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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023- **University of Pennsylvania**
Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics
[Penn Population Studies Center](#)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

EDUCATION

2023 **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
M.S., & Ph.D., Sociology; Minor: Public Affairs

- *Doctoral Advisors:* Erik Olin Wright, Ivan Ermakoff, Jane Collins
- *Dissertation Title:* [Varieties of Capitalism, Income Inequality, and Mobility](#)
- *Dissertation Committee:* Ivan Ermakoff (Chair), Jane Collins, Joel Rogers, Christine Schwartz, Tim Smeeding, Gøsta Esping-Andersen

2018 **University of British Columbia**
Visiting Doctoral Student

2014 **New York University**
M.A., Economics & Sociology

2012 **Qatar University**
B.A., International Affairs & Economics Concentration, *Summa Cum Laude*

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Quantitative & Computational Methods, Panel Data Analysis, Spatial Methods, Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Social Stratification, Economic & Political Sociology, Intergenerational Income Mobility, Wealth Inequality, Comparative & Historical Methods, Cross-National Sociology.

BOOK (IN PROGRESS)

“Varieties of Capitalism and Social Inequalities.” Book proposal under submission.

PEER REVIEWED PAPERS

†Graduate Student Colleague; ‡Faculty

2025 **Movahed, Masoud.** “Working-Class Structural Power, Associational Power, and Income Inequality,” [Journal of Industrial Relations](#).

2024 **Movahed, Masoud** and Tiffany Neman†. “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account.” [Social Science Research](#) 5123(2).

- Winner of [Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award](#), American Sociological Association’s Mathematical Sociology Section.

2023 **Masoud, Movahed.** “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality.” [International Journal of Comparative Sociology](#) 64(6):621-657.

- Winner of [Terence K. Hopkins Article Award](#), American Sociological Association's Political Economy of the World System Section.
- Recipient of [Honorable Mention for Outstanding Article](#), American Sociological Association's Sociology of Development Award for Best Article.

2023	Goldberg, Chad Alan† and Masoud Movahed . “The New Class and Right-Wing Populism: The Case of Wisconsin.” The Sociological Quarterly 65(1), 105–125.
2023	Movahed, Masoud. , and Hirsh, Elizabeth†. “Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints,” The Sociological Quarterly , 64(2), 296–319.
2022	Movahed, Masoud. , and Hirsh, Elizabeth†. The regional determinants of collective action in the era of American Resistance. Interface: a journal for and about social movements 14(1):81 – 100.
2020	Movahed, Masoud. “Industrializing an Oil-Based Economy: Evidence from Iran’s Automobile Industry,” Journal of International Development , 32:1148–1170.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Revise & Resubmit	Movahed, Masoud. , & Emilio Parrado. “Comparative Capitalist Models & Total Fertility Rate,” <i>Demography</i> .
Revise & Resubmit	Movahed, Masoud. “Comparative Historical Accounts of Economic Inequalities,” <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> .
Revise & Resubmit	Movahed, Masoud. , & Chad Goldberg. “The Rise of Right-Wing Populism in the United States” <i>Politics & Society</i> .
Revise & Resubmit	Karl Vachuska, and Movahed, Masoud. “The Causal Effect of Violence on Neighborhood Visibility: Interrupted Time Series Analysis,” <i>Spatial Demography</i> .
Under Review	Movahed, Masoud. “Institutional Dynamics of Wealth Stratification,” <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> .
Under Review	Movahed, Masoud. , & Jason Schnittker. “The Institutional Dimensions of Wellbeing. A Cross-National Analysis.”
Under Review	Movahed, Masoud. “Institutional Evolution in Advanced Economies: Insights from Machine Learning,” <i>Social Policy & Administration</i> .
Draft Available	Movahed, Masoud. , Cristina Bicchieri, Daniel Putman, Shaon Lahiri. “Perceptions of Intergenerational Income Mobility: A Machine Learning Approach.”
Draft Available	Movahed, Masoud. , Jeff Goodwin., and Elizabeth Hirsh. “Collective Action in the Era of Right- Wing Populism: A Political-Economic Analysis.”
Draft Available	Cristina Bicchieri, Daniel Putman, Movahed Masoud , Shaon Lahiri. “Social Norms and Educational Attainments: Evidence form a Survey Experiment.”
Draft Available	Cristina Bicchieri, Kevin Vallier, Movahed, Masoud , Daniel Putman, Shaon Lahiri. “Social Trust and Poverty in America.”

