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Academic Position

Criminal Justice Innovation Postdoctoral Fellow, Arnold Ventures / SSRC, 2024 – 2027

Affiliations

Research Subject-Matter Expert (R-SME), Campaign Zero, 2022 –

Previous Employment and Visiting

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Northeastern University, 2022 – 2024

Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) at the London School of Economics and Political Science, June 2024

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of California, Irvine, 2022.

M.A. Economics, California State University Los Angeles, 2015.

B.A. Economics, University of Tehran, 2011.

Research Interests

Economics of Crime and Criminal Justice, Public Economics, Labor Economics

Publications

“Specialization in Criminal Courts: Decision Making, Recidivism, and Re-victimization in Domestic Violence Courts in Tennessee” with Emily Owens and Kerri Raissian. *Journal of Human Resources*.

“How Is the Worker’s Weekly Hour Related To Wage Over The Life Cycle? The U.S. evidence” with Madhu Mohanty, 2017, *Applied Economics*.

Working Papers

“Silenced: Consequences of the Nuisance Property Ordinances.”

“Policing and Prosecuting Drug Offenses in Nashville: Drug Free School Zones” with Yoonjung Kim and Jaclyn Rosenquist.

“The Long-Term Impact of Summer Youth Employment Programs on Criminal Justice Outcomes” with Anthony Braga, Alicia Modestino, Ben Struhl, and Brandon Turchan.

“Affordable Housing and Public Safety” with Taylor Mackay and Matthew Ross.

“Summer Youth Employment Programs and Peer Effects” with Anthony Braga, Alicia Modestino, Ben Struhl, and Brandon Turchan.

Work in Progress

“Effects of Expanding Cash Welfare on Crime” with Yoonjung Kim and Matthew Ross.

“Housing Insecurity and Crime” with Jamein Cunningham and Kenneth Whaley.

Awards, Grants, & Fellowships

Charles A. Lave Paper Prize Award	2022
California Policy Lab Graduate Fellowships	2021
Outstanding Poster Award, All-California Labor Economics Conference	2021
Social Sciences Graduate Students Fellowship, UC Irvine	2021 – 2022
Graduate Division Completion Fellowship, UC Irvine	2021 – 2022
UCI Inclusive Excellence Ambassador Fellowship	2020 – 2021
Christian Werner Fellowship, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine	2021
Economics Summer Research Fellowship, UCI	2018; 2019; 2020; 2021
Travel Grant, UC Irvine Department of Economics	2019
The Initiative to End Family Violence (IEFV) Graduate Fellowship	2018
Merit Fellowship in Economics, University of California, Irvine	2016 – 2021
Special Recognition in Graduate Studies, California State University, LA	2014; 2015
Leonard Mathy Fellowship in Economics, California State University, LA	2014

Academic & Professional Activities

Seminar Series and Conferences Organized

Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior scholars (WEC.Jr.), co-organized with Magdalena Dominguez	2021–
ASSA: Economists who Stutter, co-organized with William Gale	2021
Grad Student Econ of Crime Online Seminar, co-organized with Jennifer Doleac	2020
UCI Crime and Risky Behavior Workshop, co-organized with Taylor Mackay	2018-2021

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations

- 2024: 1st Workshop on Violence Against Women: Drivers and Policies (Barcelona Institute of Economics), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- 2023: Western Economic Association International (WEIA)
- 2022: NBER Public Economics Program Meeting, Centre for Economic Performance Policing and Crime Workshop (LSE), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Western Economic Association International (WEIA)

- 2021: Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (SEA) (*session co-organizer*), All-California Labor Economics Conference Graduate Student Poster Session (ACLEC), University of Chicago and London School of Economics Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice (*by coauthor*), Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), Western Economic Association International Virtual Conference (WEIA), Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)
- 2020: NBER Crime Summer Institute (*by coauthor*), Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (SEA) (*session co-organizer*), Grad Econ of Crime Online Seminar (*co-organizer*), UCI Labor-Public Seminar, Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (*accepted; canceled*)
- 2019: Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Conference, All-California Labor Economics Conference Graduate Student Poster Session (ACLEC), UCI Labor-Public Seminar, Initiative to End Family Violence Research Colloquium (UCI Law School)

Selected Participant & Workshop Scholarship

Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)	2021
Research Staff Training at The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)	2020
IRES Graduate Student Workshop on The Economics of Religion and Identity	2018

Campus Service

UCI Inclusive Excellence Ambassador	2020 – 2021
Mentor, Econ Graduate Students Mentoring Program, UCI	2019 – 2021
UCI Department of Economics Graduate Council	2017 – 2021
The Economics Learning Center (ELC), UC Irvine, Supervisor	2017 – 2020

Press Coverage

Probable Causation Podcast, The San Francisco Standard

Referee Service

Journal of Labor Research

Teaching

Instructor of Record, Northeastern University, 2023

Principles of Microeconomics.

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine, 2016-2021

Economic of Asymmetric Information, Global Economy, Basic Economics I and II, Intermediate Economics II, Money and Banking, Topics in Quantitative Methods, Applied Econometrics, Econ of Accounting Decisions.

Last updated: November 2024

Teaching Assistant, California State University, Los Angeles, 2014-2015

Market Indicators and Federal Reserve Policy, Managerial Economics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Applied Statistics, Current Issues in Latin America.

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