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Academic Positions & Affiliations

2024 - Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University.
2021 - Affiliate, Global Migration Center, UC Davis.

Education

2024 Ph.D. Economics, University of California Davis.
2018 M.A. Economics, American University of Beirut.
2016 B.A. Economics, American University of Beirut.

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Migration

Publications

1. "Impact of Police Shootings on Gun Violence and Civilian Cooperation." *Journal of Public Economics*, 237, 2024 (with Maya Mikdash)
2. "Changes in International Immigration and Internal Native Mobility after COVID-19 in the USA." *Journal of Population Economics*, 2023 (with Giovanni Peri)
3. "Does (All) Police Violence Cause De-Policing? Evidence from George Floyd and Police Shootings in Minneapolis." *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 2022, 112: 170-73 (with Maya Mikdash)

Working Papers

1. "Violence in Mexico, Return Intentions, and the Integration of Mexican Migrants in the US."
2. "Co-national Networks and the Use of Childcare among Refugees in Denmark." (with Teresa Freitas Monteiro)
3. "Policy Impacts under Uncertainty: Evidence from DACA."

Policy Briefs

1. "Migration of Central American Minors to the United States." *EconoFact*, June 6, 2023 (with Giovanni Peri).
2. "Labor Shortages and the Immigration Shortfall." *EconoFact*, January 11, 2022 (with Giovanni Peri).
Featured on: The Economist (Jan 2022; July 2022; June 2024); CNN Global Public Square; CNN Business; Forbes; Bloomberg; Washington Post; Financial Times; MarketWatch.
3. "Citizenship for Undocumented Immigrants Would Boost U.S. Economic Growth." *Center for American Progress*, June 14, 2021 (with Giovanni Peri).
Featured on: LA Times; The Hill; Texas PR; UC Davis Office of Research.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2023 Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship, UC Davis.
- 2023 Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies.
- 2023 Research Expense Support, Institute for Humane Studies.
- 2022 Emerging Scholar Award, UC Center Sacramento.
- 2018 Samir Makdisi Award in Economics (Best Master's Thesis), AUB.

Other: GSA Travel Award, UC Davis (2023); Economics Department Research and Travel Award, UC Davis (2022 & 2023); Teaching Assistantship, UC Davis (2018-2023); Economics Department Fellowship, UC Davis (2019); Graduate Research Assistantship, AUB (2017-2018); Graduate Assistantship, AUB (2016-2017).

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations

2025-2026 Academic Year

Southern Economic Association Meeting; APPAM; University of South Florida*.
(* denotes scheduled)

2024-2025 Academic Year

ASSA Annual Conference; APPAM; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; HUMANS Lacea; Vanderbilt University; Migration Workshop Rockwool Foundation- Copenhagen; UC Davis Alumni Conference.

2023-2024 Academic Year

SEA Annual Meeting; APPAM; UCMX Seminar Series (GMC, UC Davis); Vanderbilt University; San Diego State University; Florida State University; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference.

2022-2023 Academic Year

Boston Fed 66th Economic Conference; Summer School on the "Economics of Migration" (GMC & UC Alianza MX); Western Economic Association International; Copenhagen Immigration Symposium; Empirical Studies of Conflict Latin America Conference; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference; Economics of Migration Junior Seminar (presenter and discussant) x2; UC Center Sacramento; UCLA Civil Rights Project Roundtable (invited discussant).

2021-2022 Academic Year

SEA Annual Meeting; ASSA Annual Conference; 11th Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries; Global Migration Center (UC Davis); Joint Webinar by Center for Poverty and Inequality Research & Global Migration Center (UC Davis).

Relevant Experience

- June 2023, 2025 Visiting Scholar with Professor Mette Foged, University of Copenhagen.
(funded by a Rockwool Foundation research grant)
- 2023 - 2024 Graduate Student Coordinator, Global Migration Center, UC Davis.
- 2021-2023 Graduate Student Researcher with Professor Giovanni Peri, UC Davis.
- Summer 2020 Graduate Student Researcher with Professor Katherine Eriksson, UC Davis.

Teaching

- Fall 2024, 2025 Economics of Migration, Vanderbilt University.
- Spring 2025, 2026 Seminar in Research on Development: Micro Applications, Vanderbilt University.
- Summer 2022 Economics of International Migrations, UC Davis.
- 2018-2023 Teaching Assistant, UC Davis: Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Economic History of US, Economic Development, Intermediate Microeconomics, Public Finance (Taxation), Intermediate Macroeconomics, Economics of Migration, Undergraduate Honor Thesis Class.

Department and Professional Service

- PhD Advising: J. Stroud Payne (PhD Economics), Current Committee Member.
Emmaline Keesee (PhD Health Policy), Current Committee Member.
- Referee: Economic Inquiry; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Labor Research; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics.
- 2024-2026 Undergraduate Major Advising (32 students), Vanderbilt University.
- 2024-2025 Recruiting Committee (Assistant Professor), Vanderbilt University.
- 2020-2023 Graduate Student Mentor, Economics Department, UC Davis.
- 2021-2022 Co-organizer of the Applied Micro Graduate Student Seminars, UC Davis.
- 2020-2022 Vice President and Social Secretary, Economics Graduate Student Association, UCD.

Other

Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent).

Skills: Stata, SAS, Unix, \LaTeX .

References

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