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY WRITINGS/BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2022 “The Optimism of the Intellect: Erik Olin Wright’s Real Utopias Project,” [*The Palgrave Encyclopedia of the Possible*](#).
- 2020 “Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” [*The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition*](#).
- 2019 “A Great Heart Stopped: Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” [*The Progressive*](#). Re-Printed in Common Dreams.
- 2019 “Does capitalism have to be bad for the environment?” [*World Economic Forum*](#).
- 2019 “The Sanctions Game: Why Trump’s Maximum Pressure Strategy is Doomed to Failure,” [*Boston Review*](#).
- 2018 “Rebooting Iran’s Economy: What Tehran Needs to Do to Fix its Finances,” [*Foreign Affairs*](#).
- 2018 “A Wake-up Call to Rouhani” Harvard Kennedy School’s [*Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs*](#).
- 2018 “Swimming Against the Tide: State Interventions and Technical Change in the Era of Knowledge-Based Economy,” [*Harvard Economics Review*](#).
- 2017 “The Uneven Growth of Capitalism in India,” [*Harvard Economics Review*](#).
- 2016 “The Persistence of Manufacturing in Deindustrialized America,” [*Harvard Economics Review*](#).
- 2016 “Is Democracy Intrinsic to Economic Development?” [*Harvard Economics Review*](#).
- 2016 “Nuclear Deal Could Unleash Iran’s Economy,” [*Aljazeera America*](#).
- 2015 “What is Good for Banks is not Good for the Economy,” [*Harvard Economics Review*](#).
- 2014 “The East Asian Miracle: Where did Adam Smith go wrong?” [*Harvard International Review*](#).
- 2014 “Everyone’s Talking About Iran’s Nuclear Program. What About Its Auto Industry?” [*Yale Journal of International Affairs*](#).
- 2014 “Beyond sectarian politics: Saudi-Iranian Relations in Prospect,” [*Yale Journal of International Affairs*](#).
- 2013 “Why should resource-based economies diversify?” [*Aljazeera English*](#).
- 2011 “Soviet Union’s invasion of Afghanistan and its consequences,” *Journal of Asian Development Matters* 50: 311-315.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS

- 2025 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, University of Pennsylvania (SICSS-Penn directed by Xi Song).
- 2023 Sociology & Political Economy Summer Institute, University of California-Berkeley, (\$4,000).

2020	Gerald Marwell Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (\$2,000).
2019	Graduate Student Fellowship, University of British Columbia, Canada, (Fall & Spring 2019).
2018	Chancellor Fellowship for doctoral studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2017-2018) (\$30,000).
2017	Chancellor Fellowship for doctoral studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2016-2017) (\$30,000).
2008	Full Merit Scholarship from Qatar University, (2008-2012).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Reviewer: *American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Industrial Relations, Sociology of Development, The Sociological Quarterly, International Journal of Social Welfare.*

