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Education

Degrees

Ph.D. International Relations, The American University	1985-1990
M.A. Political Science, Northeastern University	1983-1985
B.A. Political Science (<i>Magna cum laude</i>), Boston University	1981-1983

Postgraduate Training

Rockefeller Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas-Austin	1991-1992
Postdoctoral Fellowship: Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University	1990-1991

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Missouri University of Science and Technology 7/2022-present

Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education ([CASE](#))

Professor of [History and Political Science](#)

Rolla, Missouri

Responsibilities include:

- Overseeing 200 full-time faculty and staff and 800 students
- Overseeing more than 85 different academic options including certificates, minors, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, including two programs accredited by the American Chemical Society and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, plus a child development center, a STEM Education Center, and a biological research field station.
- Overseeing a college that produces 71,000 undergraduate and 5,300 student credit hours (SCH) annually.
- Providing budgeting and strategic financial planning for a college with an annual total budget of over \$21 million and annual research awards of over \$5 million
- Working collaboratively with 11 department chairs, 2 associate deans, and an 8-member Deans' Advisory Board as part of a shared governance model.

Committee Memberships at Missouri University of Science and Technology

- Chancellor Leadership Council, July 2022-present.
- Provost's Cabinet, July 2022-present.
- Chancellor's Speaker Series Committee, January 2023-present.
- Co-chair, Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, 2023
- Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Fall 2022.
- Missouri S&T Space Committee, November 2022-present.
- Remmer Special Artist/Lecturer Committee, Summer 2023-present.
- Task Force on Strategic Enrollment Management (Fall 2022).
- University Space Committee (Spring 2023-present).

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech [VT])

8/2019-6/2022

Director of School of Public and International Affairs ([SPIA](#)), Blacksburg, Arlington, and Richmond, Virginia ([ranked](#) in the top 15% of schools of public policy in the country)

Professor of [Government and International Affairs](#)

Responsibilities included:

- Recruiting, retaining, and supporting 60 faculty and staff
- Building and developing internal processes and a strong administrative team (8 full-time direct reports serving in such capacities as academic advisor, administrative operations coordinator, business manager, fiscal technician, graduate enrollment coordinator, IT manager, and manager of faculty and student affairs)
- Working collaboratively with 5 program chairs, 2 associate directors, a 10-member Executive Council, and a 7-member Advisory Board as part of a shared governance model.
- Program oversight for 400 undergraduate and graduate students (including 123 Ph.D. candidates) in a school that produces 9,000 student credit hours annually.
- Overseeing, developing, and supporting all academic units of the school including the Undergraduate Program, Urban Affairs and Planning (UAP), Center for Public Administration and Policy (CPAP), Government and International Affairs (GIA), and Institute for Policy and Governance, with a focus on inclusive and innovative programming
- Overseeing 14 undergraduate and graduate degrees or certificate programs, including two graduate programs accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) and the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB)
- Providing budgeting and strategic financial planning for a school with an annual total budget of over \$4.2 million and annual research expenditure of over \$2.3 million
- Reviewing and supporting facilities enhancement
- Building relationships to boost the educational, research, and outreach impact of SPIA and its resources
- Serving as department head and member of the admissions committee for the doctoral program in Planning, Governance, and Globalization
- Key initiatives carried out:
 - Winning the university's 2020 [Exemplary Department/Program award](#) for the theme of developing and sustaining effective approaches to teaching with a global perspective at the graduate or undergraduate levels
 - Overseeing the drafting of a 120-page academic program review and a 31-page Financial White Paper
 - Drafting a new comprehensive Promotion & Tenure Policy for the School (34 pages)
 - Launching a brand-new [National Security Executive Leadership Program](#)
 - Regularly publishing a monthly school [newsletter](#) since October 2019
 - Designing a new SPIA [website](#) and increasing monthly website traffic by 230%
 - Growing social media followers on various platforms: 28% on Facebook, 40% on Twitter, and 200% on LinkedIn
 - Increasing SPIA's "giving day" fundraising by 45% and improving the undergraduate alumni engagement rate
 - Introducing various new marketing & advertising initiatives + a new School tagline
 - Codifying various school policies
 - Enhancing financial transparency
 - Overseeing staff hiring and reorganization
 - Featuring alumni, students, and donors on the SPIA website and newsletter
 - Offering curriculum development grants to faculty
 - Offering financial assistance to students during the Covid-19 pandemic (2 years)
 - Reaching out to various research centers and institutes at VT to establish cooperation

Committee Memberships at Virginia Tech

University Exemplary Department or Program Award selection committee	Fall 2021
Advisory Committee, Science, Technology, and Engineering in Policy Program	2021-2022
Executive Committee, Real Estate Program	2020-2022
Academic Affairs Committee and the Stakeholders Committee of the Center of European Union, Transatlantic and Trans-European Space Studies	2020-2022
Committee Drafting Charter, National Security Institute	2020
Stakeholders Committee, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute	2020-2022
Department Heads Executive Committee	2019-2020
Executive Leadership Team , College of Architecture and Urban Studies	2019-2022
Expanded Leadership Team, College of Architecture and Urban Studies	2019-2022
Executive Committee (Chair), SPIA	2019-2022
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting Scholar, Center for Near Eastern Studies 	2017-2018
Syracuse University (SU)	1992- 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the University Leadership Team • Member of the Academic Strategic Plan Steering Committee • Provost Office, Inaugural Provost’s Faculty Fellow for Internationalization 	2015-2017 2014-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As the first person to hold this position, I was tasked with helping the university’s leadership articulate and implement an internationalization vision. I also met with representatives of various international universities (e.g., China, Cyprus, Greece), convened the meetings of SU’s “China Team,” and met with my counterparts at other universities (e.g., Cornell University). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair, Internationalization Council 	2016-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University-wide council that reported to the provost and was charged with furthering comprehensive internationalization by providing advice, information, feedback, and support on key topics and initiatives, such as pedagogy and curriculum, study abroad, international student recruitment and support and integration, and regional studies programs. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair, Academic Strategic Plan Working Group on Enhancing Internationalization 	2014-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Internationalization was one of the six principles of SU’s new academic strategic plan. I was deeply engaged in the development and implementation of this goal in the above roles which increased the international footprint of the university. ○ I was one of two lead drafters of SU’s strategic plan to strengthen internationalization. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syracuse University Representative to American Council on Education (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory 	2015-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Took an in-depth look at SU’s numerous international activities including study abroad, attracting international students, examining university partnerships, dual degree programs, curriculum internationalization, and faculty development. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syracuse University Representative to ACE’s Institute for Leading Internationalization 	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learned how to apply a comprehensive, versatile model of internationalization to the unique challenges and opportunities facing universities, and how to raise the visibility, and the importance of international goals by integrating them into the institution’s overall mission. 	

