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**Education:**

Ph.D. Economics: University of California, Riverside                      December 2001  
  
B.S. Economics: University of California, Riverside                      March 1993

**Teaching Experience:**

Professor: Department of Economics, Indiana State University, 2014 - present  
  
Associate Professor: Department of Economics, Indiana State University, 2010 – 2014  
  
Assistant Professor: Department of Economics, Indiana State University, 2004 - 2010  
  
Lecturer: Department of Economics, California State University Fullerton, 2001 - 2004

**Administrative Experience:**

Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana State University, 2021 - present  
  
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana State University, 2014 – 2021

**Research Grants:**

The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII) fellowship, 2009.  
  
Lily Endowment-Indiana State University Promising Scholar, 2007.  
  
Special Council of American Overseas Research Centers fellow, through TAARII, 2006.  
  
University Research Grant, Indiana State University, 2004.

**Awards:**

Theodore Dreiser Distinguished Research and Creativity Award, Indiana State, 2014

**Books:**

*Human Development in Iraq, 1950-1990*, Routledge, London, 2012.

**Peer-Reviewed Articles:**

'The political economy of property rights in monarchical Iraq: The quest for land reform 1944- 1958', with Omar El-Joumayle, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, Vol. 15, No. 5, 2019, pp. 915-931.

'Iraq's stunted growth: human and economic development in perspective,' *Contemporary Arab Affairs*, Vol. 9, No. 2, 2016, pp. 212-236.

'Aspiration and Reality in Iraq's Post-Sanctions Economy,' *Middle East Report*, No. 266, Spring 2013, pp. 10-14.

'The Political Economy of Sectarianism in Iraq,' *International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 3, pp. 357-367, 2010 (invited submission).

'Non-renewable resource depletion and reinvestment: issues and evidence for an oil-exporting country,' *Environment and Development Economics*, Vol. 14, No 2, April 2009, pp. 211-226.

'Economic Restructuring in Iraq: Intended and Unintended Consequences,' *Journal of Economic Issues*, Vol. 41, No. 1, March 2007, pp. 43-60.

'Economic aspects of peacekeeping in Iraq: what went wrong?,' *The Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 2, June 2006, pp. 24-30 (invited submission).

'Coalition Economic Policies in Iraq: motivations and outcomes,' *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 27, No. 3, April 2006, pp. 491-505; reprinted in *Rebuilding Devastated Economies in the Middle East*, Leonard Binder (ed.), Palgrave, 2007.

#### **Book Chapters:**

'The IMF in Iraq: Negotiating US Occupation, Debt Reduction, Conditionality, and Reconstruction' in Tarek Radwan (ed.), *The Impact and Influence of International Financial Institutions on the Middle East and North Africa*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Tunis, 2020. <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/tunesien/16107.pdf>.

'Iraq: Understanding Autocracy, Oil and Conflict in a Historical and Socio-Political Context' with Eric Davis, in *Democracy in the Arab World: Explaining the Deficit*, Ibrahim al-Badawi and Samir Makdisi (eds.), Routledge, London, 2011.

#### **Peer reviewed working papers:**

'The dynamics of protest movements in Iraq: an Institutional Approach' with Omar El-Joumayle. Submitted as working paper to the Economic Research Forum June 2022.

'Challenges to Iraq's environment: applying the water-energy-food nexus framework' with Omar El-Joumayle and Jehan Baban. Submitted as working paper to the Economic Research Forum May 2022.

'Conflict, Institutions and the Iraqi Economy, 2003-2018,' with Rabeah Morrar and Omar El-Joumayle, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, working paper 1387, April 2020, <https://erf.org.eg/publications/conflict-institutions-and-the-iraqi-economy-2003-2018/>.

**Other Publications:**

The Economy of Iraq since 2003: a follow-up,' Eisenhower Study Group, *The Costs of War* project, August 2012, available online; <http://costsofwar.org/article/economy-iraq>.

