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EDUCATION

- May 2026 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK
(Expected) 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). **Job Market Paper.**
- *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 (Jan 2026)
Southern Economic Association 95th Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL (Nov 2025)
- 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	DFCAS 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 GSS Research and Conference Grants, University of Oklahoma

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

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

Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer

Labor Economics I (ECON 6433), doctoral-level course, University of Oklahoma

Delivered guest lectures, supported student research projects, and evaluated problem sets.

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (ECON 3113), University of Oklahoma

Led problem-solving and exam preparation sessions, held office hours, and graded assignments

Labor Problems (ECON 3513), University of Oklahoma

held office hours, and graded assignments

The Economics of Discrimination (ECON 4513), University of Oklahoma

held office hours, and graded assignments

Introduction to Applied Econometrics (ECON 4233), University of Oklahoma

Assisted with empirical exercises, held office hours, and graded assignments

Econometrics II (ECON 5243), doctoral-level course, University of Oklahoma

Assisted with empirical exercises, held office hours, and graded assignments

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
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SKILLS

Coding Experience Stata, R, Julia, MATLAB, L^AT_EX, and Git

REFERENCES

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