- Professor of [Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs](#) 2014-2019
 - [Department Chair](#) 2014-2017
 - Leadership responsibility for 33 full-time faculty, 3 full-time staff, and 12 adjunct faculty (second largest department at the Maxwell School)
 - Program oversight for 640 undergraduates and 65 Ph.D. students in a unit that produced 12,800 undergraduate credit hours and 1,000 graduate credit hours annually
 - Budgeting and strategic fiscal planning (\$2 million AY school-held salary budget, and \$100,000 annual operating budget)
 - Launched a number of key initiatives including starting PSC's Middle States Assessment review efforts (including an ideational exercise and SWOT analysis), adopting new graduate and undergraduate assessment plans, creating more 200-level and 400-level courses, codifying departmental policies, updating department's Faculty Procedures and Evaluation Policy, making departmental finances more transparent, analyzing discrepancies in salaries of male and female faculty colleagues, cleaning up (deactivating, regularizing, and approving for credit) list of course offerings, and updating the department's web page
 - Administered the hiring of five new assistant professors (three women) and two postdocs, as well as the promotion and tenure process of five faculty members.
 - Expanded total undergraduate credit hours taught by 6% during my term as chair.

- Associate Professor of Political Science 1998-2014
 - Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Political Science 2001-2004
 - Program oversight for over 50-65 Ph.D. and M.A. candidates each year
 - Chaired an admission committee reviewing 120-180 applications each year.
 - Oversaw the addition of ten new TA slots allocated to PSC by the Maxwell Dean to accommodate a record number of undergraduate majors.
 - Revised policy regarding the use of Research Assistants positions
 - Assigned six graduate students to serve as Research Assistants each year.
 - Redesigned the methods requirement for our PhD students.
 - Revised and codified policies regarding the Oral Qualifying Examinations and oversaw the exam process.
 - Provided reading lists for all PSC doctoral subfields to help students prepare for Oral Qualifying Examinations
 - Instituted the process of having the Graduate Studies Committee approve each student's "Program of Study" before clearing them to take the Oral Qualifying Examination
 - Started to bundle fellowships with summer research grants to attract better students.
 - Supervised the awarding of funding and departmental prizes.
 - Regularized a good number of graduate courses

- Assistant Professor of Political Science 1992-1998
- Affiliated Faculty, [Institute for Security Policy and Law](#) 2015-2019
- Founding Co-Director, Religion, Media & International Affairs Program 2006-2009
 - This three-year program, funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, created 10 new or revamped courses and 12 case studies to illustrate the vital role played by religion and religious beliefs in international affairs
 - Handled all budget/financial issues, hired all graduate assistants and case writers, edited, and commented on all 12 case studies, and wrote annual reports.
 - Organized an international conference entitled *Old and New Media, and the Changing Faces of Islam* which brought ten leading journalists and scholars to SU (2009)

- As the director, I was invited to be a member of the Social Science Research Council's (SSRC) Program on Religion & International Affairs (2007-10)
 - Joined a leading group of scholars assembled by SSRC to draft the book *Rethinking Religion and World Affairs* (Oxford University Press, 2012).

- Founding Director, [Middle Eastern Studies Program](#) (MESP) 2003-2014
 - Founded and led this interdisciplinary program for 11 years. Under my leadership, MESP grew to include 25 faculty members and became one of the most popular regional studies concentrations at SU.
 - Led the entire program and curriculum development process for MESP to offer a Major, Minor, and a Certificate of Advanced Study for Graduate Students (including approval by the New York State Department of Education)
 - Helped with the recruitment of ten new faculty members across the university.
 - Helped MESP faculty to regularize 35 courses and increased the number of our typical semester course offering from less than 12 in 2003 to 25 in 2013.
 - Organized conferences, lectures, language tables, film screening and published a total of 11 newsletters (2007-13)
 - Arranged for eight Middle Eastern visiting scholars to come to SU and spend anywhere between 4 to 24 months on campus.
 - Traveled to Bahrain, Lebanon, Kuwait, Turkey, and UAE to meet with donors and alumni, establish exchange relationships, and find internship placements.
 - Engaged in extensive community outreach.

Executive Leadership Training

[ACE Fellow](#)

[American Council on Education Fellow](#)

2017-2018

Host Institution: California State University, Northridge ([CSUN](#))

- Competitively selected by ACE for this premier preparation program for aspiring executive leaders committed to shaping the future of higher education. Engaged in workshops, orientation, campus visits (fifteen total), and the annual ACE conference. At CSUN, I observed and participated in the meetings of the President's Extended Cabinet, the Provost's Staff, the Senate, the University Foundation, and the Board of Trustees of the California State University System. Worked with President Dianne F. Harrison and Provost Yi Li on three student success projects.
- Mapped the three-year (2017-20) plans of all CSUN Colleges for CSUN *Shines for the Future Planning Priorities*, which defined the university's eight major goals
- Calculated targets for raising the graduation rates and reducing the achievement gap of full-time freshmen and full-time transfers in each college as part of efforts to reach the goals of *Graduation Initiative 2025*
- Created an inventory of the interventions and measurements adopted by each college in the following seven broad areas: Advisement; Curriculum, Enrollment & Scheduling; Faculty Support & Engagement; Retention, Equity Gap & Graduation; Staff Support & Engagement; Student Engagement & Belonging; and Student Mentoring, Tutoring and Online Education

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

1. *Post-revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook* (Syracuse University Press, 2018)
 - This 853-page political encyclopedia provides the most comprehensive collection of data on political life in post-revolutionary Iran, including biographical sketches of more than 2,300

