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Education

- D.Phil in International Development** **University of Oxford**
◦ *Rhodes Scholar (First from Lebanon), Focus: Labor Markets and Migration*
Jan 2019 – June 2021
Researcher at the Centre for the Study of African Economies
Organizer of the Development Economics workshops
- MSc in Economics for Development** **University of Oxford**
◦ *Rhodes Scholar, Overall Merit and Distinction on Dissertation*
Sep 2017 – June 2018
Basketball Player Oxford Blues team
- MA in Policy Economics** **Williams College**
◦ *Fulbright Scholar, GPA: 4.12*
Aug 2014–June 2015
Community Ambassador, United States Department of State
Top 1% and Chosen to return as the teaching assistant for the incoming class.
- BA in International Affairs** **Lebanese American University**
◦ *Full Merit Scholar, Highest GPA (4.00) in the School of Arts and Sciences*
Sep 2011–June 2014
Torch Award for Exceptional Leadership
Diplomacy Award at the Harvard World Model United Nations in Melbourne, Australia

Professional Experience

- St John's College, University of Oxford**
◦ *Junior Dean* *Feb 2019 - present*
 - Restructured the system of documenting event authorizations in college saving the time to retrieve information by 50%.
 - Works with Senior and Welfare Dean on collegial administration to support the college community (600+ students) and operates under pressure to respond to emergencies in an effective and timely manner.
 - Worked with my team to improve the access and quality of welfare support available to students.
- International Monetary Fund**
◦ *Fund Internship Program* *June. 2020 – Sep. 2020*
 - Analysis of the short term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on labor markets in Brazil and the impact of the Auxilio Emergencial cash transfer program on inequality and poverty.
 - Signaled out better implementation strategy for the government cash transfer programme to reduce costs by 50% and increase coverage by 30%.
 - Contributed to the IMF article IV staff report and to the analysis done by the Regional Studies Division.
 - Strongly recommended for the Economist Programme.
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)**
◦ *Consultant* *Sep. 2019 – May 2020*
 - Primary investigator leading the research on the impact of migration on local labor market dynamics and trade in Brazil. Research published by the IDB.
 - Created a novel instrumental variable strategy based on linguistic proximity to identify the causal impact of migration on trade.
- The Rhodes Trust, University of Oxford**
◦ *Co-Chair of the Executive Committee of the Inaugural SAID-Rhodes Forum* *Sep 2019 - Feb 2020*
 - Led a team of 6 doctoral students to deliver a conference 150 attendees and 30 speakers, featuring the regional director for the World Bank and the World Health Organization.
 - Led the strategy on creating and shaping the content, the vision guiding the invitation of speakers and the management of team dynamics.
 - Redirected the theme into focusing on the future outlook of the region and expanded the scope of the conference in terms of duration and attendees.
 - Secured 10,000 pounds funding from two donors which allowed the creation of TED-style talks with the intention to bring in young speakers from the region.
- Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI)** **Lebanon**
◦ *Consultant* *June 2017 – Sep 2017*

- Evaluated [UNICEF Child Protection Programme](#) for Vulnerable Children and Women in Lebanon and delivered the project in three months.
- Led the in-depth interviews and focused group discussions all across Lebanon in a short time limit.
- Signalled out music therapeutic initiatives as good practice to inform future plan

Economics Department, Williams College

○ *Teaching and Research Fellow*

June 2017 – Sep 2017

- Primary investigator for a co-authored research with Professor Peter Pedroni titled: [Nonlinearities in Financial Development; The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful](#) tackling the long term relationship of finance and development.
- Primary investigator responsible for creating an index to reflect macroeconomic fragility for emerging countries with Professor Peter Montiel.

United Nations Development Programme

○ *Assistant Project Manager*

Sep 2013 – Nov 2013

- Created and Implemented the pilot of a bigger project that aims to advance Lebanese women economically through selling handmade products. Managed product creation, design and marketing.

Specialized Skills and Languages

- **IT:** Advanced MS Office user. High Proficiency in statistical analysis packages: STATA; RATS; E-Views; SPSS; Matlab; NVIVO; Tableau.
- **Languages** Advanced English ; Native Arabic ; Conversational French
- **Training** Emergency First Aid (St John Ambulance) ; Inclusion and Diversity Briefing (Equality and Diversity Unit, University of Oxford)