

# Stefanie Fischer

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CITIZENSHIP	U.S., Australian permanent resident	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<p>Monash University, Melbourne Senior Lecturer (Advanced Assistant Professor) of Economics, July 2021 -</p> <p>California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Assistant Professor of Economics, July 2015 - July 2021</p>	
AFFILIATIONS	Research Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics, June 2019 -	
VISITS	<p>UC Santa Barbara Broom Center for Demography, Summer 2019</p> <p>University of Zurich, Summer 2018</p>	
FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION	Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education	
EDUCATION	<p>University of California, Santa Barbara, Ph.D., Economics June 2015</p> <p>Montana State University, M.A., Applied Economics May 2009</p> <p>Linfield College, B.S., Mathematics May 2005</p>	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p>Bostwick, Valerie, Stefanie Fischer, and Matthew Lang. "Semesters or quarters? The effect of the academic calendar on postsecondary student outcomes." <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i> 14.1 (2022): 40-80.</p> <p>Bostwick, Valerie, <b>Fischer, Stefanie</b> and Lang, Matthew. (Bostwick &amp; Fischer share first authorship) "Semesters or Quarters? The Effect of the Academic Calendar on Postsecondary Student Outcomes," <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>, 14:40-80, February 2022. Available as IZA Discussion Paper No. 10920.</p> <p>Babcock, Philip, Bedard, Kelly, <b>Fischer, Stefanie</b> and Hartman, John. "Coordination and Contagion: Individual Connections and Peer Mechanisms in a Randomized Field Experiment," <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 185, May 2020.</p> <p>Bedard, Kelly and <b>Fischer, Stefanie</b>. "Does the Response to Competition Depend on Perceived Ability? Evidence from a Classroom Experiment," <i>Journal of Economic Behavior &amp; Organization</i>, 159:146-166, March 2019.</p>	

**Fischer, Stefanie**, Royer, Heather, and White, Corey. “The Impacts of Reduced Access to Abortion and Family Planning Services on Abortions, Births, and Contraceptive Purchases,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 167:43-68, November 2018. Available as NBER Working Paper No. 23634, IZA Discussion Paper No. 10920.

**Fischer, Stefanie** (first author) and Argyle, Daniel. “Juvenile Crime and the Four-Day School Week,” *Economics of Education Review*, 64:31-39, June 2018.

**Fischer, Stefanie**. “The Downside of Good Peers: How Classroom Composition Differentially Affects Men’s and Women’s STEM Persistence,” *Labour Economics*, 46:211-226, June 2017.

**Fischer, Stefanie** and Stoddard, Christiana “The Academic Achievement of American Indians,” *Economics of Education Review*, 36:135-152, October 2013.

#### SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

Babcock, Philip, Bedard, Kelly, and **Fischer, Stefanie**. “The Role of Peer Effects in Civic Engagement.”

**Fischer, Stefanie**, Royer, Heather, and White, Corey. “Health Care Centralization: The Health Impacts of Obstetric Unit Closures in the US.”

Canaan, Serena, **Fischer, Stefanie**, and Mouganie, Pierre. “Keep Me In, Coach: Can Targeted Academic Coaching Improve Marginal College Students’ Outcomes?”

Bostwick, Valerie, **Fischer, Stefanie**, Truffa, Francesca, and Wong, Ashley. “The Academic Calendar and Faculty Productivity.”

#### INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**2021-2022**: University of Melbourne, Applied Microeconomics Workshop Montana State University  
**2020-2021**: 5th IZA Economics of Education Workshop, American Economic Association Annual Meeting (Chicago) CSWEP Session, University of Memphis, UC San Diego Rady School of Management, Association of Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, UC Santa Barbara, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting

**2019-2020** (including postponed due to Covid-19): Hawaii Applied Micro One-Day Conference (UH Manoa), UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego Rady School of Management, Emory University, CU Denver, UNC Chapel Hill Public Policy, Seattle University, Monash University, University of Melbourne Applied Institute, William and Mary, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (Berlin)

**2018-2019**: Hawaii Applied Micro One-Day Conference (UH Manoa), American Economic Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta), Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (Arlington)

**2017-2018**: San Diego State University Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa, UC Riverside, Cal State Fullerton, Association of Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference (Portland), IZA World Labor Conference (Berlin)

**2016-2017**: UCSB Labor Seminar, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, IZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics (Bonn), Claremont McKenna College, Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (Claremont McKenna), Broom Center for Demography Annual Conference (UC Santa Barbara), Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (Raleigh), Cal Poly SLO

