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## EMPLOYMENT

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**The University of Pennsylvania, USA**  
**Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

*October 2022 - Present*

## EDUCATION

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**University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA**

*September 2016 - October 2022*

**Ph.D. Program**

**Department of Sociology**

Affiliated with **Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE)**

Graduate Research Fellow at **Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)**

**Doctoral Advisors:** Erik Olin Wright, 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

**University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver, Canada**  
Visiting Doctoral Student - Department of Sociology

*January 2019 - August 2019*

**University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA**  
M.S. in Sociology (Minor: Public Affairs) - Department of Sociology

*September 2016 - August 2018*

**New York University (NYU), New York, USA**  
Gallatin School of Individualized Study  
M.A. Concentration: Economics and Sociology

*September 2012 - January 2015*

**Qatar University**  
B.A. in International Affairs and Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*.

*September 2008 - May 2012*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Social Stratification, Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Class Analysis and Historical Change, Comparative Historical Sociology, Quantitative and Mixed Methods.

## WORKING PAPERS (UNDER REVIEW OR REVISE AND RESUBMIT)

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**Invitation to Revise and Resubmit**

Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account. Manuscript received a “revise & resubmit” request from *Social Forces*.

## Under Review

Ethnic Heterogeneity and Income Inequality, under review in *American Journal of Sociology*.

Working-Class Revolt, Political Alienation, or a Basket of Deplorables? Explaining the Rise of Right-Wing Populism in the U.S., under review in *American Journal of Sociology*, with Chad Goldberg at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Estimating the Causal Effect of Gun Violence on Neighborhood Popularity, under review in *Journal of Urban Affairs*, (with Karl Vachuska).

“Collective Action in the Era of Right-Wing Populism: A Political-Economic Analysis.” Manuscript is being prepared. With Jeff Goodwin (NYU) and Elizabeth Hirsh (UBC).

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 2023

Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. [Link](#).

The New Class and Right-Wing Populism: The Case of Wisconsin, *Sociological Quarterly*. (with Chad Goldberg). Forthcoming.

### 2022

Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018), *The Sociological Quarterly*, (with Elizabeth Hirsh). [Link](#)

Movahed, M. “The Regional Determinants of Collective Action in the Era of American Resistance” *Interface: A Journal For and About Social Movements*, forthcoming. (with Elizabeth Hirsh), [Link](#).

Movahed, M. “The Optimism of the Intellect: Erik Olin Wright’s Real Utopias Project” *Palgrave Encyclopedia of the Possible*. [Link](#)

### 2021

Movahed, M. “Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition*, January 2021, [Link](#)

### 2020

Movahed, M. “Industrializing an Oil-Based Economy: Evidence from Iran’s Automobile Industry,” *Journal of International Development*, June 2020. [Link](#)

### 2019

Movahed, M. “A Great Heart Stopped: Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” *The Progressive*, January 2019. [Link](#) \* Re-Printed in Common Dreams [Link](#)

Movahed, M. "The Sanctions Game: Why Trump's Maximum Pressure Strategy is Doomed to Failure," *Boston Review*, July 2019. [Link](#)

## 2018

Movahed, M. "Rebooting Iran's Economy: What Tehran Needs to Do to Fix its Finances," *Foreign Affairs*, November 2015. [Link](#)

Movahed, M. "Economic Sanctions and Contention," *Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs*. January 2018. [Link](#)

Movahed, M. "Swimming Against the Tide: State Interventions and Technical Change in the Era of Knowledge-Based Economy," September 2018, *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#)

## 2017

Movahed, M. "The Uneven Growth of Capitalism in India," *Harvard Economics Review*, August 2017. [Link](#)

## 2016

Movahed, M. "The Persistence of Manufacturing in Deindustrialized America," *Harvard Economics Review*, August 2016. [Link](#)

Movahed, M. "Is Democracy Intrinsic to Economic Development?," *Harvard Economics Review*, May 2016. [Link](#)

Movahed, M. "Does capitalism have to be bad for the environment?," February 2016, *World Economic Forum*. [Link](#)

## 2015

Movahed, M. "What is Good for Banks is not Good for the Economy," *Harvard Economics Review*, October 2015. [Link](#)

Movahed, M. "Why is the US Economy not Growing Fast Enough?," *World Economic Forum*, November 2016, [Link](#)

Movahed, M. "Nuclear Deal Could Unleash Iran's Economy," *Aljazeera America*, April 2015, [Link](#)

## 2014

Movahed, M. "The East Asian Miracle: Where did Adam Smith go wrong?" *Harvard International Review*, October 2014, [Link](#)

Movahed, M. Everyone's Talking About Iran's Nuclear Program. What About Its Auto Industry?, April 2014, *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, [Link](#)

Movahed, M. "Beyond sectarian politics: Saudi-Iranian Relations in Prospect", *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, January 2014, [Link](#)

### 2013

Movahed, M. "Why should resource-based economies diversify?", *Aljazeera English*, January 2013, [Link](#)

### 2012

Movahed, M. "Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan and its consequences," *Journal of Asian Development Matters*, 5, (2011): 311-315.

