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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gender: Female
Present Citizenship: Dual: Canadian and Lebanese
Country of birth: Lebanon
Languages: French, English and Arabic (formal Arabic, Lebanese, Syrian and Egyptian Dialect)

EDUCATION

2011 Philosophiae Doctor (Ph.D.), Science économique
Université Laval

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Associate Professor (Tenured)
Department of Economics
University of Ottawa
2018 – present

Course taught: Undergraduate: Introduction to Health Economics, Introduction to Development Economics
Graduate: Health Economics (French and English sections)

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track)

Department of Economics

University of Ottawa

2016 –2018

Course taught:

Undergraduate: Introduction to Health Economics, Introduction to
Development Economics
Graduate: Health Economics

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track)

School of Economics

University of Queensland

Tenure track position

2012 --2016

Course taught:

Undergraduate: Introduction to Health Economics
Graduate: Health Economics, Health Economics and Policy

Post-doctoral Fellow

Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health

McGill University

2011-2012

VISITING POSITIONS

Cornell University

School of Civil and Environmental Engineering

March 2014- June 2014

Cornell University

Policy Analysis and Management -College of Human Ecology

April 2015- June 2015

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate at the [Center for the Economic of Human Development \(HCEO\)](#), University of Chicago.

Canadian Center for Health Economics, University of Toronto

Life Course Centre Fellow, Institute for Social Science Research, The University of Queensland

Honorary Associate Professor, School of Economics, University of Queensland.

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Health Inequality, Social Interactions, Labour Economics and Development Economics.

Editorial Positions:

Associate Editor, Journal of Population Economics.

External Funding

- M.Yazbeck (Co-PI) and Ansaka Wijesinghe (PI), IDRC Women Rise Grant, Improving the pandemic responses to reduce adverse health effects on women workers in the export sector of Sri Lanka: A participatory study on the effectiveness of policies and regulations, 2022-2024; CAD ~\$1,000,000.
- M.Yazbeck (CoPI) and Louis Philippe Beland (PI), SSHRC insight grant, Determinants of Health, \$CAD ~75,000 2022-2025
- M. Yazbeck (PI) and Debayan Pakrashi, SHASTRI COVID19 Pandemic Responses Grant (SCPRG): Health and Wellbeing and Household dynamics among Women and Vulnerable Population in the times of COVID-19, 2020-2021; ~\$CAD 35,000 [20 Lakhs INR].
- M. Yazbeck (PI) and P. Makdissi, SSHRC Insight Development Grant, Contributions to the measurement of socioeconomic inequalities, 2018-2022; \$CAD ~65,000.
- Khalaf L., Webb M. and M. Yazbeck SSHRC connection grant. 2018, ~\$CAD12,000.
- M.Yazbeck (PI) WHO Grant - Antimicrobial resistance interventions what works what doesn't, 2016-2017; \$25,000 USD.
- Joint with Business School Team. Investigating innovative health service redesign instigated by local Hospital and Health Service Boards and its impact on rural and remote communities; UQ Collaboration and Industry Engagement Fund, 2015-2016; ~\$AUD 76,000

Papers under Review

- **Yazbeck M. A.**, Xu H., Azocar F., and Susan Ettner. Spousal Peer Effects in Specialty Behavioral Health Services Use: Do Spillovers Vary by Gender, Subscriber Status and Sexual Orientation?
- Acharya A, Khalaf L, Voia M, **M. Yazbeck**, Wensley D. Severity of Illness and the Duration of Intensive Care. HCEO Working Paper 2021-003, January 2021.

Publications

- Byrne, D., Kwak, D., Tang KK., and **M.A. Yazbeck**, (*forthcoming*) Spillover Effects of Retirement: does health vulnerability matter? *Economics and Human Biology*.
- Jung D., Kwak d., Tang KK., and **M. Yazbeck**. (*forthcoming*) How do Job Conditions Amplify the Impact of Mental Health Shocks? *Labor Economics*.

