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Education

- 2008- PH.D in Urban and Regional Economics, Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics, University of Saskatchewan, Canada.
- 2003- M.S., Department of Business Economics and Management, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICh), Greece.
- 2000-B.A., Business Administration, Bethlehem University, West Bank, Palestine

Academic Affiliation

- 2009- current: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Financial Sciences, College of Administrative Sciences and Informatics, Palestine Polytechnic University. Hebron WB, Palestine.

Research Interest:

Economic Evaluation, Policy Evaluation, and Development Economics, Regional Economics, and Urban Economics.

Awards:

- Canadian Agricultural Economics Society Outstanding PhD Thesis Award 2011.
- ERF 23rd Annual Conference Best paper, Labor Economics theme.

Research Referee for: Journal of Urban Economics, Public Finance Review, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Regional Sciences, Journal of Food Products Marketing, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Social Science Research, and Urban Studies..

Refereed Journal Publications (Peer Review):

- Smart Cities and Attracting Knowledge Workers: Where Do Highly Educated Workers Migrate the 21st Century? *Papers in Regional Science*. DOI: 10.1111/pirs.12163. With Michael Bitz and Mark Partridge (2015).
- Wage Differential and Economic Restrictions: Evidence from the Occupied Palestinian Territories. *The Economics of Peace and Security Journal*. 10: 14-23. With Yousef Daoud (2015).
- Geography and High-Tech Employment Growth in U.S. Counties. *Journal of Economic Geography*. Mark D Partridge, Dan Rickman (2013)
- Economic Growth and Sprawl: Evidence from a Stochastic Growth Approach. *Annals of Regional Science*. 49: 589-617. With Mark D. Partridge, M. Rose Olfert (2011).
- New Economic Geography and U.S. Metropolitan Wage Inequality.” *Journal of Economic Geography*. 11: 865-895. With Mark D. Partridge, M. Rose Olfert (2010)
- Productivity and Sprawl: Evidence from U.S. Metropolitan Areas. *Papers in Regional Science*. 90: 551-472 With Mark D. Partridge, M. Rose Olfert (2010).-
- The Elusive Inequality-Economic Growth Relationship: Are there Differences between Cities and the Countryside? *Annals of Regional Science*. 41: 41375-400. With Mark D. Partridge (2007).

Work in Progress:

- Labor Force Participation for Educated Females and Gender Wage Gap in Palestine.
- Conflict and Academic Performance: Evidence from War on Gaza, with Ayhab Saad and Sami Miari.
- Schooling Choice Response to Labor Market Shock: Evidence from Natural Experiment. With Ayhab Saad.

Working Papers:

- The effect of Public Sector on Private Employment: Evidence from Palestine. ERF (2017). Under Review.
- Effect of Return Commuting on Rural Development: Evidence from

Occupied Palestine. ERF (2016). Under Review.

- Labor Market Efficiency in Palestine, (2016)
- The Institutional Setting and the Effects of the Actual System of Market Regulation and Market Surveillance on the Competitiveness of Palestinian MSMEs, MASAR, Palestine (2015).
- The extent of Minimum Wage Compliance in West Bank. (2014).
- The Pros and Cons of Formalizing Informal MSEs in the Palestinian Economy. MAS (2014).
- The Informal Sector in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.
- Mapping Tourism in Palestine- Analytical Report. Center for Development Studies, Birzeit University (2014).
- The service Sector in Palestine: Structure and Economic Impact.
- Rural Wage Employment: Is There a Premium for Agriculture? With Yousef Daoud (2014).
- Public Sector Jobs and Conflict in Palestine. With Massimiliano Cali and Sami Miari (2014).
- The Economic Impact of Tourism in Palestine. MAS, Palestine (2012).
- The Impact Car Purchase Tax Reduction on Government Tax Revenue. MAS, Palestine (2012).

Technical papers.

- Masar Ibrahim/Abraham Path: Economic Development Across Fragile Community. Abraham Path Initiative (2015).
- Quarterly Briefing on the Economy of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. USAID, Investment Climate Project (ICI). (2013)
- Demand Assessment of New Industrial Area in Ramallah and Bireh District. MAS (2013).
- Business Environment Impact on Competitiveness: The stone and Marble Industry in West Bank. With Jawad Sayyed (2012)
- Palestinian Trade and Industry Competitiveness Report. In cooperation with PALTRADE, submitted to United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). (2012)

- Corporate Social Responsibility in Palestine: An empirical investigation. Submitted to Housing Fund (CHF) International / West Bank and Gaza. (2009).

Research Referee for: Journal of Urban Economics, Public Finance Review, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Regional Sciences, Journal of Food Products Marketing, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, and Social Science Research.

Conference Presentations:

- WIDER Development Conference-Public Economics for Development, July 2017.
- 2017 PEP Annual Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, June 2017
- ERF 23rd Annual conference, March 2017.
- MAS Economic Conference, August 2016.
- The Economics of Informality in the ERF Region. ERF, Cairo, August 31, 2014.
- The Economic Freedom Conference, Maqat, Oman, November 2013.
- The Economic Freedom Conference, Tunis Nov. 22/23, 2012.
- 57th North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Denver, CO, U. S. November 10-13, 2010.
- 56th North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, San Francisco, U. S. November 19-21, 2009.
- 55th North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, New York, U. S. November 19-22, 2008.
- Canadian Economic Association (CEA) 42nd Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia, British Columbia, Canada. June 6 – June 8, 2008.
- The Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, U.S. July 29 - August 1, 2007.
- Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES), Concordia University, Montreal, Québec, Canada, 26-28 May 2006.

Referees

- Available up on request.