'The Economy of Iraq since 2003: An Assessment,' Eisenhower Study Group, *The Costs of War* project, June 2011.

'What Went Wrong? Economic Policies, Conditions, and Prospects in Iraq,' in Roger Owen and Don Babai (eds.) *Recovering the Iraqi Economy: Before and After 2003*, Proceedings of a workshop held at Harvard University in 2006, Harvard University Press and Dubai School of Government, 2009.

'Development, Industrial: The Middle East and North Africa' in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 497-499 (invited submission).

'Human Development in History: Iraq in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century', the newsletter of *Economists Allied for Arms Reduction (ECAAR)*, Vol. 16, No. 2, July 2004.

**Book Reviews:**

'Human Rights, Revolution and Reform in the Muslim World,' Anthony Tirado Chase, *Middle East Media and Book Reviews Online*, Vol. 3, No. 4, April 2015, available online: [http://middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr\\_review/human-rights-revolution-and-reform-in-the-muslim-world/](http://middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr_review/human-rights-revolution-and-reform-in-the-muslim-world/).

'Reform in the Middle East Oil Monarchies,' Anoushiravan Ehteshami and Steven Wright (eds.), *Middle East Media and Book Reviews Online*, Vol. 2, No. 3, March 2014, available online: [http://middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr\\_review/reform-in-the-middle-east-oil-monarchies/](http://middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr_review/reform-in-the-middle-east-oil-monarchies/).

'Economic Development and Transition: Thought, Strategy and Viability,' by Justin Yifi Lin, *Economic Record*, Vol. 86, No. 276, September 2010, pp. 456-7.

'The Price of Fear: The Truth Behind the Financial War on Terror,' by Ibrahim Warde, *Review of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 1, Summer 2009, pp. 142-4.

'Terrorism Financing and State Responses: A Comparative Perspective,' Jeanne K. Giraldo and Harold A. Trinkunas (eds.), *Review of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 1, Summer 2009 pp. 86-8.

**Graduate Students Research Supervised:**

Priya Ramachandran, Master's Thesis Committee member, Title: *The Dynamics of Democracy Promotion: From Washington to Rabat*, Political Science, Indiana State University, 2012.

Omar El-Joumayle, PhD Dissertation co-supervisor: preliminary Title: *Three Essays on Institutional Economics with application to Iraq*, Economics and Management, University of Pavia, Italy, 2013 to 2018.

**Conference Presentations:**

'Iraq and the IMF' presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington DC, October 2020.

'Economic Stress and Political Uprising or How not to explain the Arab Spring,' with Jennifer Olmsted presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, New Orleans LA, October 2013.

'Economy, politics and development: Iraq in the 1950s,' presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington DC, December 2011.

'Revisiting Iraq's sanctions: consequences, immediate and delayed,' Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, San Diego, November 2010.

'A new look at economic growth in Iraq, 1970-1990,' Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, November 2009.

'Sanctions, underdevelopment and conflict,' Hofstra University, Hempstead NY, April 27, 2009.

Chair, 'Middle East Economics and Finance,' Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington DC, November 2008.

Chair, 'Resources, Economic Policies and Employment in the Middle East,' Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, November 2006.

'Economic Policies and Conditions in Iraq' at the American Economic Association session on the Costs of War, ASSA annual meeting, Boston, January 8, 2006 (invited to submit as an article to *The Economics of Peace and Security Journal*).

'What Went Wrong? Coalition Policies and Current Economic Conditions in Iraq,' at the Middle East Economics Association roundtable on Iraq, ASSA annual meeting, Boston, January 6, 2006.

'Problems of Reconstruction,' at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington DC, November, 2005.

'Iraq under Sanction: 1990 to 2003,' at the Middle East Economics Association panel on the 'Causes and Consequences on Economic Sanctions', ASSA annual meeting, Philadelphia, January 2005.

