

## **M. ALLOUSH**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Hamilton College**

*Assistant Professor of Economics*, July 2019 – Present

#### **The World Bank**

*Impact Evaluation Specialist - Consultant*, November 2016 – Present

*Junior Professional Associate*, October 2010 – July 2012

*Consultant*, December 2009 – October 2010

### **DOCTORAL STUDIES**

#### **University of California, Davis**

Ph.D. in Applied Economics (June, 2019)

Dissertation Title: *Poverty Dynamics and Mental Health*

Committee: Michael Carter (Chair), Dalia Ghanem, Travis Lybbert, & Ashish Shenoy

#### **Research Fields**

Primary: Development Economics, Behavioral Economics, & Applied Econometrics

Secondary: Urban, Labor, and Health Economics

### **UNDERGRADUATE & MASTERS EDUCATION**

#### **American University of Beirut**, Beirut, Lebanon

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Minor in Political Science)*, with distinction, June 2008

#### **Georgetown University**, Washington, DC

*Master of Public Policy*, May 2010

### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Economic Life in Refugee Camps (2017). *World Development*, 95(6), 334-347.

(with J. E. Taylor, I. Rojas, A. Gupta, and E. Gonzalez)

The Economic Impact of Refugees (2016). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 113(27), 7449-7453.

(with J.E. Taylor, M. Filipski, A. Gupta, I. Rojas, E. Gonzalez)

Informality and Exclusion: Evidence from Matched Employer-Employee data for Lebanon and Syria (2013). *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 2(1), 1-18.

(with R. Gatti, J. Silva, and C. Chartouni)

### **WORKING PAPERS**

Income, Psychological Well-being, and the Dynamics of Poverty (*under review*)

Economic Well-being and Happiness

Personality Traits and Economic Shocks among the Ultra-poor  
*with Sikhar Mehra & Yaniv Stopnitzky*

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Neighborhood Violence, Happiness, and Psychological Well-being  
*with Jeff Bloem*

Resilience and Psychological Well-being

Resilience Measurement  
*with Michael Carter*

Dynamics of Unemployment, Depression, and Suicide in Metro-areas around the World: A  
Panel Analysis Using Google Trends Data

Impact Evaluation of the South Africa Land Restitution Program  
*with Michael Carter & Malcolm Keswell*

Impact Evaluation of the Poverty Graduation Program in Lebanon  
*(Principal Investigator) with Rene Solano & Jumana Alaref (World Bank)*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Hamilton College:

*Urban Economics, Poverty and Inequality, Economic Theory and Evidence*

Associate Instructor at the University of California, Davis:

*Economic Development (Undergraduate)*

Teaching Assistant at the University of California, Davis:

*Econometric Foundations (Ph.D.), Economic Development (Undergraduate), Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate)*

Teaching Assistant at Georgetown University:

*Advanced Regression and Program Evaluation Methods (Masters), Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Masters)*

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Academic (Including Scheduled)**

- 2019 LACDev, Sustainable Development Workshop (Monash University, Italy), Psychology and Economics of Poverty Workshop (CEGA), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- 2018 North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), North American Meeting of the Econometrics Society, Pacific Development Conference (PacDev), University of San Francisco, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MIEDC), American University of Beirut
- 2017 South Africa Labor & Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town
- 2016 Temporary Migration Cluster (UC-Davis)
- 2015 Agricultural and Resource Economics (UC-Davis)
- 2011 Southern Economic Conference

### **Outreach**

- 2018 Socioeconomic Status & Mental Health (University of California Mental Health Week)

## **REFeree SERVICE**

National Bureau of Economic Research (book chapter), American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Essential of Development Economics (Textbook by Taylor & Lybbert)

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2017 \$200,000 Grant: UK-DFID for Building Evidence on Protracted Forced Displacement (World Bank assisted impact evaluation: Lebanon Poverty Graduation Program)
- 2013 Provost Fellowship \$25,000 Stipend (UC-Davis)
- 2008 Master of Public Policy Scholarship (Georgetown University)