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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Santa Barbara
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Broom Center for Demography

2025-

University of Pennsylvania
Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics
Penn Population Studies Center
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2022-2025

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ph.D., Sociology, Minor: Public Affairs
Institute for Research on Poverty, Center for Demography & Ecology

2016-2022

- *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
- Winner of the Sabina Avdagic Early Career Scholar Prize, awarded by the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

University of British Columbia
Visiting Doctoral Student
Completed Graduate Coursework in Computational Methods

2018-2019

New York University
M.A., Concentration in Economics & Sociology

2012-2014

Qatar University
B.A., (*High Distinction*) International Affairs

2008-2012

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

BOOK (IN PROGRESS)

Movahed, Masoud. "Social Statistics with R Applications." [Fully Available Online](#).

"Varieties of Capitalism and Social Inequalities." Book proposal under submission.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2026 **Movahed, Masoud** & Emilio A. Parrado. "Varieties of Capitalism & Cross-National Variation in Fertility Rates," [Demography](#). In Print.

2026 Karl Vachuska & **Movahed, Masoud**. "The Causal Effect of Gun Violence on Everyday Mobility Patterns: Interrupted Time Series Analysis," [Spatial Demography](#). Online First.

- Media coverage in [*The Current*](#) and [*Edhat Santa Barbara*](#)
- 2025 **Movahed, Masoud.** “Working-Class Structural Power, Associational Power, and Income Inequality,” [*Journal of Industrial Relations*](#), Online First.
- Recipient of the **JIR Joe Isaac Award Special Commendation**
- 2024 **Movahed, Masoud & Tiffany Neman.** “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account.” [*Social Science Research*](#) 123(2).
- Winner of [*Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award*](#), American Sociological Association’s **Mathematical Sociology** Section.
 - [*Exclusive Interview by Social Science Research*](#) for applying spatial methods to sociological research questions.
 - [*Lead Research Article*](#), Volume 123
- 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 & **Masoud Movahed.** “The New Class and Right-Wing Populism: The Case of Wisconsin.” [*The Sociological Quarterly*](#) 65(1), 105–125.
- Featured in an interview on [*Public Broadcasting Service \(PBS\)*](#).
- 2023 **Movahed, Masoud., & Hirsh, Elizabeth.** “Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints,” [*The Sociological Quarterly*](#), 64(2), 296–319.
- 2022 **Movahed, Masoud., & 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

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| 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> . |
| Under Review | Movahed, Masoud. “Institutional Dynamics of Wealth Stratification,” <i>World Politics</i> . |

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| Under Review | Movahed, Masoud., & Jason Schnittker. “The Institutional Dimensions of Wellbeing. A Cross-National Assessment.” |
| Under Review | Movahed, Masoud. “Institutional Evolution Across OECD Countries: A Temporal Cluster Analysis,” <i>Social Policy & Administration</i> . |
| Under Review | Cristina Bicchieri, Kevin Vallier, Movahed, Masoud, Daniel Putman, Shaon Lahiri. “Social Trust and Poverty in America.” |
| Draft Available | Movahed, Masoud., Jeff Goodwin., and Elizabeth Hirsh. “Collective Action in the Era of Right-Wing Populism: A Political-Economic Analysis.” |
| Draft Available | Movahed, Masoud., Cristina Bicchieri, Daniel Putman, Shaon Lahiri. “Perceptions of Intergenerational Income Mobility: A Machine Learning Approach.” |
| Draft Available | Cristina Bicchieri, Daniel Putman, Movahed Masoud, Shaon Lahiri. “Social Norms and Educational Attainments: Evidence form a Survey Experiment.” |