'Growth and Capital Depletion in Iraq, 1955-89,' at the Eastern Economics Association meeting in Washington DC, February 2004.

'Development and Political Violence in Iraq, 1950-90,' at the Middle East Economics Association annual meeting, San Diego, January 2004.

'Women and Development in Iraq,' at the Women's History Month conference, California State University Fullerton, March 2002.

**Invited Lectures and Workshops:**

'An Analysis of Conflict and the Future of the Iraqi Economy (2003-2018)' in 'Research Workshop on Conflict, National Peace Building and Post Conflict Economic Agenda', Cairo, Egypt, November 20-22, 2019.

'Conflict and the future of the Iraqi economy' in 'Research Workshop on Conflicts, Governance and Post-Conflict Economic Agenda in War Afflicted Arab Countries', Economic Research Forum, Casablanca, Morocco, November 5-8, 2018.

'The private sector and public sector reform' at Workshop on 'Political economy in Iraq and social and economic challenges: towards durable development and stability, Atlantic Council and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. Baghdad, Iraq, March 6-8, 2018.

'The informal Sector in Iraq: Size, Importance and Implications,' Centra Workshop on Informal Economies in the Middle East and North Africa, Arlington VA, May 11, 2015.

'Iraq's economy 2003 to present,' US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington VA, June 14, 2013.

'The political economy of transition post Arab Spring,' Moulay Hicham Foundation for Social Science Research, Palo Alto CA, April 12, 2013.

'The material context of the Middle East Uprisings,' presented at Michigan State University, Muslim Studies Program, 6<sup>th</sup> annual conference, April 4, 2013.

Iraq Panel Discussion, Center for the Study of the Middle East, Indiana University, March 4, 2013.

Iraq's Foreign Policy and Economic Challenges: A Next Generation Dialogue, Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Istanbul, Turkey, February 20 to 23, 2013.

'Economics and Revolution,' presented at 'The New Middle East: Social and Political Change in the Twenty-First Century,' University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2012.

'Iraq in transition: economic growth, corruption and development,' US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington VA, July 18, 2012.

'The two faces of Iraq: oil, corruption and violence,' US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington VA, June 15, 2012.

'The Longer-Term Results of Iraq's Sanctions,' TAARII and British Institute for the Study of Iraq (BISI) conference *on Iraq under the Sanctions: Economic, Political, Social and Cultural Effects*, Amman, Jordan, September 23-25, 2011.

'The Palestinian economy: prospects under the two-state solution,' Centra Conference on *The Economic Future of the West Bank and Gaza*, Arlington VA, April 29, 2011.

'The political economy of sectarianism,' US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington VA, August 11, 2010.

'Iraq and the Resource Curse,' Sixth Annual Iraq Centra Conference, *The New Iraq: Internal and Regional Dynamics Shaping Its Future*, Washington DC, June 14-15, 2010.

'The political economy of sectarianism,' US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington VA, March 10, 2010.

'Iraq 1990-2003: sanctions, under-development and conflict,' US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington VA, August 12, 2009.

'CPA economic policies,' US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington VA, July 22, 2009.

'The Iraqi economy, human development and history,' US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington VA, June 17, 2009.

'Economic Dogma and Failed Policies: Iraq since 1990,' *The Iraqi Economy Since 1980: Knowns and Unknowns*, Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, April 6-7, 2007.

'The Contradictions of Economic Policy in Iraq,' Workshop on the Socio-Economic Trajectory of Iraq: 1950- Present, Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, May 19-20, 2006.

Chair, 'The state of US research related to Iraq,' TAARII Conference, Amman, Jordan, September 23-24, 2005.

Participant, Iraq Economic Development Roundtable Discussion with Dr. Zalmay Khalilzad, the US Ambassador to Iraq, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC, June 29, 2005.

'Economic Conditions in Iraq: Background and Prospects' at the Chicago Quantitative Alliance annual meeting, Las Vegas, March 2005.

