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EDUCATION:

- 08/10 **The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa**
Completed the Ph.D. level Mathematical Economics, Introduction to Abstract Algebra I, Linear Algebra and History of Mathematics.
- 08/99 **American University, Washington, DC**
Master of Arts, Economics
Completed the Ph.D. level Mathematical Economics and Ph.D. level Econometrics I and II.
- 12/96 **Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL**
Bachelor of Arts, Economics

EXPERIENCE:

- 02/26- Present **Director**
Samarah Institute for Economic Research, Santa Clara, CA
- Participate in national and international academic conferences.
 - Publish research papers in peer-reviewed journals and academic books.
 - Serve as a peer reviewer for scholarly journals.
 - Invest in financial and stock markets.
- 01/19- 02/26 **Assistant Director**
Business and Economics Research Center
Al Quds Open University, Ramallah, West Bank
- Attended national and international conferences.
 - Published papers in Peer-Reviewed Journals.
 - Reviewed papers for Peer-Reviewed Journals.
- 02/12- 12/18 **Researcher**
Planning Department
Al Quds Open University, Ramallah, West Bank
- Participated in the preparation of the strategic plan for the university.
 - Provided support for the different departments in the university in the field of quantitative analyses.
- 08/11-01/12 **Lecturer**
Department of Mathematics
Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids IA
- Taught College Algebra with Limits, Intermediate Algebra, and Industrial Mathematics in the fall of 2011.
- 05/11- 08/11 **Tutor**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics
American University, Washington DC
- Tutored students in Finite Math, Calculus I, Calculus II, and Statistics I.

- Assisted in administrating the Math Placement Exams for incoming students.

01/11- 05/11

Lecturer

Department of Mathematics

Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids IA

- Taught two sections of Intermediate Algebra and one section of Finite Mathematics in the spring of 2011.

08/09-05/10

Lecturer

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

American University, Washington DC

- Taught one class of Basic Statistics in the spring of 2010.
- Taught two classes of Finite Mathematics in the fall of 2009.

03/07- 02/09

Academic Advisor

Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia

(Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission), Washington DC

- Advised and monitored the progress of Saudi Arabian students while pursuing their degrees in the United States of America.

08/02- 03/07

Teaching Assistant

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

American University, Washington DC

- Assisted students Finite Math, Calculus I, Calculus II, and Statistics I.
- Assisted in administrating the Math Placement Exams for incoming students.

09/96-03/97

Research Assistant

Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC

- Calculated economic indicators for the Empowerment Zone in the Mississippi Delta, a White House-led initiative designed to bring economic opportunities to a variety of struggling rural communities.

SKILLS:

Experience in Microsoft Office, Eviews and SAS.

Certified in “Data Preparation and Reading the Statistical Data” from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics.

PUBLICATIONS:

2025 The Effect of Inflation and Unemployment on the Gross Domestic Product of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (أثر البطالة والتضخم على الناتج المحلي الاجمالي للمملكة العربية السعودية)
Samarah, Wisam A.

Palestine Technical University Research Journal (مجلة جامعة فلسطين التقنية للأبحاث), Vol 13, No. (3)

2025 The Impact of Board Diversity on Financial Performance: A Comparative Analysis of Banks In Selected Middle Eastern Countries

Talalweh, Mohammad A., Samarah, Wisam A., and Sabbah, Saeed M. A.

Gestión Joven, Vol 26, No. (2)