- political personalities. It also provides an extensive chronology, coverage of 36 national elections, information on more than 400 legal and outlawed political organizations, and family ties among the elite.
- This book was the subject of a book review forum with five contributions in [Iranian Studies](#) 53, nos. 3-4 (May-August 2020), pp. 675-684.
 - Also reviewed in *Choice* (February 2019), [Middle East Quarterly](#) (Spring 2019), [Arab Weekly](#) (June 2018), and [Middle East Librarians Association](#) (April 2019), [MELA Notes](#) (2020).
2. (ed.), *Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and Theory of Statecraft* (Syracuse University Press, 2013; paperback edition 2017)
 - For this edited volume, I assembled a group of distinguished scholars to reinterpret concepts and canons of Islamic thinking in Arab, Persian, South Asian, and Turkish traditions. The book maintains that there is no unitary “Islamic” position on important issues of statecraft and governance. My own contribution included a single-authored introduction, and an original co-written chapter, “On Sa`di’s Treatise on Advice to the Kings.”
 - Reviewed in [American Journal of Islam and Society](#) (2015), [Journal of Islamic Studies](#) (2015), [Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies](#) (2016), [Journal of the American Oriental Society](#) (2021), [Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des](#) (2017).
 - [Turkish edition](#) (*Siyasetname: İslami Bir Devlet İdaresi Teorisi*), translated by Salim Korkmaz (Istanbul: al-Baraka, 2021).
 3. *Tarashidam, Parastidam, Shikastam: Guftarhay-i dar Siyasat va Huviyat-i Irani [I Carved, Worshipped and Shattered: Essays on Iranian Politics and Identity]* (Tehran: Nashr-e Negah-e Mo`aser, 2010)
 - This book encompasses a collection of 18 of my Persian-language essays that explore Iran’s intellectual history in the interwar period (1919-1939) and the post-1979 era.
 - Reviewed in *Iranian Studies*
 4. *Iranian Intellectuals and the West: Tormented Triumph of Nativism* (Syracuse University Press, 1996)
 - This book examined the works of ten thinkers seminal in defining modern Iranian identity.
 - Reviewed in [American Political Science Review](#), [Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science](#), [British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies](#), [Contemporary Sociology](#), [Foreign Affairs](#), [International History Review](#), [International Journal of Middle East Studies](#), [International Migration Review](#), [Iranian Studies](#), [Islamic Studies](#), [Journal of Islamic Studies](#), [Middle East Journal](#), [Middle East Studies Association Bulletin](#), [Middle Eastern Studies](#), [Midwest Book Review](#).
 - [Persian edition](#) (*Rawshanfikran-i Irani va gharb*) (Tehran: Farzan-e-Rooz, 1998). 1st and 2nd edition, 1998; 3rd edition, 1999; 4th edition, 2005; 5th edition, 2009; 6th edition 2013; 7th edition, 2017
 - [Turkish edition](#) (*Iran Entelektuelleri ve Batı*) (Istanbul: Yöneliş, 2002)
 - [Arabic edition](#) (*al-Mustanirun al-Iraniyun wa-al-Gharb*) (Beirut: Dar al-Hadi, 2007)

Journal Articles:

1. “[Generational Transformation of Iranian Political Elite](#)” (in Persian), *Iran Academia*, no. 14 (Winter 2023): 1-12.
2. “[The Unfolding of Unreason: Javad Tabatabai’s Idea of Political Decline in Iran](#),” with Alireza Shomali, *Iranian Studies* 48 (6), 2015: 949-965.

3. [“Bet on the Optimists: Prospects for Reform,”](#) *Foreign Service Journal*, June 2007: 26-31.
4. [“Iranian Nuclear Miasma,”](#) with Todd Fine (graduate student), *Syracuse Law Review* 57 (3), 2007: 619-635.
5. [“‘The West’ in the Eyes of the Iranian Intellectuals of the Interwar Years \(1919-1939\),”](#) *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 26 (3), 2006: 391-401.
6. [“Contesting Nationalist Constructions of Iranian Identity,”](#) *Critique: Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East* 12, Spring 1998: 43-55.
7. [“Challenges to the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Their Northern Neighbors: An Integrated View of Empirical Indicators,”](#) with Haleh Vaziri, *Iranian Journal of International Affairs* 10 (1-2), Spring/Summer 1998: 36-71.
8. [“Khatami’s Election: Implications for Iranian Politics,”](#) *The Middle East Economic Survey* 40 (31), August 4, 1997: D3-D5. Reprinted in John Calabrese, ed., *Iran’s Elections: Implications for U.S. Policy*, pp. 5-7 (Middle East Institute, 1997).
9. [“Iranian Islam and the Faustian Bargain of Western Modernity,”](#) *Journal of Peace Research* 34 (1), February 1997: 1-5.
10. [“Iran’s Intellectual Panorama.”](#) *Bulletin of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis* 11 (3), Spring 1996: 22-24.
11. [“Rethinking the Third World,”](#) with Ali Mirsepassi, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 5 (1), 1993: 51-58.

Book Chapters:

1. [“Rethinking the Legacy of Intellectual-Statesmen in Iran,”](#) in Ramin Jahanbegloo, ed., *Mapping the Role of Intellectuals in Iranian Modern and Contemporary History* (Lexington Books, 2020), pp. 111-127. Persian translation [“Baznegariye Mirase Dowlatmardan Rowshanfekr dar Iran”] appeared in *Qalamyaran*, no. 23, pp. 71-75.
2. “Iran,” in Ellen Lust, ed., *The Middle East*, 16th edition (Sage/Congressional Quarterly, 2023), pp. 443-470 [Earlier versions appeared in the 15th, 14th, 13th and 12th editions].
3. [“The Office of the Supreme Leader: Epicenter of a Theocracy,”](#) with Kouros Rahimkhani (graduate student), in Daniel Brumberg and Farideh Farhi, eds., *Power and Change in Iran: Politics of Contention and Conciliation*, pp. 135-65 (Indiana University Press, 2016).
4. [“On Sa’di’s Treatise on Advice to the Kings,”](#) with Alireza Shomali, in Mehrzad Boroujerdi, ed., *Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and Theory of Statecraft*, pp. 45-81 (Syracuse University Press, 2013).
5. “Introduction,” in Mehrzad Boroujerdi, ed., *Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and Theory of Statecraft*, pp. 1-15 (Syracuse University Press, 2013).
6. [“Islam and the Promenades of Global Media,”](#) with Nicole J. Allem (graduate student), in Timothy S. Shah, Alfred Stepan, and Monica D. Toft, eds., *Rethinking Religion and World Affairs*, pp. 217-28 (Oxford University Press, 2012).

7. "[Humble Secularism](#)," in Ramin Jahanbegloo, ed., *Civil Society and Democracy in Iran*, pp. 119-26 (Lexington Books, 2012).
8. "[Iran's Power Structure](#)," and "[Iran's Political Elite](#)," with Kourosh Rahimkhani (graduate student), in Robin Wright, ed., *The Iran Primer: Power, Politics and U.S. Policy*, pp. 219-26 (United States Institute of Peace/Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2010).
9. "[Why and What Do We Compare? The Story of Revolution and Democratization](#)," in *College Board Advanced Placement Government and Politics: Comparative: 2005-06 Professional Development Workshop Materials*, pp. 30-44 (The College Board, 2005).
10. "[The Reformist Movement in Iran](#)," in Daniel Heradstveit and Helge Hveem, eds., *Oil in the Gulf: Obstacles to Democracy and Development*, pp. 63-71 (Ashgate, 2004). German translation: "Die Reformbewegung in Iran," *Sowi: Das Journal für Geschichte, Politik, Wirtschaft und Kulture*, pp. 37-44 (February 2005)].
11. "[Triumphs and Travails of Authoritarian Modernization in Iran](#)," in Stephanie Cronin, ed., *The Making of Modern Iran: State and Society under Riza Shah, 1921-1941*, pp. 146-54 (Routledge, 2003).
12. "[The Ambivalent Modernity of Iranian Intellectuals](#)," in Negin Nabavi, ed., *Intellectual Trends in Twentieth-Century Iran: A Critical Survey*, pp. 11-23 (University Press of Florida, 2003).
13. "[Subduing Globalization: The Challenge of the Indigenization Movement](#)," in Richard Grant and John R. Short, eds., *Globalization and the Margins*, pp. 39-49 (Palgrave, 2002). Reprinted in Birgit Schäubler and Leif Stenberg, eds., *Globalization and the Muslim World: Culture, Religion and Modernity*, pp. 30-38 (Syracuse University Press, 2004).
14. "[The Paradoxes of Politics in Post-revolutionary Iran](#)," in John L. Esposito and R. K. Ramazani, eds., *Iran at the Crossroads*, pp. 13-27 (Palgrave, 2001).
15. "[Continuities and Discontinuities in Modern Iranian Intellectual Thought](#)," in Haleh Esfandiari, Andrea Bertone and Farideh Farhi, eds., *Intellectual Change and the New Generation of Iranian Intellectuals*, pp. 13-18 (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2000). Turkish translation: "Modern Iran Entelektüel Düşüncesinde Süreklilikler ve Kopuşlar," *Dogudan* (January-February 2008).
16. "[Can Islam be Secularized?](#)" in M.R. Ghanoonparvar and Faridoun Farrokh, eds., *In Transition: Essays on Culture and Identity in the Middle Eastern Society*, pp. 55-64 (Texas A&M International University Press, 1994).
17. "The Encounter of Post-Revolutionary Thought in Iran with Hegel, Heidegger and Popper," in Serif Mardin, ed., *Cultural Transitions in the Middle East*, pp. 236-59 (E.J. Brill, 1994).
18. "[Gharbzadegi: The Dominant Intellectual Discourse of Pre and Post-revolutionary Iran](#)," in Samih K. Farsoun and Mehrdad Mashayekhi, eds., *Iran: Political Culture in the Islamic Republic*, pp. 30-56 (Routledge, 1992).

