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Curriculum Vitae
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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-present Preceptor in Persian
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Harvard University
- 2018-2020 Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Fellow
School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
University of Arizona
- 2012-2019 Instructor/ Teaching Associate
School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
University of Arizona

EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies
University of Arizona
Dissertation: “Iranian Perception of Europe during the Early Decades of the Nineteenth Century”
- 2011 M.A. in English Literature
Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran
- 2008 B.A. in English Language and Literature
University of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

- Persian Literature
- Modern Iranian History
- Global Intellectual History
- Literary Theory and Criticism
- Middle Eastern History
- Iranian Cinema

TEACHING INTEREST

- Persian Literature
- Modern Iranian History
- Iranian Cinema
- Middle Eastern History
- History of Islam
- Middle Eastern Humanities

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Experience in Middle Eastern Humanities and History

- Instructor*
- 2017 “Introduction to Political Islam”
University of Arizona
- 2017 “Middle Eastern Humanities”
University of Arizona
- 2017 “History of the Middle East: 600-1453”
University of Arizona
- 2016 “The Middle East in the Twentieth Century”
University of Arizona
- 2016 “Religion of Islam”
University of Arizona

Experience in Middle Eastern Humanities and History

- Teaching Assistant*
- 2018 “Religion of Islam”
University of Arizona
- 2017 “Middle Eastern Humanities”
University of Arizona

Experience in Political Science

- Teaching Assistant*
- 2019 “What is Politics?” taught by Noam Chomsky
University of Arizona

Experience in Persian Language and Literature

- 2021-present *Preceptor in Persian*
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Harvard University
- 2019 *Faculty Associate*
“Intermediate Persian”
Arabic, Persian, and Turkish Language Immersion Institute (APTLII)
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 *Instructor*
“Intermediate Persian”
University of Arizona

2018	<i>Faculty Associate</i> “Advanced Persian” Arabic, Persian, and Turkish Language Immersion Institute (APTLII) University of Wisconsin–Madison
2013–2016	<i>Instructor</i> “Elementary Persian” University of Arizona
2012–2013	“Advanced Persian” University of Arizona

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2018–2019	Elahé Omidyar Mir–Djalali Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute Amount Awarded: \$15,000
2018	Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award College of Social and Behavioral Sciences University of Arizona
2017–2018	Roshan Institute Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies University of Arizona Amount awarded: \$5,000
2017	Dissertation Completion Fellowship College of Social and Behavioral Sciences University of Arizona Amount awarded: \$5,000
2016–2017	Roshan Graduate Fellowship University of Arizona Amount awarded: \$5,000
2015–2016	Roshan Graduate Fellowship University of Arizona Amount awarded: \$2,500
2014–2015	Roshan Graduate Fellowship University of Arizona Amount awarded: \$2,500
2012–2013	Roshan Graduate Fellowship University of Arizona Amount awarded: \$4,150

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Article Reviewer

- 2021–present *Iranian Studies*
- 2015–2019 *Zaytoon: Academic Journal of Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization*
University of Arizona
- 2018 *Asian Affairs: An American Review*

Conference Abstract Reviewer

- 2019 *19th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies.*
Organized by the Student Association of the School of Middle Eastern and North African
Studies, University of Arizona.
- 2014 *14th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies.*
Organized by the Student Association of the School of Middle Eastern and North African
Studies, University of Arizona.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Approaches to Middle Eastern Studies,” Graduate Seminar
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Harvard University
- 2018 “Nineteenth–Century Persian Travelogues and the Rise of a New Historical Consciousness
in Qajar Iran”
Middle Eastern and North African Studies Colloquium Series
Center for Middle Eastern Studies
University of Arizona
- 2017 “Language and Society in the Middle East,” Graduate Seminar
School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
University of Arizona
- 2014 “The Arab Spring,” Undergraduate Course
School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
University of Arizona

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

- 2021 Academic Materials Workshop
Harvard University
- 2019 Language Pedagogy Workshop
“Task–Based Language Teaching and Learning”
University of Wisconsin–Madison

- 2018 “The Art of Letter Writing”
Student Professional Development Series
University of Arizona
- 2018 Language Pedagogy Workshop
“Maximizing Modes and Methods in Listening and Reading Comprehension”
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 ACTFL OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) Intensive Workshop
Intensive 40 hours course for Persian language instructors
University of Arizona
- 2012 STARTALK Intensive Teaching Training Program (Persian Pedagogy)
Intensive two-week course for Persian language instructors
New York University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article

