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Education

- Ph.D., Economics** 2002, Northeastern University
Dissertation: “*Three Empirical Essays on Economic Growth in the MENA Region*”
- M.A., Economics** 1995, Ben-Gurion University, *with high honors*
Thesis: “*Macroeconomic Prediction Model of the West Bank and Gaza Strip*”
- B.A., Economics** 1990, Ben-Gurion University, *with honors*

Employment history

- 4/2010-present **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University
- 10/2004-3/2010 **Lecturer**, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University
- 10/2002-9/2004 **Post Doctoral Fellow**, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University
- 9/1998-6/2002 **Instructor**, Department of Economics, Northeastern University
- 9/1992-8/1995 **Economics and Accounting Teacher**, Eksifa High School, Eksifa

Research interests

- The Israeli-Arab Conflict
- Economic growth of the Middle East and North Africa
- Sensitivity analysis of cross-section and panel data growth regressions
- Applied econometrics, mainly related to growth
- Sources of growth and productivity measurement
- The augmented Solow growth model

Articles in refereed journals

- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2010), “The Defense-Growth Nexus: An Application for the Israeli-Arab Conflict,” *Defence and Peace Economics*, 21(4), 291-300.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2010), “Economic ramifications of the Israeli-Arab conflict – Introduction,” *Defence and Peace Economics*, 21(4), 285-289.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2010), “Trade Liberalization or Oil Shocks: Which Better Explains Structural Breaks in International Trade Ratios?”, *Review of International Economics*, 18(2), 250–264.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2009), “On the Dynamics of the Israeli-Arab Conflict”, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 49(3), 931-943.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2009), “Getting Income Shares Right: A Panel Data Investigation for OECD Countries”, *Economic Development Quarterly*, 23(3), 254-266.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “The Relationship Between GATT Membership and Structural Breaks in International Trade”, *Global Economy Journal*, 8(4), article 1, 1-16.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2008), “On the Optimality of a GCC Monetary Union: Structural VAR, Common Trends, and Common Cycles Evidence”, *The World Economy*, 31(5), 612-630.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2008), “Structural Breaks in Military Expenditures: Evidence for Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Syria”, *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 14(1), article 3, 1-25.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “Six Decades of the Israeli-Arab Conflict: An Assessment of the Economic Aspects,” *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 3(2), 8-15.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “Financial Development and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from Six MENA Countries”, *Review of Development Economics*, 12(4), 803–817.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “The Impact of GATT on International Trade: Evidence from Structural Break Analysis”, *Applied Econometrics and International Development*, 8(2), 23-36.
- Abu-Bader S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “Financial Development and Economic Growth: The Egyptian Experience”, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 30(5), 887-898.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2007), “Sources of Growth Revisited: Evidence from Selected MENA Countries”, *World Development*, 35(5), 752-771.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader, S. (2004), “The Validity of the ELG Hypothesis in the MENA Region: Cointegration and Error Correction Model Analysis”, *Applied Economics*, 36(15), 1685 – 1695.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2003), “Government Expenditures, Military Spending and Economic Growth: Causality Evidence from Egypt, Israel and Syria”, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 25(6-7), 567-583.

Work in progress / submitted

- The Demand for Military Spending in Egypt (Joint with Paul Dunne, Yasmine Mohamed and Shadwa Zaher).
- Determinants of Economic Growth in the MENA Region: A Panel Data Inquiry.
- Testing the Solow Growth Model with Country-Specific Technologies.
- FDI Augmented Solow Growth Model: Theory and Empirical Evidence.
- Determinants of Labor force participation of Bedouin females.

Editorial and Refereeing Activities

- **Guest Editor**, *Defence and Peace Economics*, 2009
- **Grants Referee**, Regional Research and Development Centers Grants, Israeli Ministry of Science, Culture, and Sport, 2009.
- **Publisher Referee**, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2009.
- **Journal Referee** (# of reviews)
 - Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy
 - Economic Modelling
 - Defence and Peace Economics (2)
 - Economic Inquiry
 - World Development
 - Review of World Economics (2)
 - Journal of Peace Research (2)
 - Eastern Economic Journal
 - European Journal of Comparative Economics
 - Economics of Peace and Security Journal
 - Emerging Markets Finance and Trade (2)
 - Journal of Law and Conflict Resolution

Conferences & seminars

- “Determinants of Economic Growth in the MENA Region: A Panel Data Inquiry”, *International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association*, Istanbul, Turkey, June 24-26, 2010.
- “The Defense-Growth Nexus Revisited: Evidence from the Israeli-Arab Conflict”, *Israel Economic Association Conference*, June 2, 2010.
- “Testing the Solow Growth Model with Country-Specific Technologies”, *Economics Department, Leibniz Universität Hannover*, Germany, July 30, 2009.
- “The Defense-Growth Nexus Revisited: Evidence from the Israeli-Arab Conflict”, *International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association*, Nice, France, March 18-20, 2009.
- “On the Dynamics of the Israeli-Arab Arms Race”, *International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association*, Famagusta, Cyprus, May 29-31, 2008.
- “On the Dynamics of the Israeli-Arab Arms Race”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Boston, MA, March 7-9, 2008.
- “Getting Income Shares Right: A Panel Data Investigation for OECD Countries”, *Economics Department, Hebrew University*, Rehovot, March 18, 2007.