2025 The Role of Palestinian Imports in Forming a Competitive Economy: Lessons from Turkey

- Samarah, Wisam A.
Balkan and Near Eastern Journal of Social Sciences, Vol 11, No. (1), p. 1-14
- 2025 Gaza Genocide and a New Economic Reality
Samarah, Wisam A.
Journal of Applied Professional Studies, Vol 6, No. (12)
- 2024 The Role of Imports on the Divergence of the Saudi Arabian Economy from an Oil Based Economy
Samarah, Wisam A. and Yahia, Mohammad
Balkan Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi, Vol 13, No. (26), p. 1-10
- 2024 The Impact of Budget Deficit on Selected Macroeconomic Variables: A Case Study
Samarah, Wisam A. and Yahia, Mohammad
Journal of Applied Professional Studies, Vol 5, No. (11)
- 2024 The Quota System For Women in Palestine
Samarah, Wisam A. and Abu Baker, D. Q.
Journal of Applied Professional Studies, Vol 5, No. (10)
- 2023 The Role of Imports on the Convergence of the Jordanian Economy towards a Competitive Economy
Samarah, Wisam A.
Journal of the Knowledge Economy, p. 1-11
- 2023 Economic Integration and a Stable Islamic World.
Samarah, Wisam A. and Aatur Rahman, A. F. M.
Journal of Applied Professional Studies, Vol 4, No. (8), p. 1-20
- 2023 The Palestinian Economy and the Absence of a Monetary Policy
Samarah, Wisam A. and Tellawi, M.
Journal of Applied Professional Studies, Vol 4, No. (9), p. 6
- 2023 COVID-19 and the Path of the Jordanian Economy to a Competitive Economy
Samarah, Wisam A.
Balkan and Near Eastern Journal of Social Sciences, Vol 9, No. (Special Issue), p. 83-89
- 2023 The Palestinian Economy and China's Economic Expansion
Samarah, Wisam A.
Journal of Applied Professional Studies Vol 4, No. (8), p. 1-11
- 2021 Evaluating the Effect of Covid-19 on the Palestinian Economy by Estimating the Relationship Between Economic Growth and Unemployment in Palestine
Samarah, Wisam A.
Studies in Business and Economics, Vol 16, No. (2), p. 206-217
- 2021 The Relationship between the Palestinian Economy and the Tourist Sector in Hebron: A SWOT Analysis of the Tourism Sector in Hebron
Samarah, Wisam A. and Tellawi, M.
Journal Of Applied Professional Studies, Vol 3, No. (7), p. 1-11

- 2021 A Financial and Macroeconomic Overview Of “Water”: The Case Of Palestine
Samarah, Wisam A. and Tuncay, Merve
Finans Ekonomi ve Sosyal Arařtırmalar Dergisi, Vol 6, No. (1), p. 178-190
- 2021 The Effect of Financial Inclusion on Economic Growth and Human Development: A Case Study of the Islamic World
Wisam Samarah, Talalweh, M.
Tanmiyat Al-Rafıdain, Vol 40, No. (129), p. 185-202
- 2020 The Effect of Strength of Auditing and Accounting Standards and Corporate Governance on Economic Growth: A Case Study of the Islamic World
Samarah, Wisam A., Talalweh M
Finance and Business Economics Review, Vol 4, No. (2), p. 311-323
- 2020 COVID-19, Sustainable Development and West Bank Economy
Samarah, Wisam A., and Rahman, A. F. M. Ataur
Journal of Applied Professional Studies, Vol 1, No. (2), p. 1-15
- 2020 The Effect of the Jordanian Exports to Selected Countries on the Economic Growth in Jordan
Samarah, Wisam A., Musleh, Atieh M. and Milhem, Mahmood I.
Global Journal of Economics and Business, Vol 8, No. 2, p. 316-322.
- 2020 Interaction between Defense Expenditure and Macroeconomic Indicators: A Case Study of Selected Countries in the MENA Region,
Samarah, Wisam A. and Tuncay, Merve
Niche Approaches in a Changing World. Iksad Publishing book, p. 7-48.
- 2019 The Role of Mathematics in the Palestinian Economy: Estimating the Speed of the Swallowing of Palestinian Lands by the Israeli Settlements
Samarah, Wisam A. and Talalweh, M.
Studies in Business and Economics, Vol 22, Issue 1, p. 41-64.
- 2019 The Effect of Entrepreneurship on the Economic Growth in Palestine
Samarah, Wisam A. and Talalweh M.
Journal of Al-Quds Open University for Administrative and Economic Research. Vol 4, Issue 12, p. 1-11.
- 2018 The Effect of Governance on Economic Growth in Palestine,
Samarah, Wisam A.
Journal of Al-Quds Open University for Administrative and Economic Research, Vol 3, No. 9, p. 11 to 23.
- 2017 The Gulf Cooperative Council’s Approach to Economic Strength: A SWOT Analysis of GCC’s Countries and Regional Development,
Samarah, Wisam A., and Rahman, A. F. M. Ataur
Middle East Review of Public Administration (MERPA), Vol 3, Issue 3, p.1 to 14.
- 2017 The Role of Foreign Aid in Achieving Sustainability of the Different Industrial Sectors in Palestine,
Samarah, Wisam A.

