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Academic Positions:

September, 2018– Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment,
University of California, Berkeley
August, 2016– Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut

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

Research Interests: Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Family Economics

Publication:

“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:

“Parental Leave, Household Specialization and Children’s Well-Being”
“The Long Run Effects of Reducing Early School Tracking”
“Is Parental Leave Costly for Firms and Coworkers?”, with Anne A. Brenøe, Nikolaj A.
Harmon and Heather Royer.

Work in Progress:

“Academic Advising, STEM Enrollment and College Completion”, with Pierre Mouganie.
“The Neighborhood Effects of Parental Leave”, with Pierre Mouganie.

Honors, Awards and Affiliations:

2018	Center for Teaching and Learning SOTL grant, with Pierre Mouganie
2017	University Research Board Faculty Grant (AUB), with Pierre Mouganie
2015	Economics Department Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara
2014-2015	Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara
2014-2016	Member, Human Capital Research Group, University of California, Santa Barbara
2013-2016	Graduate Associate, Broom Center for Demography
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

Presentations and Conferences:

2018	NBER Summer Institute
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	NBER Summer Institute (attended); IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics; University of California, Santa Barbara Labor Lunch

Research Experience:

2014	Research Assistant to Prof. Heather Royer (Winter)
2013	Research Assistant to Profs. Olivier Deschênes (Spring), Paulina Oliva (Winter) and Gary Libecap (Fall)
2012	Research Assistant to Prof. Ted Bergstrom

Teaching Experience:

2016-2018	Elementary Microeconomic Theory, Applied Econometrics
2015	Instructor (AUB)- Elementary Microeconomic Theory (Summer)
2014	Teaching Assistant- Principles of Macroeconomics (Summer), Introduction to Econometrics (Spring), Natural Resource Economics (Spring), Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Winter), Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (Fall)
2012	Teaching Assistant- Principles of Macroeconomics (Winter and Spring)
2011	Teaching Assistant- Statistics with Economics and Business Applications (Fall)

Referee:

Demography, European Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review

Computer Skills:

STATA, MATLAB, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office

Languages :

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

References:

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