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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Energy and Environmental Economics, Empirical Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics — University of Calgary *Expected 2026*
Committee: Blake Shaffer (Chair), Erica Myers, Lucija Muehlenbachs
M.Sc. in Economics — Sharif University of Technology *2020*
B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering — Ferdowsi University of Mashhad *2016*

WORKING PAPERS

Renewable Expansion and Strategic Behavior in Restructured Power Markets (Job Market Paper)
Do Gasoline Prices Influence Electric Vehicle Usage? Evidence from the U.S.
with Blake Shaffer
Electric Vehicle Charging and Driving Behavior
with David Brown, Blake Shaffer, and Mallika Sharma

PUBLICATIONS

“Credit Rating Agencies During Credit Crunch” (with Ali Ebrahim Nejad and Saeid Hoseinzade). *Review of Financial Economics* 42 (2024): 124–147. <https://doi.org/10.1002/rfe.1192>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant — University of Calgary *2021–2025*
Blake Shaffer (2023–2025); Scott Taylor (2021–2023); Trevor Tombe (2022); Aidan Hollis (2022)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor — University of Calgary *2024, 2025*
Computer Applications in Economics
Teaching Assistant — University of Calgary *2021–2024*
Principles of Microeconomics (3 terms); Macroeconomics II (2 terms); Engineering Economics (1 term);
Computer Applications in Economics (6 terms)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Market Fundamentals Analyst — Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) *2025–present*
Research Analyst — Energy Futures Lab *2024–2025*
Research Analyst — Smart Prosperity Institute *2024–2025*

HONORS AND AWARDS

Eyes High International Doctoral Scholarship (CAD \$15,000), University of Calgary	2025
Doctoral Research Scholarship, University of Calgary	2023–2025
International Tuition Award, University of Calgary	2020–2025
Macroeconomics Prize, University of Calgary	2021
Economics Scholarship, Agricultural Bank of Iran	2017–2018
Excellence Scholarship, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad	2015

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2025: Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference (Montreal); Electricity Lunch Research Seminar (Calgary, AB)
2024: Canadian Economics Association (Toronto, ON); Environmental Econ Workshop (London, ON); Electricity Lunch Research Seminar (Calgary, AB)
2023: Canadian Economics Association (Winnipeg, MB); Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics Association (Winnipeg, MB)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for <i>Canadian Journal of Economics</i>	2024
Researcher, Net Zero Electricity Research Initiative	2022–present
Co-organizer, Grid Forward Conference	2024
Co-organizer, Electricity Camp in the Rockies	2023–2025
Founder, Graduate Economics Buddy Program	2022–2025
VP Finance, Economics Graduate Association	2023–2024

SKILLS

Programming & Tools: R, Stata, Python, MATLAB, L^AT_EX
Languages: English (Fluent), Persian (Native)

REFERENCES

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