Book Reviews:

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2. [Discussion](#) of *The Shadow Commander: Soleimani, the U.S., and Iran's Global Ambitions* by Arash Azizi, New York University, virtual book review, March 1, 2021.
3. [Review](#) of *After Khomeini: Iran Under His Successors*, by Said Amir Arjomand, *Iran's Intellectual Revolution*, by Mehran Kamrava, and *Democracy in Modern Iran: Islam, Culture, and Political Change*, by Ali Mirsepassi. *Perspectives on Politics* 9 (3), September 2011, pp. 729-31.
4. [Review](#) of *Reinventing Khomeini: The Struggle for Reform in Iran*, by Daniel Brumberg. *American Political Science Review* 96 (4), December 2002, pp. 843-44.
5. [Review](#) of *Being Modern in Iran*, by Fariba Adelkhah. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis* 18 (1), April 2002, pp. 90-95.
6. [Review](#) of *Revolutionary Iran: Civil Society and State in the Modernization Process*, by Masoud Kamali. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 35 (1), Summer 2001, pp. 117-18.
7. [Review](#) of *Reason, Freedom, and Democracy in Islam*, by Abdolkarim Soroush. *Middle East Journal* 55 (3), Summer 2001, pp. 519-20.
8. [Review](#) of *Iranian Intellectuals in the 20th Century*, by Ali Gheissari. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis* 16 (1), April 2000, pp. 135-36.
9. [Review](#) of *Secularization of Iran: A Doomed Failure? New Middle Class and the Making of Modern Iran*, by Azadeh Kian-Thiebaut. *Middle East Journal* 54 (1), Winter 2000, pp. 126-27.
10. [Review](#) of *The Constitution of Iran: Politics and the State in the Islamic Republic*, by Asghar Schirazi. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 32, Winter 1998, pp. 260-1.
11. [Review](#) of *Iran and the Muslim World: Resistance and Revolution*, by Nikki R. Keddie. *Contemporary Sociology* 25, September 1996, pp. 628-29.
12. [Review](#) of *Rethinking Middle East Politics*, by Simon Bromley. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 28, May 1996, pp. 259-61.
13. [Review](#) of *After Khomeini: New Directions in Iran's Foreign Policy*, by K. L. Afrasiabi. *Middle East Journal* 50, Spring 1996, pp. 274-75.
14. [Review](#) of *The Political History of Modern Iran: From Tribalism to Theocracy*, by Mehran Kamrava. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 26, May 1994, pp. 315-16.
15. [Review](#) of *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Shah*, by Mark J. Gasiorowski, and *American Presidents and the Middle East*, by George Lenczowski. *American Political Science Review* 86, December 1992, pp. 1102-3.
16. [Review](#) of *Khomeini's Forgotten Son's: The Story of Iran's Boy Soldiers*, by Ian Brown, and *The Longest War: The Iran-Iraq Military Conflict*, by Dilip Hiro. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 26, July 1992, pp. 87-89.
17. [Review](#) of *Iran and the International Community*, by Anoushiravan Ehteshami and Manshour Varasteh. *Middle East Journal* 46, Spring 1992, pp. 322-23.

18. [Review](#) of *Islamic Fundamentalism in Egyptian Politics*, by Barry Rubin. *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 21, Spring 1992, pp. 130-1.
19. [Review](#) of *Social Origins of the Iranian Revolution*, by Misagh Parsa. *Iranian Studies* 23, 1990, pp.112-14.

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2. "Hizbullah in Iran," in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, vol. 2, pp. 129-30 (Oxford University Press, 1995).

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2. "[Everything you need to know about the six candidates in Iran's presidential election](#)," *Atlantic Council* (June 17, 2024).
3. "Leading Members of Parliament in Iran," (in Persian) *Iran Emrooz* (April 5, 2024).
4. "[Iran's Faustian 2024 Elections: Statistics Tell the Story](#)," *Stimson Center* (March 4, 2024). Persian translation in *Iran Emrooz*.
5. "[Review of Peter Katzenstein's Civilizational Politics in World Affairs Trilogy](#)," Social Science Research Network (December 12, 2023).
6. "[Intellectuals, Literature, and Publishing Houses in Iran: 1960-1990](#)," Social Science Research Network (September 24, 2023).
7. "[Plight of Threatened Iranian and Afghan Scholars and Students](#)," Social Science Research Network (September 9, 2023).
8. "[Iran's generational leadership change](#)," *Chatham House* (May 16, 2023).
9. "[Sunnis in Iran: Protesting Against Decades of Discrimination and Repression](#)," The Washington Institute for Near East Policy (November 21, 2022).
10. "[Who's on Iran's current nuclear negotiating team? Some have controversial pasts](#)," *The Atlantic Council Blog* (January 11, 2022).
11. "[Iran's 2021 Presidential Election](#)," *Trends Research* (June 30, 2021).
12. "[What will Raisi's cabinet look like? Hardline and full of war vets](#)," *The Atlantic Council Blog* (June 23, 2021).
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14. "[Will Soleimani's Killing Lead To A Wider Conflict?](#)" Radio Farda (January 3, 2020).

