

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Columbia University, 2004
M.A., History, Columbia University, 2000
M.Sc., Mathematics, Statistics & Operations Research, New York University, 1996

TEACHING POSITIONS

July 2019: Associate Professor of Islamic Studies, Hartford Seminary
July 2009-June 2017: Term Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University
2007-2009, Assistant Professor of Perso-Islamic Studies, MELAC Dept. Columbia University
2005-2007, Columbia University
2000-2001, City University of New York, Hunter College, Brooklyn College

LANGUAGES

Persian
Classical Arabic
Azeri Turkish (reading knowledge of Čaġatāy)
Research facility, varying levels:
French, Turkish, Pahlavi, Judeo-Persian, Judeo-Arabic, Biblical Hebrew

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Middle East Studies Association
American Oriental Society
American Academy of Religion
American Historical Association
Middle East Librarians' Association
Adab Association in New York

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Travel grants from Columbia University's Middle Institute, summer 2016, spring 2015, summer 2012, and summer 2010 (partial support for my research at the British Library in London, and manuscript libraries in Turkey).

1998-2004: Presidential fellowship, and Richard Hofstadter fellowships at the Department of History, Columbia University.

COURSES TAUGHT

History of Islamic Societies
Asian Humanities: Major Texts from India and the Middle East
Topics in India and the Middle East
Islam
Sufism
Quranic Studies and the Muslim Tradition of Exegesis
God in Muslim Thought
Sunnis, Shias, & Others in Islamic History
Advanced Readings in Classical of Persian Literature
Advanced Readings in Indo-Persian Literature
Persian Literature Through English Translations
God & Women in Islam
Nobility & Civility

SENIOR THESIS ADVISING

First or second reader for forty-six senior theses related to the Middle East completed in AMEC and other departments/programs at Barnard, including history, political science, dance, religion, and comparative literature.

GRADUATE THESIS/DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

2009-2015: Served on four Ph.D. dissertation defense committees (religion, history, MESSAAS), three Ph.D. prospectus defense committees (MESSAAS, history), three PhD qualifying oral examinations (MESSAAS), and supervised five MA theses (history, Islamic studies).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

- *God & Man in Tehran* (Columbia University Press, 2018).
- *A History of Islam in 21 Women* (Oneworld Publications, forthcoming September 2019).
- Persian translation of Karl Popper's *Logic of Scientific Discovery* with an introduction for the Persian reader by the original author (1991, five reprints).

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

William S. Haas, published in *Encyclopedia Iranica* (February 2014).
Isfahan, Medieval Period, published in *Encyclopedia Iranica* (2006).
Ḥājī Vāšangon, published in *Encyclopedia Iranica* (2003).

JOURNAL ARTICLES (IN PERSIAN):

What is Left of Marx (Az marks bebīnīm cheh bāqī māndeh ast), *Andīšeh-e Pūyā*, Vol. 7 no. 50 (Ordībehešt 1397/April-May 2018)
Visiting Sir Karl in Kenley (Dīdār bā ser kārī dar kenlī), *Andīšeh-e Pūyā*, Vol. 6 no. 46 (Ābān 1396/October-November 2017)
Mysticism: Language of Silence (‘Erfān zabān-e sokūt), *Farhang-e Emrūz*, Vol. 1 (2015), no. 3, pp. 77-87.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS (IN ENGLISH):

Cold War Politics and Science in Iran, 1953-1989. (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2020).

The Emergence of Science Writing in Persian (Routledge, forthcoming 2019)

Whence Came the Asvārān? An Inquiry into the Ambiguity of Sources, *Journal of Persianate Studies*, Volume 6 (2013), Issue 1-2, pp. 207-215.

A Bibliographical Note on the Persian Works, in Michael Cook *et al* (eds.), *Law and Tradition in Classical Islamic Thought: Studies in Honor of Professor Hossein Modarressi* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).

