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Applied Econometrics

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Economics of the Middle East
Economics of Institutions

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PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:

University of Chicago

DEGREE

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FIELD

Biology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

RESEARCH:

Senior Research Assistant, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. (2002-2004)

Research on labor markets with William Dickens, pharmaceutical patent rights in the developing world with Jenny Lanjouw, governance with Ann Florini and Pietro Nivola

TEACHING:

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (2005-2008)

Industrial Organization, World Economic History of the 20th Century, Game Theory, International Trade, Israel and the Palestinian economy: 1967-2007 (all courses at the undergraduate level)

PAPERS:

"Tribal Fractionalization and the Yemeni Decentralization Experiment" (Job Market Paper)

"What Do Tribes Do? An Analysis of the Evolution of Tribal Institutions in Yemen" (in preparation)

"Tribal States as a Limited Access Order: Revisiting North, Wallis and Weingast (2006) using Yemeni Tribes (in preparation)

"Effectiveness of a Cash-for-Work Project in Rural Yemen: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment" (in preparation)

"The Impact of Asset Transfers on Rural Lives in Yemen" (in preparation)

"Freemasonry and the Expansion of American Higher Education", 2009

"Efficient estimation of data combination models by the method of auxiliary-to-study tilting (AST)," 2009 (with Bryan Graham and Cristine Pinto). *Revision requested from Journal of the American Statistical Association.*

"A new method of estimating moment condition models with missing data when selection is on observables," 2009 (with Bryan Graham and Cristine Pinto). *Revision requested from Review of Economic Studies.*

POLICY PAPERS:

"The Many Crises of Iranian Youth," [Huffington Post](http://www.huffingtonpost.com), 2009 (with Navtej Dhillon)

"Beyond Statism: Toward a New Social Contract for Iranian Youth," 2009 (with Djavad Salehi-Isfahani). In "Generation in Waiting: The Unfulfilled Promise of Young People in the Middle East", edited by Navtej Dhillon and Tarik Yousef. Brookings Institution Press.

"Youth Exclusion in Yemen: Tackling the Twin Deficits in Human Development and Natural Resources," 2009 (with Ragui Assaad, Ghada Barsoum and Emily Cupito). The Middle East Youth Initiative Working Paper no. 9. Washington, DC: Wolfensohn Center for Development and Dubai School of Government.

"Youth Education, Employment and Marriage Transitions in Iran: Evidence from the School to Work Transition Survey," 2009 (with Djavad Salehi-Isfahani) Working Paper, Wolfensohn Center for Development, The Brookings Institution.

"A Report on Child Labor and Education in Aden, Hajja, Hudeida and Taiz Governorates in Yemen," 2009 (with Roberta Contin, Kunera Moore and Hussein Ogleh) CHF International Yemen ACCESS-Plus Baseline Report.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

2009 Economic History Association Exploratory Travel and Data Grant

2008 All-UC Group in Economic History Summer Research Fellowship

2007-2008 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley

2007 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Arabic study in Yemen (summer)

2006-2007 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Arabic (academic year)

2006 Prize for Best Paper in Middle Eastern Business or Economics (University of California, Berkeley Center for Middle Eastern Studies)

2005 American Institute for Maghreb Studies (AIMS) summer fellowship for Arabic studying in Morocco
Institute of Business and Economics Research (IBER) mini-grant

OTHER INFORMATION:

Languages: English (native), Arabic, French

Read: Persian (Farsi), Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish

Field Work: Yemen (summer 2007, 2009), Morocco (summer 2005)