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Education

American University, *Ph.D. in Economics*, Washington D.C. **2026 (expected)**
Merit Graduate Fellowship Recipient (Full scholarship for 4 years); GPA: 3.64/4.0
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, *M.S. in Economics and Business Administration* **2017**
University of California, Los Angeles, *B.A. in Economics, Minor in Arabic* **2016**
GPA: 3.4/4.0; LSC board member; graduated in 3 years total

Professional Experience

World Bank, *Consultant*, Washington D.C. **2022–2023; 2025–present**

- Design research and analyze datasets on impact of AI on health, education and labor markets for World Development Report 2026 (the World Bank's annual flagship report)
- Executed data collection and econometric analysis on health budget allocations, increased database from 25 to 110 countries in first of its kind dataset
- Managed data collection activities on health and labor market measures to create experimental datasets for causal analysis, publish reports, and present evidence-based recommendations to stakeholders

World Bank, *Consultant*, Beirut, Lebanon **2020–2022**

- Managed data collection and econometric analysis of economic vulnerability, health and employment outcomes
- Led a team of 30 enumerators, designed survey instruments, sampling framework, and quality control of data

Siren Associates, *Data Management Officer*, Beirut, Lebanon **2020**

- Led the identification and design of quantitative data collection activities in the security sector
- Supervised 20+ enumerators (training and debriefing) for data collection
- Provided rigorous statistical analysis of data for causal analysis and recommendations based on results

Centre for Lebanese Studies, *Researcher*, Beirut, Lebanon **Aug 2019–Dec 2019**

- Conducted quantitative analysis of refugee education projects in Lebanon in 40+ public schools
- Modified survey instruments and engaged stakeholders (ministries, schools, NGOs) for research execution

Department of Development Economics, *Research Associate*, Freetown, Sierra Leone **Feb 2019–June 2019**

- Led impact evaluation for electrification project in 100+ rural sites, designed surveys for causal analysis
- Coordinated field data collection with UNOPS and the Ministry of Energy, trained and led 55+ enumerators

Guinness Atkinson Asset Management, *Analyst*, Los Angeles, CA **Feb 2018–Feb 2019**

- Researched macroeconomic policies that may affect the market for our portfolio of mutual funds
- Conducted presentations for clients and traveled to offices (New York, London, Miami, and others)

Academic Experience

Catholic University of America, *Adjunct Professor* **Fall 2023–present**

- Designed and delivered courses like Intermediate Macroeconomics, lectured students, created material

American University, *Teaching and Research Assistant* **Spring 2021–present**

- Published a coauthored paper, taught STATA labs for 20 master's students in applied micro/macro economics

Publications

- “Impact of political risk on emerging market risk premiums and risk adjusted returns,” **Research in International Business and Finance**, Elsevier, vol. 73(PA), with Ralph Sonenshine
- “Refugee Immigration and Natives’ Fertility,” **CEPR Discussion Paper** with Cevat Giray Aksoy and Berkay Ozcan

Other

- **Technical:** STATA, SPSS, Mathematica, ODK, KoBo Toolbox, Excel, Word, PowerPoint (Advanced)
- **Languages:** English, Arabic (Native); Spanish (Advanced)
- **Conferences:** PAA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (Presenter, 30% acceptance); AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco 2025 (Presenter, 7-17% acceptance); CEMIR Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research 2024 (Presenter, 20% acceptance); Washington Area Development Economics Symposium (Presenter); Southern Economic Association, 93rd Annual Meeting (Presenter)
- **Fellowships:** J-PAL MENA Scholars Fellowship (2 years, funded, 6 positions available); Graduate Fellowship Recipient (4 years, funded, reserved for top 5 students in each cohort)