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Fields

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, August 2010
University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
Thesis Title: “Against the Wind: Essays on Labor Force Participation of Women in Iran”

Master of Business Administration, August 2004
Sharif University of Technology Tehran, Iran

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, September 2002
Sharif University of Technology Tehran, Iran

Work Experience

Babson College, Wellesley, MA
Associate Professor, Economics Division Sept. 2017 – present
Assistant Professor, Economics Division Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2017

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Research Assistant
for John Strauss, Department of Economics May 2006 – Sept. 2007
for Arthur Auerbach, Department of Political Science Jan. 2006 – Dec. 2006
Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics Sept. 2005 – May 2008

Economic Development and Cultural Change, Los Angeles, CA Sept. 2007 – Sept. 2008
Editorial Assistant for this Scholarly Journal

Teaching Experience

Babson College, Wellesley, MA
Principles of Microeconomics Fall 2010 – Summer 2012, Spring 2018
Business and Economic Policy in Developing Countries Falls of 2010 to 2017
Undergraduate Managerial Economics Springs of 2011 to 2014
Econometrics Fall 2014
Managerial Economics for MBA Evening Program Fall 2012 – Spring 2018
Managerial Economics for Fast Track (online) MBA Program Summer of 2013, 15, 16, & 18
Topics in Economics for the Master of Science in Management Spring 2015
Economics of the Firm for the Master of Science in Management Spring 2016

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Graduate Courses (TA): Financial Markets II, Applied Econometrics
Undergraduate Courses (TA): International Finance, Introduction to Econometrics,
Economics of Law, The World Economy, Principles of
Microeconomics

Published Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals and Books

Development Economics:

- 01 “Twins, Family Size, and Female Labor Force Participation in Iran,” *Applied Economics* (forthcoming; first online: 2018). (**Impact factor: 0.750**)
- 02 “[Iran’s Multi-ethnic Mosaic: A 23-Year Perspective](#),” with Sanaz Fesharaki, *Social Indicators Research* (forthcoming; first online: 2017). (**Impact factor: 1.648**)
- 03 “[Income Mobility and the Arab Spring: The Case of Egypt and Jordan](#),” *Applied Economics Letters* (2017), 24(15): 1070-1074. (**Impact factor: 0.504**)
- 04 “[Oil, Laws, and Female Labor Force Participation](#),” *International Advances in Economic Research* (2017), 23(1): 91-106 (**Acceptance rate: 10-20%; source: Cabell’s**)
- 05 “[Oil and Entrepreneurship](#),” *Energy Policy* (2016), Vol. 94: 10-15. (**Impact factor: 4.04**)
- 06 “[Against the Wind: Labor Force Participation of Women and Economic Instability in Iran](#),” *Feminist Economics* (2016), 22(4): 31-53. (**Impact factor: 1.419**)
- 07 “[Female Labor Force Participation in Iran: A Structural Analysis](#),” *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance* (2015), 11(1): 1-24. (**Acceptance rate: 15-20%; source: Cabell’s**)
- 08 “[Calculating the Income Counterfactuals for Oil Producing Countries of the MENA Region](#),” *Resources Policy* (2015), 44: 47-56. (**Impact factor: 2.695**)
- 09 “[Mobility and Poverty Dynamics in Iran: Evidence from the 1992-1995 Panel Survey](#),” with Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance* (2013), Vol. 53 No. 3. (**SN Impact factor: 0.904**)
- 10 “[Private Sector Industrialization in China: Evidence from Wenzhou](#),” with John Strauss, Edward Y. Qian, Minggao Shen, Dong Liu, Qi Sun, and Qianfan Ying, in *Community, Market and State in Development*, editors Keijiro Otsuka and Kaliappa Kalirajan, Palgrave-McMillan Publishing, (December 2010).

Pedagogy:

- 11 “[Start Your Class With A ‘What Do You Know?’ Survey](#).” In (Eds.) Victoria L. Crittenden, Kathryn Esper, Nathan Karst, and Rosa Slegers. *Evolving Entrepreneurial Education: Innovation in the Babson Classroom* (2015). New York, NY: Emerald Publishing Ltd. pp. 365-374.

Finance (earlier work):

- 12 “[The Monetary Policy Risks of Hospitality Stocks](#),” with Levon Goukasian and Qingzhong Ma, *Cornell Hospitality Quarterly* (2012), Vol. 53 No. 4, 339-346. (**Impact factor: 2.06**)
- 13 “[The Reaction of Real-Estate-Related Industries to the Monetary Policy Actions](#),” with Levon Goukasian, *Real Estate Economics* (2010), Vol. 38 No.2, 355-398. (**Impact factor: 1.103**)

Published Articles in Editor-Reviewed Journals

- 01 “[Children and Mother’s Participation in MENA](#),” *Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economies* (2016), Volume 18, No. 1. (Indexed in [EconLit – American Economic Assoc.](#))

Accepted Manuscripts

- 01 “Estimating a Model of Settlement Bargaining in the World Trade Organization,” with Mostafa Beshkar, prepared as a book chapter for (Ed.) Zissimos, Ben. *The World Trade Organization and Economic Development* (tentative title), formally accepted by editor (after peer-review) on Dec. 13, 2016. The publisher is MIT Press.

Institutional Publications and Encyclopedia Entries

- 01 “[Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2017/2016 Women’s Entrepreneurship Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Candida Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Caroline Daniels, Philip H. Kim, Thomas Lyons, and Edward J. Rogoff, Babson College and Baruch College, August 2017.
- 02 “[2016 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Candida Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Caroline Daniels, Philip H. Kim, Thomas Lyons, and Edward J. Rogoff, Babson College and Baruch College, August 2017.
- 03 “[2015 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Candida Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Caroline Daniels, Philip H. Kim, Thomas Lyons, and Edward J. Rogoff, Babson College and Baruch College, August 2016.
- 04 “[2014 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Candida Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Caroline Daniels, Philip H. Kim, Thomas Lyons, and Edward J. Rogoff, Babson College and Baruch College, September 2015.
- 05 “[2013 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Candida Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Thomas Lyons, and Edward J. Rogoff, Babson College and Baruch College, May 2014.
- 06 “[2012 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Candida Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, and Edward J. Rogoff, Babson College and Baruch College, May 2013.
- 07 “[2011 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Candida Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Diana Hechavarría, and Edward J. Rogoff, Babson College and Baruch College, November 2012.
- 08 “[Who Pays? Out-of-Pocket Health Spending and Equity Implications in the Middle East and North Africa](#)”, with Heba Elgazzar, Firas Raad, Chokri Arfa, Awad Mataria, Nisreen Salti, Jad Chaaban, Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, and Sanaz Fesharaki, November 2010. Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) discussion paper; World Bank, Washington, DC. License: CC BY 3.0 IGO.
- 09 “Risk Aversion” entry in *Wiley Encyclopedia of Management, 3rd. edition*, edited by Cary L. Cooper, Volume editor: Robert McAuliffe, John Wiley and Sons, November 2014.
- 10 “Risk Neutrality” entry in *Wiley Encyclopedia of Management, 3rd. edition*, edited by Cary L. Cooper, Volume editor: Robert McAuliffe, John Wiley and Sons, November 2014.

Institutional Publications and Encyclopedia Entries (continued)

- 11 “Risk Premium” entry in *Wiley Encyclopedia of Management, 3rd. edition*, edited by Cary L. Cooper, Volume editor: Robert McAuliffe, John Wiley and Sons, November 2014.

Published Articles in the Media

- 01 “[Against the Wind: Labor Force Participation of Women and Economic Instability in Iran](#),” *Feminist Economics Research Note (FERN)*. 2016. [This is the summary of the published article in *Feminist Economics*.]
- 02 “Waste of Labor Force,” a panel with Dr. Saeed Eslami Bidgoli on Economic Inefficiencies of Conscription. *Tejarat-e-Farda (The Business of Tomorrow – a weekly Periodical)*, Tehran, Iran. In Persian. published on June 5, 2016, accessible online [here](#).
- 03 “A Tested Policy,” *Donya-ye-Eghtesad (The Economic World – a daily economic newspaper)*, Tehran, Iran. In Persian. published on Feb. 20, 2013, accessible online [here](#).