- Fakih, A., Makdissi, P., Marrouch W., Tabri R.V., and **M. Yazbeck** (*forthcoming*), [A Stochastic Dominance Test Under Survey Nonresponse with an Application to Comparing Trust Levels in Lebanese Public Institutions](#), *Journal of Econometrics*.
- Khaled, M. Makdissi, P. and **M.A. Yazbeck** (*forthcoming*), On Absolute Socioeconomic Health Inequality comparisons, *European Journal of Health Economics*.
- Khaled, M., P. Makdissi and **M. Yazbeck** (*forthcoming*), Child malnutrition, in J. Silber (Ed.), *Research Handbook on Measuring Poverty and Deprivation*, Edward Elgar.
- Abu-Ismaïl, K., V. Gantner, P. Makdissi and **M. Yazbeck**, Socioeconomic inequalities in child malnutrition in Egypt, forthcoming in *Metron*, Special issue *A century of inequality measurement*.
- Khaled, M. Makdissi, P. Tabri, R. and **M. Yazbeck** (2018), A Framework for Testing the equality Between the Health Concentration Curve and the 45-Degree Line, *Health Economics*, 27, 887-896.
- Khaled, M. Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck** (2018), Income-Related Health Transfers Principles and Orderings of Joint Distributions of Income and Health, *Journal of Health Economics*, 57, 315-331.
- Makdissi, P and **M. Yazbeck**, (2017) Robust Ranking of Socioeconomic Health Inequality using a Categorical Variable, *Health Economics*, 26, 1132-1145.
- Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck** (2016), Avoiding Blindness to Health Status: A New Class of Health Achievement and Inequality Indices, *Social Science and Medicine*, Volume 171, 39-47.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck** (2015), Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Adolescent Weight Gain, *Journal of Health Economics*, 42, 125-138.
- Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck** (2015), On the Measurement of Plutonometry, *Social Choice and Welfare*, 44, 703-717.
- Makdissi P. and **M. Yazbeck** (2014), On the Measurement of Socio-Economic Health inequality in the Presence of Categorical Information, *Journal of Health Economics*, 34, 84-95.
- Makdissi, P., D. Sylla and **M. Yazbeck** (2013), Decomposing Socioeconomic Health Inequality in Presence of Multiple Categorical Information, *Economic Modelling*, 35, 964-968.
- Berenger, V., F. Bresson, P. Makdissi and **M. Yazbeck** (2013), Regional and Sectoral Distribution of Poverty in Lebanon, 2004, in Berenger, V. and F. Bresson (eds.), *Poverty and Social Exclusion around the Mediterranean Sea*, Series: Economic Studies in Inequality, Social Exclusion and Well-Being, Springer; 109-141.
- Bibi, S., P. Makdissi and **M. Yazbeck** (2012), Equivalence Scales and Housing Deprivation Orderings: An Example Using Lebanese Data, *Applied Economics*, 44, 853-866.
- Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck** (2011), Assessing the Redistributive Impact of Higher Education Tuition Fees Reforms: The Case of Québec, *Applied Economics Letters*, 18, 143-147.
- Kabbani, N. and **M. Yazbeck** (2005), The Role of Food Assistance in Helping Food Insecure Households Escape Hunger, *Review of Agricultural Economics*, 27(3), 439-445.

Presentations

- Invited Expert, Expert Group Meeting United Nations-ESCWA- Methodological Tools for Evaluating Poverty and Inequality Reduction Policies- Beirut- (December 11, 2020)

- Khaled, M., Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck**, On the importance of the upside-down test in absolute socioeconomic health inequality comparisons, SCSE 2019, Quebec, Canada, May 2019.
- Khaled, M., Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck**, On the importance of the upside-down test in absolute socioeconomic health inequality comparisons, University of Toronto, Canada, March 2018.
- Khaled, M., Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck**, On the importance of the upside-down test in absolute socioeconomic health inequality comparisons, Workshop on Economic Inequality, Ottawa, Canada, February, 2018.
- Khaled, M., Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck**, On the importance of the upside-down test in absolute socioeconomic health inequality comparisons, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada February, 2018.
- Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck**, Robust Ranking of Socioeconomic Health Inequality using a Categorical Variable, ASSA meetings, Chicago, January, 2017.
- Paul Makdissi and **Yazbeck M.** Categorical Health Variables: What Can We Learn About Socioeconomic Health Inequalities? North American Productivity Workshop IX, Quebec, June 2016.
- Do Won Kwak, Xin Li, Prasada Rao, KK Tang and **Yazbeck M.** Spousal Social interaction effects and mental health, Inequalities and families: Childhood as a homeland, Research Group on Human Capital, Universite du Quebec a Montreal, Montreal, April 2016.
- Do Won Kwak, Xin Li, Prasada Rao, KK Tang and **Yazbeck M.** Spousal Social interaction effects and mental health, University of Wologong, Wologong, November, 2015
- Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck**, Robust Orderings of Distributions of Self-Reported Health Status, Workshop on Measuring Inequality and Mobility in Health and Income, University of Melbourne, October 2015.
- Do Won Kwak, Xin Li, Prasada Rao, KK Tang and **Yazbeck M.** Spousal Social interaction effects and mental health, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, October, 2015
- Do Won Kwak, Xin Li, Prasada Rao, KK Tang and **Yazbeck M.** Spousal Social interaction effects and mental health, University of Sydney, Sydney, September, 2015
- Do Won Kwak, Xin Li, Prasada Rao, KK Tang and **Yazbeck M.** Spousal Social interaction effects and mental health, CEA, Toronto, May 2015
- Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck**, Robust Wagstaff Orderings of Distributions of Self-Reported Health Status, Université Laval, Quebec, January 2015.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. Research School of Economics, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, December 2014.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. Research School of Economics, Australian National University, Canberra, February 2014.
- Makdissi, P. and **M. Yazbeck**, Robust Wagstaff Orderings of Distributions of Self-Reported Health Status, Fifth Workshop on the Economics of Health and Wellbeing, Melbourne, February 2014.
- **Yazbeck, M.**, Social Networks and Health Outcomes, GAP Forum, University of Ottawa, January 2013.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. School of Public Policy, Penn State University, Harrisburg, March 2012.

- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. School of Economics, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, March 2012.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. THEMA, Université de Cergy-Pontoise, Cergy, France, February 2012.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. Department of Economics, University of Alberta, January 2012.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. *Meeting of the ACEA, Cape Breton University*. Sydney, Nova Scotia, October 2010.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. *44th Annual Conference of the CEA*. Québec, Québec, May 2010.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. *Annual meeting of the Canadian Health Economics Study Group*. Montréal, Québec, May 2010.
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Peer Effects, Fast Food Consumption and Obesity. *III World Conference of Spatial Econometrics*. Barcelona, Spain, July 2009
- Fortin, B. and **M. Yazbeck**, Effets de pairs, mauvaises habitudes alimentaires et obésité. *Congrès annuel de la Société canadienne de science économique*. Saint Adèle, Quebec, May 2009.
- **Yazbeck, M.** and H. Djebbari, L'impact de la structure du ménage sur la santé des enfants : le cas de l'Afrique du Sud. *Journée étudiante du CIRPÉE*. Québec, Québec, Février 2009.
- **Yazbeck, M.** and H. Djebbari, L'effet net de la pension sud-africaine sur la nutrition des enfants. *Congrès annuel de la Société canadienne de science économique*. Montebello, Québec, May 2008.
- **Yazbeck, M.** and H. Djebbari, L'effet net de la pension sud-africaine sur la nutrition des enfants. *Groupe de recherche en économie et développement international*. Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, April 2008.
- **Yazbeck, M.** and H. Djebbari, L'effet net de la pension sud-africaine sur la nutrition des enfants. *Journées CIRPÉE*. Laurentides, Québec, October 2007.
- **Yazbeck, M.**, La pension de vieillesse en Afrique du Sud. *Journée étudiante du CIRPÉE*. Montréal, November 2006.

Graduate student supervision:

- **Completed:**

Anna Crothers (Master of Health Economics-UQueensland), Lucile Danks (co-supervision, Honours Economics UQueensland), Shixuan Jian (Masters of Economics- UOttawa), Gloria Mbuyi (Masters of Economics- UOttawa), **Sarah Rwigema (Masters of Economics, UOttawa)¹**, Anahita Alinejad (co-supervision, Masters of Economics, UOttawa), Ali Ebrahimi (co-supervision, Masters of Economics UOttawa), **Jawa Issa (current co-supervision Masters of Economics, UOttawa)²**, Yiwen Tu (Masters of Economics University of Ottawa), Junfeng Du (Masters of Economics University of Ottawa), Ryan Mulcock (Masters of Economics University of Ottawa) Syed Hassan (Ph.D), Audrey Appiah Minta (Ph.D.-UOttawa- defending in September).

¹ Sarah Rwigema has been admitted this year to graduate degree in LSE.

² Jawa Issa, has been accepted in Erasmus Ph.D. program under the supervision of Owen O'Donnell and Tom Van Ourti.

- **Ongoing:**

Kadija Bchi (Ph.D.-UOttawa), Aline Zayyat (Ph.D-UOttawa), Ghina Abdalbaki(Ph.D-UOttawa).

Refereeing activity: Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Journal of Economic Inequality, Economics and Human Biology, Empirical Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Economics Bulletin, Journal of Biosocial Science, Actualité économique - Revue d'analyse économique, Perspective Afrique.

Professional activities:

- Graduate Program Evaluator for MA and Ph.D. Program, Université de Sherbrooke.
- **Grant evaluator for:** Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network, Agence National de la Recherche (ANR), Fonds de Recherche du Quebec- Société et Culture (FRQSC), Research foundation- Flanders (FWO), Australian Research Council (ARC), Economic Research Forum (ERF).
- **Local workshop organizer for:** Canadian Health Economics Study Group 2016 and 2022 (CHESG), North American Productivity Workshop IX (2016), Workshop on Economic Inequality, Ottawa-Carleton Graduate School of Economics (2018), Canadian Econometrics Study Group, Ottawa, (2018), Health Economics Workshop- University of Ottawa (2019).
- **Scientific committee:** IHEA -2013, IHEA2017, HEA2019, AASLE (2017,2018,2022), CEA(2018), CESG (2018), SCSE(2019,2020,2023), CHESG(2020), ASHECON(2021).
- **Guest Expert:** 2019 Expert Group Meeting United Nations-ESCWA- Multidimensional Inequality in Arab Countries- Beirut- (February 2019).