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## EDUCATION

September 2019 to September 2020	<b>Kingston University</b> MSc in Applications of Clinical Psychology (with Distinction)	Kingston, London
September 2015 to December 2018	<b>American University of Beirut</b> Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	Beirut, Lebanon
September 2000 June 2015	<b>Yeghishe Manoukian College</b> Lebanese Baccalaureate	Beirut, Lebanon

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

October 2020 to Present	<b>Promotion to Senior Tutor for Children with Autism (Job)</b> <b>At UK Young Autism Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementing Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) teaching techniques</li><li>• Assessing teaching programs and monitoring teaching techniques under consultant supervision</li><li>• Managing admin duties, organizing log sheets</li><li>• Having overlaps with tutors and training them</li><li>• Collecting behavioral data and detailed record keeping</li><li>• Participating actively in weekly meetings for program evaluation</li></ul>	Kingston, London
January 2020 to October 2020	<b>Tutor for Children with Autism (Job)</b> <b>At UK Young Autism Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementing Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) teaching techniques</li><li>• Collecting behavioral data and detailed record keeping</li><li>• Participating actively in weekly meetings for program evaluation</li></ul>	Kingston, London
November 2019 to December 2019	<b>Member in Social Innovation Program (Job)</b> <b>At Kingston University</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoting newly rising businesses through data collection and research analysis</li><li>• Creating a proposal to identify advantageous opportunities and ways to implement them</li><li>• Pitching the project in front of community partners</li></ul>	Kingston, London
April 2019 to August 2019	<b>Research Assistant (Job)</b> <b>At Education and Youth Policy Program at Issam Fares Institute</b> <b>American University of Beirut</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducting research and data analysis on collaborative research project which analyses the current situation of Lebanese teachers in Lebanese public schools.</li><li>• Preparing publications, preparing and conducting interviews.</li><li>• Organising meetings, workshops, lectures, and conferences.</li></ul>	Beirut, Lebanon
January 2019 to April 2019	<b>Research Assistant (Internship)</b> <b>At Education and Youth Policy Program at Issam Fares Institute</b> <b>American University of Beirut</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducting research and data analysis on collaborative research project which tackles the integration of Syrian refugees into Lebanese universities.</li><li>• Preparing publications, preparing and conducting interviews.</li><li>• Organizing meetings, workshops, lectures, and conferences.</li></ul>	Beirut, Lebanon
March 2018 to June 2018	<b>School Educational Psychology Department (Internship)</b> <b>At Yeghishe Manoukian College</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In class observations, data collection, and writing reports about individual student cases.</li><li>• Participation in parent-teacher meetings.</li></ul>	Beirut, Lebanon

<b>February 2017 to August 2019</b>	<b>Private Tutoring (Job)</b> Private tutoring for scientific, social and humanities subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For students with or without learning difficulties</li> <li>• Improving communication skills with people of young age</li> <li>• Managing various ways to treat children of different difficulties</li> <li>• Organising fun and educationally beneficial activities</li> </ul>	Beirut, Lebanon
<b>August 2014 to August 2019</b>	<b>Lara's BakeShop (Private Job)</b> Following my baking hobby, I initiated my own Home Baking/Catering business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing up personalized sweet and savory orders.</li> <li>• Participating in food exhibitions.</li> <li>• Building sense of confidence and satisfaction with through my passion</li> </ul>	Beirut, Lebanon

## **VOLUNTARY WORK**

<b>August 2020 to Present</b>	<b>Volunteer in Be Brave Beirut Initiative</b> <b>At online platforms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing Psychological First Aid (PFA) for the survivors of the Beirut Explosion</li> <li>• Providing Mental Heal Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and relevant follow up</li> </ul>	Kingston, London
<b>November 2019 to January 2020</b>	<b>Empower – Kingston University Hub</b> <b>Mentoring project pairing school girls with university student</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching young girls on various framework of their future and life</li> <li>• Guiding them through life skills rather than subject specific knowledge</li> <li>• Interacting with them through showing empathy and support</li> </ul>	Kingston, London
<b>June 2018 to August 2018</b>	<b>Children Cancer Center of Lebanon</b> <b>Taking care and shadowing out-patient children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing activities and playing with out-patient children</li> <li>• Dealing with all kinds of needs and desires of the children</li> <li>• Organising integrative fun games to build cooperation between children</li> <li>• Empowering those who need emotional support and care</li> </ul>	Beirut, Lebanon
<b>June to August in 2012, 2013, 2016</b>	<b>Monitor and Folk Dance Teacher</b> <b>At Yeghishe Manoukian Summer School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervising young children during their free time to play together.</li> <li>• Offering Armenian Folk Dance classes</li> <li>• Negotiating with each and every child for them to make the best out of this experience</li> </ul>	Beirut, Lebanon

## **EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- Have been elected the president of the AUB Latino Dance Club for the academic year 2016-2017.
- Assigned as Salsa and Kizomba instructor at "Dance N' Attitude" (DNA) dance school in 2017.
- Participated and performed in the Lebanon Latin Festival in Byblos, in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.
- Participated in Paris Kizomba Congress (2016), Salsa and Sensual Festival in Germany (2017), Mamboland in Italy (2018, 2019), Kizomba Training in Berlin Salsa Congress (2018), Amsterdam International Salsa Festival (2019).
- Participated, performed and gave workshops in Fujaira Latin Festival (2019).

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

**Computer Skills:** MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Internet use, Visual Basic, SPSS, R Studio.

**Languages:** Fluent in English, Armenian and Arabic, with basic knowledge in French and Spanish.

**Research:** Academic Search Complete, LexisNexis Academic, Surveying, Interviewing, Sampling, Data Analysis.

## **CERTIFICATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Certifications: Psychological First Aid (PFA) training by Terres Des Hommes organization  
Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) training by Terres Des Hommes organization
- Awards: The Kingston Award for being participated fully in university life alongside the academic courses  
Kaloust Gulbenkian Scholarship Foundation for undergraduate degree  
Award for the Highest Grade during High School years

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request