- 2017 The Palestinian Economy and the Arab Spring,
Samarah, Wisam A.
Middle East Review of Public Administration (MERPA), Vol 3, Issue 2, p. 1 to 9
- 2017 The Contribution of the Palestinian Labor Force to the Productivity of the Israeli Economy,
Samarah, Wisam A., and Rahman, A. F. M. Ataur
Middle East Review of Public Administration (MERPA), Vol 3, Issue 1, p.1 to 14.
- 2016 The Relationship between Gross Disposable Income and Consumption and Estimating the
Consumption Function for Palestineion Function for Palestine,
Samarah, Wisam A.
IUG Journal of Economics and Business, Vol 24, No. 2, p.18 to 29.

CONFERENCES:

- 15/05/25-17/05/25 Presented a paper entitled “Blockchain Technology and Its Transformative Influence on Accounting and Auditing Practices: A Case Study of Opportunities and Challenges in Palestine” at the International Congress on Economics, Finance and Business (EFI-2025) held at Sivas, Turkey. Organized by Sivas Cumhuriyet University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.
- 23/01/25-23/05/25 Member of the scientific committee for the International Congress on Economics, Finance and Business (EFI-2025) held at Sivas, Turkey. Organized by Sivas Cumhuriyet University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.
- 12/10/24-13/10/24 Presented a paper entitled “The Role of Palestinian Imports in Forming a Competitive Economy: Lessons from Turkey” at the XXII. International Balkan and Near Eastern Congresses Series on Economics, Business and Management held at Ohrid, Republic of North Madeconia. Organized by IBANESS, University of Agribusiness and Rural Development/Bulgaria, University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Economics – Prilep/Republic of North Macedonia, University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica, Faculty of Economics, Republic of Kosovo.
- 02/09/24-04/09/24 Presented a paper entitled “The Gaza Genocide and a New Economic Reality” at the Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia & Society Conference (RIVAS 2024) held at Missoula, Montana, United States. Organized by the University of Montana, College of Humanities and Sciences
- 23/05/24-25/05/24 Presented a paper entitled “The Impact of Tax Revenue On Macroeconomic Variables: A Case Study from Palestine” at the International Congress on Economics, Finance and Business (EFI-2024) held at Sivas, Turkey. Organized by Sivas Cumhuriyet University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.

- 01/02/24-23/05/24 Member of the scientific committee for the International Congress on Economics, Finance and Business (EFI-2024) held at Sivas, Turkey. Organized by Sivas Cumhuriyet University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.
- 14/10/23-15/10/23 Presented a paper entitled “The Impact of Budget Deficit on Macroeconomic Variables: A case Study from Palestine” at the 20th International Balkan and Near Eastern Congresses Series on Economics, Business and Management held at Ohrid, Republic of North Macedonia. Organized by IBANESS, University of Agribusiness and Rural Development, Bulgaria, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Economics, Prilep, Republic of North Macedonia, University Isa Boletini, Faculty of Economics, Republic of Kosovo.
- 08/04/23-09/04/23 Presented a paper entitled “The Effect of COVID-19 on the Convergence of the Jordanian Economy Towards a Competitive Economy” at the 19th International Balkan and Near Eastern Congresses Series on Economics, Business and Management held at Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Organized by IBANESS, University of Agribusiness and Rural Development, Bulgaria, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Economics, Prilep, Republic of North Macedonia.
- 26/11/22-27/11/22 Presented a paper entitled “The Palestinian Economy and China’s Economic Expansion” at the 18th International Balkan and Near Eastern Congresses Series on Economics, Business and Management held at Ohrid, Republic of North Macedonia. Organized by IBANESS, University of Agribusiness and Rural Development, Bulgaria, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Economics, Prilep, Republic of North Macedonia.
- 27/10/22-28/10/22 Presented a paper entitled “The Palestinian Economy and the Absence of a Monetary Policy” at the 2nd International Islamic Economy, Finance and Banking Symposium held online at Tekirdag Namik Kemal University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.
- 07/12/2022 Head of the Planning Committee for the Conference “Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia and Society” held at Al-Quds Open University in Partnership with the University of Montana, University of Maine, American Anthropological Association.
- 07/12/21-08/12/21 Presented a paper entitled “China: Possible Alternative for Palestinians” at the 10th Annual Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy and Administration Conference, held at The College of Public Policy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University.
- 27/03/21-28/03/21 Presented a paper entitled “The Role of Israeli Policies in Converging the Palestinian Labor Force to an Unskilled Labor Force” At International Youth Workshop, held at Complutense University of Madrid.
- 27/01/21-28/01/21 Participated in an online workshop entitled “Recent Developments in Partial Differential Equations and Applications” at the Department of Mathematics & Statistics Partial Differential Equations and Applications group, held at