## JOURNAL REVIEWER

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*American Sociological Review, Industrial Relations*

## COURSES LECTURED

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**Social Statistics I (Soc360)** Spring 2021  
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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**Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences (Stat 371)** Fall 2020  
Department of Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Social Statistics II (Soc361)** Fall 2019  
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Social Statistics I (Soc360)** Fall 2019  
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Law and Society** Summer 2019  
Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia

**Methods of Social Research** Spring 2019  
Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia

**Contemporary American Society** Spring 2017  
Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Contemporary American Society** Fall 2016  
Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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**Princeton University  
Science and Global Security (SGS) Program** 2018-  
*Research Consultant*

- Consulting Princeton University's SGS Program on various issues related to the politics and the security of the Middle East and North Africa.

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
**Center for Wisconsin Strategy (COWS)**  
*Project Assistant*

2020-

- Statistical analysis on data related to cities in the US and around the world, econometric modeling,
- Project Director: Professor Joel Rogers

**New York University's Gallatin School**  
*Research Associate*

2015-2016

- Econometric modeling, Causal Inference, literature review
- Structuring and econometric statistical analysis with R, STATA, and Python
- Big data analytic

## **AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS**

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Gerald Marwell Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (Summer 2020).

Graduate Student Fellowship, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (Fall - Spring 2019)

Chancellor Fellowship for doctoral studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2017-2018)

Chancellor Fellowship for doctoral studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2016-2017)

Full Merit Scholarship from Qatar University (2008-2012)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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"Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality" Cross-National and Comparative Studies of Inequality Section, Population Association of America, April 2023.

"Ethnic Heterogeneity and Income Inequality", Session Presentation on Cross-National Sociology Panel, American Sociological Association, August 6, 2022, Los Angeles, California.

"Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account" Session Presentation Poverty, Inequality and Mobility, American Sociological Association, August 8, 2022, Los Angeles, California.

"Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account" Family, Neighborhood, and Intergenerational Mobility Section, Population Association of America, April 7, 2022, Atlanta, Georgia.

"Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality" Section Comparative analysis of political institutions, Social Science History Association, November 13, 2021.

American Sociological Association, "Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018)," Section Section on Affirmative Action and Anti-Discrimination Policy session Affirmative Action and Anti-Discrimination Policy, August 2021.

American Sociological Association, "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, August 7, 2021.

American Sociological Association, "Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality," Poverty and Inequality in the Global Context Session. Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 1, 2021.

American Sociological Association, "The Determinants of Collective Action in the Era of American Resistance." Paper accepted in regular session on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, August 2020, (w/Elizabeth Hirsh).

San Diego State University, Mobilization Conference, June 12-13, 2020, Paper accepted, Postponed due to COVID19.

New York University, Department of Sociology, Conference Titled "Capitalism and Contention," March 13-15, 2020. Paper accepted. Postponed due to COVID19.

Northwestern University, Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference, Shielded From Neoliberal Strictures: Oil, State and the Rise of Iran's Auto Industry. May 11, 2018.

American Sociological Association's Economic Sociology Section, "The Obduracy of the Old Economy: The Trajectory of Manufacturing in the U.S. Economy," The University of Washington in Seattle, August 2016 (paper was presented on August 19, 2016).

Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Brauer's Lab Group, "Estimating the Effects of Disadvantaged Neighborhoods on Educational Outcomes in Norway Using Marginal Structural Model for Time-varying variable," October 18, 2017.

New York University Graduate Student Research Conference, "Besieged at Home: Iran's Auto Industry," New York University, NYC, April 2015.

The Graduate Center at CUNY, "The Obduracy of the Old Economy: The Trajectory of Manufacturing in the U.S. Economy," March 2015.

Georgetown University's Qatar Campus, "The Middle Eastern Studies Conference," Doha, Qatar. May 2012.

## **LANGUAGES**

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English(Read, Write, Speak)

Persian(Read, Write, Speak)

Arabic(Read, Write, Speak)

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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STATA, R Studio, Matlab, Geoda

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Sociological Association

American Sociological Association's Economic Sociology Section

American Sociological Association's Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section

American Sociological Association's Development Section

Social Science History Association

Population Association of America

## REFERENCES

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