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Citizenship: US Citizen

Fields

Development Economics, Applied Econometrics, Economics of the MENA region

Education

Ph.D. in Economics , August 2010 University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
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 , Economics Division, Wellesley, MA	
Professor	Sept. 2023 – present
Associate Professor	Sept. 2017 – Dec. 2022
Assistant Professor	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

Undergraduate courses

Climate & Economic Systems	Falls 2022-24, Spring 25
Business and Economic Policy in Developing Countries	F. 2010-19, Sp. 2020-22, F. 23-24
Principles of Microeconomics	F. 2010–Sum. 2012, Spr. 2018, Sum. 2021–Sp. 2022
Undergraduate Managerial Economics	Springs of 2011 to 2014
Econometrics	Fall 2014

Graduate courses

Modern Econometrics for Business	Falls 2019 & 2020, Springs 2022-24
Economic Analytics (Econometrics)	Falls 2019 & 2020
Managerial Economics for Blended (online) MBA Program	Summer of 2013, 15, 16, 18, & 19
Managerial Economics for MBA Evening Program	Falls 2012–2018
Economics of the Firm for the Master of Science in Management	Spring 2016
Topics in Economics for the Master of Science in Management	Spring 2015

Published Articles

- 01 “[Sir! I’d Rather Go to School, Sir!](#),” forthcoming in *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, (accepted in 2025; to be published in 2026) (**ABDC A-ranked journal; Impact factor: 2.0**)
- 02 “How Ambitious Entrepreneurs Can Accelerate Their Growth with AI”, with Jeffrey Shay, Donna Kelly, and Thomas H. Davenport, forthcoming in *Harvard Business Review* (**Impact factor: 12.129; ABDC A-ranked journal**)
- 03 “[COVID-19’s gendered effect on subjective wellbeing in MENA countries](#),” with Ghada Barsoum, *Scientific Reports*, (accepted 2024; published 2025) (**Impact factor: 3.8**)
- 04 “[Early-life exposure to Saharan dust storms and adolescence functional disability: Evidence from Cameroon](#),” with Seyed M. Karimi, Mohammad Mostafavi-Dehzoeei, Ghadir Asadi, and Claire S. Jacobs, *Science of The Total Environment*, (2022) (**Impact factor: 10.753**)
- 05 “[Black Women Start More Businesses than White Men](#),” with Donna Kelley and Angela Randolph, *Harvard Business Review*, (May 11, 2021). (**Impact factor: 12.129; ABDC A-ranked journal**)
- 06 “[Sticky Floors and Glass Ceilings: Gender Wage Gap in Egypt](#),” with Ghada Barsoum and Mona Said, *Feminist Economics* (2022). (**Impact factor: 2.821; ABDC A-ranked journal**)
- 07 “[Weather and COVID-19 Deaths During the Stay-at-Home Order in the U.S.](#),” with Seyed M. Karimi, Natalie DuPre, Kelsey White, Bert Little, and Paul W. McKinney, *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, (2021; online volume ahead of the print issue.) (**Impact factor: 2.306**)
- 08 “[Saharan Sand and Dust Storms and Neonatal Mortality: Evidence from Burkina Faso](#),” with Seyed M. Karimi, Hamid Pouran, Maziar Moradi-Lakeh, and Hassan Hakimian, *Science of The Total Environment*, (2020). (**Impact factor: 10.753**)
- 09 “[Fertility and the Puzzle of Female Employment in the Middle East and North Africa](#),” *Economics of Transition* (2020). (**Impact factor: 0.951; ABDC A-ranked journal**)
- 10 “Estimating a Model of Settlement Bargaining in the World Trade Organization,” with Mostafa Beshkar, In Zissimos, Ben (Ed.), *The WTO and Economic Development*, (December 17, 2019), MIT Press, <https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/wto-and-economic-development> (the content of the book is temporarily available [here](#).)
- 11 “[Iran’s Multi-ethnic Mosaic: A 23-Year Perspective](#),” with Sanaz Fesharaki, *Social Indicators Research* (2019), 145(3): 831-859 (**Impact factor: 2.935; ABDC A-ranked journal**)
- 12 “[Twins, Family Size, and Female Labor Force Participation in Iran](#),” *Applied Economics* (2018), 51(4). (**Impact factor: 1.916; ABDC A-ranked journal**)
- 13 “[Income Mobility and the Arab Spring: The Case of Egypt and Jordan](#),” *Applied Economics Letters* (2017), 24(15): 1070-1074. (**Impact factor: 1.157; ABDC B-ranked journal**)
- 14 “[Oil, Laws, and Female Labor Force Participation](#),” *International Advances in Economic Research* (2017), 23(1): 91-106 (**Impact factor: 0.18; Acceptance rate: 10-20%; source: Cabell’s**)