BOOK REVIEWS:

Bruce Lawrence, *The Koran in English* (2018), *Muslim World* (forthcoming)
Ernest S. Tucker, *Nadir Shah's Quest for Legitimacy in Post-Safavid Iran* (2006), published in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 1 (February 2009), pp. 175-176.

Review of Abdolkarim Soroush, *Reason, freedom, & democracy in Islam: Essential writings of 'Abdolkarim Soroush* (2000), published in *Global Dialogue*, Vol. 4, Iss. 3 (Summer 2002): 154-157.

Review of Dimitri Gutas' Greek Thought Arabic Culture: The Graeco-Arabic Translation Movement in Baghdad and Early 'Abbasid Society, 2nd-4th/8th-10th centuries) (1998), published in *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 32 (1999), no. 4, pp. 575-558.

Assorted book reviews in Persian (1988-2013)

WEB PUBLICATION (SELECTED): All in Persian on *Jaras* (October 2009-April 2010):

ARTICLE: Early Arabic Poetry and the Umayyad Theory of Divinely-Ordained Political Legitimacy (Naqd-e edde'ā-e nemāyandegī-e kodārsiyāsāt)

BOOK REVIEWS:

Asma Afsaruddin, *The First Muslims: History and Memory* (OneWorld, 2008).

Yasin Dutton, *Original Islam: Malik and the Madhhab of Madina* (Routledge, 2006).

William Chittick, *Ibn 'Arabi: Heir to the Prophets* (Oneworld, 2005).

Jonathan R. Cole, *The Great American University* (PublicAffairs, 2009).

Etan Kohlberg and Mohammad Ali Amir-Moezzi (eds.), *Revelation and Falsification: The Kitāb al-qirā'āt of Aḥmad b. Muḥammad al-Sayyārī* (Brill, 2009).

Etan Kohlberg (ed.), *Shi'ism* (Ashgate, 2003).

Terry Eagleton, *Reason, Faith, & Revolution: Reflections on the God Debate* (Yale University Press, 2009).

Karen Armstrong, *The Case for God* (Knopf, 2009).

Book Talks

God & Man in Tehran: Contending Visions of the Divine from the Qajars to the Islamic Republic

University of Southern California (scheduled for 14 February 2019)

Yale University: New Haven, 12th October 2018

Royal Holloway University: London, 29 June 2018

Oxford University, Oriental Institute: Oxford, 28 June 2018

New York University, Kevorkian Center: New York, May 2018

Invitations pending: Princeton University (TBD); McGill University (TBD); University of Chicago (TBD); University of California in Los Angeles (TBD).

Recent Conference Presentations & Invited Academic Lectures

- Cold War Politics and Science in Iran, Kevorkian Center for Near East Studies, New York University (April 2019)
- Giving Voice to Scripture: Tafsīr in the Imāmi Shia Tradition, Hartford Seminary (April 2019)
- The Negative Space of Learning in Safavid Persia, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, Hamburg (June 2018)
- Iranian Intellectuals: Challenges and Prospects, Columbia University (March 24th, 2017); My presentation at the conference I had organized, 24th-25th March 2017, at Columbia University
- The Conversion of Persia: Evidence and Controversy, University of California in Los Angeles (May 2016)
- Rethinking Intellectual History beyond “sects” and “Schools,” American Oriental Society (Boston, 18th March 2016)
- Belief and Skepticism in Iran (Barnard College, 8th February 2016)
- Lecture on teaching the Qur’ān for the preceptors of Contemporary Civilization (Center for the Core Curriculum, Columbia College; 6th October 2015)
- Lecture on teaching Ibn Ṭufayl’s Ḥayy ibn Yaqzān for the preceptors of Contemporary Civilization (Center for the Core Curriculum, Columbia College; 13th October 2015)
- How Can History Inform Our Future? The Myth of Religious Violence, Union Theological Seminary (New York, 2nd October 2015)
- On Knowledge by Presence & the Epistemological Turn in Islamic Philosophy, The Shia Institute (London, 4th September 2015)
- The Idea of Nature in Iranian Intellectual History, University College of London (London, 3rd September 2015)
- Can the Word of God be Ambiguous? IRCPL/MESAAS, Columbia University (New York, 8th April 2015)
- Early Sufis of Isfahan: A Forgotten Path, Harvard University (Cambridge MA, 3rd April 2015)
- The Price for Official State Religion, IRCPL, Columbia University (New York, 20th October 2014)
- Histories of Persian Literature: A Methodological Critique, University of Southern California (Spring 2013)
- Biblical Translations in Judeo-Persian, Rutgers University
- Functionalist Theologies from Abduh & Iqbal to Shariati, University of Chicago (March 2012)
- Aristotelian Categories and Secular-Religious Dichotomies, Lake Forest College (March 2011)
- Historically Contested Ideas of God in Islam, University of Southern California (Spring 2010)
- The Notion of Walāya in ‘Erfān, Hartford Seminary (Fall 2010)

