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EMPLOYMENT	Faculty Fellow, Brown University School of Public Health, Department of Health Services, Policy & Practice	2026-
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Economics, Rice University Dissertation: <i>Essays on the Design and Regulation of Health Insurance Markets</i> M.A., Economics, Rice University B.S., Mathematics, B.A. in Economics & M.A. level coursework, American University of Beirut	2026 2023 2020
ACCEPTED PAPERS & PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	“When a Neighbor Closes: Ownership and Hospital Profits,” with Shishir Shakya. <i>accepted, Eastern Economic Journal</i> , 2026. “Which Medical Prices are Driving Health Insurance Premium Growth?,” with Vivian Ho. <i>JAMA Network Open</i> . 2025;8;(12). “Changes to ACA Individual Insurance Markets After States Leave Healthcare.gov 2016-2023,” with David Anderson and Sukriti Beniwal. <i>INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing</i> . 2025; 62. “Why Does the Cost of Employer Sponsored Coverage Keep Rising?,” with Vivian Ho. <i>Health Affairs Scholar</i> , 2(6). 2024. (4th most-read article, The Best of Health Affairs Scholar 2024)	
WORKING PAPERS	“Spatial Disparities, Selection, and Segmentation in Health Insurance”. “Does Reimbursement Matter? Evaluating Medicare Advantage Plan Availability and Penetration”. “Incentivizing Quality Through Auto-Assignment: Evidence from California’s Medicaid Managed Care Program,” with Anthony DiGiorgio, Renee Hsia, Andrew Shermeyer, and Brian Miller. <i>Under Review</i> . “Impact of ACA Medicaid Expansion on Appointment Wait Time in Community Medical Centers,” with Sukriti Beniwal, David Anderson, and Shishir Shakya. <i>Under Review</i> .	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Fišar, M., Greiner, B., Huber, C., Katok, E., Ozkes, A., and the Management Science Reproducibility Collaboration. “Reproducibility in Management Science”. <i>Management Science</i> , 70 (3), 1343-1356. <i>Note: Member of the Management Science Reproducibility Collaboration</i>	
INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDES SCHEDULED)	2026: McGill University, Keystone, Brown University School of Public Health, American University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Baylor University, American University of Beirut, International Industrial Organization Conference (rising stars session), Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting (session part of Canadian Health Economics Study Group), Essen Health Conference, Armenian Economic Association Annual Meetings, American Risk & Insurance Association Annual Meeting, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting. 2025: Rice University, Temple University Fox School of Business, University of Georgia Terry College of Business, American Society of Health Economists’ Conference, AREENA Job Market Symposium, Southeastern Health Economics Study Group Conference, Fall 2025 Early Childhood Ecosystem Convening [†] , CATO Health Policy Workshop, PhD-Economics Virtual Seminar, Virtual Economics of Poverty and Public Policy Seminar, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Institute for Humane Studies Job Market Seminar, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Armenian Economic Association Young Scholar Workshop.	

2024 or before: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2nd Annual Women in Economics Across the Nation Networking, American Society of Health Economists' Conference, Rice University, Duke University[†], University of South Carolina[†], University of Massachusetts-Amherst[†], University of North Carolina Charlotte[†], American University of Beirut, Northwestern University.

TEACHING & MENTORING (UG DENOTES UNDERGRADUATE, G GRADUATE)	Instructor, Professional Masters in Social Policy Evaluation (G), Rice University	2022, 2026
	Teaching Assistant, Rice University	2021-2026
	<i>UG: Health Economics, Applied Econometrics, Microeconomics, Principles of Economics.</i>	
	Capstone Project Mentor, Social Policy Analysis, Rice University	2024-2026
	<i>G: Summer Camp in Mathematics and Statistics</i>	
	Teaching Assistant, American University of Beirut	2020
OTHER EXPERIENCES	<i>UG: Game Theory, Econometrics, Mathematical Economics, Macroeconomics.</i>	
	Instructor, Mathematics and Financial Mathematics, Holy Cross - Harboyan High School	2016-2020
	Advisor, Generation AI Project, Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology	2023-2026
	Graduate Student Intern, Center for Health Policy, Baker Institute for Public Policy	Summer 2025
	Research Assistant, Maura Coughlin, Rice University	Summer 2021, 2022, 2023
	Research Assistant, Jad Chaaban, American University of Beirut	Summer 2018
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FULLY FUNDED AND COMPETITIVE)	Research Assistant, Hana El-Ghali, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy	2018
	Mathematics curriculum Developer, SABIS Educational Systems	2017
	Junior Scholar Intensive Training, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2024
	<i>Center for Financial Security Retirement and Disability Research Center</i>	
	Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago	2024
	<i>Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics</i>	
OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Summer School in Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Universität Hamburg	2018
	Mentee, Association for Public Policy & Management Mentor Matching Program	2025
	Mentee, Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics	2024
	Mentee, Health Economics and Health Policy Mentoring Workshop	2024
	Demand Estimation, Mixtape Sessions	2024
	Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern University	2023
GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	Summer School in Dynamic Structural Econometrics, The Econometric Society	2022
	Jennifer and Purvez Captain Award for the Most Outstanding Economics Dissertation	2026
	Armenian Economic Association Travel Grant	2026
	Graduate Student Fellowship and Travel Grants, Rice University	2020-2026
	Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), George Mason University	2024
	Department of Economics, Rice University	2024
	Fellowship, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	2024
	Karen Davis Endowment Fund for Excellence in Research in Health Economics, Rice University	2024
	Dagobert L. Brito Award for Best Performance by a Recitation Instructor, Rice University	2024
	Scholarship, American Society of Health Economists	2024
	The Timothy Gunning Award for best third-year Economics paper, Rice University	2023
	Graduate Assistantship, American University of Beirut	2020
	Scholarship for Summer School, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst	2018
SERVICE	Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian	2015
	Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies, The Raffy Manoukian Foundation	2015
	Board Member, Arab Economists in Europe and North America	2024-
	Student Ambassador, Graduate and Postgraduate Studies, Rice University	2024-2026
	Conference Abstract Reviewer, American Society of Health Economists	2025
	Ad Hoc Reviewer, Reproducibility in Management Science, Management Science	2024
	Co-organizer, PhD Economics Virtual Seminars (PhD-EVS)	2023-2024
	Judge, Social Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Rice University	2024
	Brown Bag Student Seminar Organizer, Department of Economics	2022-2023
	Seminar Coordinator, Department of Economics, Rice University	2023
	Ad Hoc Reviewer, OpenStax: Principles of Economics, 3rd edition	2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, American Society of Health Economists, American Economic Association, American Risk and Insurance Association, Armenian Economic Association, Arab Economists in Europe and North America, Canadian Economics Association.

SKILLS & PERSONAL Programming: Julia, STATA, R, Matlab, Latex, Eviews, Python, ArcGIS.
Languages: Armenian (native), Arabic (native), English (fluent), Turkish (intermediate), French (beginner), Persian (beginner).

REFERENCES Available Upon Request.

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