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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

- 2010-present Associate Professor
Department of Political Science, International Development and International Affairs
University of Southern Mississippi
- 2007-2010 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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Funded External Grants

- June 2009-
May 2011 Research Grant
US Department of Homeland Security: \$792,851 (co-PI with David Butler)
To Model Disaster Recovery of Mississippi and Alabama after Hurricane Katrina
- 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
- 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

Grants applied for

- August 2010 Department of Homeland Security (Pending)
Human Factors Division: \$99,000
Social Network Analysis for Community Resilience
- March 2010 Compton Foundation (unfunded)
Sustainability Grant: \$20,000
To fund research on Sustainable Agriculture in the Philippines
- January 2010 Fulbright Foundation (unfunded)
Iraqi Scholars Grant: \$25,000
Co-PI With Thomas O'Brien
- January 2008 National Science Foundation: (unfunded)
Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences: \$218,000
To Study the Effects of Labor Market Regulations in the Middle East

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October 2007 Middle East Research Council(unfunded)
Gender and Development Grants: \$20,000
To study unemployment duration in Palestine

External Honors

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"

Publications: Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"An Evaluation of Financial Incentive Policies for Organ Donations in the U.S." with Alison Wellington forthcoming *Contemporary Economic Policy*

"Political Instability, Closures, and Labor Reallocation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip"
Defence and Peace Economics Vol. 21 No 4, August, pp. 337-355.

"Relative Deprivation and Palestinian Suicide Bombings" *Asian Journal of Social Science*
Volume 38 No. 3, 2010: 442-461.

"Managed Care and Measuring Medical Outcomes: Did the Rise of HMOs Contribute to the Fall in the Autopsy Rate?" with David E. Harrington . *Social Science and Medicine*: Vol 70, No 2, 2010: 191-198.

"Labor Market Conditions, Political Events, and Palestinian Suicide Bombings," *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*: Vol. 15 : Iss. 1 Article 1, 2009.

"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.

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Publications: Peer-reviewed Book Chapter

“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.

Publications: Editor-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Paying for Bodies, but not for Organs” *Regulation* Winter 2006/2007, Vol 29. No. 4, pp 14-19 with David E. Harrington.

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

Publications: Invited Book Chapter

“In Search of a Future: The Struggle of Young Palestinians,” with Samia al-Botmeh, in *A Generation in Waiting: Youth Inclusion in the Middle East*, ed. Navtej Dhillon and Tarik Yousef (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press: 2009), pp. 95-119.

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Other articles and proceedings

“Labor Market Regulations and Unemployment Duration in the West Bank and Gaza Strip” *ERF FORUM*, August 2009

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

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

“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.

“Global Competitiveness and Diaspora Investment: Palestine and Iran” in *Papers and Proceeding of the Third International Conference on Competitiveness* (July 1995) 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, January 2010, 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.

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.

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Op-Eds

“Bringing Gaza back from the Brink” Middle East Youth Initiative website, with Samantha Contant, January 22, 2010, <http://www.shababinclusion.org/content/blog/detail/1523/>

“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

“The Economic Geography of Recovery: An Analysis of the Mississippi and Alabama Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina” with David Butler

“Labor Market Regulations and Unemployment Duration in Palestine” with Yousef Daoud

“Job Tenure in the West Bank and Gaza Strip” with Yousef Daoud

“Reemployment potential for Call Center Workers” with David Butler

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

“Palestinian Return Migration”, submitted to a collected volume edited by Jeffrey Nugent (Mar 2008)

“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 (2009)

“The Economic Relationship between Alcohol and Marijuana Use Among College Students” with Patricia Brooks

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Work in Progress (continued)

“Economic Geography of Peace: The Oslo Accords and the Distribution of Development in Palestine”

“Regional Integration and Growth: The Prospects for Palestine”

“The Effects of the Peace Process on the Palestinian Economy: Separation, Renewal and Disillusionment”

“‘Warm Fuzzy Investment’: Altruistic Motives and Implications of Homeland Investment”

Professional Presentations

“Youth Employment and the Palestinian Labor Law of 2002”, Middle East Economic Association International Conference (June 2010), Istanbul, Turkey

“Palestinian Youth Development” Dubai Initiative conference Adaptation and Innovation in the Middle East, Harvard Kennedy School of Government (May 2010), Cambridge, MA