Working Papers

- 01 “[Sir! I’d Rather Go to School, Sir!](#)” presented at the World Bank (link to the [Video](#) of the presentation); IZA Discussion Papers No. 10787; under journal review
- 02 “[Fertility and the Puzzle of Female Employment in the Middle East](#)”; under journal review

Work in Progress

- 01 “Eliminating Supply: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education”
- 02 “Counting Lipsticks: Accounting for Preferences”
- 03 “A Course on Global Poverty for Business Undergraduates”

Honors and Awards

United Nations University-WIDER Horizontal Inequality Project (\$6000) United Nations University-WIDER, joint with Sanaz Fesharaki	October 2016
ERF Paper Publication Award (\$1000) Economic Research Forum – for the paper entitled “Income Mobility and the Arab Spring...”	October 2016
ERF Paper Publication Award (\$1000) Economic Research Forum – for the paper entitled “Calculating Income Counterfactuals...”	January 2015
Ibn Khaldun Prize for Best Paper in 2013 Middle East Economic Association	January 2014
Babson Summer Research Fund (\$10,000) Babson College, Wellesley, MA	Summer 2013
Babson Summer Research Fund (\$10,000) Babson College, Wellesley, MA	Summer 2012
Babson Glavin Council of Chairs Research Fund (\$7,500) Babson College, Wellesley, MA	Summer 2011

Honors and Awards (continued)

Wallis Annenberg Fellowship for Research on Women (\$25,000) USC, Los Angeles, CA	June 2009 – May 2010
Center for Excellence in Teaching – Teaching Assistant Fellow USC Center for Excellence in Teaching, Los Angeles, CA	Fall 2007 – Winter 2009
US-China Institute Summer Fieldwork Grant (\$2,000) USC US-China Institute, Los Angeles, CA	Summer 2007
Graduate Merit Fellowship (up to \$23,000 per year) Graduate School, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA	Fall 2004 – May 2009
Outstanding Student Award Graduate School of Business and Economics, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran.	2002 - 2004

Presentations

“Sir! I’d Rather Go to School, Sir!” 24 th Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt (travel exp. funded by ERF)	July 8-10, 2018
“Eliminating Supply: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education” 1st IZA/World Bank/NJD Conference on Jobs and Development, Bogotá, Colombia (travel exp. IZA and World Bank-funded)	May 11-12, 2018
“Eliminating Supply: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education” AEA/MEEA Annual Meeting 2018, Philadelphia, PA (travel exp. self-funded)	January 7, 2018
“Counting Lipsticks: Accounting for Preferences” 92 nd WEAI Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (travel exp. funded by Babson)	June 27, 2017
“Sir! I’d Rather Go to School, Sir!” 37 th MEEA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (travel exp. self-funded)	January 5, 2017
“Sir! I’d Rather Go to School, Sir!” The World Bank, Video of the presentation (travel exp. funded by the World Bank)	November 16, 2016
“Sir! I’d Rather Go to School, Sir!” LACDEV Conference, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York (travel exp. self-funded)	September 9-10, 2016
“Cultural Revolution in Iran: A Natural Experiment in Tertiary Education” Western Economic Association International 2016, Portland, OR (travel exp. self-funded)	Jun. 29 - Jul. 3, 2016
“Sir! I’d Rather Go to School, Sir!” United Nations University – WIDER, Helsinki, Finland (travel exp. funded by UNU-WIDER)	June 6-7, 2016
“Cultural Revolution in Iran: A Natural Experiment in Tertiary Education” Wellesley College Econ Division Brown Bag Lunch, Wellesley College, MA (No funding needed)	April. 20, 2016
“Twins, Family Size, and Female Labor Force Participation in Iran” 22 nd Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt (travel exp. funded by ERF)	March 19-21, 2016
“Income Mobility and the Arab Spring: The Case of Egypt and Jordan” 22 nd Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt (travel exp. funded by ERF)	March 19-21, 2016
“Does Having More Children Affect Female Employment in MENA?” 36 th MEEA Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA (travel exp. funded by Babson)	January 3-5, 2016
“Exemption and Education: Exploiting a Discontinuity in Military Service Law” BFRF Research chat, Babson College, MA (No funding needed)	Nov. 19, 2015
“Exemption and Education: Exploiting a Discontinuity in Military Service Law” AALIMS conference, Princeton University, NJ (travel exp. funded by AALIMS)	Oct. 31, 2015

