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EDUCATION

Harvard University: Ph.D. in Economics with specialization in the fields of Development and History, 1997

University of Oregon: B.S. Mathematics, B.S. Economics, Summa Cum Laude, 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004-present, Senior Advisor, The Millennium Project, The United Nations Development Program

2002-2003, Visiting Professor, Office of the Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa Region, The World Bank

2002-present, Lecturer, Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political

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2001-present, Research Fellow and Chair of Fellows (2003), Economic
Research Forum of the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey
2001-present, Lecturer, Financial Programming and Policies Program,
International Monetary Fund Institute
1999 – present, Assistant Professor of Economics in the School of
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1997-1999, Economist, Middle Eastern and African Departments,
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1997 Instructor, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
1995-1997, Consultant, Private Sector Development, The World Bank
1995-1997, Researcher, Harvard Islamic Banking Project, Center for
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1995-1996, Contributing Writer, Economist Intelligence Unit
1993–1997, Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics and
Department of Statistics, Harvard University

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

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Extended Fertility Transition,” with Jennifer Olmsted, forthcoming in
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“Structural Reforms, the Investment Climate and Private Sector
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“The New Demography of the Middle East: Implications for Growth, Employment and Housing,” with Pierre Dhonte and Rina Bhattacharya, in *Macroeconomic Studies in the Middle East*, Zubair Iqbal, editor. Washington: International Monetary Fund, 2001, pp. 19-40.

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“Beyond Oil and Gas: Gulf Economic Security in the 21st Century,” forthcoming in *Gulf Oil and Gas: Ensuring Economic Security*. London: British Academic Press, 2006. Reprinted in Arabic by the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies.

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In Support of Arab Democracy: Why and How. Council on Foreign Relations Task Force Report, 2005. 67pp. Contributor.

Unlocking the Employment Potential in the Middle East and North Africa: Toward A New Social Contract. Washington: The World Bank, 2004. 254pp. Main Author.

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Economic Trends in the MENA Region. Cairo: American University of Cairo Press, 2002. 108pp. Contributor.

WORKING PAPERS

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“A Century of Development and Reform in the Arab World,” mimeo, 2005. In Arabic. Under review.

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“Political Institutions and Financial Structures, 1960-2000,” with Raj Desai, mimeo, 2005. Under review.

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“Labor Market Reforms, Growth and Unemployment in Labor-Exporting MENA Countries,” with Richard Agenor, Mustapha Nabli and Henning Jensen. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 3328, 2004. Under review.

“Public Infrastructure and Private Capital Formation in the Middle East

and North Africa." (with Richard Agenor and Mustapha Nabli) World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 3661, 2005. Under review.

"The Law of One Price Before State Intervention: Egypt, 1919-1939," mimeo, 2004. Under review.

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"Skill Acquisition and Firm Creation in Transition Economies," with Zuzana Brixiova and Wenli Li. IMF Working Paper No. 130, 1999. Under review.

"Demography, Capital Dependency and Globalization in the Middle East and North Africa." Economic Research Forum Working Paper, 1998.

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American University of Sharjah, Sharjah; American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia; Harvard University, Cambridge; American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Washington; Annual Meetings of the Economic Research Forum, Cairo; Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, Amsterdam; NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Ljubljana; World Economic Forum, Amman; Arab Competitiveness Summit, Doha; Arab Monetary Fund, Abu Dhabi; Center for Islam and Democracy; Washington; Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait; National Defense University, Washington; Washington; World Affairs Council, Washington; Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Cairo; Yemen Development Roundtable, Sana'a, Jeddah Economic Forum, Jeddah; Youth and Children Summit, World Bank, Dubai; Governance Roundtable, Beirut; Council on Foreign Relations, Washington.

2004

Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum, Beirut; Labor Markets Thematic Group Conference, World Bank, Washington; Arab Strategy Forum, Dubai; University of Bahrain, Bahrain; Economic Development Board, Bahrain; PREM Week, The World Bank, Washington; Human Resources Development Forum, Riyadh; Youth and Children Summit, World Bank, Washington; Middle East Institute, Washington; NATO Defense College, Rome; MENA Development Reports, World Bank, Washington; US-Egypt Friendship Society, Washington; Council on Egyptian American Relations, Washington; School of Oriental and African Studies, London; Watson Institute for International Affairs, Brown University; Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, Washington; US State Department Office of Near Eastern Affairs, Washington.

2003

Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank, Dubai; American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Washington; Department of Economics, University of California, Davis; Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Abu Dhabi; European Economic Association Annual Meeting, Stockholm; IMF Institute, Washington; Annual Meetings of the Economic Research Forum, Marrakech; Investment Climate Thematic Group, World Bank, Washington; Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington; Population Reference Bureau, Washington; Department of Economics, American University, Washington; Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington; Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, NDU, Washington; US State Department Office of Near Eastern Affairs, Washington.

2002

American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta; Center for International Development and Conflict Management, Washington; United States Institute for International Development, Washington; IMF Institute, Washington; XII World Economic History Congress, Buenos Aires; Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, Seattle; Dubai Strategy Forum, Dubai; Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington; Annual Meetings of the Economic Research Forum, Sharjah; Third Mediterranean Social Science Research Meeting, Florence; Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, NDU; US State Department Office of Near Eastern Affairs, Washington; Center for Christian Muslim Understanding, Washington.

2001

American Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans; Euromoney Arab Financial Summit, Cairo; Midwestern Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago; Second Mediterranean Social Science Research Meeting, Florence; IMF Institute, Washington; Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank, Washington; SMI Energy Conference, London; American Political Science Association Annual

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SELECT TESTIMONIES AND BRIEFINGS

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Congressional Staffers Briefing, Growth and Democracy in the Middle East, 2005

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American Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economic Growth, Explorations in Economic History, Economic Systems, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Comparative Economics, IMF Staff Papers, Journal of Industrial Relations, Middle East Journal, Emerging Markets Finance and Development, History of Political Economy, International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Taylor and Francis, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Economic Research Forum, Global Development Network, FEMISE.

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Executive Committee (1999-); Curriculum Committee (2000-); Annual Symposium Committee (2000, 2002); Chair, Annual Symposium Committee (2004 and 2006); Advisor, Economics Concentration, MAAS Program (2000-); Public Affairs Committee (2001-2003); Admissions Committee (2000-); Financial Aid Committee (2000-), Publications Committee (2003-); Organizer, Mobile Seminar Luncheon Series (1999-2001); Oral Exams Committee (1999-); Contributor, Summer Outreach Program (2000-).

School of Foreign Service

International Economics Field Committee (2000-); International Political Economy Field Committee (2001-); Political Economy Search Committee (2002); International Political Economy Search Committee (2000); Science Technology and International Affairs Search Committee (2002); Rapporteur, SFS Faculty Council (2000); Economics Department Recruitment Committee (1999-2001); Economics Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2000-2001); Ad Hoc Development Curriculum Committee (2004).

TEACHING

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