“Microeconomic Resilience of the Mississippi and Alabama Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina” SERRI semi-annual review meeting (April 2010), Arlington, VA

“The Economic Geography of Recovery from Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi and Alabama” Southwestern Economics Association conference (April 2010), Houston, TX

“Relative Deprivation and Palestinian Suicide Bombings” Wolfensohn Center for Development brown bag series, Brookings Institution (February 2010) Washington, DC

“Modeling Microeconomic Resilience and Recovery after Hurricane Katrina” with David Butler, Ghosts of Katrina Conference, (June 2009) Long Beach, MS

“Financial Incentives and Organ Donations” with Alison Wellington, presented at Kenyon College Economics Department (February 2009), Gambier, OH

“Unemployment Duration and Labor Market Regulations in Palestine” with Yousef Daoud, Middle East Economic Association, (January 2009), San Francisco

“Labor Market Regulations in Palestine” with Yousef Daoud, Middle East Economic Association, International Conference (May 2008) Famagusta, North Cyprus

“Gender Differences in Unemployment Duration” with Yousef Daoud, Southwestern Economics Association (March 2008) Las Vegas, NV

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Professional Presentations (continued)

“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)

“Death of the Autopsy: Is Better Imaging Technology or Cost-Cutting to Blame?” 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.

“Labor Market Conditions, Political Events and Palestinian Suicide Bombings” presented at Kenyon College (February 2006) Gambier, OH

“The Future of the Palestinian Economy after the Gaza Withdrawal” presented at the conference *Implications of Disengagement for the Palestinian Authority*, Centra Consulting (August 2005) Arlington, VA.

“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 Middle East Economic Association Meetings (January 2005) Philadelphia, PA.

“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 11th Annual Conference, (December 2004)

“Volatility and Labor Market Dynamics: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” presented at Georgia Tech Department of Economics research seminar (November 2004) Atlanta, GA

“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.

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Professional Presentations (continued)

“Volatility and Labor Market Dynamics: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” presented at Emory University Department of Economics research seminar (September 2004) Atlanta, GA

“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.

“Wage Compression and the Returns to Schooling for Palestinian men from 1995 to 2001” presented at Spring Annual Research Conference, Agnes Scott College (May 2004) with Katherine Miller Decatur, GA

“The Causes and Consequences of Palestinian Wage Inequality During the Oslo Period” with Katherine Miller presented at the Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 2004) Corpus Christi, TX

“A Pension Scheme for A Future Palestinian State” with Jennifer Olmsted presented at Economic Policies for Palestine Conference (August 2003) University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland

“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)

“The Economic Effects of Palestinian Return Migration” presented at the Lebanese American University Middle East Economics Conference (May 2003) Byblos, Lebanon

“The Economic Relationship between Marijuana and Alcohol among College Students” with Karen Woods presented at the Southwestern Economics Association conference (April 2003) San Antonio, TX

“The Economics of Palestinian Migration” presented at the Allied Social Science Association (MEEA section) conference (January 2003) Washington DC

“The Economics of Palestinian Suicide Bombing” presented at the Western Economics Association, International Annual Conference, (July 2002) Seattle, WA

“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

“Managed Care and the Decline in the Autopsy rate in Ohio, MS and Georgia” with Karen Woods Presented at the Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 2002) New Orleans, LA

“Volatility and Labor Market Dynamics: Evidence from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” presented at the Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2002) Atlanta, GA

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Professional Presentations (continued)

“Labor Market Disruptions and Wage Differences: A Natural Experiment from Israel” with Jennifer Olmsted. P New Orleans, LA; Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2001) New Orleans, LA;

“Labor Market Disruptions and Wage Differences: A Natural Experiment from Israel” with Jennifer Olmsted presented at Southern Economic Association Meetings (November 2000) Washington, D.C.

“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 7th Annual Conference, (October 2000) Amman, Jordan.

“Separation and Disillusionment: the effects of the Oslo Accords on the Palestinian Economy” presented at Denison University (April 2000) Granville, OH

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

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

“The Economics of Palestinian Suicide Bombing” presented at Southwestern Economics Association Meetings (March 1999) San Antonio, TX.

“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.

“Regional Integration and Growth: the Prospects for Palestine” presented at the Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 1996) San Francisco

“‘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.