- “Getting Income Shares Right: A Panel Data Investigation for OECD Countries” *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, NYC, NY, February 23-25, 2007
- “Testing the Solow Growth Model with Country-Specific Technologies”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, February 24-26, 2006
- *European Economic Association Annual Meeting*, Amsterdam, Holland, August 24-27, 2005.
- “The Case for a GCC Monetary Union”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Washington DC, February 20-22, 2004.
- “A Versus K Revisited: Evidence from Selected MENA Countries”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, NYC, NY, February 21-23, 2003.
- “A Versus K Revisited: Evidence from Selected MENA Countries”, *Economics Department, Ben-Gurion University*, Beer-Sheva, November 21, 2002.
- “Government Expenditures, Military Spending and Economic Growth: Causality Evidences from Egypt, Israel and Syria”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Boston, MA, March 15 - 17, 2002.
- “Export-led Growth: Causality Tests for the MENA Region”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, NYC, NY, February 23-25, 2001.
- *American Economic Association Meeting*, Boston, MA, January 7-9, 2000.
- “Determinants of Infant Mortality: A Comparison of Results from Panel Data Regressions and Factor Analysis”, *International Atlantic Economic Society Conference*, Boston, MA, October 8-11, 1998.

Teaching experience

- @ Ben-Gurion University
Statistics (freshmen), Introduction to Economics for Engineering, Development Economics (seniors), Economic Growth (seniors), Middle-East Economy (seniors), Workshop in Macro, Growth, and Development (M.A)
- @ Northeastern University
Principles of Microeconomics (all years), Principles of Macroeconomics (all years), Economics 1 (freshmen), Economic Problems and Perspectives (for humanities)

Graduate students

- Veronica Madagma, Labor Force Participation of Bedouin Females (Committee Chair)
- Eyal Erez, League Contest with Fatigue (Committee Member)
- Tami Pariente, Decomposition of Changes in Poverty into Growth and Inequality Components: The Israeli Experience 1997-2006 (Committee Member)
- Itay Cohen, Harry Dent’s Demographic Theory: An Examination using an Overlapping Model (Committee Member)
- Marina Shoyhedbrod, Foreign Direct Investments and Economic Growth: An Empirical Investigation (Committee Chair)
- Tomer Dagani, Financial Development and Growth (Committee Chair)
- Alex Krumer, Competitive Balance in Football (Committee Member)
- Evelin Alaluf, Is the Israeli Labor Market Segmented? (Committee Member)
- Simha Ben-David, Openness and Economic Growth (Committee Member)
- Michael Dymin, The Main Determinants of Private Saving in Israel (Committee Member)

Awards, honors and grants

- Research grant, Labor force participation of Bedouin females, Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development, \$4000, 2009.
- "MA'OF" fellowship by the Council for Higher Education in Israel and the Kahanoff foundation for the period October 2004 - October 2007.
- Post-doctoral Grant from the Council for Higher Education in Israel, March 2003 – March 2004.
- Recipient of the Morris A. Horowitz Excellence in Economics award, 2000, Economics Department, Northeastern University.
- The Israeli Arab Scholarship Program (IASP) Scholarship (Fulbright), provided by the United States Information Agency (USIA), June 1995 – July 1997, full funding of graduate studies in the USA.
- The Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research at Tel-Aviv University Award for M.A. thesis proposal, 1994.
- Most outstanding graduate student in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (The Wolf Fund), Ben-Gurion University, May 1991.

Other activities

- Bachelor degree coordinator, Economics Department, Ben-Gurion University, 2007-present.
- Member of the Statistical Yearbook of the Negev Bedouin committee, Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development.
- Member of the Research Unit of the Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development.
- Member of the steering committee for the Socioeconomic Survey administered by the Galilee Society, 2004 and 2008.
- Member of AHD, the Academic Association for the Development of the Arab Society in the Negev.
- Membership in professional associations:
 - American Economic Association
 - Eastern Economic Association
 - Middle East Economic Association