

Emma Smith

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Academic Appointments

Provost's Distinguished Faculty Fellow, Georgetown University
Assistant Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

2024 - 2025
2024 -

Education

PhD in Public Policy (Economics Track), Harvard University
BA in Economics, Middle Eastern Studies, Wellesley College

2024
2014

Working Papers

"Stigma and Social Cover: A Mental Health Care Experiment in Refugee Networks" *Winner of Weiss/NEUDC Distinguished Paper Award, 2023*

"Housing Subsidies for Refugees: Experimental Evidence on Life Outcomes and Social Integration in Jordan", with Samuel Leone, Edward Miguel, Sandra Rozo, Sarah Stillman, Bailey Palmer and Abdulrazzak Tamim

"Conflict, Expectations, and Refugee Economic Behavior"

"Intergenerational Dynamics of Mental Health Among Syrian Refugees: Evidence from Jordan"

Published and Forthcoming Research

"[The Syrian Refugee Life Study: First Glance](#)", with Edward Miguel, Bailey Palmer, Sandra Rozo, Sarah Stillman and Abdulrazzak Tamim (2022). *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*. 38(3): 625â653.

Selected Work in Progress

"Alleviating Behavioral Constraints to Digital Employment for Refugees and Potential Migrants" with Layane Alhorr.

"The Socio-Economic Impacts of Water Scarcity: Evidence from Jordan" with Lydia Assouad and Giulia Buccione.

"Comparing the Economic Well-being of Host Communities and Refugees in Jordan During the COVID-19 Pandemic", with Laura Rodriguez-Takeuchi. *Forthcoming World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*.

Presentations

- 2024** JDC Research Conference on Forced Displacement, AFD-World Bank Migration and Development Conference (planned), Y-RISE Conference (planned)
- 2023** North East Development Consortium (*Distinguished Paper Award*), Pacific Conference for Economic Development, Harvard Economics, Harvard Social Policy, HEWG.
- 2022** Oxford Blavatnik School, MIT ReACT Migration Summit, World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center, Harvard Economics.
- 2021** Harvard Economics.

2020 The World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center, Harvard Economics, The Carnegie Endowment.

2019 The World Bank and Center for Effective Global Action, Harvard Economics.

Research Grants

International Growth Center with Lydia Assouad and Giulia Buccione	2024
J-PAL Education for All Initiative with Lydia Assouad and Giulia Buccione	2024
The World Bank Innovation Challenge on Jobs and Migration with Layane Alhorr and Lorraine Charles	2023
STIERD Hub, London School of Economics with Lydia Assouad and Giulia Buccione	2023
Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences Research Grant	2022,2023
Institute for Humane Studies Research Grant	2023
Weatherhead Institute for International Affairs Research Grant	2022
SurveyCTO Data Collection Research Grant	2021
Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics Research Grant	2021
Innovations for Poverty Action Peace and Recovery Fund with Edward Miguel and Sandra Rozo.	2020
Innovations for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Exploratory Grant	2020
Innovations for Poverty Action Peace and Recovery Fund with Edward Miguel and Samuel Leone.	2018

Teaching

“Economic Development: Theory and Evidence”, Harvard Kennedy School, Professors Dani Rodrik and Eliana Carranza	2021
“EPoD Executive Education Program on Policy Design”, Harvard Kennedy School	2021
“Introduction to Econometrics”, Undergraduate, New York University, Abu Dhabi	2015

Selected Professional Experience

Short Term Consultant, The World Bank	2020-2022
Research Associate, University of California, Berkeley	2017-2018
Field Research Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action Kenya	2015-2017
Global Academic Fellow, Economics, New York University, Abu Dhabi	2014-2015
Research Associate, MIT Department of Political Science	2014
Research Assistant, MIT Sloan School of Management	2012

Languages

English (native), Arabic (intermediate) and Spanish (basic)

Affiliations

- Center for International Development
- Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences
- Harvard Graduate Women in Economics
- Harvard Economics Diversity and Inclusion Group
- The Madeleine Korbil Albright Institute of Global Affairs at Wellesley College
- National Security Education Program Boren Scholar
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship