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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Santa Barbara
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

2025-

University of Pennsylvania
Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics
Penn Population Studies Center
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2022-2025

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ph.D., Sociology, Minor: Public Affairs
Institute for Research on Poverty, Center for Demography & Ecology

2016-2022

- *Doctoral Advisors:* Erik Olin Wright, Ivan Ermakoff, Jane Collins
- *Dissertation Title:* [Varieties of Capitalism, Income Inequality, and Mobility](#)
- *Dissertation Committee:* Ivan Ermakoff (Chair), Jane Collins, Joel Rogers, Christine Schwartz, Tim Smeeding, Gøsta Esping-Andersen
- *Winner of the Sabina Awdagic Early Career Scholar Prize, awarded by the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)*

University of British Columbia
Visiting Doctoral Student
Completed Graduate Coursework in Computational Methods

2018-2019

New York University
M.A., Concentration in Economics & Sociology

2012-2014

Qatar University
B.A., (*High Distinction*) International Affairs

2008-2012

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Quantitative & Computational Methods, Panel Data Analysis, Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Spatial Methods, Social Stratification, Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Intergenerational Income Mobility, Wealth Inequality, Comparative & Historical Methods.

BOOK (IN PROGRESS)

“Varieties of Capitalism and Social Inequalities.” Book proposal under submission.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 Karl Vachuska & **Movahed, Masoud**. “The Causal Effect of Gun Violence on Neighborhood Visibility: Interrupted Time Series Analysis,” [Spatial Demography](#). In print.
- 2025 **Movahed, Masoud**. “Working-Class Structural Power, Associational Power, and Income Inequality,” [Journal of Industrial Relations](#), Online First.
- 2024 **Movahed, Masoud** & Tiffany Neman. “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account.” [Social Science Research](#) 123(2).

- *Winner of [Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award](#), American Sociological Association’s **Mathematical Sociology** Section.*

- [Lead Research Article](#), *Volume 123*

- 2023 **Masoud, Movahed.** “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality.” [International Journal of Comparative Sociology](#) 64(6):621-657.
- Winner of [Terence K. Hopkins Article Award](#), American Sociological Association’s *Political Economy of the World System* Section.
 - Recipient of [Honorable Mention for Outstanding Article](#), American Sociological Association’s *Sociology of Development* Award for Best Article.
- 2023 Goldberg, Chad Alan & **Masoud Movahed.** “The New Class and Right-Wing Populism: The Case of Wisconsin.” [The Sociological Quarterly](#) 65(1), 105–125.
- Featured in an interview on [Public Broadcasting Service \(PBS\)](#).
- 2023 **Movahed, Masoud.,** & Hirsh, Elizabeth. “Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints,” [The Sociological Quarterly](#), 64(2), 296–319.
- 2022 **Movahed, Masoud.,** & Hirsh, Elizabeth. The regional determinants of collective action in the era of American Resistance. [Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements](#) 14(1):81 – 100.
- 2020 **Movahed, Masoud.** “Industrializing an Oil-Based Economy: Evidence from Iran’s Automobile Industry,” [Journal of International Development](#), 32:1148–1170.

WORK IN PROGRESS

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| Revise & Resubmit | Movahed, Masoud., & Emilio Parrado. “Comparative Capitalist Models & Total Fertility Rate,” <i>Demography</i> . |
| Revise & Resubmit | Movahed, Masoud. “Comparative Historical Accounts of Economic Inequalities,” <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> . |
| Revise & Resubmit | Movahed, Masoud., & Chad Goldberg. “The Rise of Right-Wing Populism in the United States” <i>Politics & Society</i> . |
| Under Review | Movahed, Masoud. “Institutional Dynamics of Wealth Stratification,” <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> . |
| Under Review | Movahed, Masoud., & Jason Schnittker. “The Institutional Dimensions of Wellbeing. A Cross-National Assessment.” |
| Under Review | Movahed, Masoud. “Institutional Evolution Across OECD Countries: A Temporal Cluster Analysis,” <i>Social Policy & Administration</i> . |
| Under Review | Cristina Bicchieri, Kevin Vallier, Movahed, Masoud, Daniel Putman, Shaon Lahiri. “Social Trust and Poverty in America.” |
| Draft Available | Movahed, Masoud., Jeff Goodwin., and Elizabeth Hirsh. “Collective Action in the Era of Right-Wing Populism: A Political-Economic Analysis.” |

