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Academic Positions:

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| 2021- | Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University (Parental leave: December 2021-April 2022) |
| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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:

Does Reducing Early School Tracking Affect Health Behaviors? *Forthcoming, AEA Papers and Proceedings*.

Is Parental Leave Costly for Firms and Coworkers?, with Anne Brenøe, Nikolaj Harmon and Heather Royer. *Forthcoming, 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 a University Coaching Intervention, with Stefanie Fischer, Pierre Mouganie and Geoffrey Schnorr. *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*

The Impact of Religious Diversity on Students' Academic and Behavioral Outcomes, with Antoine Deeb and Pierre Mouganie. *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Labor Economics*

The Long-Run Educational Benefits of High-Achieving Classrooms, with Pierre Mouganie and Peng Zhang. *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Selected Work in Progress:

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

The Role of University Policies in Exacerbating Socioeconomic Inequality, with Stefanie Fischer, Pierre Mouganie and Geoffrey Schnorr

Grants:

- 2024 SFU FASS Kickstarter Seed Grant. PI. \$13,538.
- 2022 "Identifying opportunities to improve the lived experiences 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 (UCE³)
- 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:

- 2024 American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meetings; Unisanté Lausanne (scheduled); WEAI Annual Conference (scheduled); Western Washington University (scheduled)
- 2023 Dalhousie University; Sciences Po Summer Workshop: Labor; University of Colorado Denver
- 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 EffEE 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

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| 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; Spring 2024)

Econ 881– Labor Economics (Fall 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, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

University Service:

Simon Fraser University:

Fall 2023 Member of economics department chair search committee

2023-2024 Departmental Seminar series co-organizer

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)