Published Articles (continued)

- 15 "[Oil and Entrepreneurship](#)," *Energy Policy* (2016), Vol. 94: 10-15. (Impact factor: 7.576; ABDC A-ranked journal)
- 16 "[Against the Wind: Labor Force Participation of Women and Economic Instability in Iran](#)," *Feminist Economics* (2016), 22(4): 31-53. (Impact factor: 2.821; ABDC A-ranked journal)
- 17 "[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.](#))
- 18 "[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)
- 19 "[Calculating the Income Counterfactuals for Oil Producing Countries of the MENA Region](#)," *Resources Policy* (2015), 44: 47-56. (Impact factor: 8.222; ABDC B-ranked journal)
- 20 "[Mobility and Poverty Dynamics in Iran: Evidence from the 1992-1995 Panel Survey](#)," with Djavah Salehi-Isfahani, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance* (2013), Vol. 53 No. 3. (Impact factor: 4.324; ABDC B-ranked journal)
- 21 "[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-MacMillan Publishing, (December 2010).

Pedagogy:

- 22 "[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):

- 23 "[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: 3.758; ABDC A-ranked journal)
- 24 "[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: 3.154; ABDC A-ranked journal)

Research Reports and Encyclopedia Entries

- 01 "[2024/2025 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#)," with Donna J. Kelley, Jeffery Shay, Candida G. Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Dianna Hechavarria, Daniel Auguste, Caroline Daniels, Babson College, 2024.
- 02 "[2023/2024 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#)," with Donna J. Kelley, Jeffery Shay, Candida G. Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Caroline Daniels, Babson College, 2024.
- 03 "[2022/2023 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#)," with Donna J. Kelley, Jeffery Shay, Candida G. Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Caroline Daniels, Babson College, 2023.

Reports and Encyclopedia Entries (continued)

- 04 “[2021/2022 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Jeffery Shay, Candida G. Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Caroline Daniels, Babson College, 2022.
- 05 “[2020/2021 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Jeffery Shay, Candida G. Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Babson College, 2021.
- 06 “[2019/2020 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Candida G. Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Babson College, 2020.
- 07 “[2018/2019 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Julian E. Lange, Candida G. Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Donna J. Kelley, Philip H. Kim, and Siddharth Vedula, Babson College, 2019.
- 08 “[2017 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Julian E. Lange, Abdul Ali, Candida G. Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Donna J. Kelley, and Philip H. Kim, Babson College, 2018.
- 09 “[Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2016/2017 Women’s Entrepreneurship Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Benjamin S. Baumer, Candida Brush, Patricia G. Greene, Mahnaz Mahdavi, Marcia Cole, Monica Dean, René Heavlow, Babson College and Smith College, August 2017.
- 10 “[2016 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor US Report](#),” with Donna J. Kelley, Abdul Ali, Candida Brush, Andrew C. Corbett, Philip H. Kim, Babson College, August 2017.
- 11 “[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.
- 12 “[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.
- 13 “[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.
- 14 “[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.
- 15 “[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.
- 16 “[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.
- 17 “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.

Reports and Encyclopedia Entries (continued)

- 01 “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.
- 02 “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/Interviews in the Media

- 01 “[Big Rise In Small Business Owners](#),” Interview with *NBC Palm Springs TV Channel* for the weekend news, Nov. 21, 2023.
- 02 “[AI Funding Booms, Everything Else Swoons. A Look at the State of Entrepreneurship](#),” *Inc.* magazine, Nov. 21, 2023.
- 03 “[U.S. Entrepreneurship is increasing-and getting more diverse](#),” *FastCompany*, May 8, 2023.
- 04 “[Six Theories on Why Fast-Growing Startups Seem to Be Disappearing](#),” *Wall Street Journal*, May 10, 2020.
- 05 “[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*.]
- 06 “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](#).
- 07 “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](#).

Under Review

- 01 “Education Interrupted: The Long-Term Consequences of Large-Scale University Closures on Human Capital”
- 02 “A Simple Method to Design Household Compensation for Carbon Taxes and Subsidy Reforms”
- 03 “From Classroom to Journal: A Publishable Applied Econometrics Project for Undergraduate Students”

Work in Progress

- 01 “Preferences and The Puzzle of Female Labor Force Participation”
- 02 “The Impact of Exposure to Saharan Dust Storms Early in Life on Education”, joint with Mohammad Dehzoeei, Seyed M. Karimi, and Ghadir Asadi

