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Education

Ph.D in Economics and Public Policy, University of Michigan *Expected May 2021*

M.A. in Economics, University of Michigan *2018*

B.A. in Economics and French with a minor in Mathematics, Vassar College *2011*
General honors; departmental honors in Economics and French; Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Epsilon (International Economics Honor Society)

Research Interests

Economics of education, labor economics, public policy

Dissertation

- “College Field Specialization and Beliefs about Relative Performance: An Experimental Intervention to Understand Gender Gaps in STEM” (*job market paper*)
- “Ahead of the Curve: Grade Signals, Gender, and College Major Choice”
- “The Effect of AP Courses and Exams on Educational Outcomes”

Working Papers

- “Closing the Gap: The Effect of a Targeted, Tuition-Free Promise on College Choices of High-Achieving, Low-Income Students” (with Susan Dynarski, CJ Libassi, and Katherine Micheltore), 2018 ([NBER Working Paper 25349](#); *conditionally accepted, American Economic Review*)
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Teaching Experience

University of Michigan:

- Econ 101: Principles of Economics I (undergraduate), Fall 2018
Graduate student instructor for Dr. Mitchell Dudley
- Econ 395: Economics of Crime (undergraduate), Winter 2019
Graduate student instructor for Prof. Sara Heller

Vassar College:

- Econ 201: Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate), Fall 2010 and Spring 2011
Academic intern for Prof. Geoffrey Jehle

Professional and Research Experience

2016 - Present: Research Assistant for Prof. Susan Dynarski, Educational Policy Initiative, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

2013-2015: Research Associate II, Income and Benefits Policy Center, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC

2011-2013: Research Assistant, Center on Children and Families, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

2010: Research Intern to Dr. Nicholas Eberstadt, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC

2010: Research Assistant to Profs. Shirley Johnson-Lans and Patricia Jones, Ford Scholars Program, Vassar College

Awards and Fellowships

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*

Academic Presentations

2020: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Annual Conference; University of Michigan Human Capital, History, Demography, and Development (H2D2) Research Day; University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (CIERS); University of Michigan Summer Seminar; University of Michigan Labor Seminar

2019: University of Michigan Labor Lunch; University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (CIERS); University of Michigan Summer Seminar

2018: University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (CIERS); University of Michigan Summer Seminar

2017: University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (CIERS)

Academic Service

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

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

Professional Skills

Computer skills: Stata (advanced); R (proficient); Matlab (basic)

Languages: English (native); French (proficient)

Citizenship

US citizen

References

Please send requests for letters of reference to econ-phdplacements@umich.edu

Sue Dynarski (*chair*)
Ford School of Public Policy
University of Michigan

Sara Heller
Department of Economics
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Kevin Stange
Ford School of Public Policy
University of Michigan

Charlie Brown
Department of Economics
University of Michigan

Mitchell Dudley (*teaching reference*)
Department of Economics
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