

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Johns Hopkins University	Ph.D. in Economics, 2001
Johns Hopkins University	M.A. in Economics, 1997
CA State University, Sacramento	M.A. in Public Management & Organizational Behavior, 1997
Claremont McKenna College (CA)	B.A. in Economics, 1992

Research and Teaching Interests

Labor Economics, Public Finance, Microeconomics, Environmental Economics, and Program Evaluation

Professional Experience

Feb 2002 - Present	Assistant Professor - Department of Economics, American University of Beirut (Beirut, Lebanon).
Nov 2000 - Jan 2002	Economist - Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture (Washington, DC).
March 2000 - Feb 2004	Research Consultant - MakingWagesWork.org, managed by the Finance Project (Washington, DC) with financial support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
June 1998 - April 1999	Research Associate - Syrian Consulting Bureau for Development and Investment (Damascus, Syria).
Sept 1997 - May 2000	Research Assistant - Dr. Karl Alexander, Beginning School Study, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD).
Sept 1995 - May 1999	Teaching Assistant - Johns Hopkins University, Department of Economics (Baltimore, MD); School of Advanced International Studies (Washington, DC).
April 1993 - Feb 1994	Legislative Consultant - California State Senate Office of Research (Sacramento, CA).
Oct 1992 - Sept 1993	Senate Fellow - California State Senate Fellows Program (Sacramento, CA).
May 1992 - July 1992	Research Assistant - Dr. Joseph Maciariello, Peter F. Drucker Management Center, Claremont Graduate School (Claremont, CA).

Published Research Papers and Reports

- Kabbani, Nader and Myra Yazbeck, "The Role of Food Assistance in Helping Food Insecure Households Escape Hunger," *Review of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 27(3), 2005, pp. 439-445.
- Kabbani, Nader and Yassin Wehelie, "Survey Results on Hunger and Food Insecurity in Yemen," *Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economics: Proceedings of the Middle East Economic Association*, Volume 7 (September 2005).
- Sattout, Elsa, Salma Talhouk and Nader Kabbani, "Lebanon," in *Mediterranean Forests and People: Towards the Total Economic Value*, edited by Maurizio Merlo and Lelia Croitoru. Padua: Padua University Press, 2005.
- Kabbani, Nader and Ekta Kothari, "A Situational Assessment of Youth Employment in the MENA Region," in *Urban Children and Youth in the MENA Region: Addressing Priorities in Education – Statistical Papers*, edited by Osman Nour, Dubai: Dubai Municipality, 2005.
- Alexander, Karl, Doris Entwisle, Susan Dauber and Nader Kabbani, "Dropout in Relation to Grade Retention: An Accounting of the Beginning School Study," in *Can Unlike Students Learn Together? Grade Retention, Tracking, and Grouping*, edited by Herbert Walberg, Arthur Reynolds, and Margaret Wang. Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing, 2004.
- Makdisi, Samir, Yusuf Shibl and Nader Kabbani, "Prospects for Arab Economic Development: Major Issues" (in Arabic), in *History of the Arabs and the World*, Vol. 28 No. 206 (May/June 2004).
- Kabbani, Nader and Parke Wilde, "Short Recertification Periods in the U.S. Food Stamp Program," *Journal of Human Resources*, Supplement 2003, Vol. 38(S), pp. 1112-1138.
- Makdisi, Samir, Yusuf Shibl and Nader Kabbani, "Prospects for Arab Economic Development: Major Issues," (in Arabic) in *Proceedings of the Second Conference on Prospects for Arab Development*, organized by the Arab Thought Foundation, Beirut, December, 2003, pp. 265-279.
- Alexander, Karl, Doris Entwisle, Susan Dauber and Nader Kabbani, "Dropout in Relation to Grade Retention," in *On the Success of Failure: A Reassessment of the Effects of Retention in the Primary School Grades, Second Edition*, by Karl Alexander, Doris Entwisle, and Susan Dauber. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- Nord, Mark, Nader Kabbani, Laura Tiehen, Margaret Andrews, Gary Bickel and Steven Carlson, *Household Food Security in the United States, 2000*. Washington, DC: Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Report No. 21, February 2002.
- Alexander, Karl, Doris Entwisle and Nader Kabbani "The Dropout Process in Life Course Perspective: Early Risk Factors at Home and School," *Teachers College Record*, October 2001, Vol. 103(5), pp. 760-822.