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY WRITINGS

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| 2025 | Mamdani’s democratic socialism is a promise of true freedom for all, <i>Al Jazeera</i> . |
| 2022 | “The Optimism of the Intellect: Erik Olin Wright’s Real Utopias Project,” <i>The Palgrave Encyclopedia of the Possible</i> . |
| 2020 | “Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” <i>The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition</i> . |
| 2019 | “A Great Heart Stopped: Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” <i>The Progressive</i> . Re-Printed in <i>Common Dreams</i> . |
| 2019 | “Does capitalism have to be bad for the environment?” <i>World Economic Forum</i> . |
| 2019 | “The Sanctions Game: Why Trump’s Maximum Pressure Strategy is Doomed to Failure,” <i>Boston Review</i> . |
| 2018 | “Rebooting Iran’s Economy: What Tehran Needs to Do to Fix its Finances,” <i>Foreign Affairs</i> . |
| 2018 | “How Sanctions Impede Economic Growth and Dynamism?” Harvard Kennedy School’s <i>Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs</i> . |
| 2018 | “Swimming Against the Tide: State Interventions and Technical Change in the Era of Knowledge-Based Economy,” <i>Harvard Economics Review</i> . |
| 2017 | “The Uneven Growth of Capitalism in India,” <i>Harvard Economics Review</i> . |
| 2016 | “Is Democracy Intrinsic to Economic Development?” <i>Harvard Economics Review</i> . |
| 2016 | “Nuclear Deal Could Unleash Iran’s Economy,” <i>Aljazeera America</i> . |
| 2015 | “What is Good for Banks is not Good for the Economy,” <i>Harvard Economics Review</i> . |
| 2014 | “Everyone’s Talking About Iran’s Nuclear Program. What About Its Auto Industry?” <i>Yale Journal of International Affairs</i> . |

- 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*](#) 5(): 311-315.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- 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).

INVITED TALKS

University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of the Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, January 2026

University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Global Studies, invited by Alison Brysk, January 2026

University of California, Santa Barbara, The Leonard and Gretchan Broom Center for Demography, invited by Susan Cassels, October 2025.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Sociology, the Race, Ethnicity, Nation Workshop, October 2025.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Political Science, Comparative Politics Workshop, invited by Matto Mildenerberger, October 2025.

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy, Comparative Economic Systems and Social Inequalities. Lecture invitation by Fernando Chang-Muy, October 2025.

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

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy, Comparative Economic Systems and Social Inequalities. Lecture invitation by Fernando Chang-Muy, October 2024.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 "The Rise of Right-Wing Populism in the United States." American Sociological Association's Political Sociology Section Session.
- 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.

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| 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. |

TEACHING

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| Winter 2026 | <u>Methods of Sociological Research (Social Statistics)</u> , University of California, Santa Babara, Sociology Department |
| Fall 2024 | <u>Data Analysis Research Seminar I</u> (Machine Learning), †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) |
| Spring 2024 | <u>Data Analysis Research Seminar I</u> (Machine Learning), †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) |
| Fall 2023 | <u>Data Analysis Research Seminar I</u> (Quantitative Methods), †Lecturer University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) |
| Spring 2021 | <u>Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc360)</u> , †Lecturer Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison |

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| Fall 2020 | <u>Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences (Stat 371)</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Spring 2019 | <u>Statistics for Sociologists II (Soc 361)</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Fall 2019 | <u>Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc 361)</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Summer 2019 | <u>Law and Society</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia |
| Spring 2018 | <u>Methods of Social Research</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia |
| Spring 2016 | <u>Contemporary American Society</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Fall 2016 | <u>Contemporary American Society</u> , †Teaching Assistant Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison |

STUDENTS MENTORED

Pallas Lemarchand (Honors Thesis at UCBS).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| Journal Reviewer | <i>American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Industrial Relations, Sociology of Development, Journal of Industrial Relations, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, The Sociological Quarterly, International Journal of Social Welfare.</i> |
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OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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| 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

RStudio, Stata, Python, Geoda

AFFILIATIONS

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| 2016 – 2022 | Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| 2016 – 2022 | Graduate Student Trainee, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| 2022 – | Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics, University of Pennsylvania |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
American Political Science Association (ASA)
Population Association of American (PAA)
Social Science History Association (SSHA)

REFERENCES

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