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## EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Economics** *September 2015 - June 2020 (expected)*  
**Fields:** *Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Education Economics*  
*University of California, Los Angeles*  
**GPA:** 3.73/4.00  
*Ph.D. Advisors:*
  - Till Von Wachter [tvwachter@econ.ucla.edu](mailto:tvwachter@econ.ucla.edu),
  - Rodrigo Pinto [rodrig@econ.ucla.edu](mailto:rodrig@econ.ucla.edu),
  - Adriana Lleras-Muney [alleras@econ.ucla.edu](mailto:alleras@econ.ucla.edu).
- **M.Sc. in Economics** *September 2013 - June 2015*  
*Graduate School of Management and Economics,*  
*Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran.*  
**GPA:** 19.12/20
- **B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering** *September 2009 - June 2013*  
*Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran.*  
*Majored in Signal Processing*

## RESEARCH

- The Cost of Strategic Play in Centralized School Choice Mechanisms (*JMP*)
- The Determinants of College Major Choice: Evidence from Iranian University Entrance Exam
- Evaluating Trade Policies on Intermediate goods, Joint Work with S. Ahmadi, SA. Madanizadeh
- Role of Banking System Shocks in Iran 2012 Stagflation, Joint Work with M. Rahmati

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Gold Medal (Ranked 1<sup>st</sup>) in the Iran Nationwide Economics Olympiad *July 2013*
- Ranked 70<sup>th</sup> among 308,875 participants in the Iranian Math. and Physics B.Sc. University Entrance Exam (99.97<sup>th</sup> percentile) *July 2009*
- Ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the Iranian Economics M.Sc. University Entrance Exam, among more than 9,000 participants (99.91<sup>th</sup> percentile) *February 2013*
- Fellowship: Department of Economics, UCLA *September 2015 - Present*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Co-Founder, *hamservicee.ir*,  
*An Application for tracking school cars.* *June 2016 - September 2017*

## COMPUTER SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C++, MATLAB, HTML, Java-script, Assembly
- **Econometrics:** STATA, R

## LANGUAGES

- Persian (*Native Speaker*)
- English (*Fluent*)
- Spanish (*Beginner*)

## ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

- Playing Traditional Music Instruments *Tanbour, Tar and Setar Since 2004*
- Soccer, Tennis, Surfing, Chess