'Shock Therapy in Iraq: Coalition Economic Policies,' at the second workshop on the Rebuilding of Devastated Economies at the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, Los Angeles, February 2005.

**Consulting:**

Country Analyst for the PRIX Index on Political Risk and Oil Exports, April 2015 – 2018.

Belgian Commission General for Refugees and Stateless Persons, April 2014.

Brian Mcfeeters, Economic Section, US Embassy Baghdad, July 2011.

Gerson Lehrman Group, March and April 2008, 'Iraq's oil and gas sector.'

**Press interviews/quotations:**

Quoted: Borgen Magazine, October 2014.

Interview: NBC News, July 2014.

Interview: Egypt Oil and Gas Newspaper, October, 2013.

Interview: UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (now Integrated Regional Information Networks), April 24, 2013.

Interview: *Digital Journal*, March 21, 2013.

Interview: *International Business Times*, March 19, 2013.

Interview: *The Epoch Times*, September 7, 2011.

PBS NewsHour online, December 2006.

**Professional Service:**

Book proposal evaluator, Colombia University Press, March 2016.

Chairperson, Roger Owen Book Award committee, 2015.

Associate Editor (Economics and Political Economy), *Review of Middle East Studies*, 2015 – present

External evaluator: academic tenure, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, August 2014.

Reviewer, TAARII dissertation prize competition, July 2013.

Academic consultant for 'Development Economics,' by Julie Schaffner, July 2012.

Academic consultant for 'Social Issues and Economic Thinking,' by Wendy Stock, October 2011.

Academic consultant for 'Development Economics: Institutions and Welfare,' by Gerard Roland, October 2011.

Reviewer, TAARII US Fellowship competition, January 2011.

TAARII Board Member 2010 – present.

Academic consultant for 'Economic Analysis of Social Issues: Individual Actions and Collective Outcomes,' by Alan Grant, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., August 2010.

Academic consultant for 'Institutions and Economic Development,' by Gerard Roland 1<sup>st</sup> ed., October 2009.

Academic consultant for 'International Economics,' by Thomas Pugel 15<sup>th</sup> ed., December 2008.

Academic consultant for 'Civics Today,' McGraw Hill, February 2007.

Academic consultant for 'Economics' by David Colander, April 2006.

Participant at Addison-Wesley focus group on teaching economics, Philadelphia, January 8, 2005.

Manuscript Reviewer: *Third World Quarterly*, *Journal of Economic Issues*, *Middle East Journal*, *Thunderbird International Business Review*, *Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research*, *Digest of Middle East Studies*.



**Courses Taught:**

Economic Development  
Economics of the Middle East  
Principles of Macroeconomics  
Principles of Microeconomics  
Managerial Economics  
International Economics  
Intermediate Microeconomics  
Basic Economics

**University and Community Service:**

Academic Misconduct Investigative Committee  
April 2014  
Assessment Leadership Team, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) representative, Indiana State, 2012- May 2014  
Faculty Advisor, Economics Department, Indiana State  
August 2011-July 2014  
Objective Leader for Goal 5 of CAS strategic plan (charged with increasing professional satisfaction), 2012-2013  
Faculty Fellow, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, Indiana State, 2010-2011  
Mathematics Department Chair search committee, Indiana State  
Spring 2011  
Post-Graduation Success Taskforce, Indiana State University  
February 2011  
Assessment Council, Indiana State University  
August 2010- May 2014  
Faculty Senate, Indiana State University  
August 2010- May 2014  
Faculty Council, College of Arts and Science, Indiana State University  
August 2009-2010  
General Education Council, Indiana State University  
January-May 2008  
International Studies Advisory Committee, Indiana State University  
2007-9  
Student Affairs Committee, Economics Department, Indiana State  
2005-6, 2008-2014(chair in 2008-9, 2010-2013)  
Personnel Committee, Economics Department, Indiana State  
2010-2013  
Curriculum Committee, Economics Department, Indiana State  
2004-5, 2006-7, 2007-8, 2013-2014  
Faculty Adviser, Saudi Arabian Student Association, Indiana State  
2006-7  
Academic Adviser, Arab Student Union, California State University Fullerton

2002-4

Guest Lecture: 'International trade: is it beneficial?' Basic Economics (ECON 100), Indiana State, November 9, 2016.

