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# Academic Positions:

2021 -	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University (SFU)
2015 -	(on Leave) Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut

#### Affiliations & Other Positions:

2020 - Present	Editorial Board Member, Economics of Education Review
2019 - Present	Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
2019 - Present	Contributor, Annenberg EdWorking Papers Series

#### Education:

2011 - 2015	Ph.D.	Economics	Texas A&M University, College Station (TAMU)
2009-2011	M.A.	Economics	American University of Beirut (AUB)
2005-2008	B.B.A.	Finance	American University of Beirut (AUB)

#### **Research Interests:**

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Public Economics

#### **Publications:**

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

Peer Quality and the Academic Benefits to Attending Better Schools, with Mark Hoekstra and Yaojing Wang. *Journal of Labor Economics* 2018 36(4): 841-884.

High Performing Peers and Female STEM Choices in School, with Yaojing Wang *Journal of Labor Economics* 2020 38(3): 805-841.

Conscription and The Returns to Education: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity. *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics* 2020 122(3): 1112-1139.

The Impact of Advisor Gender on Female Students' STEM Enrollment and Persistence, with Serena Canaan. *Forthcoming. Journal of Human Resources* 

Does Advisor Gender Affect Women's Persistence in Economics? with Serena Canaan. American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings 2021 111: 112-16.

Advisor Value-Added and Student Outcomes: Evidence from Randomly Assigned College Advisors, with Serena Canaan and Antoine Deeb. Forthcoming, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy

#### Working Papers:

The Adverse Effects of Open Air Waste Burning on Infants' Birth Outcomes, with Ruba Ajeeb and Mark Hoekstra. *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources* 

The Impact of Religious Diversity on Students' Academic and Behavioral Outcomes, with Serena Canaan and Antoine Deeb.

Keep Me in, Coach: Can Academic Coaching Improve Marginal Students' Outcomes?, with Serena Canaan and Stefanie Fischer.

The Long Run Educational Impacts of High-Achieving Classrooms, with Serena Canaan and Peng Zhang.

#### Grants and Awards:

2021	Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award Grant
2018	Center for Teaching and Learning SOTL Grant (AUB), with Serena Canaan
2017	University Research Board Faculty Grant (AUB), with Serena Canaan
$2015,\!2016,\!2018$	Short Term Faculty Development Grant (AUB)
2014 - 2015	Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
	Department of Economics, Texas A&M University
2013	PERC Summer Fellowship, Texas A&M University
2013-2014	Khalil and Amal Ghattas Scholarship, Texas A&M University
2012	Korean Economics Alumni Merit Scholarship, Texas A&M University
2011	Samir Makdissi award for best Masters thesis in Economics, American University of Beirut
2009-2011	Graduate Assistant, American University of Beirut

### **Conference and Seminar Presentations:**

2021	New York University-Abu Dhabi, Simon Fraser University	
	SOFI Institute-Stockholm University, Suffolk University University of Alabama	
	Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, University of Florida, University of Essex	
	EUI-Florence, SOLE 2021 Meetings	
2020	EALE/SOLE World Meetings	
2019	4th IZA Junior/Senior Symposium; Texas A&M PLIO Alumni conference;	
	SOLE Annual Meetings	
2018	3rd Lebanese Econometrics Group Meetings; UCSB Labor Lunch Seminar;	
	University of Texas-Austin, Brown Bag Seminar	
2017	2nd Lebanese Econometrics Group Meetings; Doha Institute for Graduate Studies Seminar;	
	SOLE Annual Meetings	
2016	1st IZA workshop on the Economics of Education	
	European Economics Association (EEA) Meetings	
	Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Meetings	
2015	European Economics Association (EEA) Meetings	
2014	Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference [Poster Session]	
	Applied Microeconomics Brown Bag Seminar, Texas A&M University	

# Teaching:

### American University of Beirut:

-Applied Econometrics (Fall 2018)

-Graduate Econometrics (Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018)

- -Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2020)
- -Introductory Microeconomics (Summer 2014)
- -Statistics for Economists (Summer 2014)

# **Professional Service:**

**Referee for:** American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, BE Journal of Economic Policy & Analysis, China Economic Review, Defence and Peace Economics, Economica, Economics of Education Review, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Education Economics, Empirical Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Southern Economic Journal.

University &	Departmental	Service:
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2015-2020	Organizer of the Economics Department Seminar Series	
2019-2021	Economics Department Assessment Committee	
2016-2017	Undergraduate Academic Advisor	
2015-2017	Writing Member of the Departmental Program Review Committee	
2016	Member of the Faculty of Arts and Science Research Committee	
2015, 2016, 2018	Economics Department Hiring Committee	
Other:		
Reviewer for AUB's Center for Teaching and Learning annual conference $(\times 2)$		

Computer Skills: STATA, MATLAB, LATEX, Microsoft Office

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

### **References:**

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