15. [“The U.S. and Iran Are Stirring a Recipe for Conflict,”](#) *US News and World Report* (June 20, 2019).
16. [“Ebrahim Raisi: Iran’s New Chief Justice and Possible Supreme Leader in Waiting,”](#) *The Atlantic Council Blog* (March 11, 2019).
17. [“Javad Zarif Returns-to a Foreign Ministry Still Out in the Cold: Iran’s Top Diplomat Vies for Authority,”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (March 6, 2019).
18. [“The Tough Truth about the Iran Protests: There’s Little We Can Do to Make Things Better, and Trump Has Squandered His Credibility,”](#) *New York Daily News* (January 2, 2018).
19. [“The Centrality of Tehran in Iranian Sociopolitical Life,”](#) (Irvine, CA: Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, University of California – Irvine) (2015), pp. 1-8.
20. [“Seizing the Opportunity with Iran,”](#) (with Louis Kriesberg), *Syracuse University Institute for National Security and Counter-Terrorism blog* (February 6, 2014)
21. [“A Candid Discussion with Mehrzad Boroujerdi,”](#) *Foreign Policy Association* (23 May 2013)
22. [“Negotiation is Still the Best Option: Revisiting the Iranian Nuclear Issue,”](#) with Todd Fine, *Syracuse Law Review* (2012).
23. [“Khamenei Consolidates Control Amid Other Power Shifts,”](#) United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Blog, *The Iran Primer* (8 June 2012).
24. [“Revolutionary Guards Soar in Parliament,”](#) with Kourosh Rahimkhani (graduate student), USIP Blog *The Iran Primer* (19 September 2011).
25. [“Iran's New Foreign Minister: Ali Akbar Salehi,”](#) USIP Blog *The Iran Primer* (31 January 2011).
26. Member, United States Institute of Peace-Stimson Center Iran Study Group, [Engagement, Coercion, and Iran’s Nuclear Challenge: Report of a Joint Study Group on US-Iran Policy,](#) Summer/Fall 2010.
27. [“Violent Politics But Not yet a Revolution in Iran,”](#) *Khaleej Times* [Dubai], (23 February 2010).
28. [“Iran’s Potato Revolution,”](#) *Foreign Policy* (12 May 2009).
29. [“The Ayatollah and Ahmadinejad: Interview with Mehrzad Boroujerdi,”](#) *The Politic.org* [Yale University’s Undergraduate Journal of Politics] (7 November 2008).
30. [“Ignore Iran's Exile Dream Merchants,”](#) with Geneive Abdo, *The Daily Star* [Beirut] (24 June 2008).
31. Member, working group drafting [“Joint Experts’ Statement on Iran,”](#) Spring and Summer 2008.
32. [“Iran’s March 14, 2008 Majlis Elections,”](#) Viewpoint Moderator, *Middle East Institute* (13 March 2008).

33. "[The Paradoxes of Pakistan](#)," in *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion and the Public Sphere*, (30 December 2007). Reprinted as "Another Moment of Truth in Pakistan," [*Syracuse Post-Standard* (6 January 2008), pp. E1, 4.
34. "Will Iran Agree to Talk to U.S.?" *The [Syracuse] Post-Standard* (10 December 2006), p. E1.
35. "Letter to the Editor: Story on Iranian Bomb Fanned Flames of Discord," *The [Syracuse] Post-Standard* (29 April 2004), p. A17.
36. "[Viewing Violence and Terrorism in a Larger Context](#)." *Syracuse University Magazine* 18 (4), Winter 2001-02, 42-4. Reprinted in *Maxwell Perspective* 12 (1), Fall 2001, 10-1.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate courses:

- Graduate Internship in Politics, News & Public Policy (London, UK)
- International Conflict and Peace
- International Relations of the Middle East
- Master of Social Science Residency Seminar
- Middle East Geopolitics
- Politics of the Developing World
- Politics of the Middle East
- Practicum in International Organizations (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Religion, Media, and International Relations (team-taught)
- Social Theory & the Middle East

Undergraduate courses:

- Comparative Politics (regular and Honors)
- Freshman Forum
- Global Community (team-taught)
- International Political Economy
- Introduction to International Relations (regular and Honors)
- Introduction to Political Culture and Practice (Honors)
- Introduction to Political Research
- Islam and Politics in Asia
- Political Conflict
- Politics of Iran
- Politics and Media in England (London, UK)
- Politics of the Middle East
- Representations of the Middle East
- Road to Democracy in the Muslim World (Istanbul, Turkey and Dubai, UAE)

Executive Education Courses:

- National Security Executive Leadership

Other Professional Appointments

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|---|-----------|
| Member of the Board of Directors, Near East Foundation (NEF) | 2010-2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEF is the United States' oldest (founded in 1915) nonsectarian international development non-governmental organization | |
| Non-Resident Scholar in Public Policy, Middle East Institute | 2005-16 |

- Founded in 1946, MES is a preeminent think tank concentrating on Middle East politics in Washington, DC

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING

Total External and SU Grants for Personal Research: \$316,187
Total Funds raised for various academic initiatives: \$1,305,000

For Personal Research:

Persian Heritage Foundation (\$8,000)	2023
The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (\$4,950) Jack Shand Research Grant	2022
Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund (\$25,000) Vartan Gregorian Research Grant	2022
Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University (\$3,104) Andrew Berlin Family National Security Research Fund	2018
Violet Jabara Charitable Trust (\$20,000) Principal Investigator (PI): “ <i>Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook</i> ”	2016
Princeton University’s Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies (\$5,000) Co-PI for “Iran Data Portal Support Grant” (with Professor Mirjam Kuenkler)	2014
Social Science Research Council (\$142,000) Co-PI for “Iran Social Science Information Project” (with Professor Mirjam Kuenkler) (two back-to-back awards)	2009-2011
United States Institute of Peace (\$81,133) PI for “Iran's Heavenly Chorus: The Political Elite of a Theocratic State”	2008-2009
Conference Grant, “Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and the Theory of Statecraft” Syracuse University Ray Smith Symposium (\$12,000)	2005
Appleby-Mosher Fund Grants, Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University \$5,000 total for five separate grants	1988-2006

For Academic Initiatives:

Merrick & Company (\$10,000) Sponsorship grant for the National Security Executive Education Program, VT	2021
Carnegie Corporation of New York (\$20,000) Grant to support a conference on Iranian foreign policy decision making and negotiation held at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC	2014
Association for Iranian Studies As President of the organization, I raised over \$60,000 from Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, Foundation for Iranian Studies, McGill University, Concordia University,	

