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EDUCATION

- PhD in Economics
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Aug 2012 – May 2018
- M.S. in Economics
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran Sep 2009 – Jul 2011
- B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran Sep 2004 – Sep 2009

EMPLOYMENT

- Howard University
Assistant Professor of Economics Aug 2018 – Present

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Urban Economics, Environmental Economics, Economic Development, Economics of the Middle East

RESEARCH

Publications:

- “Effect of Air Pollution on House Prices: Evidence from Sanctions on Iran” with Kaveh Nafari and Ruchi Singh. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 93 (2022): 103720.
- “Genetic Diversity and Economic Inequality: The Case for Y-Chromosome DNA Diversity” with Chitra Jogani. *Forthcoming in The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*.

Working Papers:

- “Assessing Credit-Extension Programs for Small Firms in the Context of Populist Policies: The Case of Iran, 2005-2013” with Hadi Salehi Esfahan.
- “Dust Storms and Housing Market” with Mohammad Ahmadizadeh.
- “Homestead Tax Deductions and Home Values: The Case of Washington DC vs Maryland” with Mohamad Alfayazi and Haydar Kurban.

CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

- Western Economic Association International 92nd Annual Conference, San Diego, June 2017
- Southern Economic Association 88th Annual Meetings, Washington, November 2018
- International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) Sixth International Conference, Naples, Italy, May 2019
- Western Economic Association International 94th Annual Conference, San Francisco, June 2019
- International Monetary Fund, Middle East and Central Asia Department Seminars, January 2020
- Western Economic Association International 95th Annual Conference, Denver, June 2020 (Paper was accepted)
- European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, 25th EARE Annual Conference, Berlin Online, June 2020
- Economic Research Forum 26th Annual Conference, Luxor, Egypt, September 2020
- Southern Economic Association 90th Annual Meetings, New Orleans, November 2020
- The AREUEA 49th National Conference, Online, June 2021
- Trinity College, Economics Department, Hartford, November 2022
- Western Economic Association International 98th Annual Conference, San Diego, July 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Howard University

- Economic Growth: Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
- Intro to Urban Economics: Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
- Adv. Topics in Econometrics: Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023
- Urban Economics I: Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023
- Principles of Economics I: Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019

Stand-Alone Course Instructor at UIUC

- Economic Growth and Development: Fall 2016**, Spring 2017**, Fall 2017, Spring 2018**

Teaching Assistant at UIUC

- Intermediate Microeconomics: Spring 2016*
- Economic Statistics I: Fall 2013, Spring 2014*, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

* Teacher Assistant Ranked as Excellent Based on Teaching Evaluation by Students

** Instructor Ranked as Excellent Based on Teaching and Course Evaluation by Students

Teaching Awards

- Robert E. Demarest Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student
Awarded by University of Illinois Department of Economics:
The Best Teacher of a Stand-Alone course Academic Year 2016-2017
- Graduate Teacher Certificate
Awarded by University of Illinois Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning Spring 2016
- The Quality Forward Initiative Certificate
Awarded by Howard University Center for Teaching, Learning and Assessment Summer 2022

OTHER HONORS AND AWARDS

- Ibn Khaldun Prize, Middle East Economic Association 2019
- Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, Howard University 2019
- Department Travel Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2017
- Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2014
- Department Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2012
- Ranked 5th among more than 10000 participants in Iran nationwide entrance exam for M.S. in Economics 2009
- Ranked 317th (top 1%) in Iran nationwide university matriculation exam for B.S. 2004

LANGUAGES

- Persian (native), English (fluent)