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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- Regional and Urban Economics
- Health Economics
- Energy Economics
- Applied Spatial Econometrics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. candidate in Natural Resource Economics

- West Virginia University

2015- Expected: May 2019

Master of Science in Agricultural and Resource Economics

- West Virginia University

2013- 2014

Master of Science in Agricultural Economics

- Tehran University (Iran)

2004- 2007

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics

- Kerman University (Iran)

1996- 2000

DISSERTATION

Title: Three Essays on Utilizing Spatial Econometrics in Natural Resource Economics related to Water, Health, and Energy

Main adviser: Dr. Alan R. Collins

Other committee members: Dr. Randall W. Jackson, Dr. Daniel S. Grossman, Dr. Donald J. Lacombe, Dr. Michael P. Strager

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

- Regional Research Institute (WVU)

06/2013- Present

Economics Consultant

- Permanent Management of Ariayian Land Corporation (Iran)

07/2007- 07/2011

Director

- Department of Management- Molana University (Iran)

09/2010-09/2011

Economics Intern

- Bureau of Planning and Budget (Iran)

05/1999-08/1999

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Applied Demand Analysis (Co-teaching) (WVU)

08/2016-12/2016

Agricultural Economics (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Agricultural and Development Economics (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Marketing of Agricultural Products (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Development Economics (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
International Economics (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Microeconomics (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Macroeconomics (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Production Management (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Research Methods (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Operation Research (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012
Accounting (Iran)	09/2007-07/2012

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. **Erfanian, E.**, Collins, A. R. & Grossman, D. (2018). The Impact of Naloxone Access Laws on Opioid Overdose Deaths in the U.S. *The Review of Regional Studies*. Forthcoming.
2. **Erfanian, E.** & Collins, A. R. (2018). Charges for Water and Access: What Explains the Differences among West Virginian Municipalities? *Water Economics and Policy*. 1850017. DOI: 10.1142/S2382624X18500170.
3. Jackson, R., Neto, A. B. F., Járosi, P., & **Erfanian, E.** (2018). Woody Biomass Processing and Rural Regional Development. *Economic Development Quarterly*. Forthcoming.
4. Jackson, R., Neto, A. B. F., & **Erfanian, E.** (2018). Woody Biomass Processing: Potential Economic Impacts on Rural Regions. *Energy Policy*. 115, 66-77.
5. **Erfanian E.** & Neto, A. B. F. (2017). Scientific output: labor or capital intensive? An analysis for selected countries. *Scientometrics*, 112(1), 461-482.
6. **Erfanian E.** (2015). Book review: Environmental & Development Economics: Essays in Honour of Sir Partha Dasgupta by Barrett, Mäler, and Eric S. Maskin. *The review of regional studies*. 45(2).
7. Hall, J., **Erfanian, E.**, Stair, C. (2016). Voting Behavior on Carbon Pollution from Power Plants. *Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly*. 64(4), 707-710.
8. Shahbazi, H., **Erfanian, Z.** (2009). Estimation of Welfare Loss Derived by Monopoly in Iran Milk Industry, *Journal of Agricultural Economics and development*. No 65. (In Persian)
9. Hosseini, S., **Erfanian, Z.** (2008). Modeling the Effects of Advertising on the Demand for Dairies in Iran (case study: Iran Milk Industries), *Journal of Iranian Agricultural Science and Industries Research*. No 39. (In Persian)

WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. **Erfanian, E.** Air Quality and Asthma Hospitalization: Evidence of $PM_{2.5}$ Concentrations in Pennsylvania Counties.
2. **Erfanian, E.**, Jackson, R. & Pokharel, S. B. Regional Impacts of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) on U.S. Drug Overdose Deaths.
3. **Erfanian, E.** & Chen, J. Long-term Debt in Water Utilities: Does the Ownership Matter? Evidence of West Virginian's Water Utilities.

