

Breaking News

Payback?

HATTIESBURG – Sources are now reporting to USMNEWS.NET staffers that one of the finalists for an ECO position in the EFIB, Sahar Bahmani of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, is indeed the daughter of UM-W economist, Mohsen Bahmani-Oskooee. As reported earlier, Bahmani-Oskooee is a close friend of CoB economist, and former CoB Associate Dean, Farhang Niroomand. Not only are the two close friends, reporters at USMNEWS.NET broke the story about Niroomand's use of Bahmani-Oskooee to secure the 2001 Louis K. Brandt Research Award for another Niroomand crony, economics professor Edward Nissan. More about that story can be found [here](#).



Bahmani



Bahmani-Oskooee



Niroomand



Marvasti

Bahmani's online c.v. indicates that she was born in Lansing, Michigan, in 1981. According to sources, both Bahmani-Oskooee and Niroomand were, at that time, economics students at Michigan State University.

If Niroomand and EFIB Search Committee Chair, Akbar Marvasti, are successful in hiring Bahmani for one of ECO's multiple openings -- an outcome sources believe will occur -- then Niroomand's return favor will result in 30 to 33.3 percent of the PhD economists on the ECO side of the EFIB having come from Iran. This outcome is interesting, given the reports available here at USMNEWS.NET that have covered "the Persianization" of various aspects of the EFIB and CoB.