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- Education** Ph.D., Finance, Oklahoma State University, June 2014
M.S., Quantitative Financial Economics, Oklahoma State, May 2011
M.B.A., Multimedia University (a.k.a Universiti Telekom), Malaysia, 2008
B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Azad University, Tehran/Iran, 2005
- Academic Positions** Assistant Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, September 2017
Lecturer, California Polytechnic State University, September 2016 - June 2017
Visiting Assistant Professor, Ohio University, August 2014-May2016
- Research Interest** Corporate Finance; Corporate Governance; Financial Intermediation
Empirical Asset Pricing; Investments; Fixed Income; Credit Risk
- Teaching Experience** Principles of Finance; International Finance; Financial Derivatives;
Advanced Investments;(Global) Financial Markets & Institutions;
Advanced Corporate Finance; Empirical Asset Pricing Seminar (PhD)

Publications

1. “Corporate Cash Holdings, Agency Problems and Economic Policy Uncertainty,” *International Review of Financial Analysis* 2021, 101859 (with S. Al-Thaqeb, M. Mollagholamali and A. Nejadmalayeri)
2. The Impact of Climate Change on the Cost of Bank Loans, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 2021, Vol. 69, 102019 (with A. Masum)
3. The Impact of Stronger Shareholder Control on Bondholders, (with Sadra Amiri-Moghadam and Mahdi Rastad) *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 2021, 56(4), 1259-1295
4. Environmental Regulation and the Cost of Bank Loans: International Evidence, (with I. Kim and A. Fard) *Journal of Financial Stability*, 2020, Vol. 51, 100797
5. Do FOMC Actions Speak Loudly? Evidence from Corporate Bond Credit Spreads, (with A.Nejadmalayeri and T.Krehbiel) *Review of Finance*, 2018, Vol.22(5), 1877–1909
6. Debt Market Illiquidity and Correlated Default Risk, *Finance Research Letters*, 2018, Vol.26, 266-273 (with Mohsen Mollagholamali)
7. Beyond Market Timing Theory, (with S.Iyer) *Studies in Economics and Finance*, 2018, Vol.35(4),458-480 (lead article)

8. Measuring Correlated Default Risk: A New Metric and Validity Tests, (with S.Kim, T.Krehbiel, and A.Nejadmalayeri) *Journal of Fixed Income*, 2017, 27(2), p.6-29, (lead article)

Working Papers

1. "Climate Change and Corporate Cash Holdings: Global Evidence", with A.Masum, M.Mollagholamali, R.Rao
 - Financial Management Association meeting 2021
2. "Corporate Long-termism: Looking Toward an (Un)certain Future," with Tuugi Chuluun, Takeshi Nishikawa, and Andrew Prevost,
 - Financial Management Association meeting 2020
 - Southern Finance Association meeting 2021
3. "Debt Covenants across Public and Private Debt: The Role of Corporate Taxes, Bankruptcy and Agency Conflicts," with with Ali Nejadmalayeri and Aaron Rosenblum,
 - Financial Management Association meeting 2021
 - Southwestern Finance Association meeting 2021
4. "Contingent Capital Conversion under Dual Asset and Equity Jump Diffusions," with Weiping Li and Ali Nejadmalayeri
5. "Hedge Fund Activism and Workforce Reduction", with Incheol Kim and Yuree Lim,
6. "CEO Marital Status and Corporate Cash Holdings", with Md.N.Hossain and Ahmed Elnahas
7. "The Dark Side of Competition in Developing Economies: Evidence from Closely Held SMEs," with Y.Liu and Mark Kroll
8. "Strategically Rational Risk Taking by Age in COVID-19, and the Heterogeneous Agent Behavioral SIR Model," with Elena Quercioli and Lones Smith
9. "Climate change Risk and Corporate Bond Credit Spreads", with A.Masum, M.Mollagholamali, A.Nejadmalayeri
10. "Unemployment Stigma Through the Business Cycle and Across the Workforce," with E. Quercioli
 - Northwestern-Duke Causal Inference Workshop 2019 (Durham, NC - August 2019)
11. "The Costs of Financial Distress: Evidence from Credit Default Swaps," with Mohsen Mollagholamali
12. "Conditional Volatility, Volume Shocks and GARCH Effects"
 - Midwest Finance Association 2012 (New Orleans, LA-February 2012)
 - Eastern Finance Association 2012 (Boston, MA-April 2012)

Book Chapter

Energy Finance and Economics: Analysis and Valuation, Risk Management, and the Future of Energy (John Wiley Sons), 2013 (ISBN 978-1-118-01712-8) Coauthored a chapter with Professor Betty Simkins and Mary Wicker titled “Chapter 9: Financial Statement Analysis for Oil and Gas Companies and Competitive Benchmarking”.

Honors & Awards

- “Measuring Correlated Default Risk: A New Metric and Validity Tests,” Semifinalist for best paper award, FMA Asia Pacific Conference 2016 (14 - 15 July, 2016 – Sydney, Australia)
- “Do FOMC Actions Speak Loudly? Evidence from Corporate Bond Credit Spreads,” Top 10 sessions, FMA 2013 (Chicago, IL-October 2013)
- Recipient of Spears School of Business Teaching Award, May 2013
- Recipient of Travel Grant to AFA in Chicago, IL-January 2012
- Sponsored by Spears School of Business to attend Wall Street Prep Course in Financial and Valuation Modeling in Oil and Gas in Houston, TX-March 2009
- Recipient of \$5,000 Scholarship from OSU’s Graduate college, August 2009

Service to the Profession

- Referee for: *Financial Review; Journal of Financial Stability; International Review of Finance; International Review of Financial Analysis; Economics Letters; Finance Research Letters; Bulletin of Economic Research; Journal of Applied Finance; Managerial Finance; Studies in Economics and Finance; Journal of Business Analytics*
- Ad hoc reviewer for Midwest Finance Association 2013
- Session Chair at: Midwest Finance Association 2013; Midwest Finance Association 2016; Southwest Finance Association 2016; Financial Management Association 2019
- Discussant at: Southwest Finance Association 2011; Midwest Finance Association 2012; Eastern Finance Association 2012; Midwest Finance Association 2013; Desert Finance Festival 2013; Financial Management Association 2013; Midwest Finance Association 2014; Eastern Finance Association 2015; Midwest Finance Association 2016; Southern Finance Association 2016; Midwest Finance Association 2018; Financial Management Association 2018; Financial Management Association 2019

Research Supervision

- Abdullah Al Masum (Dissertation chair; Doctoral Independent research advisor at UTRGV)
- Theo Osah (Dissertation chair; Doctoral Independent research advisor at UTRGV)
- Elaheh Alikhani (Chairing Thesis for a Master’s degree in Financial Economics at Ohio University, currently a finance PhD student at the University of Iowa.)

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