

# POURYA VALIZADEH

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D., Agricultural and Applied Economics</b> University of Georgia, Georgia, United States	2014 – 2018
<b>M.S., Economics</b> University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran	2008 – 2011
<b>B.S., Economics</b> University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran	2004 – 2008

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of food policy, agricultural economics, consumer demand, program evaluation, applied econometrics

## POSITIONS

<b>Research Assistant Professor</b> Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University	July 2021 – Present
<b>Postdoctoral Research Associate</b> Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	July 2018 – June 2021
<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia	January 2014 – June 2018

## PUBLICATIONS

**Valizadeh, P.,** Ng, S. W. (2021). "Would A National Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax In The United States Be Well Targeted?" *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

**Valizadeh, P.,** Smith, T. A., Ver Ploeg, M. (2020). "Do SNAP Households Pay Different Prices throughout the Benefit Month?" *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/aepp.13094>

**Valizadeh, P.,** Ng, S. W. (2020). "The New School Food Standards and Nutrition of School Children: Direct and Indirect Effect Analysis" *Economics and Human Biology*, 9:100918.

**Valizadeh, P.,** Popkin, B. M., Ng, S. W. (2020). "Distributional Changes in U.S. Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Purchases, 2002–2014" *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 59(2):260–269.

Caro, J. C., **Valizadeh, P.**, Correa, A., Silva, A., Ng, S. W. (2020). “Combined Fiscal Policies to Promote Healthier Diets: Effects on Purchases and Consumer Welfare” PLoS ONE, 15(1): e0226731.

Smith, T. A., **Valizadeh, P.**, Lin, B. H., Coats, E. (2019). “What Is Driving Increases in Dietary Quality in the United States?” Food Policy, 86:101720.

**Valizadeh, P.**, Smith, T. A. (2019). “How Did the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Affect the Material Well-being of SNAP Participants? A Distributional Approach” Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, 42(3):455–476.

**Valizadeh, P.**, B. Karali, and S. Ferreira. (2017). “Ripple Effects of the 2011 Japan Earthquake on International Stock Markets” Research in International Business and Finance, 41:556–576.

### WORKING PAPERS

“Linking A Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax with a Fruit and Vegetable Subsidies: A Simulation Analysis of the Impact On the Poor ” with Barry Popkin and Shu Wen Ng (Revisions Requested)

“Aging out of WIC and Child Nutrition: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design” with Travis Smith

“An Evaluation of Panel Data Quantile Regression Estimation Methods with an Application to the Estimation of Sugary-Beverage Price Elasticity” with Peter Lance, Shu Wen Ng, and David Guilkey

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Simulating the Use of Healthy Incentives Financed by Unhealthy Food/Beverage Taxes to Improve Food Purchases among Low-income Households with Children” with Shu Wen Ng

“Evaluating the Impact of Nutrition-Related Fiscal Policies on Consumer Purchases of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages and Unhealthy Foods” with Shu Wen Ng

“Effect of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Expiration on the Diet Quality of Low-Income Americans” with Alice Brower, Shu Wen Ng, and Donna Gilleskie.

“Impact of New School Meal Standards on the Consumption of Targeted Foods and Nutrients” with Travis Smith

### RESEARCH FUNDING

**Principal Investigator**, “Did the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act Help Improve Dietary Quality among School-Age Children?” Tufts/UConn RIDGE Program, 06/01/2019 – 11/30/2020, \$29,980

**Co-Investigator**, “Simulating the Use of Healthy Incentives Financed by Unhealthy Food/Beverage Taxes to Improve Food Purchases among Low-income Households with Children” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research, 1/2/2020 – 7/31/2021, \$200,000

### TEACHING

**Instructor of Record***Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia:*

Principles of Microeconomics (Online course) Summer 2015 &amp; 2016

**Teaching Assistant***Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia:*

Intermediate Microeconomics Fall 2015

Masters-Level Econometrics Fall 2014

*Department of Economics, University of Tehran:*

Masters-Level Macroeconomics 2009 – 2010

Public Sector Economics 2009 – 2010

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS***\*denotes poster presentation*

“The New School Food Standards and Nutrition of School Children: Direct and Indirect Effect Analysis” **2020 Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Conference**, Virtual Conference, October 14, 2020

\*“Simulating the Use of Healthy Incentives Financed by Unhealthy Food/ Beverage Taxes to Improve Food Purchases among Low-income Households with Children” **Healthy Eating Research 2020 Annual Grantee Meeting**, Denver, CO, March 4-6, 2020

\*“An Evaluation of Fixed Effects Panel Quantile Regression Estimation Methods with An Application to the Estimation of Price Elasticities” **Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting**, Atlanta, GA, July 21-23, 2019

“Aging out of WIC and Child Nutrition: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design” **Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting**, Austin, TX., April 10-13, 2019

“Aging out of WIC and Child Nutrition: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design” **Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C., August 5-7, 2018

“Aging out of WIC and Child Nutrition: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design” **7th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)**, Atlanta, GA, June 10-13, 2018

“What is Driving Increases in Dietary Quality in the United States?” **11th Annual Future of Food and Nutrition Graduate Student Research Conference Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy** at Tufts University, April 6-7, 2018

“How Did the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Affect the Material Well-being of SNAP Participants? A Distributional Approach” **Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting**, Chicago, IL, July 30-August 1, 2017

\*“How Did the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Affect the Material Well-being of SNAP Participants? A Distributional Approach” **Allied Social Science Association (ASSA/AEA) Annual Meeting**, Chicago, IL, January 5-8, 2017

“Distributional Impacts of In-Kind Transfers on Material Well-being of SNAP Participants: Evidence from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)” **Southern Economic Association (SEA) 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, Washington, DC, November 19-21, 2016

\*“Do SNAP Beneficiaries Pay Different Prices throughout the Benefit Month?” **Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting**, Boston, MA, July 31-August 2, 2016

“Ripple Effects of Natural Disasters on International Stock Markets: Evidence from the 2011 Japan Earthquake” **Southern Economic Association (SEA) 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, LA, November 21-23, 2015

## HONORS AND AWARDS

RIDGE Program Spotlight December 2020  
 “Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act improves school-aged children dietary quality”  
*Uconn/Rudd Center For Food Policy*

Postdoctoral Traineeship 2018 – 2019, 2019 – 2020  
*Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$3500) May 2018  
*University of Georgia*

Rod F. Ziemer Outstanding Ph.D. Paper Award May 2016  
*Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia*

Graduate School Conference Travel Grants (3) 2015, 2016, 2017  
*University of Georgia*

Outstanding Student Awards (2) 2006 – 2007  
*Department of Economics, University of Tehran*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Peer Reviewer:** American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Food Policy; Agricultural Economics; Health Economics; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; China Economic Review

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Economic Association (AEA) 2016 – Present

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) 2015 – Present

Population Association of America (PAA) 2018 – 2020

Southern Economic Association (SEA) 2015 – Present

Agricultural and Applied Economics Honor Society, University of Georgia 2015 – 2018

## SKILLS

**Software:** Stata (proficient), SAS (proficient), SQL (proficient), R (intermediate), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)

**Language:** Farsi (Native), English (Proficient)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Banker**  
Bank Pasargad, Tehran, Iran

2011 – 2013

## BOOKS

“Probability and Statistics” with Mehrdad Perech, *Farhang Library Publication* (in Farsi)

## REFERENCES

### Travis A. Smith

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Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics  
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