Target Product Profiles of Broadly-protective Human Influenza A Vaccines. *medRxiv*.

- 2024 **Park, S.W.**, Akhmetzhanov, A.R., Charniga, K., Cori, A., Davies, N.G., Dushoff, J., Funk, S., Gostic, K., Grenfl, B.T., Linton, N., Lipsitch, M., Lison, A., Overton, C.E., Ward, T., and Abbott, S., 2024. Estimating epidemiological delay distributions for infectious diseases. *medRxiv*.
- 2023 Holmdahl, I., Bents, S., Baker, R.E., Casalegno, J.S., Trovão, N.S., **Park, S.W.**, Metcalf, C.J.E., Viboud, C., and Grenfell, B.T., 2023. Differential impact of COVID-19 non-pharmaceutical interventions on the epidemiological dynamics of respiratory syncytial virus subtypes A and B. *Research Square*.
- 2023 **Park, S.W.**, Li, M., Metcalf, C.J.E., Grenfell, B.T., and Dushoff, J., 2023. Immune boosting bridges leaky and polarized vaccination models. *medRxiv*.

## Software

- 2023 **Park, S.W.**, and Abbott, S., `epidist`: Estimate epidemiological delay distributions for infectious diseases. <https://github.com/epinowcast/epidist>.
- 2022 **Park, S.W.**, and Bolker, B.M., `fitode`: Tools for Ordinary Differential Equations Model Fitting. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/fitode/index.html>.

## Textbook

- 2017 Alama S., and **Park, S.W.**, MATH 2XX3 – Advanced Calculus II: Class notes recorded, adapted, and illustrated by Sang Woo Park. Available at McMaster University Library.

## Professional service

Manuscript reviewer for Nature Ecology & Evolution, PNAS, PLOS Computational Biology, BMC Medicine, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Proceedings of the Royal Society A, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Epidemics, Scientific Reports, Mathematical Biosciences, PLOS One, PeerJ, etc.

Modeling SARS-CoV-2 outbreak responses and control strategies for Princeton University and the US Navy.

## Invited presentations

- 2024 Using serosurveillance data to clarify epidemic trajectories: Enterovirus D68 case study. *Hema-Net Serosurveillance Meeting, CITF*.
- 2023 Generation and serial intervals in epidemics. *Epinowcast Community Seminars*.
- 2022 Dynamical biases in epidemic inference. *Institut de Biologie de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure*.
- 2021

Characterizing the dynamics of enterovirus D68. *Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) working group meeting and CDC Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) task force meeting.*

2020 Potential roles of social distancing in mitigating the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in South Korea. *WHO modelling call.*

2020 Quantifying the time scale of disease transmission: generation and serial intervals. *Georgia Institute of Technology.*

## Poster presentations

2019 **Park. S.W.**, Dushoff, J., and Bolker, B.M., 2019. Transmission mechanisms of plague cannot be uniquely identified from historical mortality data. *Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID).*

2017 Dushoff, J., **Park. S.W.**, and Champredon, D., 2017. Generation intervals in space. *Epidemics*6.

2016 Bolker, B.M., and **Park. S.W.**, 2016. HIV virulence evolution in structured epidemic models. *Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID).*