**2015-2016**: All-California Labor Economics Conference (UCLA), UCSB Labor Seminar, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (New Orleans), Cal Poly SLO, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (Seattle), Banff Empirical Microeconomics Workshop

**2014-2015:** WEAI's Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop (Denver), All-California Labor Economics Conference (UC Berkeley, poster), UCSB Department Seminar, UCSB Labor Seminar, Utah State University, Colgate University, Sonoma State University, UC Irvine School of Education, Cal Poly SLO, CNA Corporation

**2013-2014:** Western Economic Association International Conference (Seattle), All-California Labor Economics Conference (UC San Diego, poster), UC Santa Barbara Labor Seminar

**2012-2013:** All-California Labor Economics Conference (SF Federal Reserve Bank, poster), UCSB Labor Seminar

**Other:** PERC Grad Student Workshop, Bozeman, MT, June 2007

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

BEACoN Research Mentoring Grant, Cal Poly, AY 2019-2020  
Orfalea College of Business (OCOB) Summer Research Grant, Summer 2019  
Orfalea College of Business (OCOB) Summer Research Grant, Summer 2018  
Orfalea College of Business (OCOB) Summer Research Grant, Summer 2017  
Orfalea College of Business (OCOB) Summer Research Grant, Summer 2016  
OCOB Summer Visiting Scholar Grant (on behalf of a coauthor), Summer 2016  
Distinguished Service to Students Award from Cal Poly Provost, Spring 2016  
Experimental Research Grant (UCSB Graduate Division), Fall 2013 & Spring 2015  
Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant (UCSB Graduate Division), 2013  
Travel Grant (UCSB Graduate Division), 2013  
Broom Center for Demography Graduate Fellow (UCSB), 2012- 2015  
Walter Mead Graduate Fellowship (UCSB), 2009-2010  
President's Fellowship (Montana State University), 2007-2008  
Faculty Merit Scholarship (Linfield College), 2001-2005

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Referee Service:** *American Journal of Health Economics, BMJ Global Health, Demography, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Education Finance and Policy, Empirical Economics, Health Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of International Development, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, National Science Foundation (grant reviewer), Population Research and Policy Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Review of Economics and Statistics*

#### **Organized Conference Sessions:**

CSWEP Session Organizer/Chair, Gender and Family Session, Western Economic Association Annual Conference (San Diego), June 2017

Topics in Education Session, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (New Orleans), November 2015

#### **Discussant Service:**

Labour Econometrics Workshop (University of Melbourne and Monash University), August 2021  
Hawaii Applied Micro One-Day Conference (UH Manoa), December 2019  
Hawaii Applied Micro One-Day Conference (UH Manoa), December 2018  
Western Economic Association Annual Conference (San Diego), June 2017  
Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (Claremont McKenna), April 2016  
Western Economic Association Annual Conference (Portland), June 2016  
Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (New Orleans), November 2015  
WEAI's Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop (Denver), June 2014  
Western Economic Association Annual Conference (Seattle), June 2013

**Media Interviews & Mentions:** New York Times The Upshot, CBS News, Chalkbeat, The Chronicle of Higher Education, MarketWatch, Houston Chronicle

**Other:**

Metafore Inc, Analyst for the Paper Working Group, an Environmental NGO (Portland, OR), 2006-2007

AmeriCorps Partnership for Student Achievement, High School Math Teacher (Portland, OR), 2005-2006

Mercer, Actuary Analyst Intern (Seattle, WA), 2004

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Instructor:**

Public Economics - Monash University

Introduction to Econometric Theory - UCSB and Cal Poly

Graduate Labor Economics - Cal Poly

Senior Project - Cal Poly

Introductory Microeconomics - Cal Poly

Principles of Economics - Cal Poly

**Teaching Assistant (UCSB):**

Introduction to Econometric Theory

Intermediate Microeconomics

Principles of Economics

Financial Management

UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE

Monash Department of Economics Applied Micro Seminar Series Coordinator, 2021-present

Women in Economics Mentoring Program (co-advisor & founder), 2016-2021

Economics Curriculum Committee, 2015-2021

Cal Poly Economics Department Graduate Program Committee, 2018-2019

Cal Poly Economics Seminar Series Coordinator, 2017-2019

PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS

Society of Labor Economists, 2016-Present

American Economic Association, 2014-Present

Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, 2014-Present