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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS    **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Hamilton College                          July 2019 – Present  
   **Visiting Scholar**, UCSD Economics    August 2022 – June 2023  
   **Impact Evaluation Specialist**, The World Bank    November 2016 – June 2019  
   **Professional Associate**, The World Bank    December 2009 – July 2012

EDUCATION                          **PhD**, University of California, Davis    2019  
   Dissertation title: *Poverty Dynamics and Mental Health*  
   Research & Teaching Fields in Economics: Development, Urban, Health, Violence and Crime, and Applied Econometrics  
  
   **Master of Public Policy**, Georgetown University    2010  
   **Bachelor of Arts** in Economics, American University of Beirut    2008

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS                          [1] [Alloush, M. \(forthcoming in 2024\)](#). Income, Psychological Well-being, and the Dynamics of Poverty. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.  
   [2] [Alloush, M., Bloem, J., & J. Malacarne \(2024\)](#). Social Protection Amid a Crisis: New Evidence from South Africa's Older Person's Grant. *The World Bank Economic Review*, 38(2).  
   [3] [Alloush, M. & S. Wu \(2023\)](#). Income Improves Subjective Well-being: Evidence from South Africa. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 71(2).  
   [4] [Alloush, M. & J. Bloem \(2022\)](#). Neighborhood Violence, Poverty, and Psychological Well-being. *Journal of Development Economics*, 54(1).  
   [5] [Alloush, M. & J. Bloem \(2022\)](#). The Psychological Tolls of Food Insecurity. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 204, 618-630.  
   [6] [Mehra, S., Stopnitzky, Y., & M. Alloush \(2022\)](#). Do Shocks and Environmental Factors Shape Personality Traits? Evidence from the Ultra-Poor in Uganda. *Journal of Development Studies*, 59(1), 94-113.  
   [7] [Alloush, M., Taylor, J.E., Rojas, I., Gupta, A., & E. Gonzalez \(2017\)](#). Economic Life in Refugee Camps. *World Development*, 95(6), 334-347.  
   [8] [Taylor, J.E., Filipinski, M., Alloush, M., Rojas, I., Gupta, A., & E. Gonzalez \(2016\)](#). Economic Impact of Refugees. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 113(27), 7449-7453.  
   [9] [Alloush, M., Gatti, R., Silva, J., & C. Chartouni \(2013\)](#). Informality and Exclusion: Evidence from Matched Employer-Employee data for Lebanon and Syria. *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 2(1), 1-18.

WORKING PAPERS

- The Health Effects of In Utero Exposure to Cash Transfers (R&R at *Journal of Human Resources*). Latest draft [here](#).  
*with Warda Riaz*

- Conditional Cash Transfers and Corporal Punishment. Latest draft [here](#).  
*with Susan Godlonton & Emily Conover*
- On the Definition and Estimation of Economic Resilience using Counterfactuals. Latest draft [here](#).  
*with Michael R. Carter*
- Empirical Detection of Poverty Traps and Unnecessary Deprivation. Latest draft [here](#).  
*with Michael R. Carter*
- Cash Transfers and Postpartum Depression: Evidence from South Africa  
*with Warda Riaz and Jeff Bloem*
- Psychological Resilience and Economic Outcomes

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

- Poverty and Enriching Engagement with Children
- Single Parenthood during Childhood and Adult Outcomes  
*with Abi Mangiafico and Evelyn Skoy*
- Examining the Effects of Property Defense Statutes on US Crime Rates Using Difference-in-Differences  
*with Jackson Davenport*
- Estimating Development Resilience using High Frequency Data: An Application using LSMS  
*with Michael R. Carter, Talip Kilic, and Peter O'Brien*

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Hamilton College**

- *Introduction to Econometrics*
- *Poverty and Inequality (senior seminar)*
- *Economic Theory and Evidence*
- *Urban Economics*

**University of California, Davis**

- *Economic Development*
- Teaching Assistant for *Econometric Foundations (PhD)*, *Economic Development*, *Intermediate Microeconomics*

CONFERENCE & INVITED PRESENTATIONS **2024:** University of Minnesota, International Food Policy Research Institute, MWIEDC, LAC-Pal

**2023:** NBER Summer Institute, LACDev, University of California San Diego, Bentley University, University of Maine, San Diego State University, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Meetings (AAEA)

**2022:** American Economics Association meetings, 100 Years of Economic Development Conference, AAEA, University of California Davis

**2021:** North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Hamilton/Colgate Seminar Series, Midwest Health Policy Workshop

**2020:** Economics of Mental Health Workshop, Liberal Arts Development Group

**2019:** LACDev, Sustainable Development Workshop (Monash University, Italy), Psychology and Economics of Poverty Workshop (CEGA), International Food Policy Research Institute

**2018:** NEUDC, North American Meeting of the Econometrics Society, Pacific Development Conference (PacDev), University of San Francisco, AAEA, Midwest International Economic Development Conference, American University of Beirut

**2017:** South Africa Labor & Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town, UC Davis Temporary Migration Cluster

GRANTS,	<b>Hamilton College</b> , Dean's Early Career Scholarly Achievement Award	2024
FELLOWSHIPS,	<b>USAID</b> , \$40,000 for Measuring Resilience in the Presence of Poverty Traps	2022
AND AWARDS	<b>UK-DFID</b> , \$200,000 for Building Evidence on Protracted Forced Displacement	2017
	<b>Provost Fellowship</b> , \$25,000 University of California, Davis	2014

REFEREE SERVICE  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Journal of Health Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Oxford Economics Papers, Food Policy, Labour Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Economics of Education Review, National Science Foundation, National Bureau of Economic Research (book chapter).