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals.

- 12/12/2020 Presented a paper entitled “Defense Spending, Economic Growth and a Stable Islamic World” at the 4th International ASSAM Islamic Union Congress “Defense System of ASRICA Confederation”.
- 27/08/18-30/08/18 Presented a paper entitled “A Mathematical Solutions to an Unstable Economic Environment: A Case Study of the Palestinian Economy” at the Applied Mathematics and Random Structure, held at Birzeit University, Palestine.
- 05/08/18-08/08/18 Presented a paper entitled “The Importance of Mathematics and Statistics in the Palestinian Economy” at The Sixth Palestinian Conference on Modern Trends in Mathematics and Physics, held at Palestine Technical University-Kadoorie, Palestine.
- 03/07/18-04/07/18 Presented a paper entitled “Sustainable Development and the Palestinian Economy under the Dominance of the Israeli Occupation” at the 6th International Conference on: Innovations in Administrative and Economic Sciences and its Role in Improving the Performance of the Institutions, held at the University of Jordan, Jordan.
- 22/04/18-24/04/18 Presented a paper entitled “The Relationship between the Palestinian Economy and the Tourist Sector in Hebron and a SWOT Analysis of the Tourism Sector of Hebron” at the 2nd Joint Global Scientific Conference: Tourism & Development: Reality & Challenges, held at Hebron, Palestine.
- 23/03/18-25/03/18 Presented a paper entitled “Water Supply and its Effect on the Economic Growth of Palestine” at the 2nd International Congress on Social Sciences, held at Al-Quds University, Palestine.
- 26/11/17-27/11/17 Presented a paper entitled “The Role of Entrepreneurship on the Growth and Development of the Palestinian Economy” at the International Conference on Sustainable Futures, held in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- 22/03/17-23/03/17 Presented a paper entitled “The Effect of Governance on Economic Growth in Palestine” at the 5th International Conference on: Governance and Administrative and Economic Development in Institutions: Reality and Aspirations, held at the University of Jordan, Jordan.
- 03/12/16-04/12/16 Presented a paper entitled “The Contribution of the Palestinian Labor Force to the Productivity of the Israeli Economy” at The Fifth Global Conference on Public Policy and Administration in the Middle East held at Al-Quds University, Palestine.
- 19/04/16-21/04/16 Presented a paper entitled “The Role of Foreign Aid in Achieving Sustainability of the Different Industrial Sectors in Palestine” at the 4th International Conference on: Sustainability and Performance Excellence in Organizations, held at the University of Jordan, Jordan.

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES:

- Reviewer for the Journal of the Knowledge Economy, SN Business and Economics, and International Relations and Diplomacy Journal
- Attended workshops on improving the teaching techniques at Kirkwood Community College.
- Attended seminars on Classroom Assessment Techniques
- Organized and participated in meetings with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM) and Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) in order to recruit both Saudi Arabian and Libyan students to American University
- Participated in the Chad-Cameroon oil project at the World Bank