Articles and Other Research

- Kabbani, Nader and Ekta Kothari, "Youth Employment in the MENA Region: A Situational Assessment," Social Protection Discussion Paper No. 534 (September 2005), the World Bank, Washington, DC.
- Kabbani, Nader and Myra Yazbeck "The Role of Food Assistance Programs and Employment Circumstances in Helping Households with Children Avoid Hunger," Discussion Paper No. 1280-04, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin – Madison, May 2004.
- "Short Recertification Periods in the U.S. Food Stamp Program: Causes and Consequences," in *Focus*, the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Vol. 22(2), Summer 2002.
- The Effect of Public Sector Training Programs on the Employment and Earnings of Non-participant Workers*. Dissertation, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, May 2001.
- Alexander, Karl, Doris Entwisle and Nader Kabbani, "Grade Retention, Social Promotion, and 'Third Way' Alternatives," *The CEIC Review*, published by Temple University, Vol. 9(3), June 2000.

“Local Government Mandates”, in *An Overview of the Budget Solution for 1993-94*, California Senate Office of Research, Sacramento, CA, July 1993.

Conference Presentations

- “Labor Force Participation, Employment and Returns to Education in Syria,” Nader Kabbani (presenter) and Henrik Huitfeldt, Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran & Turkey, 12th Annual Conference, Cairo Egypt, Dec. 19-20, 2005.
- “Coping with Hunger and Food Insecurity in Yemen,” Seventh International Conference on the Economics and Finance of the Middle East and North Africa, Byblos, Lebanon, May 30 - June 1, 2005.
- “A Situational Assessment of Youth Employment in the MENA Region,” Nader Kabbani (presenter) and Ekta Kothari, Conference on Urban Children and Youth in the MENA Region: Addressing Priorities in Education, Dubai, UAE, May 16-18, 2005.
- “Measuring Hunger and Food Insecurity in Yemen,” Nader Kabbani (presenter) and Yassin Wehelie, Middle East Economic Association session at the ASSA Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 7-9, 2005.
- “The Role of Food Assistance in Helping Food Insecure Households Escape Hunger,” Nader Kabbani (presenter) and Myra Yazbeck, American Agricultural Economics Association session at the ASSA Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 7-9, 2005.
- “Measuring Hunger and Food Insecurity in Yemen,” Nader Kabbani (presenter) and Yassin Wehelie, Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran & Turkey, 11th Annual Conference, Beirut, Lebanon, Dec. 14-16, 2004.
- “Syria Country Profile - Labor,” Nader Kabbani (presenter) and Zafiriz Tzannatos, Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran & Turkey, Annual Conference, Beirut, Lebanon, Dec. 14-16, 2004.
- “Prospects for Arab Economic Development: Major Issues,” Samir Makdisi (presenter), Yusuf Shibl, and Nader Kabbani, Second Conference on Prospects for Arab Development, organized by the Arab Thought Foundation, Beirut, Dec. 2003 (in Arabic).
- “The Role of Food Assistance Programs and Household Employment in Helping Food Insecure Families Avoid Hunger,” Nader Kabbani (presenter) and Myra Yazbeck. Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture 2003 Small Grants Conference, Nov. 20-21, 2003, Washington, DC.
- “Short Recertification Periods in the U.S. Food Stamp Program: Causes and Consequences,” Nader Kabbani & Parke Wilde (joint presenters). Income Volatility and the Implications for Food Assistance Programs: A Conference of the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin – Madison and the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, May 2002.
- “Avoiding Hunger: Factors Affecting the Likelihood that Food Insecure Households Will Be Hungry,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)’s Annual Research Conference in Washington, DC, Nov. 1-3, 2001.
- “Food Expenditures and Food Security: Findings from 2000 CPS Food Security Supplement,” Margaret Andrews, Mark Nord (presenter), and Nader Kabbani. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Research Conference in Washington, DC, Nov. 1-3, 2001.
- “Program Effects on Members of a Control Group – Evidence from the National JTPA Study,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Research Conference, Seattle, WA, Nov. 2-4, 2000.
- “Dropout in Relation to Grade Retention: An Accounting from the Beginning School Study,” Karl Alexander (presenter), Doris Entwisle and Nader Kabbani. The National Invitational Conference on Can Unlike Children Learn Together? Grade Retention, Tracking and Grouping, Oct. 18-19, 2000, Arlington, VA.
- “Grade Retention, Social Promotion, and ‘Third Way’ Alternatives,” Karl Alexander (presenter), Doris Entwisle and Nader Kabbani. The National Invitational Conference on Early Childhood Learning: Programs for a New Age, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 1999, Arlington, VA.

