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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-present Associate Chair of Economics Department, University of San Diego, CA
2019-present Clinical Professor of Economics, University of San Diego, CA
2018-2019 Assistant Professor of Economics, Sam Houston State University, TX
2016-2017 Lecturer, Department of Economics at University of Notre Dame, IN

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY APPOINTMENTS

2021-present Board Member, Building Equity, Aspiration, Resilience, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
2012-2013 Financial Risk Analyst & Time Series Specialist, Huntington National Bank, Columbus, OH
2009-2010 Consultant, Financial Department of Shafayab Pharmaceutical Distribution, Tehran, Iran

EDUCATION

2013-2018 Ph.D. in Economics - University of Notre Dame
2013-2015 M.A. in Economics - University of Notre Dame
2010-2012 M.A. in Economics - Bowling Green State University
2005-2009 B.S. in Economics - Allameh Tabatabaei University of Tehran

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic Growth and International Development

RESEARCH

“Agricultural Misallocation: Mismeasurement, Misspecification, or Market Frictions?” - Writing Results
“Distortions or Sorting in Agricultural Intermediates? Theory and Evidence from Malawi Fertilizer Subsidies” - Writing Results
“Structural Change and Trade Costs” - On-Going
“Risk and Agricultural Resource Misallocation” - Planning
“Sharecropping in Developing World” - Planning

TEACHING

University of San Diego: Statistics for Business and Economics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Applied Regression Analysis, Gender and Economics
Sam Houston State University: Principles of Macroeconomics
University of Notre Dame: Statistics for Economics

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Distortions or Sorting in Agricultural Intermediates? Theory and Evidence from Malawi Fertilizer Subsidies”, KSB Research Conference, University of San Diego
- 2019 “Agricultural Misallocation: Mismeasurement, Misspecification, or Market Frictions?”, Workshop on Measurement Error and the Adoption of Agricultural Innovations, Paris School of Economics, France
- 2019 “Distortions or Sorting in Agricultural Intermediates? Theory and Evidence from Malawi Fertilizer Subsidies”, University of Houston, Texas
- 2017 “Agricultural Misallocation: Mismeasurement, Misspecification, or Market Frictions?”, Canadian Economic Association Meeting, St Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada.

CERTIFICATES

- Spring 2019 Online Course Redesign Certification - Sam Houston State University
- Nov 2017 The Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate - The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at University of Notre Dame
- Sep 2017 The Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate - The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at University of Notre Dame
- Fall 2012 The International Tutor Training Program Certificate - The Learning Commons at Bowling Green State University

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

- Summer 2023 KSB Summer Research Grant - Knauss School of Business, University of San Diego
- 2021-2022 Faculty of the Year Honorable Mention - Knauss School of Business, University of San Diego
- 2013-2018 Graduate Assistantship - University of Notre Dame
- Spring 2012 2nd Place Award in Economics Student Paper Conference - Bowling Green State University
- Feb 2011 2nd Place Award in Economics Student Paper Conference - Bowling Green State University
- 2010-2012 Graduate Assistantship - Bowling Green State University

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2016-2018 Kellogg Institute Doctoral Student Affiliate - University of Notre Dame
- 2016-2018 Economics Dept. Student Representative in Graduate School - University of Notre Dame
- 2011-2012 ODE - The International Economics Honor Society - Bowling Green State University

SERVICE

Refereeing

Economic Inquiry, Agribusiness: an International Journal, Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy

Committee Membership at University of San Diego

KSB Teaching and Learning Excellence Committee (2023-present), Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Matters Committee - Senate (2023-present), Core Curriculum Committee (2020-present)

Faculty Advisor at University of San Diego

Economics Tutoring Program (2019-present), Economics Council (2019-present)

SKILLS

Technical Skills

Stata, Tableau, Matlab, SAS, Eviews, R

Language Skills

English (Fluent), Farsi (Native)