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Education

Ph.D., Finance, University of Minnesota, 2018 (expected)

M.B.A., Finance, Sharif University of Technology, 2013

B.Sc., Mechanical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, 2010

Research Interest

Empirical Corporate Finance, Structural Estimation of Dynamic Models, Capital Structure, Corporate Investment.

Published and Forthcoming Papers

[1] “How Does the Stock Market Absorb Shocks?” with Murray Frank.

Accepted at the *Journal of Financial Economics*.

Working Papers

[2] “How Does Labor Mobility Impact Corporate Leverage and Investment?” (Job Market Paper)

[3] “Rational Stock Market Catering,” with Murray Frank.

Work in Progress

“How Large is the Effect of Corporate Debt on Economic Growth?” with Murray Frank.

“Managerial Incentives and Firm Policies: Evidence from Structural Estimation.”

Teaching Experience

Instructor, University of Minnesota

2015–2016

Finance Fundamentals, 4 credits, 60 students per section

Average Teaching Evaluation: 5.3 out of 6

Received Excellence in Teaching Award, Carlson School of Management.

Received John Willard Herrick Memorial Teaching Award, Finance Department.

Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota

2013–2017

MBA: Corporate Finance, Advanced Corporate Finance, World Economy, International Financial Management, Portfolio Management, Merger and Acquisitions.

Undergraduate: International Finance, Financial Modeling.

Teaching Assistant, Sharif University of Technology 2011–2012

MBA: Corporate Finance, Investment Management, Financial Engineering, Managerial Research Methods, System's Dynamics.

Professional Experience

Investment Analyst (part time) 2012-2013

IrFinance Group (Research Division of Sahand Development Brokerage Co.)

Co-founder and CEO 2009-2011

Lian Engineering Ltd.

Honors and Awards

Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2017

John W. Herick Travel Award, Finance Department, University of Minnesota 2017

Carlson School Travel Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2016

AFA Doctoral Student Travel Grant, American Finance Association 2016

John W. Herrick Teaching Award, Finance Department, University of Minnesota 2016

Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Minnesota 2016

Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2013-2017

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2014-2017

M.B.A. Fellowship, Sharif University of Technology 2010-2013

National Elites Foundation Scholarship, Iran 2006-2013

Distinguished Alumnus, School of Mechanical Eng., Sharif Univ. of Technology 2010

Dean's Award, Sharif University of Technology

(for outstanding performance in the National University Entrance Exam) 2006

Conference and Invited Seminar Presentations

2017 AFA poster session, Minnesota Multidisciplinary Academic Research Summit

2016 FMA PhD student consortium, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business*, Peking University*, Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance*, Tsinghua University*

2015 Northwestern-Duke Causal Inference Workshop

* indicates presented by coauthor

Additional Information

Computer: Stata, SAS, Matlab, Fortran, Python, RapidMiner.

Language: English (fluent), Farsi (native).

References

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