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Employment

Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) and Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST), September 2012-

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California, 2006-2012

Dissertation Title: "Essays on the New Economic History of the Middle East"

Dissertation Committee: Dora Costa (UCLA) (Main Advisor), Leah Boustan (UCLA), Jeffrey Nugent (USC), Richard Easterlin (USC), and Donald Miller (USC)

M.A. Economics, University of Southern California, 2005-2006

Coursework of M.Sc. in Economics, Cairo University, 2003-2005

B.Sc. Economics, Excellent with Honors, Cairo University, 1999-2003

Research Interests

Economic History, Development Economics, Political Economy, Middle East

Publications

"Public Mass Modern Education, Religion, and Human Capital in Twentieth-Century Egypt," *Journal of Economic History*, September 2016, Vol. 76 (3), pp. 697-735.

"Does Improved Local Supply of Schooling Enhance Intergenerational Mobility in Education? Evidence from Jordan" (with Ragui Assaad), forthcoming in *World Bank Economic Review*.

"The Reluctant Transformation: State Industrialization, Religion, and Human Capital in Nineteenth-Century Egypt," *Journal of Economic History*, March 2015, Vol. 75 (1), pp. 65-94.

"A Pre-Colonial Population Brought to Light: Digitization of the Nineteenth Century Egyptian Censuses," *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, January 2013, Vol. 46 (1), pp. 5-18.

Working Papers

"On the Road to Heaven: Taxation, Conversions, and the Coptic-Muslim Socioeconomic Gap in Medieval Egypt," TSE Working Paper, No. 13-428, August 28, 2013, Revised on December 22, 2015 and October 26, 2016.

“Does Industrialization Affect Segregation? Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Cairo,” (with Christophe Lévêque), Revise and Resubmit at *Explorations in Economic History*.

“The Cotton Boom and Slavery in Nineteenth-Century Rural Egypt”

“Taxing Unwanted Populations: Taxation and Conversions in Early Islam,” (with Jean Tirole)

“A New Economic History of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region,” Revise and Resubmit at *Economics of Transition*.

Work in Progress

“Nation-Building, Sectarian Conflicts, and the Assimilation of Minorities: Evidence from Coptic and Muslim First Names in Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Salma Mousa)

“Persistence of Local Elites: Evidence from Egyptian Parliamentary Records in 1834-2016),” (with Carlos Velasco)

“Demographic Differences between Religious Groups in Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Claire Galez)

“The Cotton Boom and the Assimilation of Bedouin Tribes in Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Adi Greif)

Book Chapters under Revision

“Occupational Structure in Egypt in 1848-1996,” Revision Requested in *Occupational Structure and Industrialization in a Comparative Perspective*, Edited by Osamu Saito and Leigh Shaw-Taylor, Cambridge University Press.

Book Reviews

Abbas, R. and A. El-Dessouky, *The Large Landowning Class and the Peasantry in Egypt, 1837-1952*, *Journal of Economic History*, September 2012, Vol. 72 (3), pp. 854-6.

Naiem A. Sherbiny and Oaima M. Hatem, *State and Entrepreneurs in Egypt: Economic Development since 1805*, forthcoming in *Economic History Review*.

Scholarships, Honors, and Grants

Visiting Fellowship, France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2016 (Postponed)

TSEconomist Best Teacher Award at the Master 2 Level, Toulouse School of Economics, 2015

Data Collection Grant (\$50,000), North Atlantic Population Project (NAPP), 2012-15

PhD Completion Award, Phi Beta Kappa, 2011-12

Ibn Khaldun Prize, Middle East Economic Association, 2011

Advanced Doctoral Research Award, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, USC, 2010-11

Gold Family Graduate Fellowship, USC, 2010

Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowship, Economic History Association, 2010-11

Data Collection Grant (\$15,000), IPUMS, Minnesota Population Center, 2009-10

Best Third Year Paper Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2009

International Field Research Award, USC, 2009

Exploratory Travel and Data Grant, Economic History Association, 2009

College Graduate Merit Award, USC, 2006-12
Fulbright Scholarship, Fulbright Commission in Egypt, 2005-06
Ranked Second (among 350 students), Department of Economics, Cairo University, 2003
Ranked Second (among 300,000 students), National Examination Qualifying for Higher Education, Egypt, 1999

Teaching Experience

Instructor: Toulouse School of Economics (2012-Present): Topics in Economics: World Economic History (Undergraduate), Master I Research Thesis (Graduate), Individuals and Households in Developing Countries (Graduate), Applied Econometrics (Graduate), Historical Perspectives on Development (Graduate).

