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Research interests	Applied environmental and development microeconomics	
Employment	University of Victoria Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	Victoria, B.C., Canada 2022 – present
Education	University of Minnesota PhD in Applied Economics Dissertation title: <i>Three essays on forced displacement</i>	St. Paul, MN 2022
	University of Chicago MA in Public Policy MA in Middle Eastern Studies	Chicago, IL 2016 2015
	Williams College BA in Political Science	Williamstown, MA 2010
Publications	<p>Bousquet, Julie, Anna Gasten, Mark Marvin Kadigo, Jean-François Maystadt, & Colette Salemi (2025). Does perceived labor market competition increase prejudice between refugees and their local hosts? Evidence from Uganda and Ethiopia. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, 175.</p> <p>Bell, Chris, Ekaterina Rhodes, Zoe Long, & Colette Salemi (2025). Do economic trade-offs matter in climate policy support? Survey evidence from the United Kingdom and Australia. <i>Energy Policy</i>, 197.</p> <p>Johnson, Justin A., Uris Lantz Baldoz, Erwin Corong, Thomas Hertel, Stephen Polasky, Raffaello Cervigni, Toby Roxburgh, Giovanni Ruta, Colette Salemi, & Sumil Thakrar (2023). Investing in nature can improve equity and economic returns. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>, 120(27).</p> <p>Assaad, Ragui, Caroline Krafft, & Colette Salemi (2022). Socioeconomic Status and the Changing School- to-Work Transitions in Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia. <i>Industrial and Labor Relations Review</i>, 76(4).</p> <p>Johnson, Justin A. & Colette Salemi (2022). Agents on a Landscape: Simulating spatial and temporal interactions in economic and ecological systems. <i>Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution</i>, 524.</p> <p>Dampha, Nfamara, Colette Salemi, Wendy Rappeport, Stephen Polasky, & Amare Gebre Egziabher (2022). Climate Resilience Development in Rwanda: Evaluating Refugees and Host Populations' Vulnerability to Climate-Induced Risks. <i>Forced Migration Review</i> (69).</p>	

Salemi, Colette (2021). Refugee Camps and Deforestation in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Development Economics* 152.

Bloem, Jeffrey R., & **Salemi, Colette** (2021). COVID-19 and Conflict. *World Development* 140.

Pellicer, Miquel, Ragui Assaad, Caroline Krafft, & **Colette Salemi** (2020). Grievances or skills? The effect of education on youth attitudes and political participation in Egypt and Tunisia. *International Political Science Review*, 43(2)

Working papers

Fall, Cheikh, Amy Damon, & **Colette Salemi** (2025). Farmers' Responses to Desert Locust Swarms. *Under review at the Journal of Development Economics*

Anti, Sebastian & **Colette Salemi** (2022). Hungry Hosts? Refugee Camps and Host Community Child Nutrition in sub-Saharan Africa. *Under review at Food Policy*

Colette Salemi, Nfamara Dampha, & Justin A. Johnson (2024). Rohingya Refugee Camps and Land Cover Change in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Dampha, Nfamara, **Colette Salemi**, Stephen Polasky, Amare Gebre Egziabher, and Wendy Rapoport (2024). Refugees and Host Communities' Vulnerability to Climate and Disaster Risks in Rwanda. *Under review at Frontiers in Climate*

Anti, Sebastian, **Colette Salemi**, & Kaitlyn Wilson (2020). Introducing the African Refugee Dataset 1999-2016.

Rizk, Reham, & **Colette Salemi** (2020). Children of War: Conflict and Child Welfare in Iraq. ERF Working Paper Series, no. 1439.

Permanent working papers

Dampha, Nfamara, **Colette Salemi**, & Stephen Polasky (2022). Rohingya refugee camps and forest loss in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh: an inquiry using remote sensing and econometric approaches. World Bank Working Paper #9948.

Salemi, Colette, Jay Bowman, & Jennifer Compton (2018). Services for Syrian Refugee Children and Youth in Jordan: Forced Displacement, Foreign Aid, and Vulnerability. Economic Research Forum Working Paper Series, no. 1188.

