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EDUCATION	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA Ph.D. Statistics	Expected May 2026
	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA M.S. Mathematics	2023
	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA M.S. Statistics	2023
	Pennsylvania State University, USA M.A. Economics	2020
	University of Bologna, Italy M.S. Economics, LMEC	2018
	Petroleum University of Technology, Iran B.S. Finance and Accounting	2015
RESEARCH INTEREST	Statistical Reinforcement Learning, Statistical Learning, Statistical Decision Making, Nonparametric Statistics, Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces, Survival Analysis, Applied Machine Learning	
WORK	Data Scientist and Machine Learning Intern, Bayer AG	May 2023 - December 2023
EXPERIENCE	Research Fellow Statistician, Bioacoustics Research Laboratory	May 2022-May 2023
PUBLICATIONS & IN-REVIEW WORKS	<p>Mohammadi, M., Zheng, Q., and Zhu R., “Multi-Dimensional Distributional Reinforcement Learning Policy Evaluation: A Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space Embedding Approach”</p> <p>Mohammadi, M., “A Wasserstein-Equivalent Metric for the Space of Probability Distributions”</p> <p>Mohammadi, M., Simpson, D. G. “Semiparametric Time to Event Analysis with Dating Errors”</p>	
(GOOGLE SCHOLAR)	<p>Villegas-Downs, M., Mohammadi, M., Han, A., O’Brien Jr, W. D., Simpson, D. G., Peters, T. A. , Schlaeger,J.M. , and & McFarlin, B. L. “Trajectory of Postpartum Cervical Remodeling in Women Delivering Full-term and Spontaneous Preterm: Sensitivity to Quantitative Ultrasound Biomarkers”, <i>Forthcoming in Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology</i>,(2024)</p> <p>McFarlin, B. L., Villegas-Downs, M., Mohammadi, M., Han, A., Simpson, D. G., & O’Brien Jr, W. D. (2023). “Enhanced identification of women at risk for preterm birth via quantitative ultrasound: a prospective cohort study.” <i>American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology MFM</i>, 101250.</p> <p>McFarlin, B. L., Liu, Y., Villegas-Downs, M., Mohammadi, M., Simpson, D. G., Han, A., & O’Brien Jr, W. D. (2023). “Predicting Spontaneous Pre-term Birth Risk Is Improved When Quantitative Ultrasound Data Are Included With Historical Clinical Data.” <i>Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology</i>, 49(5), 1145-1152.</p> <p><i>Funding:</i> National Institutes of Health (NIH), Grant Number R01HD089935, QUS Technology for Identifying At-Risk Women for Spontaneous Preterm Birth. PI: McFarlin, B. L ,O’Brien Jr, W. D.</p>	
REVIEW SERVICES	<p>Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics</p> <p>Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation</p>	
AWARDS AND HONORS	<p>Larine Y. Cowan Make A Difference Leadership Award</p> <p>Illinois International Graduate Achievement Award</p> <p>Social Justice Bridge Builder Graduate Award</p> <p>University of Illinois Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Students</p> <p>The Acoustical Society of America Conference, Poster Presentation Award</p> <p>University of Illinois, Department of Statistics Leadership Award</p> <p>University of Illinois, Block Grant Ph.D. Fellowship</p>	<p>2025</p> <p>2025</p> <p>2025</p> <p>2024</p> <p>2023</p> <p>2023</p> <p>2020-2021</p>

Pennsylvania State University Ph.D. Fellowship	2018-2020
University of Bologna, Best Student University-Wide Award	2017
University of Bologna Education Scholarship	2015- 2017

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES Advisor to the University of Illinois Chancellor on Student Affairs
Inaugural Director Hiring Committee Member, *SALAAM MENA Cultural Center at UIUC*
Founding Committee Member, *SALAAM MENA Cultural Center at UIUC*
Founder and President, *Statistics Doctoral Student Association at UIUC*
Treasurer and Director, *Iranian Music Heritage at UIUC*
Treasurer and Director , *Iranian Cultural Association at UIUC*
Basketball Referee, *Iran Basketball Federation*
Open Water Diver (CMAS certificate), *Italian Underwater Activities Federation*

LANGUAGES Persian(Native), Kurdish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Elementary)

PROGRAMMING Python, R, SQL, L^AT_EX, MS Office

LANGUGES

REFERENCES Available upon request.