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EDUCATION

- 2011–2015 PhD, Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures, University of Texas at Austin (UT)
2006–2009 MA, Middle Eastern Studies, Dual-Language Track in Arabic & Persian, UT
2002–2003 Universität Göttingen, Germany (academic exchange)
2001–2004 BA, German Studies, University of California, San Diego (summa cum laude)
1999–2001 Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, Calif.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2013–present Coordinator, Persian Language & Culture Program, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations (NELC), University of Pennsylvania (Penn)
2018–present Lecturer in Foreign Language, NELC, Penn
2013–2018 Lecturer, NELC, Penn

PUBLICATIONS

- in progress *The Other Self: Images of Afghans in Iranian Cinema*
2016 “The Pre-Islamic Past in Modern Iranian Culture: A Cultural Materialist Reading,” *A Persian Mosaic: Essays on Persian Language, Literature and Film*
2011 “Azadaran-e Bayal,” *Encyclopædia Iranica*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania

- Elementary Persian I (Fall, 2013–2020)
Elementary Persian II (Spring, 2014–2021)
Intermediate Persian I (Fall, 2013–2020)
Intermediate Persian II (Spring, 2014–2021)
Iranian Cinema: Gender, Politics, and Religion (Spring, 2014–2021)
Modern Middle Eastern Literatures in Translation (Co-taught; Spring, 2014–2018)

University of Texas at Austin

- Intensive Persian I (Fall, 2011–2012)
Intensive Persian II (Spring 2012, Summer 2012)

Teaching Assistantships

Advanced Persian, UT (Summer 2010)
 Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Literature & Film, UT (Spring 2009)
 Introduction to Islam, UT (Fall 2008)
 The United States & the Middle East, UT (Spring 2008)
 The Dead Sea Scrolls, UT (Fall 2007)
 Iranian Drama, UT (Fall 2006)

SENIOR THESIS ADVISING

- 2018–2019 *Mirror in the Gulf: Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and Identity in Iran's 20th Century Bahrain Controversy*, Carson Kahoe, Penn
 2016–2017 *Communicating Through Conflict: Radio Israel's Public Diplomacy Toward Iranians*, Arielle Panitch, Penn
 2016–2017 *Pre-Islamic Symbolism and the Ideologies of the Pahlavi and Ba'ath Regimes*, Avi Colonomos, Penn
 2014–2015 *Representations of Nationalism in Post-Revolutionary Iranian and Egyptian Film*, Peixin Mo, Penn

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 "Representations of Afghans in Iranian Cinema," Panel: *Religio-ethnic Minorities and Iranian Nationalism*, Association for Iranian Studies, Montreal
 2012 "The Other Theocracy: The Islamic Republic of Iran's Discourse on the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan," Panel: *Perspectives on Iran across Time*, Middle Eastern Studies Association, Denver
 2010 "The *Ta'ziyeh* Topoi of Gholamhoseyn Sa'edi's Drama," Panel: *Persian Literary and Cinematic Representations of a Society in Transition*, Association for Iranian Studies, Los Angeles
 2009 "Gholamhoseyn Sa'edi's Postcolonial Dramas," Panel: *Genre and Political Thought*, Annual Graduate Conference on Comparative Literature, UT

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 "In Search of Indo-Persia: A Deconstruction of South Asia and the Middle East," The Lauder Institute, Penn
 2018 "Multiculturalism and the Image of the Afghan in Iranian Cinema," Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies, Princeton University
 2016 "Ancient Persia in Modern Iran: Nationalism, Nation-Building, and National Identity," Camden County College, Blackwood, New Jersey

OTHER TALKS

- 2018 "A Dialectology of Dari Persian," Dari Workshop, Penn
 2018 "Azeri Language and Culture in Iran," Azeri Workshop, Penn
 2016 "*The Cow* and Iranian New Wave Cinema," Penn Cinema Initiative
 2016 "Using Film as a Teaching Tool," Center for Teaching & Learning, Penn

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 Travel Grant, Middle East Center, Penn
- 2014 Travel Grant, NELC, Penn
- Fall 2013 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship, UT*
- Spring 2013 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship, UT
- 2013 Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT*
- 2012 Graduate Travel Fellowship, Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies, UT
- 2010–2011 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, UT*
- 2009–2010 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Turkish, UT
- 2008–2009 David Bruton, Jr. Graduate School Fellowship, UT
- Summer 2008 Research Assistantship, Middle Eastern Studies, UT
- Summer 2007 Critical Language Scholarship (Persian & Tajik), Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Summer 2007 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic, UT*
- 2006–2007 Center for Middle Eastern Studies Scholarship, UT
- 2004–2005 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Oldenburg, Germany
- 2002–2003 UC Education Abroad Program Scholarship, Göttingen, Germany