Research Grants

- International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada: "Raw Tobacco Price Subsidy: Implications for Farm Income and Natural Productive Resources," August 2005 – July 2007 (\$7,130). Co-investigators: Mohamad Ragy Darwish (AUB), Fadi Asrawi (Haigazian University), and Asma Bazzi (AUB).
- Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran & Turkey: "Gender Differences in Unemployment Rates in the MENA Region," August 2005 – July 2007 (\$18,200). Co-Investigator: Ragui Assaad (Population Council).
- Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research: "Raw Tobacco Price Subsidy: Implications for Farm Income and Natural Productive Resources," August 2005 – July 2007 (\$4,000). Co-investigators: Mohamad Ragy Darwish (AUB), Fadi Asrawi (Haigazian University), and Asma Bazzi (AUB).
- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation: Hewlett Research Fellowship, American University of Beirut, Spring 2005 (paid research leave).
- International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada: "Wild Edible Plants: Promoting Dietary Diversity in Poor Communities of Lebanon," 2005-2006 (\$200,000). Principal Investigator: Malek Batal (AUB). Co-investigators: Shadi Hamadeh, Salma Talhouk, Nahla Hwalla, Dima Jamali, Nader Kabbani.
- Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin- Madison, IRP-USDA Small Grants Program: "The Role of Food Assistance and Employment in Helping Food Insecure Families Avoid Hunger," June 2002 – December 2003 (\$33,000).

Selected Working Papers

- "Labor Force Participation, Employment, and Returns to Education in Syria," (with Henrik Huitfeldt, ETF)
- "Labor and Human Resource Development in Syria," (with Zafiris Tzannatos, World Bank).
- "The Economics of Biodiversity in Arid Regions."
- "The Effect of Public Sector Training Programs on the Employment of Non-Participant Workers."

Professional Consultancies

- The Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes (FEMISE)
- The European Training Foundation of the European Union (EFT)
- The Finance Project (Washington, DC)
- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- The World Bank

Other Experience

- Executive Committee Member, Initiative for Biodiversity Studies in Arid Regions, AUB, Oct 2003 - Present.
- Steering Committee Member, Center of American Studies and Research, AUB, Oct 2003 - July 2004
- Visiting Scholar - Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, June - August, 2003
- Co-founder and Mediator - The Community Mediation Program, Baltimore, MD, Sept 1995 - May 2000
- President - Economics Graduate Students Organization, Johns Hopkins University, Sept 1995 - June 1996
- Legislative Assistant - National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing, Wash., DC, May 1991 - Aug 1991
- Intern - Congressman Jerry Lewis, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, Jan 1991 - May 1991
- Mediator - Claremont Dispute Resolution Center, Glendora, CA, August 1989 - July 1992

Honors and Awards

- Merit Award, U.S. Department of Agriculture, September 2001
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, April 1998
- Fellow, California State Senate Fellows Program, Oct 1992 - Sept 1993
- Honors in Economics, Claremont McKenna College, May 1992

Professional Associations

- American Agricultural Economics Association, American Economic Association, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Econometric Society, Economists for Peace and Security, Middle East Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists.