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### Education

- 1999 University of Texas at Austin  
*Ph.D. in Economics. Dissertation: Labor Market Responses to External and Regional Shocks*
- 1996 University of Texas at Austin  
*M.S. in Economics*
- 1993 University of Texas at Austin  
*B.A. in Economics and Middle Eastern Studies-Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Distinguished College Scholar (4.0 GPA)*

### Teaching Experience

- Courses taught Gender and Development; Political Economy of Global Climate Change; International Development Finance, International Political Economy, Introductory Economics, Microeconomics, Microeconomic Policies, Economics of Poverty and Discrimination, Environmental Economics, Health Economics, Public Finance, Econometrics, Empirical Health Economics, Economics of the Middle East and North Africa, Labor Economics, Research Methods.
- 2007- Assistant Professor  
Department of Political Science, International Development and International Affairs  
University of Southern Mississippi
- 2001-2007 Assistant Professor  
Department of Economics, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA
- 1999-2001 Visiting Assistant Professor  
Department of Economics, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

### Research Experience

- 1996-97 Visiting Research Associate  
Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Jerusalem
- Summer 1995 Research Assistant  
Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin
- 1995 Research Assistant  
Center for International Business Education and Research, University of Texas at Austin

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### External Honors, Grants and Awards

- June 2009-  
May 2011      Research Grant  
US Department of Homeland Security: \$792,851 (co-PI with David Butler)  
*To Model Post-Disaster Recovery of Microeconomies*
- July 2008-  
June 2009      Research Grant  
Economic Research Forum: \$29,492 (PD, co-PI with Yousef Daoud)  
*To Study the Effects of Labor Market Regulations in Palestine*
- June 2006      Travel Grant  
Department of Middle East Studies, Tel Aviv University  
*For professional development travel to Israel*
- June 2005      Travel Grant  
School for International Training  
*For professional development travel to Mongolia*
- December 1999    Ibn Khaldun Award  
Middle East Economic Association  
*Best paper on a Middle Eastern country by a junior economist for "Labor Demand and the Wage Gap"*
- 1997-1998      Continuing University Fellow  
College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin  
*For academic excellence in Graduate school*
- 1997            Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award  
National Science Foundation Grant #SBR-9710195: \$15,000  
*To purchase data and complete dissertation research*
- 1995-1996      International Predissertation Fellow  
Social Science Research Council: \$30,000  
*To study effects of recent political changes on the economies of Israel and Palestine*
- January 1994    Social Science and Area Studies Grant  
Ford Foundation: \$20,000  
*To study Palestinian interest in homeland investment*

### Publications: Articles

Sayre, Edward A. (2009) "Labor Market Conditions, Political Events, and Palestinian Suicide Bombings," *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*: Vol. 15 : Iss. 1 forthcoming

Edward Sayre and Samia al-Botmeh, "In Search of a Future: The Struggle of Young Palestinians," in *A Generation in Waiting: Youth Inclusion in the Middle East*, ed. Navtej Dhillon and Tarik Yousef (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press: 2009 forthcoming).

"Aid, Development and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict" *Global Horizons*, Fall 2007, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 5-12.

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**Publications: Articles (continued)**

“Paying for Bodies, but not for Organs” *Regulation* Winter 2007, Vol 29. No. 4, pp 14-19 with David E. Harrington.

“Structuring a Pension Scheme for a Future Palestinian State” in *The Economics of Palestine: Economic policy and institutional reform for a viable Palestinian state*, David Cobham and Nu'man Kanafani, eds. London: Routledge, 2004: 143-171 with Jennifer Olmsted.

“The Labor-Market Effects of Palestinian Return Migration”, *Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economies*, electronic journal, Volume 5, Middle East Economic Association and Loyola University Chicago, September 2003.

“Labor Supply, Labor Demand and the Returns to Schooling in the West Bank and Gaza Strip” *Middle East Business and Economic Review*, Vol 13. No. 1, July 2001 : 29-43.

“Palestinian Interest in Homeland Investment” *Middle East Journal* Vol. 55 No. 2, Spring 2001:237-255, with Kate Gillespie and Liesl Riddle.

“Labor Demand and the Wage Gap: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” *Contemporary Economic Policy* Vol. 19, No. 2, April 2001: 213-224.

“Diaspora Interest in Homeland Investment” *Journal of International Business Studies*, vol 30. No. 3, Third Quarter 1999: 623-634, with Kate Gillespie, Liesl Riddle, and David Sturges.

“Return Migration and Worker Displacement: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” *Southwestern Journal of Economics*, Vol II, No. 3, March 1999: 96-111.

“Economics of Palestinian Return Migration” *Middle East Report*, Vol 29, No. 3, Fall 1999: 8-9, with Jennifer Olmsted.

“Global Competitiveness and Diaspora Investment: Palestine and Iran” in *Papers and Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Competitiveness* (July 1995) with Kate Gillespie, Liesl Riddle, and David Sturges.

