

# Amir Sariri

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## Academic Position

Assistant Professor of Strategic Management 2021-Present  
Krannert School of Management, Purdue University

## Education

PhD Candidate, Strategic Management 2015-2021  
Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto  
*Committee: Ajay Agrawal (Chair), Joshua Gans, Avi Goldfarb*

Bachelor, Business, Economics & Mathematics (High Distinction) 2010-2014  
University of Toronto

## Work in Progress

- [1] “Are Angel Investors More Likely than Venture Capitalists to Drive Entrepreneurial Experimentation?,” Purdue University working paper, *Reject and Resubmit Management Science*, presented at AOM, UNC Chapel Hill
- [2] “Activity Sequencing in Startups,” Purdue University working paper, presented at AOM
- [3] “Information Frictions and Employee Sorting Between Startups” with Kevin Bryan & Mitchell Hoffman, University of Toronto working paper, presented at Stanford (Econ), Toronto (Econ), Columbia (Econ), UMass Amherst (Econ), I&I Conference, SIE Workshop (European I&E Series)
- [4] “How Does Industry Affiliation of Academic Scientists Affect the Rate and Direction of Research,” University of Toronto working paper, presented at AOM
- [5] “The Effect of Perceived Uncertainty on Advice,” Purdue University working paper
- [6] “Database, Methodological Tools, and Research Opportunities: Creative Destruction Lab and Early-Stage Technology Ventures,” Purdue University working paper, presented at Oxford, Calgary, Dalhousie, UBC
- [7] “Learning vs. Doing: The Effect of Business Uncertainty on Entrepreneurial Activities,” Purdue University working paper, presented at CCC

## Invited Academic Seminars

- 2021:** Technology Management and Economics, Chalmers University of Technology
- 2020:** Saïd School of Business, University of Oxford
- 2020:** Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary
- 2019:** Rowe School of Business, Dalhousie University

## Conference Presentations

- 2020:** Entrepreneurship Division, Academy of Management
- 2020:** CCC Doctoral Conference
- 2019:** Strategic Management Division, Academy of Management

## Academic Workshops & Conferences

- 2021:** UNC/TIM Emergence Workshop; UNC
- 2018-19:** Young Scholars Workshop, NBER Economics of AI; Toronto
- 2017:** NBER Entrepreneurship Boot camp; Boston
- 2017:** 34th International Conference on Machine Learning; Sydney, Australia
- 2016-17:** Economics of Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Queen's University
- 2016:** NBER Digitization Tutorial; Stanford University
- 2014:** Roundtable for Engineering Entrepreneurship Research; GeorgiaTech

## Fellowships, Awards, Honors

- 2020:** Best Paper, Academy of Management
- 2019:** \$10,000 Futures Fund Scholarship, Bennett Jones
- 2018:** \$35,000 Borealis AI Graduate Fellowship, Royal Bank of Canada
- 2018:** \$25M Strategic Innovation Fund, Government of Canada  
*(entitled "CDL-AI Project," granted to Creative Destruction Lab)*
- 2017:** High Pass, PhD Qualifying Exam, Rotman School
- 2014:** University of Toronto Scholar Award
- 2010-14:** Honors in Economics & Mathematics
- 2012-13:** Putnam Competition contestant for the University of Toronto
- 2007:** Silver Medal, Astrophysics, National Scientific Olympiads
- 2007:** First Place, Solo Violin, National Music Competition

## Teaching Experience

Strategic Management, Purdue, Advanced Undergrad	2022
Operations Management, Toronto, Undergrad (TA)	2013, 2014
Calculus & Linear Algebra, Toronto, Undergrad (TA)	2012, 2013, 2014
Analysis for Decision & Control, Toronto, Undergrad (TA)	2012, 2013

## Teaching & Research Support

Creative Destruction Lab Course, MBA, Toronto (TA)	2015, 2016
Corporate Strategy, MBA, Toronto (TA)	2014
Management of Technology, Master, Toronto (TA)	2014
Managerial Finance, Undergrad, Toronto (TA)	2013
Management in a Changing Environment, Undergrad, Toronto (TA)	2012
Professor Joel Baum, Toronto (RA)	2017
Professor Ajay Agrawal, Toronto (RA)	2014-2015
Professor Geoff McDonald, Toronto (RA)	2014
Professor Chen Fong, Toronto (RA)	2014

## Referee

Management Science, Academy of Management

## Service

Faculty Search Committee (member)	2021
Consortium on Competition and Collaboration (junior mentor)	2021

## Professional Experience

Strategic Advisor, Creative Destruction Lab – Toronto, ON	2021-Present
Senior Research Associate, Rotman School of Management	2019-2021
Founder & Lead, R&D at Creative Destruction Lab – Toronto, ON	2018-2021
<i>Attracted a federal grant to implement a database and a scalable process for systematic collection and storage of tech entrepreneurship data. As of August 2020: built a team of 20 data analysts and ML developers; provided data to 12 research projects by 22 scholars in 9 universities; implemented four AI projects and deployed one to users.</i>	
Various Roles, Creative Destruction Lab – Toronto, ON	2014-2017
<i>Supported founders of several science-based startups. Created the technical due diligence program for startups (now 160 faculty &amp; Canada's National Research Council). Member of the design and launch teams for Quantum Machine Learning &amp; Space mentorship tracks. Recruited startups and mentors. Managed CDL's \$1M budget and grants.</i>	

## Other Interests, Activities & Skills

Long-term interest in poverty and early childhood education • Licensed Private Pilot • Competitive swimmer, avid skier, HIIT runner • Violinist, pianist • Experience in R, fluent in Python & SQL • Agile methodology user