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### **Affiliation**

Assistant Professor, Utah State University, August 2018 - present

### **Research Fields**

Macroeconomics, Public Economics

### **Education**

Ph.D. Economics, Arizona State University (2018)  
*Advisor: Gustavo Ventura*  
MA Economics, Simon Fraser University, Canada (2013)  
MBA Finance, Sharif University of Technology, Iran (2011)  
BS Biomedical Engineering, Amir Kabir University, Iran (2008)

### **Publications**

Sepideh Raei (2020), “Gradual tax reforms: if you like it, you can keep it”, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Controls*, February 2020, Volume 111, 103793

Nozari, Milad & Raei, Sepideh & jahangiry, pedram & Bahramgiri, Mohsen. (2010). “A comparison of heavy-tailed VaR estimates and Filtered Historical Simulation: Evidence from emerging markets”. *International review of business research*. 6. 347-359.

### **Working Papers**

“Output distortions and the choice of legal form of organization”, with Katarzyna Bilicka (under review)

“Perspectives on Present and Future Bias”, with James Feigenbaum (under review)

“Discounting Faster or Slower Than Exponential: Implications for Consumption and Welfare”, with James Feigenbaum

### **Work in Progress**

“Profit shifting and firm growth”, with Katarzyna Bilicka

“Reforming Estate Taxation by Reversing the Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax”, with James Feigenbaum and Scott Findley

**Teaching Experience:**

Instructor:

Introduction to Economic Institutions, History and Principles, USU, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, spring 2021  
Intermediate Macroeconomics, ASU, Summer 2017, USU, Spring 2019, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant:

Survey in Economics (online course), ASU, Fall 2017  
Honors Macroeconomics, ASU, Fall 2016  
Economics of Education, ASU, Fall 2016  
Macroeconomic Analysis II (PhD course), ASU, Spring 2015 and Spring 2016  
Macroeconomic Analysis I (PhD course), ASU, Fall 2015  
Microeconomic Analysis I (PhD course), ASU, Fall 2014  
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Simon Fraser University, Summer 2013  
Principle of Macroeconomics, Simon Fraser University, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013

**Honors and Awards:**

Best undergraduate faculty mentor (department level), Utah State University, 2021  
Best Comprehensives Exam Award, *Arizona State University*, 2016  
Graduate Travel Grant, *Arizona State University*, 2016, 2017  
Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, *Arizona State University*, 2014, 2015, 2016  
Graduate Fellowship, *Simon Fraser University*, 2012

**Professional Activities:**

Presentations:

- 2021: 11th ifo Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data (virtual)  
WAEI international conference (virtual)
- 2020: National Tax Associations, Denver, CO (virtual)
- 2019: Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New York City, NY  
Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO  
Midwest Macroeconomic Meeting, Athens, GA
- 2018: Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Evanston, IL  
Pen Wharton Budget Model  
Montclair State University  
Utah State University
- 2017: Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH  
Midwest Macroeconomic Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA

Arizona State University Reunion Conference  
2016: Illinois Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Referee Service:

Economic Modeling, Eastern Economic Journal

Conference Scientific Committee:

Midwest Macro Meeting, May 2020 (canceled)

Midwest Macro Meeting, May 2021

**References**

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