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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

Professional Associate & Consultant, December 2009 – July 2012

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis, *Ph.D.* (June 2019)

Dissertation Title: Poverty Dynamics and Mental Health

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

Research & Teaching Fields in Economics: Development, Behavioral, Applied Econometrics, Urban, Labor, and Health

Georgetown University, *Master of Public Policy* (May 2010)

American University of Beirut, *BA in Economics* with distinction (June 2008)

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. Filipinski, 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*)

Income Improves Subjective Well-being: Evidence from an Old Age Pension (*under review*)
with Stephen Wu

Neighborhood Violence, Poverty, and Psychological Well-being (*under review*)
with Jeffrey Bloem

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

Psychological Resilience and Economic Outcomes

WORK IN PROGRESS

Empirical Tests of Poverty Traps

with Michael Carter

Predictors of Life Satisfaction in South Africa: Income, Health, Neighborhoods, and Social Networks

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

Impact Evaluation of the Poverty Graduation Program in Lebanon

(Principal Investigator) with Rene Solano & Jumana Alaref (World Bank)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hamilton College

Introduction to Econometrics, 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)*

2020 Economics of Mental Health Workshop, Liberal Arts Development Group

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)

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)

REFEREE SERVICE

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