Teaching Assistant: (1) University of Southern California (2006-2012): Economic History and Development (Graduate), Economic Development of the Middle East (Undergraduate), Economics of Happiness (Undergraduate), Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate), Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate), and Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate).

(2) Cairo University (2003-2005): Introductory Econometrics (Undergraduate), International Finance (Undergraduate), Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), Applied Econometrics (Graduate).

Pre-Doctoral Research Assistantship Experience

Richard A. Easterlin, Department of Economics, USC, 2011-12
Gary Painter, School of Policy, Planning, and Development (SPPD), USC, Fall 2008
Jeffrey B. Nugent, Department of Economics, USC, 2006-08
World Bank Project of “Assessing Investment Climate in Egypt,” 2004-05
Cairo Economics and Finance Research Center, Egypt, Summer 2004

Conferences and Invited Seminars (Economics Departments Unless Else Noted)

2017: U of Barcelona (Planned); Economic Research Forum (Amman, Jordan) (Planned); Rennes (Planned); “Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World Conference” at U of Oxford (Planned); “Roundtable on the Economics of Religion” at U of Cambridge (Planned)

2016: AEA; NYUAD/CAGE/CEPR Economic History Conference; Arizona; UCLA Economic History Proseminar; AALIMS; EHESS-Toulouse; CEPR-EBRD-EoT Symposium; CIFAR; Warwick Economic History Conference

2015: Caltech/All-UC Group in Economic History Conference; Economic History Society 2015 Meeting; Queen’s University Belfast; World Economic History Congress; Economic History Association; New Economic School Conference; Yale; Carlos III Madrid; PSE; Bonn

2014: LSE (Economic History); Cambridge (History); TSE (TIGER Forum); IAST Economic History Workshop; Namur; Middle East Studies Association; Egyptian Statistical Agency (CAPMAS) Conference

2013: American Economic Association; Stanford; Northwestern; UCLA Economic History Proseminar; AALIMS; Oxford; LSE; Social Science History Association; Stockholm School of Economics

2012: Toulouse School of Economics; Paris School of Economics; University of Southern Denmark; Warwick; Leicester; Georgetown (Public Policy); UC-Davis; Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC); AALIMS; UC-Irvine; UCLA Anderson and All-UC Group in Economic History; Asian Economic History Congress; IAST; Oxford Center for Islamic Studies

2011: Middle East Economic Association; Population Association of America (Poster Session), Cliometric Society; Western Economic Association International; NBER Summer Institute; Conference on Coptic Studies (UCLA); Economic History Association; All-UC/Berkeley Economic History Laboratory (Graduate Student Workshop); UCLA Economic History Proseminar

2010: Middle East Economic Association; International Commission for Historical Demography; Middle East Studies Association; UCLA Economic History Proseminar

2009: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PACDEV); National Archives of Egypt; Economic History Association (Poster Session); UCLA Economic History Proseminar

2008: Economic Research Forum (Cairo, Egypt)

Refereeing

Journal of the European Economic Association; European Economic Review, Journal of Economic History; Explorations in Economic History; Economic History Review; Economics of Transition

Other Duties

Director of the History Program, IAST, 2012-

Co-organizer of the Development Economics Seminar, TSE, 2014-

Organizer of the Economic History Workshop Series, IAST, 2013-

Member of the Recruitment Committee, IAST, 2012-

Co-organizer of the Toulouse History Seminar (IAST, UT2, Science Po Toulouse, IAE), 2013-

Professional Affiliations

Faculty Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning on Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS)

Research Associate, Economic Research Forum, Egypt

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Economic Association; Economic History Association; Economic History Society; Middle East Studies Association

Languages

Arabic: Native

English: Fluent

French: Very Good (Reading and Writing), Fair (Speaking)

Personal Information

Date of Birth: April 1, 1982

Place of Birth: Alexandria, Egypt

Nationality: Egypt