

# STEPHANIE OWEN

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Colby College

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

2021-present

## EDUCATION

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### University of Michigan

Ph.D in Economics and Public Policy

2021

M.A. in Economics

2018

### Vassar College

B.A. in Economics and French with a minor in Mathematics

2011

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economics of education, labor economics, public policy

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Dynarski, S., Libassi, C., Micheltmore, K., and **Owen, S.** (2021). Closing the Gap: The Effect of Reducing Complexity and Uncertainty in College Pricing on the Choices of Low-Income Students. *American Economic Review* 111(6), 1721-56.

## WORKING PAPERS

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College Field Specialization and Beliefs about Relative Performance: An Experimental Intervention to Understand Gender Gaps in STEM (*job market paper; currently under review*)

Ahead of the Curve: Grade Signals, Gender, and College Major Choice

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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The Effect of AP Courses and Exams on Educational Outcomes

What's the Power of Certainty? Experimental Evidence on the Effective Design of Free Tuition Policies (with Elizabeth Burland, Susan Dynarski, Katherine Micheltmore, and Shwetha Raghuraman)

Examining Undergraduate Grading Policies and Student Behavior (with Brian Jacob, Steve Lonn, Kevin Stange, and Basit Zafar)

Text Message Intervention for Student Engagement (with Elizabeth Burland)

## PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH POSITIONS

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| Research Assistant, Education Policy Initiative, University of Michigan | 2016-2021 |
| Research Associate II, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC              | 2013-2015 |
| Research Assistant, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC           | 2011-2013 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Colby College** (as Instructor of Record)  
EC133: Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2021

**University of Michigan** (as Graduate Student Instructor):  
Econ 101: Principles of Economics I, Fall 2018  
Econ 395: Economics of Crime, Winter 2019

**Vassar College** (as Academic Intern):  
Econ 201: Microeconomic Theory, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011

## SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Dissertation Award, *awarded 2021*

Pre-doctoral fellow, Training Program in Causal Inference in Education Policy Research, Institute for Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, *awarded 2016*

Emilie Louise Wells Fellowship, Vassar College, *awarded 2015*

Virginia Swinburne Brownell Prize for Excellence in Political Economy, Vassar College, *awarded 2011*

Jim Peifer Prize for Excellence in Mathematics, *awarded 2005*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2021: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Northeast Economics of Education Workshop

2020: Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), University of Michigan Human Capital, History, Demography, and Development (H2D2) Research Day

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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**Referee**  
*Journal of Human Resources; Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*

**University of Michigan Service**  
Student coordinator, University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (CIERS), 2019-20

Graduate student representative, University of Michigan Foundational Course Initiative Collaborative Course Design team for Econ 101, 2019

Admissions committee for University of Michigan joint PhD program in Economics and Public Policy, 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years

**Member**

American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Omicron Delta Epsilon

**Other Professional Affiliations**

Invited researcher, J-PAL North America's Social Policy Research Initiative