**These are grants that I declined in order to pursue other opportunities.*

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2007, 2012 Professional Development Award, Middle Eastern Studies, UT
- 2004 Phi Beta Kappa, UCSD Chapter
- 2004 Caledonian Society (John Muir College Honor Society), UCSD
- 2001–2004 Provost's Honors, John Muir College, UCSD

STUDENT ADVISING

- 2015–2016 Advisor, Chai Chat (advanced Persian language table), Penn
- 2012 Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate Internship, UT
- 2007–2009 Language & Culture Mentor, Persian Language Program, UT

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

- 2013–2021 Co-organizer & Speaker, New Middle East Cinema Film Festival, Penn
- 2018 Organizer, Dari Workshop, Middle East Center, Penn
- 2015–2018 Coordinator, Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Orientation, Penn
- 2014–2020 Member, Language Advisory Committee, Penn
- 2017–2019 Member, Recovered Language Pedagogies Working Group, Penn
- 2006–2007 Representative, Graduate Student Assembly, UT

UNIVERSITY SERVICE**University of Pennsylvania**

- 2018, 2021 Application Reviewer, FLAS Scholarships and Fellowships, Middle East Center
- 2020 Speaker, Middle East Center Outreach Program, Penn

- 2020 Interview, “The Forever War – Stories of the War in Afghanistan,” *Penn Political Review*
- 2020 Moderator, “Contemporary Iranian Fiction in Translation: A Panel Discussion with Moniro Ravanipour, Mohamad Ghanoonparvar, Fatemeh Shams, and Mahyar Entezari,” Kelly Writers House, Penn
- 2019 Moderator, “The Revolution’s Impact on Culture and Media,” The Iranian Revolution at 40: A Half-Day Symposium
- 2018 Discussant, Iran Graduate Student Workshop
- 2015–2019 Language Examiner for Persian, Penn Language Center
- 2014–2019 Language Evaluator for Persian, Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarships and Fellowships, Middle East Center
- 2015, 2019 Judge, Persian Translation Contest, Middle East Center
- 2019 Evaluator, Hispanic & Portuguese Studies
- 2017 Discussant, *PoemTalk*, Kelly Writer’s House
- 2016 Evaluator, Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures
- 2014–2015 Organizer, Modern Middle East Languages Info Sessions

University of Texas

- 2012–2013 Organizer, History of the Middle East Lecture Series
- 2008–2012 Volunteer, Explore UT (open house event)
- 2011 Volunteer, Fulbright Program Orientation
- 2009, 2007 Contributor, *Persian Online* (open educational resource)
- 2008 Contributor, *Persian in Texas* (open educational resource)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021 Peer Reviewer, *Australian Association for Literary Translation Review*
- 2016, 2018 Article Editor, *SAGE Open*, SAGE Publications
- 2018 Application Reviewer, American Councils’ Eurasian Regional Language Program, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- 2016 Evaluator, Oxford Global Languages, Oxford University Press
- 2015 Peer Reviewer, American Association of Teachers of Persian

OTHER SERVICE

- 2019 Presenter, *The Salesman*, Camden County College
- 2019 Presenter, *3 Faces*, Philadelphia Film Society
- 2011 Meals on Wheels, Austin, Texas
- 2005 Representative, School Outreach Program, US Consulate, Hamburg, Germany
- 2004 Speaker, Study Abroad Fair, BBS Wechloy, Oldenburg, Germany
- 2004 Interpreter, International Rescue Committee, San Diego, Calif.
- 2002–2003 Residential Advisor, Universität Göttingen, Germany
- 2001 Consultant, *Wonders of Persia*, Arrowhead Publications, Orinda, Calif.
- 2000 Interpreter, Center for New Americans, Walnut Creek, Calif.

LANGUAGES Persian (native, superior) Turkish (intermediate)
 English (native, superior) French (intermediate)
 German (superior) Spanish (novice)
 Arabic (advanced)

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2015 Consultant, Linguistic Data Services, Wilmington, Delaware
2010–2011 Site Specialist, International Studies Abroad, Austin, Texas
2008 Research Analyst, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Austin
2007 Interim Events Coordinator, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UT
2005–2006 Instructor, ELS Language Center, Hayward, Calif.
2005 Tutor, SF Language Services, Calif.
2005 Translator, Persian News Network, Martinez, Calif.
2002–2003 Peer Advisor, UC Education Abroad Program, Göttingen, Germany

AFFILIATIONS American Association of Teachers of Persian