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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Economics, Colorado State University	2025 – Present
	<b>Assistant Professor</b> (received tenure in 2024/2025) Department of Economics, Hamilton College	2019 – 2025
	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> Department of Economics, University of California San Diego	2022 – 2023
	<b>Professional Associate</b> The World Bank	2009 – 2012
EDUCATION	<b>PhD</b> , University of California, Davis Research & Teaching Fields in Economics: <i>Economics of Poverty, Development, Health, Violence and Crime, Public, and Applied Econometrics</i>	2019
	<b>Master of Public Policy</b> , Georgetown University	2010
	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> in Economics, American University of Beirut	2008
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	[1] Alloush, M., Conover, E., & S. Godlonton (2026). Poverty and Parental Discipline. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 180. →	
	[2] Alloush, M., Bloem, J., & J. Malacarne (2024). Social Protection Amid a Crisis: New Evidence from South Africa’s Older Person’s Grant. <i>The World Bank Economic Review</i> , 38(2). →	
	[3] Alloush, M. (2024). Income, Psychological Well-being, and the Dynamics of Poverty. <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> . 72(4). →	
	[4] Alloush, M. & S. Wu (2023). Income Improves Subjective Well-being: Evidence from South Africa. <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> , 71(2). →	
	[5] Alloush, M. & J. Bloem (2022). Neighborhood Violence, Poverty, and Psychological Well-being. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 54(1). →	
	[6] Alloush, M. & J. Bloem (2022). The Psychological Tolls of Food Insecurity. <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> , 204, 618-630. →	
	[7] Mehra, S., Stopnitzky, Y., & M. Alloush (2022). Do Shocks and Environmental Factors Shape Personality Traits? Evidence from the Ultra-Poor in Uganda. <i>Journal of Development Studies</i> , 59(1), 94-113. →	
	[8] Alloush, M., Taylor, J.E., Rojas, I., Gupta, A., & E. Gonzalez (2017). Economic Life in Refugee Camps. <i>World Development</i> , 95(6), 334-347. →	

- [9] 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. →
- [10] 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 (Accepted at *Journal of Human Resources*). Latest draft [here](#).  
*with Warda Riaz*
- On the Definition and Estimation of Economic Resilience using Counterfactuals (R&R at *The Economic Journal*). *NBER Working Paper* draft [here](#).  
*with Michael R. Carter*
- Social Protection and Perinatal Depression: Evidence from South Africa (Under review). Latest draft [here](#).  
*with Warda Riaz and Jeff Bloem*
- Empirical Detection of Poverty Traps and Unnecessary Deprivation. Latest draft [here](#).  
*with Michael R. Carter*
- Poverty and Engagement with Children. Latest draft [here](#).

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

- Single Parenthood during Childhood and Adult Outcomes  
*with Abi Mangiafico and Evelyn Skoy*
- The impact of Medicaid Expansion on Evictions  
*with Ao Cheng*
- 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*

#### GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

<b>Hamilton College</b> , Dean's Early Career Scholarly Achievement Award	2024
<b>Economic Research Forum</b> , Research Fellow	2024
<b>USAID</b> , \$40,000—Measuring Resilience in the Presence of Poverty Traps	2022
<b>UK-DFID</b> , \$200,000—Evidence on Protracted Forced Displacement	2017
<b>University of California, Davis</b> , \$25,00—Provost Fellowship	2014

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Colorado State University**

- *Introduction to Econometrics, Applied Econometrics (PhD)*

**Hamilton College**

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

**University of California, Davis**

- *Economic Development*

CONFERENCE &  
INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

**2026:** UC Davis, US Air Force Academy, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Society of Labor Economists, CSU Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics  
**2025:** CU Denver, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC)  
**2024:** University of Minnesota, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), MWIEDC, LAC-Pal, LACDev, MRR Lab  
**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, UC Davis  
**2021:** NEUDC, 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), IFPRI  
**2018:** NEUDC, North American Meeting of the Econometrics Society, 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

REFEREE  
SERVICE

The Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, World Bank Economic Review, Journal of Health Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Economics of Education Review, Oxford Economics Papers, Journal of African Economies, Food Policy, Labour Economics, National Science Foundation.

REFERENCES

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