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## EDUCATION

- 2026      Ph.D. in Economics, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK  
Dissertation: Policy, Gender, and Social Change: Essays on Family, Wages, and Fertility  
Committee: [Pallab Ghosh](#) (Chair), [Tyler Ransom](#) (Member), [Firat Demir](#) (Member),  
[Joan Hamory](#) (Member), [Nghiem Q. Huynh](#) (Member)
- 2017      M.A. in Development Economics, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran, Iran  
Dissertation: Gender wage gap, glass ceiling and sticky floor in Iran's labor market.
- 2014      B.A. in Commercial Economics, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran, Iran

## RESEARCH FIELDS

- Primary:      Labor Economics, Economics of Gender and the Family
- Secondary:    Public Economics, Health Economics

## WORKING PAPERS

“When the Marriage Market Fails: How Changes in Relative Wages Shape Childbearing Decisions” (with Pallab Ghosh)

“Children Who Witness: Early Life Exposure to Unilateral Divorce Laws and Intimate Partner Violence in Adulthood” (with Pallab Ghosh)

“Power of Public Health Advice: Effectiveness and Spillover Effects of Federal Vaccine Recommendations” (with Junying Zhao, Ahmed El Fatmaoui, Pallab Ghosh, and Bethanie Lor),  
Under review at *Public Health in Practice*

“From Mother to Daughter: Policy Influences on Teenage Pregnancy” (with Pallab Ghosh)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Forthcoming      American Economic Association 2026 meeting , Philadelphia, PA  
Southern Economic Association 95th Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL
- 2025      Western Economics Association 100th Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

2024 Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C  
 The Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO  
 Western Economics Association 99th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA  
 Midwest Economics Association 88th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2025 Dodge Family College of Arts and Science Dissertation Completion Fellowship,  
 University of Oklahoma  
 Robberson Research and Travel Grants, University of Oklahoma  
 2024 Chong Liew Summer Research Award, University of Oklahoma  
 2023 Robberson Research and Travel Grants, University of Oklahoma  
 Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Research and Conference Grants, University of  
 Oklahoma

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 (Summer) Elements of Statistics (ECON 2843), University of Oklahoma  
 2024 (Fall) Elements of Statistics (ECON 2843), University of Oklahoma  
 2024 (Summer) Elements of Statistics (ECON 2843), University of Oklahoma  
 2023 (Fall) Elements of Statistics (ECON 2843), University of Oklahoma  
 2023 (Summer) Principles of Economics-Micro. (ECON-1123), University of Oklahoma

## EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

2021-Current Teaching Assistant, University of Oklahoma  
 2022-2023 Research Assistant, University of Oklahoma  
 2014-2017 Research Assistant, Allameh Tabataba'i University

## REFeree SERVICE

2025 The Economic and Labour Relations Review

## SKILLS

Coding Experience Stata, R, Julia, MATLAB,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , and Git  
 Languages English (Fluent), Persian (Native)

## REFERENCES

### **Pallab Ghosh**

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### **Firat Demir (Teaching)**

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