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EMPLOYMENT	University of Texas at Arlington Assistant Professor of Finance	2023 - Present
	University of Missouri – Columbia Assistant Professor of Finance	2018 - 2023
EDUCATION	University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL Ph.D., Business Administration - Finance	2013 - 2018
	Amirkabir University of Technology, Tehran, Iran M.Sc., Financial Engineering	2011 - 2013
	Amirkabir University of Technology, Tehran, Iran B.Sc., Industrial Engineering - Systems Planning and Analysis	2007 - 2011
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Up Side of Being Down: Depression and Crowdsourced Forecasts with Sarah Khalaf and Du Nguyen Journal of Banking & Finance, Forthcoming2. In-Group Bias in Financial Markets with Alok Kumar, Alexandra Niessen-Ruenzi, and Justin Wolfers Management Science, Forthcoming3. Rest and Financial Judgments: The Impact of Holidays on Analyst Accuracy Journal of Banking & Finance, 173, 20254. The Influence of Regional Sentiment on Online Borrowing with William Bazley International Review of Financial Analysis, 94, 20245. The Ripple Effect of All-Star Females: Knowledge Spillover and Improved Analyst Performance Best paper award in Investments, Semi-finalist, Financial Management Association, 2018 Winemiller Excellence Fund Data Analytics Awards, University of Missouri, 2019 Journal of Empirical Finance, 77, 2024	

6. Running a Mutual Fund: Performance and Trading Behavior of Runner Managers
with Arash Dayani
Best paper award in Corporate Finance – Semi-finalist, 2019 Financial Management Association
Journal of Empirical Finance, 69, 2022
7. Transient Emotions, Perceptions of Well-being, and Mutual Fund Flows
with William Bazley and Arash Dayani
Finance Research Letters, 41, 2021
8. Big Fish in a Small Pond: Locally-Dominant Firms and the Business Cycle
with George Korniotis and Alok Kumar
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 180, 2020
9. Geographic Spillover of Dominant Firms' Shocks
Outstanding Ph.D. student paper award, 2017 Southern Finance Association
Journal of Banking & Finance, 118, 2020

WORKING PAPERS

1. Grit, Preferences, and Investor Behavior
with William Bazley and George Korniotis
Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Revise and Resubmit
2. Social Jetlag and Heuristic Analyst Forecasts
Best Paper Award, 2025 Southwestern Finance Association
Best Paper Award, 2022 AAA Midwest Region Meeting
Gender Issues Work/Life Balance Best Paper Award, 2022 AAA Midwest Region Meeting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Arlington

FINA 3315 – Investments (undergraduate) Fall 2023 - 2025; Spring 2025; Summer 2025

FINA 5376 – Financial Analytics (graduate) Spring 2024, 2025

University of Missouri

FINANC 4020 – Investments (undergraduate) 2018 - 2023

FINANC 7020 – Investments (graduate) 2018 - 2023

FINANC 4220 – Portfolio Management (undergraduate) Fall 2022

University of Miami

FINANC 3000 – Fundamentals of Finance (undergraduate) 2017

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**

Journal Referee

Review of Financial Studies; Management Science; Review of Finance; Journal of Banking and Finance; Journal of Empirical Finance; Journal of Financial Research; Financial Review; Journal of Business Ethics; Review of Financial Economics; Corporate Governance: An International Review; Finance Research Letters; SN Business and Economics; Corporate and Business Strategy Review; International Review of Financial Analysis; Management Decision

Internal Service – University of Texas at Arlington

Tenure Track Faculty Hiring Committee, College of Business	2024
HCAD Graduate Studies Committee, College of Business	2024
Communication Evaluation and Improvement Taskforce, College of Business	2024

Internal Service – University of Missouri

Internationalization Committee, Trulaske College of Business	2018 - 2023
Mizzou '39 Award Judge, University of Missouri	2022
Department of Finance Chair Hiring Committee, Trulaske College of Business	2021
Tenure Track Faculty Hiring Committee, Trulaske College of Business	2019 and 2020

Program Committee Member

Midwest Finance Association	2020
Financial Management Association	2019
Eastern Finance Association	2019
Academic Female Finance Committee (Ph.D.s' Chairperson)	2017 and 2018
Showcasing Women in Finance Conference (Assistant Organizer)	2017 and 2018

Doctoral Thesis Committee Member

Sarah Khalaf (University of Miami, First Placement: Kuwait University, 2019)

PRESENTATIONS 2025

Southwestern Finance Association (presentation and discussion)
Annual Conference of the Asia-Pacific Association of Derivatives

