

Education

- HARVARD UNIVERSITY** 2007-2010
Ph.D. in Public Policy – Focus: Economic Development and Financial Markets. Successful dissertation oral defense: April 2009. Dissertation topic: The Role of Beliefs in Financial Markets: Three Essays on Violence, Trust, and Religion. Investigated the impact of violence and faith on financial markets, and the effect of insurance on trust and trustworthiness in the Middle East through lab experiments. Fellow at the Belfer Center’s Dubai Initiative, Harvard’s Program On Negotiations, the Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative, and Harvard’s Presidential Public Service Fellowship. Recipient of Harvard’s Women and Public Policy Program grant and Harvard’s Public Policy grant. Harvard’s Certificate of Distinction in Teaching. Research interest in economic development, behavioral finance, conflict and regulatory reform in the Middle East. Served as resident tutor in a Harvard College’s Quincy House.
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY** 2005-2007
Masters in Public Administration/International Development. Coursework includes PhD level micro and macro, development and public economics, and econometrics. Awarded Fulbright scholarship after ranking first in Jordan.
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY** 1999-2000
M.A. in Regional Studies: The Middle East, focusing on the region’s emerging markets, business opportunities, and natural resources.
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY** 1996-2000
B.A. in Economics with honors and advanced standing status. Overall GPA: 3.7. Faculty of Arts and Sciences Scholarship “in recognition of outstanding academic and extracurricular accomplishments”. Received Dean’s List and Harvard College Scholarship for all terms and Harvard Foundation Award of Recognition for contributions to intercultural life’99. (Cambridge, MA)
- LESTER B. PEARSON UNITED WORLD COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC** 1994-1996
 Granted full scholarship. Multilingual International Baccalaureate Diploma. Perfect score in higher courses. (B.C., Canada)

Experience

- THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO** 2010 - present
Assistant Professor, Economics Department, School of Business & School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. (Cairo, Egypt)
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY** Summers 2011-2012
Economics Instructor, the Midcareer Masters in Public Policy Program. **Lecturer**, the Masons Fellows Program. (Cambridge, MA)
- THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** 2011- present
Member, Global Agenda Council on the Arab World. Speaker: Istanbul (2012), Dead Sea (2011) & Abu Dhabi (2011) Summits.
- CHEMONICS INTERNATIONAL AND USAID FUNDED AMIR PROGRAM** 2004- 2005
Manager, Investment Promotion. Developed and managed a program of technical assistance to deliver international best practice in investment promotion. Advised Jordan’s Minister of Industry and Trade personally on a major institutional reform program, national competitiveness, investment promotion, enterprise and export development. Managed program’s \$1million budget. (Amman-Jordan)
- EUROPEAN UNION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM & JORDAN’S MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE** 2002 - 2004
Senior Competition Advisor to five Jordanian Ministers of Industry and Trade. Established and led the Competition Directorate to enforce competition and merger control, and regulate and supervise the behavior of monopolies. Set up Directorate’s regulations and organizational structure. Recruited staff. Conducted training to educate judges, lawyers and staff on the Law, and economic analysis. Executed an awareness campaign to promote competition culture. Represented Jordan and Keynote speaker in various conferences and seminars. Participated in negotiating an EU-Jordanian competition cooperation treaty. Investigated cases. Presented before Ministers, private and public sector leaders. Named by The Minister to the Advisory Working Group for the Jordan Upgrading and Modernization Program (JUMP). Worked closely with HE The Minister of Justice on developing the Judicial Upgrading Strategy. (Amman-Jordan)
- THE BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP** 2000-2002
Associate Consultant. Worked closely with BCG’s CFO, evaluated the competitive landscape in the consulting market, benchmarked its companies, assessed branding strategies, and designed profitability models for BCG’s executive committee. Developed and audited growth strategies for large energy and technology clients. Formulated communication plan for post merger integration of an acquired major pharmaceutical firm as part of an overall \$7.8 billion deal, facilitated meetings, and presented to the client. Created and coordinated the integration strategies, activities, and financial models for the international, finance and operations business units of the acquired company. Analyzed organizational structure effectiveness of major companies for an internal initiative. (Boston, MA)
- THE WORLD BANK** Summer 1999
Research & Teaching Assistant. Ran and taught policy analysis on household data using STATA package. (Amman, Jordan)

Leadership

- HARVARD SOCIETY OF ARAB STUDENTS** 1996 – 2000
President and Treasurer. Reelected to a second term. Increased the society’s assets by 200%. Cut costs by 35% through renegotiating contracts. Coordinated guest speakers (included HM King of Jordan, the Coptic Pope, and cabinet members). (Cambridge, MA)
- HARVARD WORLD MODEL UNITED NATIONS** 1996 – 2000
Chairman, Middle East Multilateral Peace Summit in Athens’00, London’99, Brussels’98, and Budapest’97 conferences. Received special award for “outstanding service to the cause of international peace and understanding” & best chairman award. (Cambridge, MA)

Skills

- COMPUTER:** Proficiency in using PC, Mac and Unix platforms, STATA, MS Office, HTML, image applications, TCP/IP
- LANGUAGES:** Fully bilingual Arabic-English, conversational French, basic Hebrew.