- 2023 “Abd al-Rahim Talebof’s Promotion of Nationality and National Sociopolitical Reforms in *Kitab-i Ahmad* (1890-1894)” in *International Journal of Persian Literature* (accepted for 2023)
- 2021 “Islamic Rule and Iranian Women in the Films of Hatef Alimardani” in *Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Multidisciplinary Studies*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17077/2168-538X.1128>
- 2020 “*Vaqaye’-e Ettefaqiyeh* (1851-1861) and the Education of the Iranian Nation in the Middle of the Nineteenth Century” in *Iran: Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies*
DOI: [10.1080/05786967.2020.1713022](https://doi.org/10.1080/05786967.2020.1713022)
- 2020 “The English through the Eyes of the Indians and Iranians: A Study of the First Persian Travelogues of England during the Modern Period” in *Studies in Travel Writing* (under review)

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

- 2020 “One Thousand Years of Persian Travel Writing and *Siyāhatnāmeḥ-ye Ebrāhīm Beyg* (1895) as *Safarnāmeḥ*” in *Routledge Handbook of Persian Literature*. Edited by Kamran Talattof (New York: Routledge, Forthcoming).

Translation

- 2019 *How to Read World Literature* by David Damrosch. Translated into Persian with a critical introduction. Tehran: SAMT, 2019.
- 2020 *Guzarish-i Safar Mirza Salih Shirazi* [The Travelogue of Mirza Salih Shirazi] (1813) by Mirza Salih Shirazi. Translation into English with a critical introduction. (In progress)

Book Review

- 2020 Review of *The Love of Strangers: What Six Muslim Students Learned in Jane Austen's London*, by Nile Green. *Iranian Studies*. DOI: [10.1080/00210862.2020.1717294](https://doi.org/10.1080/00210862.2020.1717294)
- 2016 Review of *After the American Century: The Ends of U. S. Culture in the Middle East*, by Brian T. Edwards. *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 33, no. 3 (Summer 2016): 126-30.
- 2015 Review of *A Critical Introduction to Khomeini*, ed. Arshin Adib-Moghaddam. *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 32, no. 3 (Summer 2015): 123-27.
- 2014 Review of *The Coup: 1953, the CIA, and the Roots of Modern U.S.-Iranian Relations*, by Ervand Abrahamian. *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 31, no. 2 (Spring 2014): 101-4.
- 2013 Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Iranian History*, ed. Touraj Daryaee. *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 30, no. 3 (Summer 2013): 107-11.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2019 “The Significance of Liberal Ideas in Iran’s Early Modern Reforms: The Case of Abd al-Rahim Talebof’s Treatise on Education.” *19th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference*, University of Arizona, Tucson, March 2019.
- 2018 “Religious Anxiety of the Iranian King in His Encounter with Christian Europe: A Reading of Nasir Al-Din Shah’s 19th Century European Travelogues” *7th Annual Ways of Knowing Graduate Conference on Science and Religion at Harvard Divinity School*, Harvard University, Cambridge, October 2018.
- 2018 “Formation of a New Historical Consciousness and the Rise of a Novelistic Narrative Discourse in Nineteenth Century Iran.” *12th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference*, University of California, Irvine, August 2018.
- 2018 “Nineteenth-Century Persian Travelogues and the Rise of Modern Geography in Iran.” *The Annual Southwest Graduate Conference*, University of Arizona, Tucson, March 2018.
- 2016 “Transforming Times in Mohammad Ali Jamalzadeh and Sa’di: A Chronotopic Analysis.” *50th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*, Boston, November 2016.

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

- 2018-2019 President, *Zaytoon* Journal Editor
Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Graduate Student Organization
University of Arizona, Tucson
- 2012-2016 Webmaster, *Zaytoon* Journal Editor
Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Graduate Student Organization
University of Arizona, Tucson

2013-2015 Persian Language Expert/ Online Quality Control Adviser
The Afghan Digitization Project
University of Arizona, Tucson

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Persian	Native Speaker
Arabic	Advanced Reading Knowledge
French	Advanced Reading Knowledge

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Society for Iranian Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies Association
- American Comparative Literature Association
- Modern Language Association