TEACHING

Fall 2024	Data Analysis Research Seminar I (Machine Learning), †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE)
Spring 2024	Data Analysis Research Seminar I (Machine Learning), †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE)
Fall 2023	Data Analysis Research Seminar I, †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE)
Spring 2021	Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc360), †Lecturer Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Fall 2020	Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences (Stat 371), †Teaching Assistant Department of Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Spring 2019	Statistics for Sociologists II (Soc 361), †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Fall 2019	Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc 361) †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Summer 2019	Law and Society, †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia
Spring 2018	Methods of Social Research, †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia
Spring 2016	Contemporary American Society, †Teaching Assistant Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Fall 2016	Contemporary American Society, †Teaching Assistant Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 Population Association of America, Contextual, Institutional, and Policy Determinants of Intergenerational Mobility, Discussant invited by Siwei Cheng.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Social Dimensions of Poverty,” University of Pennsylvania’s Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics, Moderator.
- 2024 “The Determinants of the Perceptions of Intergenerational Upward and Downward Mobility in America: A Machine-Learning Approach,” The PPE Society: Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 2024 “The Determinants of the Perceptions of Intergenerational Upward and Downward Mobility in America: A Machine-Learning Approach,” Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Montreal.
- 2024 “The Institutional Determinants of Wealth Inequality,” Perspectives on Wealth and Inequality, Regular Section, Montreal.
- 2024 “The Determinants of the Perceptions of Intergenerational Upward and Downward Mobility in America: A Machine-Learning Approach,” Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility, Brown University.
- 2024 “Right-Wing Populism in the US, Contemporary Right-Wing Politics in Comparative Perspective,” Regular Section, Montreal.
- 2023 “Roots of Poverty in America”, The Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE) Society’s Seventh Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 2023 “Ethnic Fractionalization & Income Inequality,” Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility, University of Michigan Ann-Arbor.
- 2023 “Ethnic Fractionalization & Income Inequality,” Santa Fe Institute, August 3, 2023. 2023 “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” Sociology and Political Economy Summer Institute, University of California-Berkeley.
- 2023 “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” Cross-National and Comparative Studies of Inequality Section, Population Association of America.
- 2022 “Ethnic Heterogeneity and Income Inequality,” Section Session Presentation on Cross- National Sociology Panel, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California.
- 2022 “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account,” Session Presentation Poverty, Inequality and Mobility, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California.
- 2022 “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account,” Family, Neighborhood, and Intergenerational Mobility Session, Population Association of America, Atlanta, Georgia.

2021	“Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” Session Comparative analysis of political institutions, Social Science History Association, Chicago, Illinois.
2021	“Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018),” Session on Affirmative Action and Anti-Discrimination Policy, American Sociological Association.
2021	“Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018),” Law and Injustice: Can Law Repair the Harms of Systemic Racism? Society for the Study of Social Problems Session.
2021	“Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” Poverty and Inequality in the Global Context Session. Society for the Study of Social Problems.
2020	“The Determinants of Collective Action in the Era of American Resistance, “Collective Behavior and Social Movements Session, American Sociological Association.
2020	“The regional determinants of collective action in the era of American Resistance, “Capitalism and Contention Conference, 2020, New York University’s Sociology Department, Paper accepted, Postponed due to COVID19.
2020	“The regional determinants of collective action in the era of American Resistance,” San Diego State University, Mobilization Conference, Paper accepted, Postponed due to COVID19.
2018	“Shielded From Neoliberal Strictures: Oil, State and the Rise of Iran’s Auto Industry, “Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago.
2017	“Estimating the Effects of Disadvantaged Neighborhoods on Educational Outcomes in Norway Using Marginal Structural Model for Time-varying variable,” Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Brauer’s Lab Group. 2017.
2016	“The Obduracy of the Old Economy: The Trajectory of Manufacturing in the U.S. Economy,” American Sociological Association, Economic Sociology Pre-Conference, The University of Washington, Seattle, August 19, 2016.
2015	“Besieged at Home: Iran’s Auto Industry,” Graduate Student Research Conference, New York University, New York City.
2012	“Dialogue Among Civilizations” The Middle Eastern Studies Conference, Georgetown University’s Qatar Campus, Doha, Qatar.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2018-2021	Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Consultant on the Politics of the Middle East
2020-2022	University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Wisconsin Strategy (COWS). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Assistant, Statistical analysis on data related to cities in the US

LANGUAGES

English (Read, Write, Speak)
Persian (Read, Write, Speak)
Arabic (Read, Write, Speak)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R, STATA, Matlab, Geoda

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Sociological Association
- Social Science History Association
- Population Association of America

REFERENCES

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