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## **Employment History**

July 2021 – · · · · The American University in Cairo, Professor of Statistics, Department of Mathematics and Actuarial Science, School of Sciences and Engineering.

04/2021 - · · · Pan-African Scientific Research Council, Fellow member.

10/2020 – - · · · · Covidradar24.org and Rosettahub.com, Data analyst master contributor in a real time COVID-19 tracking data science platform.

o5/2020 - 05/2021 World Health Organization, Tunisia Senior data analyst consultant, Measuring the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on psychiatric needs of the general population in Tunisia, data collected from a

hot line accessible throughout the country, including those without access to Internet.

**WARC, Africa, Sierra Leon** Data analyst consultant, Setting up an online daily data monitoring platform for a survey implemented in Sierra Lean.

University of Carthage, Ecole Supérieure de la Statistique et de l'Analyse de l'Information, Tunis,

• **Positions:** Professor (from 2018), Associate Professor (2011-2018), Assistant Professor (2003-2011).

• Teaching: Data Analysis: Principal Component Analysis, Correspondence Analysis, and Multiple Correspondence Analysis, Theory and Practice with R, Mathematical Statistics: Statistical Inference, Hypothesis Testing, Regression Analysis, Theory and Practice with R, Data Mining and Practice with R, Bayesian Statistics with OpenBugs/Winbugs/RStan/Jags, Time Series: ARMA and SARIMA Processes, Theory and Practice with R/Python, Big Data: Large Data with R/Python, SQL, Spark, H2O, Advanced R/Python: Data Management, Data Visualization, Dashboards, Shiny Apps, Heroku Apps, Bokeh.

### · Research:

Tunisia

- Supervising 5 Ph.D.: Detection and classification of swallowing sound, Sensory Analysis, Genetics, Zoonotic cutaneous leishmaniasis incidence, Cardiovascular risk factor.
- Papers and collaborations: I had published and coauthored more than 40 scholar papers.
- Supervising Master and Engineering Thesis on several topics related to applied statistics and data science.
- Administration: Director of the Department of Statistics (2004-2007)

**Yale University,** Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies and the Department of Statistics and Data Science, New Haven, USA.

- **Positions:** Visiting Associate Professor (2014), Consulting on several projects with Yale Scholars (2015-2018), Associate Research Scholar (2019).
- **Missions:** Democratic Transition in Tunisia, Governance and Local Development: Implementing two face-o-face Surveys in Tunisia, G-econ team on building local GDP data, Teaching Time Series with R/Python Course.

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05/2020 - 01/2021

2003 - · · · ·

2014 - 2019

## **Employment History (continued)**

2016 - 2017

- University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies of the Institute for Social Research, Ann Arbor, USA.
  - Position: Visiting Fulbright Scholar.
  - Role: Research: Working on Data Quality, Survey Methodology, Interviewer Effect, Teaching: 4 Lectures on Applied graphical Models, 1 Lecture on Data visualization with R, 1 Lecture on Sensory Analysis.

2011 (May to July)

- **Stanford University**, Department of Statistics, Palo alto, USA.
  - **Position:** Visiting Fulbright Scholar.
  - Role: Research on Graphical Models, Faithfulness assumption, and Covariance graphs.

2002 - 2003

- **York University**, Department of Statistics, Toronto, Canada.
  - Position: Visiting Assistant Professor,
  - **Teaching:** Applied Regression Models with SAS, Introduction to the theory of probability, Introduction to Statistics with Minitab,
  - Research: Monte Carlo Methods and Bayesian Estimation of the Graphical Models.

1998 - 2002

- University of Sousse, Institut Préparatoire aux Ecoles d'Ingénieurs, Sousse, Tunis.
  - Teaching: Analysis, Calculus, Algebra
  - Research: Natural Exponential Families, Pick functions, Markov Chains
  - Administration: Director of the Department of Mathematics

## **Education**

Sept 2009

**Habilitation** (*Tenure*), **Université de Tunis El Manar** Ecole National d'Ingénieurs de Tunis, Tunisia. Thesis title: *Problèmes autour de la probabilité et de la statistique: Méthodes et Applications.* 

Dissertation: https://malouche.github.io/myCV/reports.html

October 1997

**Doctorate**, (*Ph.D.*), **Paul Sabatier University**, Toulouse, France.

Thesis title: Classification des familles exponentielles associées à des fonctions Pick.

Dissertation: https://malouche.github.io/myCV/reports.html

1993–1994 Master's Degree (D.E.A), Paul Sabatier University, Applied Mathematics.

1989 – 1993 **Bachelor (Maîtrise)**, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Bizerte, Tunisia.

### Skills

Languages

- Strong reading, writing and speaking competencies for English, French, and Arabic.
- Coding Python, R, TABLEAU, SPARK, H2O, Shiny, LTEX, ...
  - Misc. Quantitative research, Project management, Qualitative research, Data Mining, Machine Learning, Big Data, Academic research, Teaching, training, consultation, LTFX typesetting and publishing.

## **Papers**

**Research interests:** Graphical models, Public health, COVID-19, Research and development, Well being, Survey methodology, Data quality, Consumer preferences, Genetics.

#### Research papers

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