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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS	Assistant Professor Department of Economics, Colorado State University	2025 – Present
	Assistant Professor (received tenure in 2024/2025) Department of Economics, Hamilton College	2019 – 2025
	Visiting Scholar Department of Economics, University of California San Diego	2022 – 2023
	Professional Associate The World Bank	2009 – 2012
EDUCATION	PhD , University of California, Davis Research & Teaching Fields in Economics: <i>Economics of Poverty, Development, Health, Violence and Crime, Public, and Applied Econometrics</i>	2019
	Master of Public Policy , Georgetown University	2010
	Bachelor of Arts in Economics, American University of Beirut	2008
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	[1] Alloush, M. & S. W. Riaz (forthcoming). The Health Effects of In Utero Exposure to Cash Transfers. <i>Journal of Human Resources</i> . →	
	[2] Alloush, M., Conover, E., & S. Godlonton (2026). Poverty and Parental Discipline. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 180. →	
	[3] 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). →	
	[4] Alloush, M. (2024). Income, Psychological Well-being, and the Dynamics of Poverty. <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> . 72(4). →	
	[5] Alloush, M. & S. Wu (2023). Income Improves Subjective Well-being: Evidence from South Africa. <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> , 71(2). →	
	[6] Alloush, M. & J. Bloem (2022). Neighborhood Violence, Poverty, and Psychological Well-being. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 54(1). →	
	[7] Alloush, M. & J. Bloem (2022). The Psychological Tolls of Food Insecurity. <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> , 204, 618-630. →	
	[8] 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. →	

- [9] Alloush, M., Taylor, J.E., Rojas, I., Gupta, A., & E. Gonzalez (2017). Economic Life in Refugee Camps. *World Development*, 95(6), 334-347. →
- [10] 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. →
- [11] 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

- 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

- The Effect of Pensions on Children in Inter-generational Households **with Diah Utami**
- Single Parenthood during Childhood and Adult Outcomes **with Abi Mangiafico, Alex Hegg, and Evelyn Skoy**
- The Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Evictions **with Ao Cheng**
- Estimating Development Resilience using High Frequency Data: An Application using LSMS **with Michael R. Carter**

GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Hamilton College , Dean's Early Career Scholarly Achievement Award	2024
Economic Research Forum , Research Fellow	2024
USAID , \$40,000—Measuring Resilience in the Presence of Poverty Traps	2022
UK-DFID , \$200,000—Evidence on Protracted Forced Displacement	2017
University of California, Davis , \$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, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, 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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