4. Alzahrani, F., Collins, A. R. & **Erfanian, E.** Water Quality Impact on Health Care Expenditures in the United States.
5. Chikish. Y. & **Erfanian, E.** Gun ownership and Crimes.
6. Collin Hodges, **Erfanian, E.** & Stair, C. Natural Gas Fracking and Water Quality.
7. **Erfanian, E.** STDs in the United States and Public Health Policies.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Erfanian E.**, Jackson, R., Pokharel, S. B. (2018). Regional Impacts of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) on U.S. Drug Overdose Deaths. Presented at North American Regional Science Council. San Antonio TX. ((Presented by Erfanian)
2. **Erfanian E.**, Jackson, R., Pokharel, S. B. (2018). Regional Impacts of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) on U.S. Drug Overdose Deaths. Presented at Southern Demographic Association. Durham NC. ((Presented by Erfanian)
3. **Erfanian E.**, Collins, A., Grossman, D. (2018). The Impact of Naloxone Access Laws on Opioid Overdose Deaths in the U.S. Presented at Southern Regional Research Association, especial session on opioid crisis. Philadelphia PA. 2018. (Presented by Erfanian)
4. **Erfanian E.** (2018). Ambient Air Pollution and Asthma Hospitalization: Evidence of Pennsylvania Counties. Presented at Southern Regional Research Association. Philadelphia PA. 2018. (Presented by Erfanian)
5. **Erfanian E.** and Chen, J. (2018). Long-Term Debt in Water Utilities: Does Ownership Matter? Evidence of West Virginia Utilities. The 6th University of Florida Water Institute Symposium. Gainesville FL. 2018. (Presented by Erfanian)
6. **Erfanian E.**, Collins, A., Grossman, D. (2017). The Impact of Naloxone Access Laws on Opioid Overdose Deaths in the U.S. Presented at Southern Demographic Association. Morgantown WV. 2017. (Presented by Erfanian)
7. **Erfanian E.**, Collins, A., Grossman, D. (2017). Naloxone Access Law and Opioid Overdose in the U.S. Presented at Southern Regional Science Association. Memphis TN. (Presented by Erfanian)
8. **Erfanian E.**, Collins, A., Grossman, D. (2017). Naloxone Access Law and Opioid Overdose in the U.S. Presented at Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit 2017. Columbus OH. (Presented by Erfanian)
9. **Erfanian E.**, Collins, A. (2016). Water Utility Pricing and Minimum Charges: What Explains the Differences? Evidence of Municipalities in West Virginia. Presented at Southern Regional Science Association. D.C. (Presented by Erfanian)
10. **Erfanian E.**, Collins, A. (2016). Water Utility Pricing and Minimum Charges: What Explains the Differences? Evidence of Municipalities in West Virginia. Presented at Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association. Bar Harbor ME. (Presented by Collins)
11. **Erfanian E.**, Collins, A. (2016). Water Utility Pricing and Minimum Charges: What Explains the Differences? Evidence of Municipalities in West Virginia. Presented at North American Regional Science Council. Minneapolis MN. (Presented by Erfanian)
12. **Erfanian E.**, Neto, A. (2016). Scientific output: Labor or Capital Intensive? An Analysis for Selected Countries. Presented at Academy of Economics and Finance. Charleston SC. (Presented by Neto)
13. Kaboli, H., **Erfanian, Z.** (2010). Economic Analysis of Range Management Projects, Case Study: Bar Aftab. 4th Conference of Natural Recourses of Iran. Tehran Iran. (In Persian) (Presented by Kaboli)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Co-recipient of the award for Best Paper in Economics by a Graduate Student at the Academy of Economy and Finance. 54th annual conference February 2016 Charleston, SC.
- Recipient of the Thomas F. Torries Outstanding Ph.D. Paper award. School of Natural Resource. West Virginia University. May 2017.
- Graduate Resource Economics Club Vice President, West Virginia University (2015-2017)

SKILLS (MODELING and SOFTWARES)

ECONOMICS:

Spatial Econometrics
Time Series Analysis

SOFTWARES:

Economics: Matlab, R, EViews

Other: GIS, GeoDa, Python

AFFILIATIONS

- Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA)
- Northern Regional Science Association (NARSC)
- Regional Science Association International (RSAI)
- American Economic Association (AEA)
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)
- Southern Demography Association (SDA)

REFERENCES

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