“Financing Palestine: Palestinian-American Attitudes Toward Investment in the Homeland” in *Middle East Banking and Finance: A Collection of Essays*. New York: Arab Bankers' Association of North America. January 1996 with Kate Gillespie, Liesl Riddle, and David Sturges.

**Research Monographs**

*Youth Exclusion in the West Bank and Gaza Strip: The Impact of Social, Political and Economic Forces*. Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution, May 2009, with Samia al-Botmeh

*The Tourism Sector in the West Bank and Gaza Strip: Present State and Future Prospects*. Jerusalem: Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS). May 1997 with Mark Khano.

*Employment Generation Schemes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip*. Jerusalem: Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS). November 1996 with Samia al-Botmeh.

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### Book Reviews

“Review of *Palestinian Labour Migration to Israel: Land, Labour, and Occupation*, by Leila Farsakh” *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, Vol. 41 No. 2, Winter 2007.

“Review of *Investment in Peace: The Politics of Economics Cooperation between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians* by Shaul Michal, Ranan Kuperman, and David Boas” *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, Vol. 36 No. 2, Winter 2002: 254-55.

“Review of *The Political Economy of Middle East Peace: The Impact of Competing Trade Agendas*”, Ed. by J.W. Wright, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* Vol. 33 No. 1, February 2001: 141-143.

“Review of *Oil and the Arab-Israeli Conflict* by Uri Bialer” *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, Vol. 34 No. 2, Winter 2000: 260-261.

### Op-Eds

“Perspectives: Editorial Ignores Race in School Disparity” *Hattiesburg American*, November 8, 2008.

“Buying Bodies, Stealing Organs?” *Washington Post* online edition November 27, 2006 with David E. Harrington.

“Should the West support Hamas? YES: Community aid adds credibility to its political face” *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, February 26, 2006, page B4.

“Victory in Iraq May Not Stop Suicide Attacks” *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, April 1, 2003, page A13.

### Work in Progress

“Financial Incentives and Organ Donations” with Alison Wellington revised and resubmitted to *Contemporary Economic Policy* (March 2009)

“Death of the Autopsy: Is Better Imaging Technology or Cost-Cutting to Blame?” with David E. Harrington submitted to *Social Science and Medicine* (August 2008)

“Volatility and Human Capital Investment: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” (2007) submitted to *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance* (August 2008)

“Palestinian Employment in Israel and the Sectoral Transmission of Shocks” Revisions requested by *Journal of International Development* (Mar 2008)

“The Labor-Market Effects of Palestinian Return Migration”, submitted to a collected volume edited by Jeffrey Nugent (Mar 2008)

“Macroeconomic Volatility, Household Earnings and the Added-Worker Effect in the West Bank and Gaza Strip” under review for a collected volume edited by Adel Boughrara (June 2007).

“Wage Compression and the Returns to Schooling for Palestinian men from 1995 to 2003” with Katherine L. Miller (2006)

“Labor Market Disruptions and Wage Differences: A Natural Experiment from Israel” with Jennifer C. Olmsted (2007)

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### Professional Presentations (selected)

“Unemployment Duration and Labor Market Regulations in Palestine” with Yousef Daoud, 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association, (May 2008), Famagusta, North Cyprus

“Economic Reforms and the Rebuilding of the Palestinian Health Care Sector” presented at *Rebuilding the Palestinian Health Care System Conference*, Centra Consulting (March 2008) Arlington, VA.

“Volatility and Human Capital Investment: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” presented to the University of Southern Mississippi Economics Department Seminar (October 2007)

“Death of the Autopsy: Is Better Imaging Technology or Cost-Cutting to Blame?” presented to the University of Southern Mississippi Economics Department Seminar (April 2007) and Southwestern Economics Association (March 2007) Albuquerque, NM

“Macroeconomic Volatility, Household Earnings and the Added-Worker Effect in the West Bank and Gaza Strip” presented at the presented at the Middle East Economic Association Fifth International Conference, University of Sousse, (March 2006) Sousse, Tunisia.

“Volatility and Labor Market Dynamics: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” presented at Southwestern Economics Association Meetings (March 2005) New Orleans, LA.

“Wage Compression and the Returns to Schooling for Palestinian men from 1995 to 2001” presented at the Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, (December 2004) Beirut, Lebanon and the Middle East Economic Association Meetings (January 2005) Philadelphia, PA.

“Palestinian Labor Markets and the Peace Process” presented at the conference *Economic Aspects of Peace Agreements: Lessons for the Arab-Israeli Region*, Centra Consulting (October 2004) Arlington, VA.

“The Palestinian Economy and The Economic Policy of Hamas” presented at the conference *The Struggle Between Secular Nationalism and Political Islam*, Centra Consulting (August 2004) Arlington, VA.