2024

WealthTech Combine, The Founders Arena (panel speaker)
Financial Management Association
Academy of Finance (presentation and discussion)
Finance and Accounting Symposium (presentation and discussion)
Behavioral Finance Working Group (presentation and discussion)

2023

Academic Female Finance Committee (AFFECT) Mentoring Workshop

Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) - Department of Finance Seminar
University of Texas at Arlington - Research Incubator Seminar Series
Southern Finance Association (presentation and discussion)

2022

European Financial Management Association (presentation and discussion)
University of Missouri - Department of Finance Seminar Series (by co-author)
Bank of Canada FSRC Macro-Finance Conference
American Accounting Association Midwest Region Meeting (by co-author)
University of Texas at Arlington

2021

Southwestern Finance Association (by co-author)
University of Missouri - Department of Finance Seminar Series (2 papers)
Kuwait University - Department of Finance Brown Bag (by co-author)
World Finance Conference (presentation and discussion)
Academy of Behavioral Finance & Economics (presentation and discussion)
Financial Management Association (presentation at DESI session and discussion)
Southern Finance Association (presentation and discussion)
Miami Behavioral Conference
New Zealand Finance Meeting (presentation and discussion)

2020

Financial Management Association (presentation and discussion)
University of Missouri - Department of Finance Seminar Series (by co-author)
Eastern Finance Association (canceled due to Covid-19)

2019

Financial Management Association
American Economic Association
University of Missouri - Department of Finance Seminar Series
University of Oregon - Department of Finance Brown Bag (by co-author)
Middle Tennessee State University - Department of Finance Brown Bag
Academic Research Colloquium (presentation, poster session, and discussion)
Eastern Finance Association (presentation and discussion)

2018

American Finance Association (Ph.D. poster session)
Eastern Finance Association (presentation and discussion)
Southwestern Finance Association (presentation and discussion)
Financial Management Association

2017 and 2016

American Finance Association

Bi-Annual Household and Behavioral Finance Symposium
MFS Investment Management
Midwest Finance Association (presentation and discussion)
Financial Management Association
Miami Behavioral Finance Conference
Southern Finance Association (presentation and discussion)
Georgia Tech University - Department of Finance
University of Missouri at Columbia - Department of Finance
Virginia Commonwealth University - Department of Finance
California State University at Fullerton - Department of Finance
Cornerstone Research
University of Miami - Department of Finance Brown Bag (2 papers)
Financial Management Association (discussion 3 papers)

HONORS AND AWARDS	Impact on Maverick Graduates - UTA Division of Student Affairs	2025
	Best paper award - Corporate (Behavioral) Finance, Southwestern Finance Association	2025
	Best Paper Award, American Accounting Association	2022
	Work/Life Balance Best Paper Award, American Accounting Association	2022
	Best paper award - Corporate Finance Semi-finalist, Financial Management Association	2019
	Winemiller Excellence Awards, University of Missouri	2019
	Best paper award - Investments Semi-finalist, Financial Management Association	2018
	GAFAC award for graduate students, University of Miami	2018
	Outstanding Ph.D. student paper award, Southern Finance Association	2017
	School of Business Administration Fellowship, University of Miami	2017

MEDIA COVERAGE	Emotion-Driven Borrowing Fuels Rising Personal Debt, <i>UTA Research Newsletter</i> , April 2025	
	Sadder but Wiser: Understanding How Depression Affects Financial Forecasting, <i>St. Louis Business Journal</i> , October 2022	
	Hedge Funds Want to Stay Popular, <i>Bloomberg Opinion</i> , April 2021	
	Stock Analysts' Biases Are Showing, a Study Finds, <i>Wall Street Journal</i> , April 2017	
	How Biases Affect Stock Analyst Predictions, <i>National Public Radio</i> , February 2017	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Mellat Insurance Company, Financial Analyst	2013
	Iran Industries Investment Company, Financial Analyst	2012

SKILLS

Finance Technical Software

Python (web scraping), Stata, SAS, R, Psychophysics Toolbox (in MATLAB)

Engineering Technical Software

MATLAB, Eviews, Comfar III Expert, MSP, Access

Programming Languages: C

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Marital status: Married

Citizenship: Iran

Residency: U.S. and Canada permanent resident

Languages: English (fluent); Farsi (native); Kurdish (native); Spanish (intermediate)

Interests: Long-distance running (ten half-marathons, one World Marathon Major: Chicago); traveling; reading (non-fiction and literature)