Presentations (continued)

- “Estimating a Model of Settlement Bargaining in World Trade Organization” July 9-21, 2015
CESifo Workshop on Trade and Development, Venice, Italy (travel exp. funded by CESifo)
- “Income Mobility and the Arab Spring: The Case of Egypt and Jordan” June 28-July 3, 2015
Western Economic Association International 2015, Honolulu, HI (travel exp. self-funded)
- “Oil, Patriarchy (Laws), and Female Labor Force Participation” February 11, 2015
Center for Women’s Entrepreneurial Leadership, Babson College, MA (No funding needed)
- “Exemption and Education: Exploiting a Discontinuity in Military Service Law” Sept. 18, 2014
Wellesley College Econ Division Brown Bag Lunch, Wellesley College, MA (No funding needed)
- “Estimating the Income Counterfactuals for Oil Prod. Countries of MENA” April 24, 2014
Babson Faculty Research Fund, Babson Park, MA (No funding needed)
- “Estimating the Income Counterfactuals for Oil Prod. Countries of MENA” March 22-24, 2014
20th Economic Research Forum, Egypt, Cairo (travel exp. funded by ERF)
- “Estimating the Income Counterfactuals for Oil Prod. Countries of MENA” January 7, 2014
ASSA/MEEA 2014, Philadelphia, PA (travel exp. self-funded)
- “Oil and Female Labor Force Participation” June 24-25, 2013
IIEA 2013, Istanbul, Turkey (travel exp. funded by Babson)
- “Oil and Entrepreneurship in MENA” June 19-21, 2013
Global Entrepreneurship Monitor Research Conference 2013, Barcelona, Spain (travel exp. is funded by the Entrepreneurship division)
- “Oil and Female Labor Force Participation” April 5-6, 2013
9th Mid-West International Economic Development Conf., Madison, WI
- “Oil and Entrepreneurship in MENA” March 18-20, 2013
12th International Middle East Economic Association Conference, Speyer, Germany (travel exp. funded by Speyer University)
- “Oil and Female Labor Force Participation” March 8-9, 2013
Pacific Development Conference 2013, San Francisco, CA (travel exp. funded by Babson)
- “Oil and Female Labor Force Participation” June 29 – July 3, 2012
Western Economic Association International 2012, San Francisco, CA (travel exp. funded by Babson)
- “Is Regulation Better than Liberalization: Challenge Revisited” January 5-8, 2012
ASSA Annual Meeting 2012 – MEEA, Chicago, IL (travel exp. funded by Babson)
- “Against the Wind: LFP of Women and Economic Instability in Iran” June 29 – July 3, 2011
Western Economic Association International 2011, San Diego, CA (travel exp. funded by Babson)
- “Against the Wind: LFP of Women and Economic Instability in Iran” April 15-16, 2011
8th Mid-West International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI (travel exp. funded by Babson)
- “Against the Wind: LFP of Women and Economic Instability in Iran” January 6-9, 2011
ASSA Annual Meeting 2011 – MEEA, Denver, CO (travel exp. funded by Babson)
- “Is Regulation Better than Liberalization: Challenge Revisited” November 7-10, 2009
Economic Research Forum Conference 2009, Cairo, Egypt
- “Generational Change in FLFP in Iran” March 14, 2009
Pacific Development Conference 2009, San Francisco, CA

Presentations (continued)