Tourisme Montreal, and private donors for the 2014 biennial conference of the association held in Montreal	2014
Private Donors (\$500,000) Raised funds from SU alumni and used the endowed funds to support the Middle Eastern Studies Program	2006-2014
Social Science Research Council (\$50,000) Co-PI for “The Shari’a, Laws of War and Post-Conflict Justice Project” (with Professors William Banks and Keith Bybee), Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, SU	2011-2013
United States Department of Education (\$179,000) Co-PI for “Strengthening the Middle Eastern Studies Program at Syracuse University,” Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (with Professor Miriam Elman)	2009-2011
Henry R. Luce Foundation (\$370,000) Co-PI for “Religion, Media and International Affairs” (with Professors Tazim Kassam and Gustav Niebuhr)	2006-2009
Institute of International Education (\$125,000) PI, Scholar Rescue Fund Matching-sum Fellowship Grants. These funds allowed me to bring four persecuted Middle Eastern scholars to SU.	2004-2008, 2016
Council for International Exchange of Scholars Fulbright Visiting Specialist Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World	2004
Syracuse University	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the team that designed and developed the Leaders of Democracy Fellows program proposal to the U.S. Department of State’s Middle East Partnership Initiative which led to a multi-million-dollar nine-year program; also lead faculty for the Politics of the Middle East element of the program 2007-2016 • “Middle Eastern Studies Student Welcoming Event,” SU College of Arts & Sciences 2008 • Chancellor’s Feinstone Grant for “Middle Eastern Film Series,” Multicultural Affairs Office (\$1,000) 2006-2007 • Summer Project Assistantship Grant, Office of Associate Dean for Sponsored Research, Maxwell School 2005 • Research Assistant Grant, Political Science Department 2004 • Faculty Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship 2002-2003 • “Islam and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” grant from the Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts 1999 	
Distinctions	
2020 Virginia Tech Exemplary Department or Program Award for the theme of developing and sustaining effective approaches to teaching with a global perspective at the graduate or undergraduate levels, <i>Award received on behalf of the School of Public and International Affairs</i> , Virginia Tech, \$10,000	2020
Recipient of the 2019 Middle Eastern Studies Program’s Teaching Excellence Award, Syracuse University, \$500	2019

Inaugural Recipient of O’Hanley Faculty Scholar Award , <i>Fund was given for five years in recognition of contribution to research, service and teaching</i> , Syracuse University, \$18,000	2014
Outstanding Service Award, Institute of International Education, Scholar Rescue Fund	2011
Certificate of Recognition, College Board, in appreciation for my service to the Advanced Placement (AP) Program as a member of the AP Comparative Government & Politics Development Committee from 2004 to 2008	2008
Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award , <i>for outstanding teaching, research and service by a junior faculty member</i> , Maxwell School, Syracuse University, \$3,000	1998
Best Dissertation Award <i>in the field of Iranian Studies</i> , Foundation for Iranian Studies, \$1,000	1990
Fred Nothman Award for Academic Excellence, American University, \$500	1990
Outstanding Scholarship Award in Middle Eastern Studies, American University	1989
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, School of International Service, American Univ.	1989-1990
Graduate Student Council Summer Research Award, The American University	1989
Graduate (PhD) Fellowship, School of International Service, American University	1985-1989
Graduate (M.A.) Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Northeastern Univ.	1983-1985

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Member of Board of Consulting Editors. Freedom of Thought Journal (in Persian)	2022-present
Editorial Board Member. IRAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies 	2019-present
Editorial Board Member. Iranian Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagship peer-reviewed journal in the field of Iranian studies published by the Association for Iranian Studies 	2015-present
Book Review Editor. International Journal of Middle East Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During my tenure, I commissioned and published 187 book reviews in this flagship journal in the field of Middle Eastern Studies. 	2002-2007
Founding Editor. Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During my tenure, I published 37 books in this interdisciplinary book series published by Syracuse University Press. 	1996-2014
Editorial Board Member. Syracuse University Press	1995-1998

SERVICE

Syracuse University:

Graduate School Review Committee for the Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowship	2016-2017
SU Senate [Chancellor’s representative]	2015-2017
SU Senate [elected member]	2018-2019, 2010-2014, 2002-2006
Senate Committees on Instruction	2015-2017
Senate Committee on Academic Affairs	2012-2015, 2018-2019

Senate Committee on Appointments and Promotions	2010-2011
Senate Committee on Student Life	2002-2006
Senate ad hoc Committee on Centers and Institutes	2018-2019
Risk Assessment Committee for students traveling to the Middle East, SU Abroad	2011-2012
Task Force to plan and implement a new study abroad program in cooperation with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey	2010-2011
SU Humanities Council, College of Arts & Sciences	2006-2009
Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Arabic Language and Linguistics, Department of Languages, Literature and Linguistics	2008
Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, 2006-07	
Search Committee, Director of International Relations, Maxwell School	2005-2006
Provost Ad-hoc committee to plan for “Small World/Big Divides” Symposium	2006
Task Force on Future of the International Relations Program	2006
Turkey Site Exploration Committee [inspecting Turkish universities to assess partnership]	2006
National Security Education Program (NSEP) Campus Review Committee	2006
Search Committee for Vice Chancellor and Provost	2006
Renee Crown Honors Program Committee defining “Global Awareness”	2004-2005
Search Committee, Director of the Program on Analysis of Resolution and Conflict	2004-2005
Search Committee, Director of the Renee Crown Honors Program	2003-2004
SU Fulbright Candidate Review Committee	2002-2004
Search Committee, Middle East Historian, History Department	2003
Maxwell School’s Grade Appeal Committee	2002
Scholarship & Research Committee, College of Arts & Sciences	1997-2000
Search Committee, Maxwell School’s Director of Development	1998

Political Science Department Service, SU:

Department Chair	August 2014-July 2017
Faculty Search Committee	2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2018
Doctoral Program Ad Hoc Review Committee	2004-2005
Director of Graduate Studies	2001-2004
Graduate Admissions Committee (Chair)	2001-2004
Graduate Studies Committee (Chair)	2000-2004
Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee	2000, 2003, 2005-2008, 2012-2014
Teaching Mentor to PhD Students	1999, 2000-2002, 2007, 2013
Qualifying Exam Committee, Comparative Politics	1998, 2001-2003, 2005-2007, 2009-2012, 2014
Promotion & Tenure Committee	1997-2001
Graduate Enrollment Committee	1997
Committee on Teaching	1998
Committee on Mentoring	1995-1996

ADVISING

Dissertation Committees, students’ current academic appointments, and year completed

Committee Chair:

- Sefa Secen, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Nazareth University 2022
- Abolghasem Bayyemat, postdoctoral fellow, Belfer Center, Harvard University 2019
- Anirban Acharya, professor of practice, Lemoyne College 2018
- Drew H. Kinney (received Best Dissertation Award), visiting assistant professor, Colgate University 2018
- Massimo Ramioli, visiting professor position, Al-Akawayn University (Morocco) 2017
- Alireza Shomali, professor of political science, Wheaton College (MA) 2006
- Paul R. Edelman, professor of political science, Sauk Valley Community College 2004
- Marian Paules, independent scholar 2003

- Traci Fordham, inclusive learning manager, Portland Community College 2002
- Peter Mameli, associate professor of public management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice 1998

Committee Member:

- Ebrahim Soltani, associate professor of political science, Eastern Michigan University 2017
- Mike Makara, associate professor of political science, University of Central Missouri 2014
- Ioana (Emy) Matesan, associate professor of government, Wesleyan University (CT) 2014
- Deepa Prakash, Frank L. Hall professor of political science, DePauw University 2013
- Sarah Marusek, research associate, University of Johannesburg 2012
- Daniel Miller, professor of humanities, Landmark College 2010
- Karen Culcasi, associate professor of geography, West Virginia University 2008
- Marie Agen, former Catholic Campus Minister at SUNY – Cortland 1997
- James E. Rinehart, former professor of international relations at Troy University (deceased) 1993

Member of MA Thesis Committee for the following 13 students:

- Mohamad Athar 2019
- Christine M. Fandrich 2011
- Julia Barth-Knowles 2004
- Karen Culcasi 2003
- Jelena Subotic 2001
- Kevin Kanesaka 2001
- Tilla McAnthony 2001
- Suzanne Archuleta 2000
- Margaret A. McPhee 1997
- Allison Riley 1997
- Anne M. Larson 1994
- Kristen S. Smith 1994
- Ahmet Sozen 1993

Member of 17 Undergraduate Capstone, Distinction and Honors Theses Committees (since tenure)

Independent Study Supervision with the following 8 students:

- Mohamad Athar 2018
- Juliann Merryman 2013
- Amanda Claypool 2013
- Marwa Eltagouri 2013
- Cheline S. Schroeder 2012
- Jacob Cramer 2010
- Artin Afkhami 2008
- Evan M. Linhardt 2008

Faculty Advisor for The Persian Student Association	2008-2014
Graduate Certificate in Middle Eastern Affairs Advisor	2008-2014
Lower Division Undergraduate Advisor	1992-1997, 1998-2002, 2004-2005, 2007-2008, 2011-2012
Summer Faculty Advisor	1995-1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007
Undergraduate Middle Eastern Studies Major and Minor Advisor	2003-2014
Undergraduate Political Science Major Advisor	1992-1997, 2000-2006
Undergraduate Political Science Honors Advisor	1998-2000
Undergraduate Research Program Sponsor	1995-1997

Service to Academy

Reviewer for research manuscripts submitted to:

- *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*
- *Comparative Politics*
- *Critique: Journal of the Middle East*
- *Digest of Middle East Studies*
- *Harvard Middle Eastern & Islamic Review*
- *International Journal of Middle East Studies*
- *International Studies Perspectives*
- *International Studies Quarterly*
- *Iran: Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies*
- *Iran Nameh*
- *Iranian Studies*
- *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis*
- *Journal of Persianate Studies*
- *Middle East Journal*
- *Nation and Nationalism*
- *New Political Science*
- *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion*
- *Parliamentary Affairs*
- *Perspectives on Politics*
- *Political Science Quarterly*
- *PS: Political Science & Politics*
- *Qualitative Sociology*
- *Strategic Asia*

Reviewer for book manuscripts and book proposals submitted to:

- Cambridge University Press
- Congressional Quarterly Press
- Johns Hopkins University Press
- Mazda Press
- New York University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics
- Palgrave Macmillan
- Polity Press
- Sage
- Stanford University Press
- State University of New York Press
- Syracuse University Press
- University of Kansas Press
- University of North Carolina Press
- University of Texas Press
- Yale University Press

Reviewer for proposals submitted to:

- Academy for Educational Development
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Science Foundation

Reviewer of Award applications submitted to:

- Abdullah Yabroudi Award Committee, Middle Eastern Studies Program, SU, 2007-10
- Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award Selection Committee, Maxwell School, 2007
- Research Council of Norway, Outstanding Young Investigators, 2004
- International Affairs Merit Review Panel and National Nominating Panel for NSEP's David L. Boren Graduate Fellowships, Academy for Educational Development, 2001-02
- Scholarship Selection Committee, Children of Persia Foundation, 2011

Promotion /Tenure Assessments

Promotion / tenure assessment, University of Haifa	2021
Promotion / tenure assessment, Indiana University	2021
Promotion / tenure assessment, Wheaton College	2019
Promotion / tenure assessment, Texas A&M University	2017
Promotion / tenure assessment, Moravian College	2014
Promotion / tenure assessment, Hampshire College	1999

Web Portal:

Co-founder, [Iran Data Portal](#). Since its launch in 2011, the Iran Data Portal has become the most visited website for social science data on post-revolutionary Iran, with now over 4,700 visitors and over 6,300 page-views each month

SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

Member of the Program Committee for MESA's 50th anniversary conference, Boston, MA, November 17-20 2016

International Society for Iranian Studies [now renamed Association for Iranian Studies]

President (elected by members) 2012-2014

- Founded in 1967, AIS is the leading professional association devoted to the field of Iranian Studies in the Western world. As President, I oversaw the daily operations of this 700-plus member organization for two years, codified rules, procedures and guidelines for uniformity and transparency, organized a conference in Montreal with over 400 participants-presenters from over 20 countries, negotiated a new contract with the publisher of the organization's journal, relaunched a bi-annual newsletter and put online the entire archive of previous issues (dating back to 1969), created a new Facebook page for the organization, increased individual and institutional memberships, and secured funding for a new dissertation award.

Chair of the Nominating Committee for electing of top officials 2023

Administrator of the Association's Facebook Page 2014-2021

Member of Executive Council 1991-2001, 2014-2016

Iranian Studies, Best Published Article Selection Committee 2006

Co-Chair of Membership Committee 2005

American Institute of Iranian Studies

Institutional Trustee 2008-2014

Social Science Research Council

Member, Program on Religion & International Affairs 2007-2010

International Studies Association (ISA)

Member of Advisory Board. *International Studies Review*, quarterly peer-reviewed subject matter journal published by ISA 2004-2006

Educational Testing Services/College Board

Online Tutor, "Teaching Iran as part of AP Comparative," tutorial for AP Teachers organized by College Board, December	2006
Representative, Advanced Placement (AP) Comparative Government and Politics Development Committee, AP National Conference	2005
Member, Development Committee for the Advanced Placement Comparative Government & Politics Course & Examination	2004-2008
Member, AP Comparative Government Working Group	2003-2004

Research Council of Norway

Member, Steering Committee for the Project on "Islam, Ethnicity and Geo-Politics along the Persian Gulf-Caspian Sea Axis"	2001-2003
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Center for Iranian Research and Analysis

Annual Conference Program Chair, Villanova University	1994
Member of Executive Board	1992-1998

CONFERENCE PAPERS (select list)

• British Society for Middle Eastern Studies	1998, 2018
• Association for Iranian Studies	2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2022
• Princeton University	2000, 2015
• Tel Aviv University	2013
• University of Toronto	2010
• Lake Forest College	2010
• Middle East Studies Association	1991, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2010
• Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	2009
• SUNY Stony Brook	2008
• School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London	1999, 2006
• Harvard University	1999, 2000, 2005
• Yale University	2005
• Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars	2000
• Georgetown University	1999
• International Studies Association	1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998
• Institute for Political and International Studies conference, Tehran	1996
• Center for Iranian Research and Analysis	1988, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995
• The American University, Washington, DC	1989
• Eastern Sociological Society	1989

