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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Colby College

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

2021-present

EDUCATION

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

Economics of education, labor economics, public policy

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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

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

- *Conditionally accepted, American Economic Review: Insights*

College Field Specialization and Beliefs about Relative Performance: An Experimental Intervention to Understand Gender Gaps in STEM

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Effect of AP Courses and Exams on Educational Outcomes

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

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH POSITIONS

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

Colby College (as Instructor of Record):

EC133: Principles of Microeconomics (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

EC334: Economics of Education (Spring 2022)

EC476: Access, Affordability, and Equity in Higher Education (senior seminar) (Spring 2022)

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, Spring 2011)

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

2022: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), The Economics and Econometrics of Education Markets Conference; Liberal Arts College Labor and Public Conference

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

Referee

American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Economics of Education Review; Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis; Contemporary Economic Policy; Research in Higher Education

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; Phi Beta Kappa

Other Professional Affiliations

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