Honors and Awards

Babson College Mini Grant Award (\$1648) Babson College, Wellesley, MA	2025
Babson College Faculty Research Angel Fund Grant (\$9000) Babson College, Wellesley, MA	2023
Babson College Interdisciplinary Scholar Award Babson College, Wellesley, MA	2021
Babson College Faulty Research Angel Fund Grant (\$7,320) Babson College, Wellesley, MA	2021
Olin Graduate School of Business Excellence in Service Award Babson College, Olin Graduate School of Business	2018
Babson Mini Grant Award – Received it but not used it (\$2500) Babson College, Wellesley, MA	August 2017
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 the 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
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

“Preferences and the Puzzle of Female Labor Force Participation” Conference on Labor Markets and Demographics, Doha Institute, Qatar	May 7-8, 2025
“Preferences and the Puzzle of Female Labor Force Participation” 2024 LACDEV Conference, Williams College, MA	September 27-28, 2024

Presentations (continued)

“Preferences and the Puzzle of Female Labor Force Participation” 20th International Conference of MEEA, Istanbul, Turkey	September 13-15, 2024
“Preferences and the Puzzle of Female Labor Force Participation” 2024 Annual Meeting of the International Association for Feminist Economics, Rome, Italy	July 6-8, 2024
“Learning Development Economics Through A Game” 2024 Conference on Teaching and Economics Education, Atlanta, GA	May 29-31, 2024
“Preferences and the Puzzle of Female Labor Force Participation” AEA/MEEA Annual Meeting 2023, New Orleans, LA	January 6-8, 2023
“Sir! I’d Rather Go to School, Sir!” Econometric Society World Congress, Online	August 17-21, 2020
“A Proposal for a Smooth Energy Subsidy Reform” International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC (travel exp. self-funded)	October 17, 2019
“The Weight of History: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education” Econometric Society Africa Meeting (travel exp. funded by Babson)	July 11-13, 2019
“A Proposal for a Smooth Energy Subsidy Reform” Workshop at IZA (travel exp. funded by Babson)	June 5, 2019
“Eliminating Supply: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education” 25 th Economic Research Forum, Kuwait (travel exp. funded by ERF)	March 10-12, 2019
“Counting Lipsticks: Accounting for Preferences” AEA/MEEA Annual Meeting 2019, Atlanta, GA (travel exp. self-funded)	January 3-6, 2019
“Eliminating Supply: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education” 3 rd RIEME Conference, Sorbonne, Paris, France (travel exp. funded by Babson)	November 5-7, 2018
“Eliminating Supply: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education” UMass Lowell Economics Dept., Lowell, MA (travel exp. paid by UMass Lowell)	October 10, 2018
“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

Presentations (continued)

- “Cultural Revolution in Iran: A Natural Experiment in Tertiary Education” April. 20, 2016
Wellesley College Econ Division Brown Bag Lunch, Wellesley College, MA (No funding needed)
- “Twins, Family Size, and Female Labor Force Participation in Iran” March 19-21, 2016
22nd Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt (travel exp. funded by ERF)
- “Income Mobility and the Arab Spring: The Case of Egypt and Jordan” March 19-21, 2016
22nd Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt (travel exp. funded by ERF)
- “Does Having More Children Affect Female Employment in MENA?” January 3-5, 2016
36th MEEA Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA (travel exp. funded by Babson)
- “Exemption and Education: Exploiting a Discontinuity in Military Service Law” Nov. 19, 2015
BFRF Research chat, Babson College, MA (No funding needed)
- “Exemption and Education: Exploiting a Discontinuity in Military Service Law” Oct. 31, 2015
AALIMS conference, Princeton University, NJ (travel exp. funded by AALIMS)
- “Estimating a Model of Settlement Bargaining in World Trade Organization” July 19-21, 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)

Presentations (continued)

“Against the Wind: LFP of Women and Economic Instability in Iran” Western Economic Association International 2011, San Diego, CA (travel exp. funded by Babson)	June 29 – July 3, 2011
“Against the Wind: LFP of Women and Economic Instability in Iran” 8 th Mid-West International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI (travel exp. funded by Babson)	April 15-16, 2011
“Against the Wind: LFP of Women and Economic Instability in Iran” ASSA Annual Meeting 2011 – MEEA, Denver, CO (travel exp. funded by Babson)	January 6-9, 2011
“Is Regulation Better than Liberalization: Challenge Revisited” Economic Research Forum Conference 2009, Cairo, Egypt	November 7-10, 2009
“Generational Change in FLFP in Iran” Pacific Development Conference 2009, San Francisco, CA	March 14, 2009
“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 New Orleans, LA	January 2023
MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting Online	January 2022
MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting Online	January 2021
MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting San Diego, CA	January 2020
MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting Atlanta, GA	January 2019
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

Conference Session Chair (continued)