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| Draft Available | Movahed, Masoud. , Cristina Bicchieri, Daniel Putman, Shaon Lahiri. “Perceptions of Intergenerational Income Mobility: A Machine Learning Approach.” |
| Draft Available | Cristina Bicchieri, Daniel Putman, Movahed Masoud , Shaon Lahiri. “Social Norms and Educational Attainments: Evidence form a Survey Experiment.” |

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY WRITINGS

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| 2022 | “The Optimism of the Intellect: Erik Olin Wright’s Real Utopias Project,” <i>The Palgrave Encyclopedia of the Possible</i> . |
| 2020 | “Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” <i>The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition</i> . |
| 2019 | “A Great Heart Stopped: Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” <i>The Progressive</i> . Re-Printed in <i>Common Dreams</i> . |
| 2019 | “Does capitalism have to be bad for the environment?” <i>World Economic Forum</i> . |
| 2019 | “The Sanctions Game: Why Trump’s Maximum Pressure Strategy is Doomed to Failure,” <i>Boston Review</i> . |
| 2018 | “Rebooting Iran’s Economy: What Tehran Needs to Do to Fix its Finances,” <i>Foreign Affairs</i> . |
| 2018 | “A Wake-up Call to Rouhani” Harvard Kennedy School’s <i>Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs</i> . |
| 2018 | “Swimming Against the Tide: State Interventions and Technical Change in the Era of Knowledge-Based Economy,” <i>Harvard Economics Review</i> . |
| 2017 | “The Uneven Growth of Capitalism in India,” <i>Harvard Economics Review</i> . |
| 2016 | “Is Democracy Intrinsic to Economic Development?” <i>Harvard Economics Review</i> . |
| 2016 | “Nuclear Deal Could Unleash Iran’s Economy,” <i>Aljazeera America</i> . |
| 2015 | “What is Good for Banks is not Good for the Economy,” <i>Harvard Economics Review</i> . |
| 2014 | “Everyone’s Talking About Iran’s Nuclear Program. What About Its Auto Industry?” <i>Yale Journal of International Affairs</i> . |
| 2014 | “Beyond sectarian politics: Saudi-Iranian Relations in Prospect,” <i>Yale Journal of International Affairs</i> . |
| 2013 | “Why should resource-based economies diversify?” <i>Aljazeera English</i> . |
| 2011 | “Soviet Union’s invasion of Afghanistan and its consequences,” <i>Journal of Asian Development Matters</i> 50: 311-315. |

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2025 | Summer Institute in Machine Learning & Computational Social Science, University of Pennsylvania (SICSS-Penn, directed by Xi Song). |
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| 2023 | Sociology & Political Economy Summer Institute, University of California-Berkeley, (\$4,000). |
| 2020 | Gerald Marwell Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (\$2,000). |
| 2019 | Graduate Student Fellowship, University of British Columbia, Canada, (Fall & Spring 2019). |
| 2018 | Chancellor Fellowship for doctoral studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2017-2018) (\$30,000). |
| 2017 | Chancellor Fellowship for doctoral studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2016-2017) (\$30,000). |
| 2008 | Full Merit Scholarship from Qatar University, (2008-2012). |

INVITED TALKS

Population Association of America, Contextual, Institutional, and Policy Determinants of Intergenerational Mobility, Discussant invited by Siwei Cheng.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2024 | “Social Dimensions of Poverty,” University of Pennsylvania’s Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics, Moderator. |
| 2024 | “The Determinants of the Perceptions of Intergenerational Upward and Downward Mobility in America: A Machine-Learning Approach,” The PPE Society: Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans. |
| 2024 | “The Determinants of the Perceptions of Intergenerational Upward and Downward Mobility in America: A Machine-Learning Approach,” Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Montreal. |
| 2024 | “The Institutional Determinants of Wealth Inequality,” Perspectives on Wealth and Inequality, Regular Section, Montreal. |
| 2024 | “The Determinants of the Perceptions of Intergenerational Upward and Downward Mobility in America: A Machine-Learning Approach,” Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility, Brown University. |
| 2024 | “Right-Wing Populism in the US, Contemporary Right-Wing Politics in Comparative Perspective,” Regular Section, Montreal. |
| 2023 | “Roots of Poverty in America”, The Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE) Society’s Seventh Annual Meeting, New Orleans. |
| 2023 | “Ethnic Fractionalization & Income Inequality,” Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility, University of Michigan Ann-Arbor. |
| 2023 | “Ethnic Fractionalization & Income Inequality,” Santa Fe Institute, August 3, 2023. 2023 “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” Sociology and Political Economy Summer Institute, University of California-Berkeley. |
| 2023 | “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” Cross-National and Comparative Studies of Inequality Section, Population Association of America. |

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| 2022 | “Ethnic Heterogeneity and Income Inequality,” Section Session Presentation on Cross- National Sociology Panel, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California. |
| 2022 | “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account,” Session Presentation Poverty, Inequality and Mobility, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California. |
| 2022 | “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account,” Family, Neighborhood, and Intergenerational Mobility Session, Population Association of America, Atlanta, Georgia. |
| 2021 | “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” Session Comparative analysis of political institutions, Social Science History Association, Chicago, Illinois. |
| 2021 | “Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018),” Session on Affirmative Action and Anti-Discrimination Policy, American Sociological Association. |
| 2021 | “Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018),” Law and Injustice: Can Law Repair the Harms of Systemic Racism? Society for the Study of Social Problems Session. |
| 2021 | “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” Poverty and Inequality in the Global Context Session. Society for the Study of Social Problems. |
| 2020 | “The Determinants of Collective Action in the Era of American Resistance, “Collective Behavior and Social Movements Session, American Sociological Association. |
| 2020 | “The regional determinants of collective action in the era of American Resistance, “Capitalism and Contention Conference, 2020, New York University’s Sociology Department, Paper accepted, Postponed due to COVID19. |
| 2020 | “The regional determinants of collective action in the era of American Resistance,” San Diego State University, Mobilization Conference, Paper accepted, Postponed due to COVID19. |
| 2018 | “Shielded From Neoliberal Strictures: Oil, State and the Rise of Iran’s Auto Industry, “Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago. |
| 2017 | “Estimating the Effects of Disadvantaged Neighborhoods on Educational Outcomes in Norway Using Marginal Structural Model for Time-varying variable,” Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Brauer’s Lab Group. 2017. |
| 2016 | “The Obduracy of the Old Economy: The Trajectory of Manufacturing in the U.S. Economy,” American Sociological Association, Economic Sociology Pre-Conference, The University of Washington, Seattle, August 19, 2016. |
| 2015 | “Besieged at Home: Iran’s Auto Industry,” Graduate Student Research Conference, New York University, New York City. |
| 2012 | “Dialogue Among Civilizations” The Middle Eastern Studies Conference, Georgetown University’s Qatar Campus, Doha, Qatar. |

TEACHING

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| Fall 2024 | <u>Data Analysis Research Seminar I</u> (Machine Learning), †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) |
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| Spring 2024 | <u>Data Analysis Research Seminar I</u> (Machine Learning), †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) |
| Fall 2023 | <u>Data Analysis Research Seminar I</u> (Quantitative Methods), †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) |
| Spring 2021 | <u>Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc360)</u> , †Lecturer Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Fall 2020 | <u>Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences (Stat 371)</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Spring 2019 | <u>Statistics for Sociologists II (Soc 361)</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Fall 2019 | <u>Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc 361)</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Summer 2019 | <u>Law and Society</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia |
| Spring 2018 | <u>Methods of Social Research</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia |
| Spring 2016 | <u>Contemporary American Society</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Fall 2016 | <u>Contemporary American Society</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| Journal Reviewer | <i>American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Industrial Relations, Sociology of Development, The Sociological Quarterly, International Journal of Social Welfare.</i> |
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OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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| 2018-2021 | Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Consultant on the Politics of the Middle East |
| 2020-2022 | University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Wisconsin Strategy (COWS). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Assistant, Statistical analysis on data related to cities in the US. |

LANGUAGES

English (Read, Write, Speak)
Persian (Read, Write, Speak)
Arabic (Read, Write, Speak)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R, STATA, Python, Geoda

AFFILIATIONS

2016 – 2022

Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 – 2022

Graduate Student Trainee, Center for Demography and Ecology,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Population Association of American (PAA)
Social Science History Association (SSHA)

REFERENCES

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