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EDUCATION

American University of Beirut, Beirut — Beirut, LB

MUPP, Masters of Urban Policy and Planning

August 2018- December 2019

University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, MI

B.A., Economics and Political Science, with Honors

September 2013- December 2016

EXPERIENCE

American University of Beirut — Graduate Assistant

August 2018 - PRESENT

Tutored, assisted with course content to students

Organized, archived, and digitized department papers, journals and files

Assisted instructor in course content, curriculum and administrative duties as necessary

Southwest Solutions Detroit — Financial Coach

December 2017 - July 2018

Provided one-on-one financial capacity building services and instruction, holding workshops, managing databases, and managing files and confidential information

University of Michigan, Dearborn — Research Assistant

May 2015 - Dec 2016

Gathered data, communicated with stakeholders

Analyzed data through coding tools and techniques such as Excel, Dedoose

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars
Washington, DC — *Research Intern*

May 2016-August 2016

Conducted research, prepared literature reviews and collected source materials on flood mitigation and resilience, communicating policy objectives with Korean Research Institute for Human Settlements
Edited and produced blog posts on a wide range of urbanization issues

SKILLS

GIS, AutoCAD

Microsoft Suite,
including Excel

Graphic Design, Adobe

Quantitative and
Qualitative Research,
Coding, Analytics

Journalistic and
technical writing,
publishing, drafting
and editing

Proposal and report
writing, pitching

Communication and
mediation with wide,
diverse stakeholders

Social media content
marketing

AWARDS

**Think Housing, 3rd
Place Affordable
Housing Scheme: Al
Mahaba Building, 2018**

**Journalists in Aging
Fellow**

2017, 2018

**John Dempsey
Political Science
Award**

2014-2015, 2015-2016

LANGUAGES

Arabic and French

LEADERSHIP

Red Oak Club-AUB

Partnered with
organizations on and off
campus on campaigns

Organized talks/events

RESEARCH PAPERS AND PROJECTS

We're All Sitting Ducks: Recurrent Household Flooding as An Underreported Environmental Health Threat in Detroit's Changing Climate
Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health 2019

Affordable Housing Scheme: Al Mahaba Building (Tariq El Jdide) Third Place

Think Housing, Public Works Studio, 2018

Gerontological Society of America: Journalists in Aging Fellow Program

Project: Poor transportation issues resulting in isolation of Arab American elders (published with support from Detroit Journalism Cooperative), 2017

2016 Annual Report: Emgage (Graphic Design)

Project: Empowering Politically Engaged Muslims
Annual Report, Open Society Foundation, 2016

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Water as a form of Social Control"

Against the Current No. 198, January-February 2019

"The Arab World and the Struggle Against Austerity"

Counterpunch, 11 June 2018

"Cashing in on Water Crises: Public-Private Partnerships are Not the Answer"

TruthOut, 13 January 2018

"Resisting Dispossession: Detroit and Palestine, 1967"

Riverwise Detroit, December 2017

"How Are Detroit's Senior Citizen's Doing?"

WDET, Detroit Journalism Cooperative, 31 August 2017

"Pause: Saudi Lieutenant Colonel-Cum-Artist Abdunnasser Gharem enjoys his first US solo exhibition"

Art Review, ReORIENT magazine, 23 August 2017

Helped manage social media, communications

**US Palestinian Community Network-
Detroit Chapter Lead**

Built campaigns/actions with various stakeholders

Organized cultural/social events of over 500 attendees

Managed social media

Growing Detroit Young Talent- Site Organizer

Oversaw team of 4 Detroit high school age youth for 10-week long summer work program

Mentored youth on urban agriculture, food security issues and practices