MEEA International Conference
Speyer, Germany

March 2013

Service to Babson College

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| 01 Member of the DBA Design Team | May 2023 – present |
| 02 Member of the Fourth-Year Review Committee of a MAST
Faculty Member | January 2023 – April 2023 |
| 03 Co-Chair, Graduate Academic Policy Committee | September 2022 – January 2023 |
| 04 Member, Graduate Academic Policy Committee | August 2019 – present |
| 05 Faculty Director for the MS in Business Analytics | March 2019 – present |
| 06 Technical Director for the GEM U.S. Team | July 2015 – present |
| 07 Advised 10 Honors Students | Fall 2010 – present |
| 08 Member, Senate Bylaws Committee | November 2021 – March 2022 |
| 09 Co-chair, DEI task force | January 2021 – May 2021 |
| 10 Future of SEERS Steering & Grad. Program Committees | Sept. 2017 – Dec. 2018 |
| 11 Member, College-wide HR Compensation Advisory Group | Jan. 2015 – Dec. 2018 |
| 12 Faculty Workload and Compensation Committee (FWCC) | Sept. 2013 – May 2018 |
| 13 Interviewed Weissman Scholarship applicants | April 9, 2015 & April 2018 |
| 14 Co-founding member of a faculty grassroots group discussing
implications of student mental illness on campus | March 2015– 2018 |
| 15 Co-organized the Carpenter Lecture 2016 | Nov. 2015 – Apr. 2016 |
| 16 Member, Design task force for Blended Learning MBA in
Miami | Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2016 |
| 17 Served in three Midnight Breakfast events | One night each in 2014, 2015, and 2016 |
| 18 Presented for the ITSD Boot Camp | August 2015 |
| 19 Member, GEM U.S. Team | Jan. 2012 – June 2015 |
| 20 Member, College Art Collection Committee | Fall 2014 |
| 21 Member, MSMEEL Team designing the economics course | Sept. 2012 – Sept. 2014 |
| 22 Organized the Carpenter Lecture 2013 | Nov. 2012 – Mar. 2013 |
| 23 Member, Economics Division task force for designing the MBA
Managerial Economics course for the part-time program | January – May 2012 |
| 24 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

Member of the Advisory Board May 2023 - present

[Affiliated as a Research Fellow](#) March 2017 - present

Affiliated as a Research Associate March 2013 - March 2017

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[Affiliated as a Research Fellow](#) April 2017 – present

Middle East Development Journal

Co-Editor September 2021 – present

American Economic Association – Member 2008 - present

Middle East Economic Association (MEEA)

[Treasurer \(re-elected in December 2018\)](#) January 2016 - present

Board Member January 2015 - present

Social Media Outreach Advisor January 2015 – January 2024

Co-Program Chair of the 45th Annual Meeting online Mar. 2024 - Jan. 2025

Co-Program Chair of the 44th Annual Meeting online Mar. 2023 - Jan. 2024

Co-Program Chair of the 43rd Annual Meeting online Mar. 2022 - Jan. 2023

Co-Program Chair of the 42nd Annual Meeting online Mar. 2021 - Jan. 2022

[Co-Program Chair of the 41st Annual Meeting online](#) Mar. 2020 - Jan. 2021

[Co-Program Chair of the 40th Annual Meeting in San Diego](#) Mar. 2019 - Jan. 2020

[Co-Program Chair of the 39th Annual Meeting in Atlanta](#) Mar. 2018 - Jan. 2019

[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 35th Annual Meeting at Babson College Jul. 2014 - Jan. 2015

Secured sponsorship for the 35th Annual Meeting (\$5000) January 2015

GEM Research and Innovation Projects – Member September 2022 - present

Co-Editor of Special Issue of *Atmosphere* on “[Human Health, Climate Change, and Ambient Air Pollution](#)” 2021

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 proposal review, Qatar National Research Fund grant proposal review (seven times), Carnegie Foundation grant proposal review, PLOS One, Journal of International Economics, World Development, Energy Economics, Energy Policy, Resources Policy (6 times), Feminist Economics, Applied Economics (3 times), Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice, Journal of Business Ventures, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance (twice), International Development, African Development Economics, Economics of Transition, Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Labor Market Research, Journal of Family Studies,

Journal of Family and Economics, Economics and Politics, Entrepreneurship and Regional Development, Bulletin of Economic Research, Middle East Development Journal (18 times), Demographics Research, Social Currents, Middle East Review of Economics and Finance, Borsa Istanbul Review, Cornell Hospitality Quarterly (twice), Eastern Economics Journal, IZA Journal of Development and Labor, Journal of Family and Economics Issues, China and the World Economy, Journal of Geography and Regional Planning, Revue Tiers Monde