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES (Panel Chair, Moderator, Discussant, and Organizer)

• Middle East Studies Association	1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2016, 2020
• Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, SU	2009
• Association for Iranian Studies	1998, 2002, 2006
• Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars	2000, 2002
• Center for Iranian Research and Analysis	1995, 1997, 2001
• Texas Association of Middle East Scholars	1992

INVITED LECTURES (select list)

- Northeastern Illinois University & University of Arkansas 2023
- Santa Clara University 2023
- Concordia University, Canada 2023
- University of Missouri – Columbia [2022](#)
- University of Alberta, Canada [2021, 2023](#)
- University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign 2020
- Stanford University 2010, 2018, 2019
- Virginia Tech Middle East Working Group 2019
- UCLA [2007](#), 2016, 2018, 2023
- University of London 2016, 2018
- Atlantic Council 2018, [2021](#)
- Yale University 2017
- California State University, Northridge 2017
- University of Michigan 2014, 2017
- SUNY – Cortland 2009, 2017
- Chapman University 2016
- Harvard University 1991, 1996, 2016
- St. John Fisher College 2015
- University of California – Irvine 2015
- Center for Strategic and International Studies 2014
- Stimson Center 2014
- Mississippi State University 2013
- Shaw Air Force Base 2013
- Trinity University, TX 2013
- Foreign Service Institute 2012
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace 2012
- Hamilton College 2012
- University of Oklahoma 2012
- United States Institute of Peace 2011, 2012
- Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 2010, 2012
- National Defense University 2009, 2012
- Middle East Institute, Washington, DC 1997, 1998, 2000, 2012, [2024](#)
- New York University 2011
- University of Memphis 2011
- Wheaton College, MA 2011
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2010
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars 2010
- Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo 2010
- Brookings Institution 2008, 2010
- Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Doha, Qatar 2009, [2021](#)
- Colgate University 2009
- Cornell University 2009
- International Center for Journalists 2008
- Brandeis University 2008
- United States Naval War College 2008

- Ithaca College 2007
- Keene State College 2007
- Princeton University 2007
- Army War College 2006
- Tel Aviv University 2006
- SUNY – Oswego 2005
- University of Toronto 2004
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges 2003
- Claremont Graduate University 2002
- Columbia University 1999
- Georgetown University 1999
- National Academy of Sciences 1999
- University of California – Berkeley 1998

CONSULTANCIES

- Academy for Educational Development
- Amentum Corporation
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Camber Corporation
- College Board
- Educational Testing Services
- Human Rights Watch
- InterMedia Survey Institute
- L-3 Communications
- Leidos
- Merrill Lynch
- Statoil
- Zogby International

PRESS APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS, AND QUOTATIONS (selective list with 2021 interviews listed in detail):

National Outlets:

- Associated Press ([11/11/22](#))
- *Atlantic Monthly*
- Augusta Free Press
- Bloomberg & Bloomberg TV
- Bridges TV
- CBS Evening News
- *Christian Science Monitor*
- *Chronicle of Higher Education*
- *Daily Orange* [student newspaper at Syracuse University]
- Dow Jones Wire Service
- Free Speech Radio News
- *Houston Chronicle*
- *International Herald Tribune*
- Inter Press Service

- *Los Angeles Times*
- *Maxwell [School] Perspective*
- McClatchy Newspaper Service
- NationalJournal.com
- National Public Radio ([6/13/2021](#), [6/17/2021](#) and [8/19/2021](#), [10/15/2023](#))
- *New Hampshire Union Leader*
- *New Lines Magazine* ([1/22/2024](#))
- *Newsweek* ([3/17/2021](#))
- *New Yorker*
- *New York Times* ([2/9/2021](#), [4/16/2021](#), [8/5/2021](#))
- PassBlue ([11/22/22](#))
- PolitiFact
- Responsible Statecraft
- Reuters
- *St. Louis Dispatch*
- [Syracuse] *Post-Standard*
- *Syracuse University Magazine*
- Think Progress
- United Press International
- *USA Today*
- Voice of America
- *Wall Street Journal* ([6/19/2021](#), [6/20/2021](#), [5/20/2024](#) and [5/20/24](#))
- *Washington Post* ([4/13/2021](#))
- *Washington Times*
- [WDBJ7](#) TV (Blacksburg, VA) ([8/19/2021](#))
- World Radio

International Outlets:

- 7DNews (Egypt)
- Agence France-Presse (France) ([1/7/2023](#)) ([1/8/2023](#))
- *Al-Ahram Weekly* (Egypt)
- *Al-Hurra (USA)* ([4/16/2021](#))
- Al Jazeera English (Qatar)
- Arab Weekly (UK)
- Arabian Business (United Arab Emirates)
- [Arirang TV's Global Insight](#) (South Korea) ([6/29/2021](#))
- *Asia Times* ([6/5/2021](#))
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Australia) ([4/13/2021](#)) (10/16/2023)
- Aventuras na História (Brazil)
- BBC World Service ([12/6/22](#)) ([6/2/2023](#)) ([7/27/23](#)) (10/18/2023)
- Bulgarian National Radio (Bulgaria)
- CTV News (Canada)
- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Canada)
- Correio Braziliense (Brazil)
- *Daily Times* (Pakistan)
- [Dawn](#) (Democracy for the Arab World Now)
- Deutsche Welle TV (Germany) ([12/4/23](#), [4/17/24](#), and [5/21/24](#))

- *Economist* (UK) ([2/27/2021](#))
- *El Confidencial* (Spain) ([11/16/2022](#))
- *Guardian* (UK)
- *Haaretz* (Israel) ([3/29/2021](#)) ([12/2/2021](#)) ([7/20/22](#))
- Iran International [regular commentator] (UK)
- Iran Wire (UK)
- Izvestia (Russia)
- *Jerusalem Post* (Israel)
- *Jornal do Brasil* (Brazil)
- Kyodo News (Japan)
- *La Razón* (Spain)
- *La Stampa* (Italy)
- *Le Figaro* (France)
- *L'Orient-le Jour* (Lebanon) ([5/27/2021](#))
- *Mandagmorgen* (Norway)
- Manoto TV (UK)
- National Post (Canada)
- Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Switzerland)
- Radio France International (France)
- Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (Czech Republic)
- *Republik* (Germany)
- Roq (Canada)
- *Rzeczpospolita* (Poland)
- SA TV (Afghanistan)
- SBS Radio (Australia)
- *Spiegel* (Germany)
- *Tjekdet* (Denmark) ([11/17/22](#))
- The National (UAE) ([2/9//2024](#))
- Times Higher Education ([2/13/2023](#)) ([12/8/2023](#)) ([2/22/24](#))
- *Toronto Star* (Canada)
- Valor.com (Brazil)
- World (Italy) ([5/25/2021](#))

Over 40 of my Persian-language articles and interviews are available on my Persian-language [website](#).