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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*), Statistics, 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.*), Statistics, 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, Statistics

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, Lagrange 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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