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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education/Labor, Development Economics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of West Georgia, USA Assistant Professor of Economics	Current
St. Olaf College, USA Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics	2024-25
Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh, USA Postdoctoral Research Associate	2022-24
University of Arkansas, USA Graduate Assistant	2020-22

EDUCATION

University of Arkansas, USA PhD in Economics (Advisor: Arya B. Gaduh)	2022
South Asian University, India MA in Development Economics	2014
Bangalore University, India Bachelor of Business Management (BBM)	2012

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Ahmad Shah Mobariz & Seung-Hun Chung (2024). [Harmony in diplomacy, convergence in choices: low fertility diffusion through Sino-Korean normalization](#). *Southern Economic Journal*.

Ahmad Shah Mobariz & Shishir Shakya (2024). [Cultural influences on gender gap in test scores: findings from Afghanistan's university entrance examination](#). *Applied Economics Letters*.

Mobariz, A. S. (2016). [WTO Accession of Afghanistan: Costs, Benefits and Post-accession Challenges](#). *South Asia Economic Journal* 17(1), 46–72.

WORKING PAPERS

[Lasting effects of gender apartheid on attitudes toward women](#)

Heritage of Islamic extremists: impact of mothers exposed to first Taliban rule on school attendance of children (with Seung-Hun Chung).

Income shock and demand for higher education.

Exam preparation and access inequalities in higher education: evidence from rural Afghanistan (with Arya Gaduh)

Mobile phones and gender norms: evidence from Afghanistan (with Seung-Hun Chung and Robert Gonzalez).

Insurgency and beliefs about the state: evidence from the collapse of Afghanistan's democracy (with Ilia Murtazashvili).

TEACHING

University of West Georgia Fall 2025
Business Statistics I (Undergraduate), Business Analytic Programming with Python (Graduate).

St. Olaf College 2024-25
Principles of Economics

University of Pittsburgh Fall 2023
Economics of Education (Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant
University of Arkansas 2020-2022
Courses: Econometrics (PhD), Applied Econometrics (MSc), Development Economics (Undergraduate)

Lecturer
Ibn-e Sina University, Afghanistan 2014-2017
Courses: Development Economics; Intermediate Macroeconomics; International Economics; Public Economics

POLICY & MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE

Economist
Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan 2016-2017

National Audit Training Manager
Cowater International, Supreme Audit Office (SAO), Afghanistan 2015-2016

Audit Translator
World Bank PFMR, Supreme Audit Office (SAO), Afghanistan 2014-2015

Economic Affairs Intern
United Nations (UNESCAP-SSWA) 2013

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fulbright Scholarship (Ph.D)	2017-2022
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Scholarship (MA)	2012-2014
Indian Council for Cultural Relations Scholarship (Undergraduate)	2009-2012

GRANTS

QEP Development Grant, University of West Georgia (\$1000)	
Faculty Development Grant, St. Olaf College (\$2330)	2025
University of Arkansas Graduate School Travel Grant (\$1100)	2021

SERVICE

Co-organized Graduate Students in Economics of Education Zoom seminars Website: https://sites.google.com/view/ahmadshahmobariz/geez-seminars	2017-2022
Research Board Member, Porsesh Research and Studies Organization Website: https://www.porseshresearch.org/	2016–2021
President, Fulbright Scholars at the University of Arkansas	2019–2020
Member, World Organization of Students and Youths (WOSY) Website: https://www.wosy.org/	2010–2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025: South East Exchange of Development Studies, Liberal Arts Colleges Public Economics Conference, Workshop on the Rust Belt, MFA Entrepreneurship Conference, Northeastern Universities Development Economics Conference (NEUDC), Law and Economics Workshop, Southern Economic Association, Workshop on Re-imagining the future of foreign aid (University of Pittsburgh).

2024: Southern Economic Association, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research, Mid-western International Development Conference, South East Exchange of Development Studies

2023: Southern Economic Association, South East Exchange of Development Studies, Fourth SANEM-World Bank South Asia Economic Forum, Eastern Economic Association, Southern International Development Economics Workshop

2022: Southern Economic Association, NABE Tech Economics Conference

2021: Southern Economic Association

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TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Machine Learning with Scikit Learn, POSIT	Fall 2025
Associate Data Scientist in Python, DataCamp	ongoing
Python Workshop, The Carpentries, University of Arkansas	2020
Development Project Evaluation workshop, ADB/CEAR/CAREC, Shanghai, China	2016
Policy Paper Writing Seminar, OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	2015
Empirical Methods in Trade: Analyzing trade costs and trade facilitation - ARTNeT/UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand	2015
CGE training organized by SAWTEE, Kathmandu, Nepal	2015
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COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming Languages: Stata, Python, L^AT_EX

LANGUAGES

Persian - *Native*

Pashto - *Working Professional Proficiency*

English - *Working Professional Proficiency*

Hindi - *Conversational Proficiency*