Book chapters

Assaad, Ragui, Abdelaziz AlSharawy, & **Colette Salemi** (2021). Is the Egyptian Economy Creating Good Jobs? Job Creation and Economic Vulnerability from 1998 to 2018. In: *The Egyptian Labor Market: A Focus on Gender and Economic Vulnerability*. Oxford University Press.

Krafft, Caroline, Maia Sieverding, **Colette Salemi**, & Caitlyn Keo (2018). Syrian Refugees in Jordan: Demographics, Livelihoods, Education, and Health. In *The Jordanian Labor Market: Between Fragility and Resilience*. Oxford University Press.

Assaad, Ragui & **Colette Salemi** (2018). The Structure and Evolution of Employment from 2010 to 2016 in Jordan. In: *The Jordanian Labor Market: Between Fragility and Resilience*. Oxford University Press.

Rizk, Reham, & **Colette Salemi** (2018). "Own Account Workers in Jordan: Profile and Work Characteristics." In: *The Jordanian Labor Market: Between Fragility and Resilience*. Oxford University Press.

Research grants

Social science and humanities resource council of Canada

Insight development grant July 2023

Title: *Firewood and deforestation: A study of the clean cookstove sector and the effect of clean cookstoves on forests*

Role: Principal investigator

Co-PI's: Sebastian Anti and Abubakr Ayesh

Amount: \$70,472 CAD

Courses taught

University of Victoria

2022—present

ECON 381/ES 312: Environmental Economics

ECON 499: Honours Seminar

University of Minnesota

2017–2022

PA 5501: Theories and Policies of Development

APEC 1101: Principles of Microeconomics

PA 5021: Microeconomics for Policy Analysis

PA 5503: Economics of Development

Invited talks

2024: Ostrom Workshop Colloquium, University of Indiana

2023: IFPRI Applied Microeconomics and Development Seminar, Wilfred Laurier University, Syracuse University

2022: Bowdoin College; Georgia Institute of Technology; University of Alaska Anchorage; University of British Columbia Faculty of Food and Land Systems

Conference & workshop presentations

"Does perceived labor market competition increase prejudice between refugees and their local hosts? Evidence from Uganda and Ethiopia" Presented at: Joint Data Center for Forced Displacement Third Research Conference on Forced Displacement, **September 20th, 2024**

"Rohingya refugee camps and land cover change in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh", Presented at: Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, **June 2nd, 2023**; Canadian Agricultural Economics Society Annual Meeting, **July 19th, 2023**

“COVID-19 & Conflict: An Update” Presented at: UN University World Institute for Development Economics Research Conference, **September 6th, 2021**

“Refugee Camps and Deforestation in sub-Saharan Africa” Presented at: Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar (OARES), **December 9th, 2020**. Click here to watch this talk.

“COVID-19 and Conflict” Presented at: Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Annual Workshop, **November 11th, 2020**

“Refugee Camps and Deforestation in sub-Saharan Africa”, Poster presented at: Joint Data Center for Forced Displacement (JDC) Research Conference on Forced Displacement, **January 16th, 2020**

“Do Refugees Cause Deforestation? A Quasi-Experimental Spatial Analysis of sub-Saharan Africa 2000-2012”, Presented at Columbia University’s Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop on Sustainable Development, **April 13th, 2019**

Skills

Programming

I primarily code in R, Google Earth Engine, and Stata.

Languages

French (intermediate spoken and written), Modern Standard Arabic (intermediate spoken and written), Egyptian Arabic (intermediate spoken and written)

Peer reviewer for

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review; American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics; Climatic Change; Conflict, Security, and Development; Disasters; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Environmental Conservation; European Review of Agricultural Economics; Food Policy; Government and Opposition; International Organization; International Political Science Review; Journal of African Economies; Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economies; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; Middle East Development Journal; PLOS ONE; Political Behavior; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Refuge: Canada’s Journal on Refugees; Review of Black Political Economy; Scientific Reports; Translational Issues in Psychological Sciences; World Bank Economic Review; World Development

Other referee services

Grant application reviews: Leverhume Trust (2024); European Research Council (2025)

Grant committee service: National Science Foundation OISE Panel (Summer 2024)

Conference abstract reviews: American Agricultural Economics Association 2024 Annual Meeting

Departmental service

Seminar committee

July 2022–present

Unit standards committee

May 2023–present

Working paper committee

July 2023–present