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## **EDUCATION**

- 2002** CLARK UNIVERSITY  
Research Associate, Institute for Economic Studies, Worcester, MA  
Participant, Graduate Seminar in Public Finance.
- 1978** CLARK UNIVERSITY  
Institute for Economic Studies, Worcester, MA  
Ph.D. in Economics  
Ph.D. Thesis: "Are Households Rational or Ultra-Rational? A Theoretical & Empirical Inquiry"  
Chair of Committee: Attiat Ott, Ph.D. Research Professor, Economics Department
- 1975** PAHLAVI UNIVERSITY, Shiraz, Iran (formerly affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania)  
B.A., Economics
- 1970** LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL  
Lincoln Park, Michigan

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### Academic Positions

- 09/2002- Present** Clark University, Institute for Economic Policy Studies, Worcester, MA  
Research Associate  
*Arranged conferences for the Institute, helped prepare manuscripts for review and publication.*
- 09/2005-09/2008** La Salle University, Economics Department, Philadelphia, PA  
Adjunct Instructor of Economics
- 1990** East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA  
Adjunct Instructor of Economics
- 1982-1986** Rutgers University, Camden, NJ  
Assistant Professor of Economics
- 1981-1982** Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
Assistant Professor of Economics
- 1978-1981** Pahlavi University, Shiraz, Iran  
Assistant Professor, Economics Department
- 1978-1981** Shiraz Municipality, Shiraz, Iran  
Economic Advisor to the Municipality, Public Finance Instructor to Tax Auditors

- 1977-1978 Lowell University, Lowell, MA  
Part-time Instructor of Economics
- 1976-1978 Clark University, Department of Economics, Worcester, MA  
Teaching and Research Assistant

### **Business/Administrative Positions**

Served as Financial Advisor and Executive Administrator for the following seven health care-related corporations. Duties included analyzing profit/loss, financial planning, developing market strategies, ensuring that billing practices were consistent with the changing guidelines of Medicare and other health insurance companies, and managing staffs of 50-100 skilled employees.

- 4/2001-9/2011 Northeastern Rehabilitation & Pain Management Center, East Stroudsburg, PA
- 1/2002-9/2011 Northeastern Neurology Center, East Stroudsburg, PA
- 7/2002-9/2011 MRI Diagnostic & Imaging Center, East Stroudsburg, PA
- 1993-2001 Main Line Neurology, P.C., Devon, PA
- 1987-1993 Neurology Associates of Monroe County, East Stroudsburg, PA
- 1991-1993 Northeastern Rehabilitation & Pain Management Center
- 1990-1993 Pocono MRI

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Tax Reform: Chasing the Elusive Dream,” Atlantic Economic Journal, September 2002. Joint author.
- “A Test for Household’s Behavior in Response to Government Activities,” Southern Economic Journal, April 1988.
- “Private Sector’s Perception of Fiscal Action,” Journal of Macroeconomics, IX (2), 1987.
- “Has Removal of Mortgage Ceiling Rates Helped the Home Buyers?” The Indian Economic Journal, Fall 1987.
- “Tax Discounting, Review of Recent Literature,” The Indian Economic Journal, July-September 1985.
- “Deregulation of Lending Rates,” proceeding of the Pennsylvania Conference of Economists, June 1985.
- “Banking Without Interest (Pros & Cons),” Pahlavi University Press, Shiraz, Iran, 1980.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Does Neuroeconomics Explain Libertarian Paternalism?” Under revision to be submitted for publication.

“A History of Economic Thought: From Adam Smith to James Buchanan.” Book in progress, in Collaboration with the Institute for Economic Policy Studies, Worcester, MA.

## UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

“An Analysis of the Economic Effect of HIPAA,” 2003.

“New Model for Testing the Consumer Rationality Hypothesis,” 1987.

“New Test of Tax Discounting within a Permanent Income Model of Consumption with Rational Expectations,” 1987.

“Increased Government Expenditures and Income Inequality via the Labor Market,” 1987.

“Objective of Monetary Policy in Conducting the Economy 1964-1974,” 1979.

“Malnutrition & Developing Countries,” 1978.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATION, PARTICIPATION, ORGANIZATION

- March, 2010** “Eight Centuries of Financial Folly” a panel discussion held in Prague, Czech Republic by the Institute for Economic Policy Studies. I arranged for the conference and prepared manuscripts for review and discussion.
- August, 2008** “Developing the African Continent, Who Is in Charge?” Gaborne, Botswana Sponsored by the Institute for Economic Policy Studies in collaboration with the University of Botswana. I arranged for the conference and prepared manuscripts for review and discussion.
- October, 2007** “Does Neuroeconomics Explain Libertarian Paternalism?” Paper presented at the International Atlantic Economic Association in Savannah, Georgia.
- July, 2006** “Democracy, Autocracy, and Development,” The African Outreach Program, Discussion Leader, Institute for Economic Policy Studies, Worcester, MA.
- October, 2003** “An Analysis of the Economic Effects of HIPAA” Paper presented at the International Atlantic Economic Society, Quebec, Canada.
- June, 1984** “Deregulation of Lending rates,” Pennsylvania Conference of Economics.
- March, 1980** “How Can the Local Government Collect Tax More Efficiently?” Annual Conference Taxation, Shiraz Municipality, Shiraz, Iran.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

**Graduate:** Public Finance, Monetary Theory & Policy, Macroeconomics, Fiscal & Monetary Policy, Independent Study

**Undergraduate:** Public finance, Money & Banking, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Economics of Public Policy, Principles of Finance, Independent Study, Economics of Community, Financial Institutions, Principles of Micro-& Macroeconomics

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIP**

**Current** Member of the Institute for Economic Policy Studies  
Member of the American Economic Association

**1983** Referee for the Journal of Macroeconomics

**1982-1986** Editor for the Demand & Supply Journal, Rutgers University

**1985** Member of the Disciplinary Hearing panel, Rutgers, University

**1981-1982** Member of the Economics Department Scheduling Committee

**1979-1981** Member of the Economic Department Council, Pahlavi, University

**1979-1981** Member of the Public Relations Committee, Pahlavi University

**1979-1981** Member of the Scheduling Committee, Pahlavi University