“Generational Change in FLFP in Iran” H.A.N.D. Economics Forum, Los Angeles, CA	December 22-24, 2008
“Mobility and Poverty Dynamics in Iran” Conference on Economics of Iran, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois	December 11-13, 2008
“The Reaction of Real-Estate Industries to the Monetary Policy Actions” Western Economic Association International 2008, Sheraton Hotel, Hawaii	June 29 – July 4 2008
“Mobility and Poverty Dynamics in Iran” Pacific Development Conference 2008, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, CA	March 15, 2008

Conference Session Chair

MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA	January 2018
WEAI Annual Conference San Diego, CA	June 2017
MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (2 sessions) San Francisco, CA	January 2017
MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA	January 2016
Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Honolulu, HI	July 2015
MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting Babson College	January 2015
MEEA International Conference Speyer, Germany	March 2013

Service to Babson College

01 Advised Ten Honors Students (four completed the thesis; two ongoing)	Fall 2010 – present
02 Member of Economics Division Taskforce for designing the MBA Managerial Economics course – Designed the course for the Part-time program	Jan. – May 2012
03 Member of Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, Team USA	Jan. 2012 – present
04 Member of the MSMEI Team – Designing the Economics Course	Sept. 2012 – present
05 Organized the Carpenter Lecture 2013	Nov. 2012 – Mar. 2013
06 Faculty Workload and Compensation Committee (FWCC) Co-chair from November 2017 to May 2018	August 2013 – May 2018
07 Member of the College Arts Collection Committee	August 2014 – present
08 Served in three Midnight Breakfast Events	One night in 2014, 15, and 16
09 Member of the College-wide HR Compensation Advisory Group	Jan. 2015 – present
10 Co-founding member of the grass-root group of faculty discussing the implications of students mental illness on campus	March 2015– present
11 Interviewed three Weissman Scholarship applicants	April 9, 2015

Service to Babson College (continued)

12	Presented in the ITSD Boot Camp	August 2015
13	Co-organized the Carpenter Lecture 2016	Nov. 2015 – Apr. 2016
14	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor Technical Director	Jul. 2015 – present
15	Member of Design Taskforce for Blended Learning MBA in Miami	September 2016
16	Member of the Future of SEERS Steering Committee	Sept. 2017 – May 2018
17	Member of the Future of SEERS – GAPC sub-committee	Oct. 2017 – May 2018
18	Evaluated Transfer Credit, attended division and senate meetings, participated in EQUIS, AACSB, and NEASC meetings with junior faculty, and other citizenship activities	Fall 2010 – present

Professional Service and Membership

Economic Research Forum		
	Affiliated as Research Fellow	March 2017 - present
	Affiliated as Research Associate	March 2013 - March 2017
IZA		
	Affiliated as Research Fellow	April 2017 - present
American Economic Association – Member		2008 - present
Middle East Economic Association (MEEA)		
	Treasurer (elected)	January 2016 - present
	Board Member	January 2015 - present
	Social Media Outreach Advisor	January 2015 – present
	Co-Program Chair of the 38th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia	Mar. 2017 – Jan. 2018
	Co-Program Chair of the 37th Annual Meeting in Chicago	Mar. 2016 – Jan. 2017
	Sole local organizer of the 35 th Annual Meeting at Babson College	Jul. 2014 – Jan. 2015
	Secured sponsorship for the 35 th Annual Meeting (\$5000)	January 2015
International Iranian Economic Association		
	Member of the Scientific Committee	July 2014 - present
	Co-organizer of the 2014 Conference at Boston College	Oct. 2014
	Member of the 2016 Election Committee	June 2016
Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the book entitled “Online Communities as Agents of Change and Social Movements,” edited by Steven Gordon, Professor of Information Systems at Babson College		Dec. 2016 – present

Referee Reports

National Science Foundation grant review, Qatar National Research Fund grant review, Journal of International Economics, Energy Economics, Resources Policy (3 times), Journal of Business Ventures, African Development Economics, Economics of Transition, Review of Economics of the Household, Middle East Development Journal (5 times), Middle East Review of Economics and Finance, Cornell Hospitality Quarterly, Eastern Economics Journal, IZA Journal of Development and Labor, China and World Economy, Journal of Geography and Regional Planning, Revue Tiers Monde