“The Economics of Palestinian Suicide Bombing” presented at the Middle East Economic Association Second International Conference, l’Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (June 2003) Western Economics Association, International Annual Conference, (July 2002) Seattle, WA and Southwestern Economics Association Meetings (March 1999) San Antonio, TX.

“The Economic Effects of Palestinian Return Migration” presented at the Fifth International Conference on the Economics and Finance of the Middle East, Lebanese American University, Byblos (May 2003) and Middle East Economic Association Meetings (January 2003) Washington, D.C

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### Selected Presentations (continued)

“Labor Market Disruptions and Wage Differences: A Natural Experiment from Israel” with Jennifer Olmsted. Presented at the Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 2002), New Orleans, LA; Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2001) New Orleans, LA; and Southern Economic Association Meetings (November 2000) Washington, D.C.

“Volatility and Labor Market Dynamics: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” presented at the Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2002) and the Markets, Organizations and Public Policy seminar series at Case Western Reserve University (October 1999) Cleveland, OH

“Labor Demand and the Returns to Schooling in the West Bank and Gaza Strip” Presented at the Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey’s 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, (October 2000) Amman, Jordan.

“Wage Inequality and Trade: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” Presented at the Midwest Economics Association meetings (April 2000) Chicago, IL.

“The Effects of the Peace Process on the Palestinian Economy: Separation, Renewal and Disillusionment” presented at the Global Studies Seminar Series--Denison University (February 2000) Granville, OH.

“Separation, Disillusionment or Intervention: Palestinian Labor Markets after Oslo II” presented at the Middle East Studies Association of North America Conference (December 1998) Chicago, IL

“A Different Kind of *Aliya*: Palestinian Return Migration” presented at Ninth Annual Lonestars’ Economics Conference (October 1998) Austin, TX

“The Effect of Palestinian Return Migration from the Gulf” Presented at Western Economics Association, International Conference (June 1998) Lake Tahoe, NV

“The Palestinian Tourism Sector: Present State and Future Prospects” Presented at the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute Policy Seminar Series (October 1997) Ramallah, Palestine.

“The Economic Geography of Peace: The Oslo Accords and the Distribution of Development in Palestine” Presented at the Middle East Economics Association of North America Conference (November 1996) Providence, RI.

“‘Warm Fuzzy’ Investment: Altruistic Motives and Implications of Homeland Investment” Presented at the Middle East Studies Association of North America Conference (December 1995) Washington, D.C.

“Diaspora Interest in Middle Eastern Investment” Presented at the Middle East Studies Association of North America Conference (November 1994) Phoenix, AZ.

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### Public Presentations (selected)

“Comparing the Candidates’ Proposals on Health Related Issues” presented for College of Health Scholars Series, (October 2008) University of Southern Mississippi

“Will Hamas Destroy the Possibility of Palestinian-Israeli Peace?” presented at the Vidalia Kiwanis, (May 2006) Vidalia, GA.

“Collaborative Research on the Palestinian Economy” presented to the Board of Trustees, (April 2005) Agnes Scott College.

“The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict through an Economic Lens” ACME presentation, (February 2005) Agnes Scott College.

“An Economic Consideration of the Living Wage” presented at the Teach in on the Living Wage, (September 2002) Agnes Scott College.

### Service to University of Southern Mississippi

**Head** Social-Cultural Research Team, International Development Ph.D. program (November 2007-)

**Committee Member** Dissertation of Wendell Robbins, International Development program

### Service to the Profession

**Member** Board of Directors of the Middle East Economic Association (2002-)  
Board of Directors of the ArtReach Foundation (2008-)

**Treasurer** Southwestern Economics Association (2003-)

**Editorships** Middle East Economic Association Newsletter (1999-)  
On the Editorial Board of *Topics in Middle East Economics*, an online journal  
Associate Editor, *Global Horizons*

**Textbook Reviewer** *Economics: A Tool for Critically Understanding Society* (6th Edition, 2004) by Tom Riddell, et al. Addison-Wesley Longman  
*Microeconomics: A Contemporary Introduction* (7<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2003) by William McEachern Southwestern Publishing

**Referee** *American Economic Review*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Southwestern Journal of Economics*  
*Review of Middle Eastern Economics and Finance*

### **Media**

“Reform is Needed, but Which Plan is Best?” *Hattiesburg American*, Oct 26, 2008

“Muslim Woman Speaks on Gender, Economic Issues” *Hattiesburg American*, Oct 24, 2008

“Area Exhibit ‘Breaking the Veil’ on Islamic Women Artists” *Hattiesburg American*, Oct. 5, 2008

“Organ Donor Economics” by Peter Coy, *BusinessWeek* February 5, 2007

“Hamis and the Shrinking PA Budget” by Esther Pan, April 21, 2006, Council on Foreign Relations

“Aid and Abet” by Emad Mekay *Al-Ahram* (Cairo), 2 - 8 February 2006, Issue No. 780

“The Impact of the Gaza Border Deal” by Esther Pan, November 15, 2005, Council on Foreign Relations