- The Asvārān, Special Panel on Persia in Late Antiquity at the Middle East Studies Association (November 2009)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1) Quran Commentary in the Imāmī Shia Tradition
- 2) Sourcebook on the Imāmī Shia Tradition
- 3) History of science in Safavid Iran, Mughal India, and the Ottoman Empire (16th-19th century)

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

- September 2017- Persica Forum, bi-monthly meetings on Persianate Studies, sponsored by the Middle East Institute at Columbia University
- 2015-2017 MA Program Advisor & Faculty Liaison (DGS), MA in Islamic Studies; Columbia University
- 2009-2015 Member, University Committee for Asia & the Middle East (UCAME)
- 2004-2007 Middle East, Islamic, and Jewish Studies Librarian, Columbia University

PROFESSIONALLY-RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2018- Weekly reading of a 13th century philosophical text, Columbia University
- 2017- Invited Quran lectures for the American Muslim Women's Association (Scarsdale, NY)
- 2016- Monthly Quran Discussions by invitation (Fairfield County, CT)
- 2010-6 Monthly lectures on Islamic learning, American Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (Stamford, CT)
- Roundtable Cultural Seminars on Comparative Religion & Mysticism, Mnuchin Art Gallery (New York, biweekly seminar, September-December 2015)
- The Dilemma of Sectarianism in the Middle East, Invited lecture at World Affairs Forum (South Norwalk CT, 19th October 2015)
- Devotion and Supplication in Rumi's Poetry, Rumi House, London (May 2015)
- Roundtable Cultural Seminars on Islam, (New York, biweekly seminar, September-December 2014)
- 2006-2018 Weekly *Masnavi* reading sessions held at Columbia University
- 2013-2017 Actively invited to forums on Religion & Foreign Policy, at the Council on Foreign Relations (New York, NY)
- 2013-2018 Lectures on Iran and Islam, Nūr-va-Dāneš: Association of American-Iranians in New Jersey

Multiple presentations in churches, synagogues, and mosques, in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut on interfaith dialog

Radio Broadcast, Televised Panels, and Press Contributions

On Nativism, Televised Panel on BBC Persian London (June 2018)

The Islamic Conquests & the Transition from Pre-Islamic Persia, Panel Radio Farda (two parts, September & October 2015, in Persian)

On the Bābī Movement in 19th-century Iran, Televised Panel on BBC Persian London (July 2013)

Know Your Neighbor, Wilton Public Library (March 2012)

On Rezā Shah, Televised Panel on BBC Persian London (August 2011)

Interviews and notes published in *New York Times International*, Reuters, *International Business Times*, BBC, etc.

References:

Professor Ramzi Rouighi (University of Southern California)

Professor Richard W. Bulliet (Columbia University)

Professor Rachel McDermott (Barnard College)

Professor Brinkley Messick (Columbia University)