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Academic Appointments

Provost's Distinguished Faculty Fellow, Georgetown University 2024 - 2025
Assistant Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University 2024 -

Education

PhD in Public Policy (Economics Track), Harvard University 2024
BA in Economics, Middle Eastern Studies, Wellesley College 2014

Working Papers

"Stigma and Social Cover: A Mental Health Care Experiment in Refugee Networks" *Winner of Weiss/NEUDC Distinguished Paper Award, 2023*

"Housing Subsidies and Well-being: Forecasts and Experimental Evidence from Syrian Refugees in Jordan", with Samuel Leone, Edward Miguel, Sandra Rozo, Sarah Stillman, Bailey Palmer and Abdulrazzak Tamim

"Mental Health Among Syrian Refugees: Evidence from Jordan"

Published and Forthcoming Research

"[The Syrian Refugee Life Study: First Glance](#)", with Edward Miguel, Bailey Palmer, Sandra Rozo, Sarah Stillman and Abdulrazzak Tamim (2022). *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*. 38(3): 625-653.

"Comparing the Economic Well-being of Host Communities and Refugees in Jordan During the COVID-19 Pandemic", with Laura Rodriguez-Takeuchi. *Forthcoming World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*.

Selected Work in Progress

"Alleviating Behavioral Constraints to Digital Employment: Experimental Evidence from Refugees and Potential Migrants", with Layane Alhorr and Alice Danon.

"Gendered health and economic impacts of household water scarcity", with Lydia Assouad and Giulia Buccione.

"Refugee labor response to conflict fluctuations"

Presentations

2023 Pacific Conference for Economic Development, Harvard Economics, Harvard Social Policy, NEUDC, HEWG.

2022 Oxford Blavatnik School, MIT ReACT Migration Summit, World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center, Harvard Economics.

2021 Harvard Economics.

2020 The World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center, Harvard Economics, The Carnegie Endowment.

2019 The World Bank and Center for Effective Global Action, Harvard Economics.

Research Grants

International Growth Center – \$127,000 with Lydia Assouad and Giulia Buccione	2024
J-PAL Education for All Initiative – \$24,650 with Lydia Assouad and Giulia Buccione	2024
The World Bank Innovation Challenge on Jobs and Migration – \$279,090 with Layane Alhorr and Lorraine Charles	2023
STIERD Hub, London School of Economics – \$6,000 with Lydia Assouad and Giulia Buccione	2023
Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences Research Grant – \$5,200	2022,2023
Institute for Humane Studies Research Grant – \$5,000	2023
Weatherhead Institute for International Affairs Research Grant – \$3,500	2022
SurveyCTO Data Collection Research Grant – \$1,000	2021
Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics Research Grant – \$47,824	2021
Innovations for Poverty Action Peace and Recovery Fund – \$185,674 with Edward Miguel and Sandra Rozo.	2020
Innovations for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Exploratory Grant – \$10,000	2020
Innovations for Poverty Action Peace and Recovery Fund – \$353,553 with Edward Miguel and Samuel Leone.	2018

Teaching

“Economic Development: Theory and Evidence”, Harvard Kennedy School, Professors Dani Rodrik and Eliana Carranza	2021
“EPoD Executive Education Program on Policy Design”, Harvard Kennedy School	2021
“Introduction to Econometrics”, Undergraduate, New York University, Abu Dhabi	2015

Languages

English (native), Arabic (intermediate) and Spanish (basic)

Affiliations

- Center for International Development
- Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences
- Harvard Graduate Women in Economics
- Harvard Economics Diversity and Inclusion Group
- The Madeleine Korbelt Albright Institute of Global Affairs at Wellesley College
- National Security Education Program Boren Scholar
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship