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Academic Positions:

2021- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University
2022- Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Applied Microeconomics
2016–2022 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut
Fall 2018–2019 Visiting Scholar, IRLE, University of California Berkeley

Affiliations:

2019- Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
2013-2016 Graduate Associate, Broom Center for Demography, UC Santa Barbara

Research Interests: Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education

Education:

2016	Ph.D.	Economics	University of California, Santa Barbara
2012	M.A.	Economics	University of California, Santa Barbara
2011	M.A.	Economics	American University of Beirut
2008	B.A.	Economics	Université Saint-Joseph

Publications:

Is Parental Leave Costly for Firms and Coworkers?, with Anne Brenøe, Nikolaj Harmon and Heather Royer. *Accepted, Journal of Labor Economics*

The Impact of Advisor Gender on Female Students' STEM Enrollment and Persistence, with Pierre Mouganie. *Journal of Human Resources* 58 (2) 593-632, March 2023.

Advisor Value-Added and Student Outcomes: Evidence from Randomly Assigned College Advisors, with Antoine Deeb and Pierre Mouganie. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 14 (4): 151-191, November 2022.

Parental Leave, Household Specialization and Children's Well-Being. *Labour Economics* 75: 102127, April 2022.

Does Advisor Gender Affect Women's Persistence in Economics?, with Pierre Mouganie *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 111: 112-116. May, 2021.

The Long-Run Effects of Reducing Early School Tracking. *Journal of Public Economics* 187:104206, July 2020.

Returns to Education Quality for Low-Skilled Students: Evidence from a Discontinuity, with Pierre Mouganie. *Journal of Labor Economics* 36 (2): 395-436, April 2018.

Working Papers:

Keep Me In, Coach: The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Targeted Academic Coaching, with Stefanie Fischer, Pierre Mouganie and Geoffrey Schnorr

Does Religious Diversity Improve Trust and Performance? Evidence from Lebanon, with Antoine Deeb and Pierre Mouganie

The Long-Run Educational Benefits of High-Achieving Classrooms, with Pierre Mouganie and Peng Zhang

Selected Work in Progress:

The Impact of Delaying Early School Tracking on Women's Fertility and Marriage

Grants:

2022	“Identifying opportunities to improve the lived experience and health of working women in the MENA: from COVID to recovery”. IDRC Women RISE Grant. Co-PI. \$107,180.
2022	“Intergroup Contact and National Integration in Divided Society”. SSHRC Insight Development Grant. Co-Investigator. \$67,371.
2018	Center for Teaching and Learning SOTL Grant (AUB), with Pierre Mouganie
2017	University Research Board Faculty Grant (AUB), with Pierre Mouganie
2017	Short Term Faculty Development Grant (AUB)

Awards:

2022	Upjohn Institute 2022 Early Career Research Awards (ECRA)
2014-2015	Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara
2012-2013	Research Fellow, University of California Center for Energy and Environmental Economics (UCE ³)
2012	Distinction in Macroeconomics Preliminary Examination
2011	Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Center for Research on the Economies of the Mediterranean, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
2010-2011	Graduate Assistant, American University of Beirut

Conferences and Seminars:

2023	Dalhousie University
2022	CESifo Venice Summer Institute Economics of Education and Equality of Opportunity; 21st IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists; 7th IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education; University of Johannesburg
2021	University of Essex; Federal Reserve Board; New York University Abu Dhabi; Nova School of Business; Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics; Stockholm University SOFI; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Simon Fraser University; Mississippi State University; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev); American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meetings
2020	SOLE Annual Meetings; CESifo EFFE Conference on Econometric Evaluation of School Reforms (canceled); CESifo Venice Summer Institute Economics of Education and Equality of Opportunity (canceled); EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference
2019	ZEW Workshop on the Economics of Higher Education; Koç University; SOLE Annual Meetings
2018	UC Berkeley Labor Lunch; UC Berkeley IRLE Workshop; UC Davis; UC Santa Barbara Labor Lunch; USC CESR Brown Bag; NBER Summer Institute Children (co-author presented); 3rd Meeting of the Lebanese Econometric Study Group
2017	Population Association of America Meetings; SOLE Annual Meetings; 2nd IZA Junior/Senior Symposium; 1st IZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics; 2nd Meeting of the Lebanese Econometric Study Group
2016	SOLE Annual Meetings; WEAI Graduate Student Workshop; European Economic Association Annual Congress; Trans-Pacific Labor Seminar; Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference
2015	18th IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics; UC Santa Barbara Labor Lunch

Teaching:

Simon Fraser University:

Econ 835– Econometrics (Fall 2022)

Econ 280– Introduction to Labor Economics (Spring 2023)

American University of Beirut:

Elementary Microeconomic Theory, Applied Econometrics

UC Santa Barbara:

Teaching Assistant– Principles of Macroeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics, Natural Resource Economics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Statistics with Economics and Business Applications

Professional Service:

Referee for: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Labour Economics, Demography, European Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Economics of Education Review, Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Labor Research, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Economics Bulletin, World Development, Journal of Population Economics, American Economic Review: Insights

University Service:

Simon Fraser University:

Fall 2022

Member of economics department hiring committee

2021-2022

Brown Bag Seminars co-organizer

American University of Beirut:

2020

Member of the AI, Computational & Data Sciences Task Force

2017–2018

Freshman academic advisor

2017–

Economics department library Liaison

2016–2017

Economics department hiring committee

Other:

Reviewer for AUB’s Center for Teaching and Learning annual conference (×2)

Computer Skills: STATA, MATLAB, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office

Languages : English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Arabic (Native)