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

Public Presentations

“Sustaining a Funded Research Agenda in the Social Sciences” University of Texas-Tyler (February 2010) Tyler, TX

“The Economic Plight of Palestinian Youth One Year after the War in Gaza” (January 2010) Brookings Institution, Washington DC

“Art Therapy and the Potential for Healing in Palestine” ArtReach Foundation panel on using art therapy in the Middle East, Georgia State University (July 12, 2009) Atlanta, GA

“Gender and Conflict in the Islamic World” Panel organizer and chair, College of Arts and Letters, (October 2008) University of Southern Mississippi

“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.

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Service to University of Southern Mississippi

Assistant Director	International Development Ph.D. program (May 2009-)
Leader	Social-Cultural Research Team, International Development Ph.D. program (November 2007-)
Committee Member	Dissertation of Wendell Robbins, International Development program Dissertation of Joseph Farmer, International Development program Dissertation of Meaza Demissie, International Development program Dissertation of Denise Francois, International Development program Dissertation of Paula Mathis, International Development program Dissertation of Ranjana Srevatsan, International Development program Dissertation of Pam Forest Gary, International Development program Dissertation of Josefer Montes, International Development program Dissertation of Mark McCooon, International Development program
Committee Chair	Dissertation of Rubi Devi, International Development program Dissertation of Jim Kierulff, International Development program Dissertation of Dianne Forte, International Development program Dissertation of Heather McGann, International Development program Dissertation of Jonathan Fink, International Development program

Service to Agnes Scott College

Director	International Relations Program (2003-2004)
Chair	Professional Development Committee (2006-2007), Academic Computing Advisory Group (2003-2005)
Advisor	Mu of Georgia Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society (2002-2004) Model United Nations team (2003-2006)

Service to the Profession

Member	Board of Directors of the Middle East Economic Association (2002-) Board of Directors of the ArtReach Foundation (2008-2010)
Treasurer	Middle East Economic Association (2010-) Southwestern Economics Association (2003-)
Editorships	Middle East Economic Association Newsletter (1999-2009) On the Editorial Board of <i>Topics in Middle East Economics</i> , an online journal
Textbook Reviewer	<i>Economics: A Tool for Critically Understanding Society</i> (6th Edition, 2004) by Tom Riddell, et al. Addison-Wesley Longman <i>Microeconomics: A Contemporary Introduction</i> (7 th Edition, 2003) by William McEachern

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Service to the Profession (continued)

Referee *American Economic Review*; *Contemporary Economic Policy*; *Southwestern Journal of Economics*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Review of Middle Eastern Economics and Finance*; *Peace Economics, Peace Science & Public Policy*; *Peace and Defence Economics*, “*Explaining Growth in the Middle East*” edited by Jeff Nugent;

Media

““USM Researchers Study Hurricane Katrina Recovery” Mississippi Edition, MPB, July 13, 2009
“Health Reform is Needed, but Which Plan is Best?” *Hattiesburg American*, Oct 26, 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
“ Hamas 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” November 15, 2005, Council on Foreign Relations

Conference Participation

Conference organizing committee member

Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2011) Denver, CO
Middle East Economic Association International Conference (March 2009) Nice, France
Middle East Economic Association International Conference (May 2008) Famagusta, Cyprus

Panel Chair

Middle East Economic Association (June 2010) Istanbul, Turkey
Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 2008) Las Vegas, NV
Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 2007) Albuquerque, NM
Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 2004) Corpus Christi, TX
Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2002) Atlanta, GA
Midwest Economics Association Conference (March 2000) Chicago, IL
Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 1999) San Antonio, TX

Discussant

Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2009) San Francisco, CA
Middle East Economic Association International Conference (May 2008) Famagusta, Cyprus
Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2008) New Orleans, LA
Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 2007) Albuquerque, NM
Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2007) Chicago, IL
Southwestern Economics Association Conference (March 2005) New Orleans, LA
Middle East Economic Association International Conference (May 2006) Sousse, Tunisia
Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2004) San Diego, CA
Middle East Economic Association International Conference (June 2003) San-Quentin, France
Western Economics Association Conference (July 2002) Seattle, WA
Middle East Economic Association Conference (January 2001) New Orleans, LA
Southern Economic Association Conference (November 2000) Washington, D.C.
Middle East Studies Association Conference (November 1996) Providence, RI