Guest Lecture: 'Colonialism and the origins of underdevelopment,' World Cultures and Environments (ENVI 130), Indiana State, September 28, 2015.

Interviewer, President's Scholarship Interview Day, Indiana State University January 24, 2015.

'Immigration Roundtable,' United Campus Ministry, Indiana State University, October 15, 2014.

Interviewer, President's Scholarship Interview Day, Indiana State University January 25, 2014.

'Globalization, Historical Accident and Sectarianism, Guest lecture, Dr Isaac Land, History 113: Topics in History, Indiana State University, November 14, 2012.

'The Economics of the Arab Spring,' Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Indianapolis, November 2, 2011.

'Assessment: Potential Opportunities and Pitfalls' Guest Lecture, Dr. Will Barratt, SAHE 651 (Program Evaluation), November 1, 2011.

'Perspective on the Arab Spring,' Eastern Illinois University, September 19, 2011.

'Sanctions in the Middle East,' Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Indiana State University, April 26, 2011.

'Iraq since 1990,' Kiwanis Club, Terre Haute, April 21, 2011.

'The Arab Spring,' Panel Discussion on uprisings in the Middle East, ISU, April 20, 2011.

'Cap and Trade: Implications for Climate Change,' United Campus Ministry, Indiana State University, September 29, 2010.

'The US, Iran and the Persian Gulf,' Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Indiana State University, May 4, 2010.

Discussant, 'Who was for sale?' Conference on Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility, organized by the Networks Financial Institute, Indiana State University, March 30, 2009.

'Economic realities and prospects in the MENA region,' Guest Lecture, Politics of the Middle East (PSCI 490/590), Professor Glenn Perry, Indiana State University, January 16, 2009.

'Christianity in the Middle East,' at invitation of Dr. Carmen Montanez (of Indiana State University), St. Joseph's Catholic Church group, October 14, 2008.

Interviewer, President's Scholarship Interview Day, Indiana State University February 9, 2008.

'Immigration and the US economy' League of Women Voters of Vigo County, Terre Haute IN, November 15, 2007.

'Roundtable on Immigration,' United Campus Ministry, Indiana State University, September 26, 2007.

'Perspective on Poverty: Data and Issues,' South Vermillion High School Teachers' In-service, Clinton IN, August 15, 2007.

Discussant, 'A skeptic's view of intellectual property rights,' Conference on Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility, organized by the Networks Financial Institute, Indiana State University, March 19, 2007.

'Economic conditions and prospects in the Middle East and North Africa region,' the Global Economics Workshop, June 14, 2006, McCormicks Creek State Park Lodge, Spencer IN.

Guest Speaker, History Club, Indiana State University, April 6, 2006.

'The Middle East in Transition?' Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies, Indiana State University, March 11, 2006.

After-school activities contributor, 'College Mentors for Kids,' Terre Haute, January 2006.

'Debate and Controversy over the Arab Human Development Report,' Guest Lecture, Politics of the Middle East (PSCI 490/590), Professor Glenn Perry, Indiana State University, September 1, 2005.

Guest Speaker, New Faculty Orientation, Indiana State University, August 16, 2005.

'Does Foreign Assistance Assist?' Global Economics Workshop, June 16, 2005, McCormicks Creek State Park Lodge, Spencer, IN.

'Aid to Africa: Nourishing or Crippling,' African Global Week, Indiana State University, February 25, 2005.

'Current Economic Conditions in Iraq,' DePauw University, February 22, 2005.

**Languages:**

Fluent in Arabic and English.

**References:**

Available upon request.