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Selected Research Projects

- **Efficient Redistribution: Universal Basic Income and Human Capital Investment** ([link](#))

Job Market Paper: Under review in [Journal of Political Economy](#) (since June 2025)

The paper addresses key questions in the Universal Basic Income (UBI) literature and has gained notable public attention in global policy debates.

- **Fueling Inequality: A Novel Estimate from Large-Scale Reforms** ([link](#))

with Hamed Ghoddusi *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*
(*JEEM is Top Field Journal in Environmental Economics*).

- **The Vital Role of Cash Transfers: Lessons from the Largest Energy Subsidy Reform in the Developing World** ([link](#))

Under Review and Resubmit (R&R) at *Energy Policy* ([JEPOL](#)).

- **Opioids Ease My Pain: Early-life Malnutrition and Elderly Outcomes** ([link](#))

Social Science & Medicine, 327, 115940, 2023

- **Short-term Fetal Nutritional Stress and Long-term Health: Child Height** ([link](#))

With S.M. Karimi, B.B. Little. *American Journal of Human Biology*, 33(6), 2021

Selected as Editor's Choice Article of the Issue ([link](#))