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**Education**: **University of Texas at Austin**, Ph.D., 1994-1999.

**Major field**: Modern Middle Eastern History/ History of Iran.

**Minor field**: American History (1877-present).

**Major field examiners**: Hafez Farmayan, Wm. Roger Louis, Abraham

Marcus.

**Minor field examiners**: Robert A. Divine, Michael B. Stoff.

**Thesis title**: “The History of the Iranian Province of Azerbaijan, 1848-

1914”

**Chair and Committee**: Hafez Farmayan, Wm. Roger Louis, Abraham

Marcus, Michael B. Stoff, M. R. Ghanoonparvar.

**University of Texas at Austin**, M.A., 1985-1990

**Major**: Arabic; Master’s Report: Translation of short stories by Abd al-

Jabbar al-Sahimi with commentary.

**Supervising professor**: Fedwa Malti-Douglas.

**Related Subjects**: Persian language and literature; Turkish; Literary

Theory.

**Oklahoma State University**, Graduate Study, 1982-84.

**Major**: Economics.

**Oklahoma State University**, Bachelor of Arts, 1977-1981

**Major**: European and American History/ Economics.

**Minor**: German.

##### Work *Teaching*

**Experience**: **Associate Professor**

The University of Nebraska Omaha, History Department, Fall 2018-Present.

* Modern Iran
* The US and the Middle East
* The Modern Middle East
* Israel and Palestine
* Russia since 1855
* World History I (to 1500)

**Adjunct Instructor**

The University of Nebraska at Omaha, History Department, February 2017-Summer 2018.

**Instructor/Author**

Globalyceum, 2016. (<https://globalyceum.com/>)

* Composed the essay on the history of the Middle East and South Asia from 1500 to 1900for the World History I Module.
* Composed an essay on Iran during the 19th century.
* Made nine videos that accompany the essays on the on-line website.

**Lecturer**

Southeast Community College, Social Sciences Program, Fall 2014-present.

* American History (to 1865)
* American History (1865 to present)
* Western Tradition II (1500-present)
* World History (to 1500)
* World History (since 1500)

**Lecturer**

Peru State College, School of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2012-16.

* Global Issues and Development (honors)
* American History (to 1865)
* American History (since 1865)
* World History (since 1500)
* World History (to 1500)

**Assistant Instructor**

The University of Nebraska Omaha, Departments of Religion and History; Islamic Studies Program, January-May 2011.

* Modern Iran

**Full-time Lecturer**

The University of Texas at Austin, January – May 2008.

* The United States and the Middle East
* Iranian Dissident Politics (1850-1921)
* First-Year Persian (heritage students)

#### **Visiting Professor**

College of Foreign Languages, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran. September 2002-February 2003.

* Taught a course entitled “Topical Discussions” to fourth year students wherein we discussed issues related to history, culture, literature, society, and art.

### Assistant Instructor

Department of History, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska. January-May 1999.

* Instructed a survey course on world history from prehistory to 1750 for a class of 89 students; the class covered such topics as the Neolithic Revolution, the rise of early civilizations, the ancient, classical, and neo-classical eras, and the emergence of the nation state.

### Adjunct Instructor

Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska. January-March 1999.

* Instructed a survey course on world history from prehistory to 1750 for a class of 27 students; the class covered such topics as the Neolithic Revolution, the rise of early civilizations, the ancient period, the classical age, the neo-classical era, and the emergence of the nation state.

### Visiting Instructor

Tajik Institute of Management, Qayraqum, Tajikistan. May-July 1998.

* Gave several lectures on world history to first-year students.
* Conducted course on international business for third-year students.
* Interacted with other instructors at the Institute concerning teaching methods, especially the format of lectures and instructional materials.

### Visiting Instructor

Faculty of Foreign Languages, Khojand State University, Khojand, Tajikistan. May-July 1998.

* Conducted reading course for a fourth-year class of the English Department; led discussions covering a variety of topics including American literature, history, culture, society, and gender relations.

### Assistant Instructor

Department of History, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, NE. January-May 1998.

* Taught the course “Introduction to the History of Islam” for a class of approximately fifty students. The course covered the fourteen centuries of Islamic history from the religion’s founding to the present.

### Teaching Assistant

Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. August 1997-December 1997.

* Teaching assistant for Prof. Hafez Farmayan for survey course in Middle Eastern history extending from pre-historic and ancient times to the eve of the modern period.

### Teaching Assistant

Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. January-May 1997.

* Assisted Prof. George Forgie in the teaching of American History course, which covered the periods of the Civil War and Reconstruction. (112 students in the class)

### Teaching Assistant

History Department, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. August - December 1996.

* Assisted Prof. Michael Stoff in the teaching of American History survey course extending from 1877 to the present. (330 students in the class)

### Teaching Assistant III

Parallel Studies Dept., Austin Community College, Austin, TX. September 1994 - December 1997.

* Assisted college students in improving their writing skills, English composition, history, economics, and German.

### Teaching Assistant

History Department, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. August - December 1994.

* Assisted Prof. Hafez Farmayan in the instruction of a course on the history of imperialism and nationalism in the Middle East from ancient times to the present.

### Instructor

Southeast Community College, January - March 1993.

* Taught two non-credit courses on basic colloquial Arabic and Persian using the Latin alphabet.

### Tutor

University of Texas Athletic Dept., UT, Austin, February 1989 - May 1990.

* Assisted students in working with various Macintosh computer programs; tutored students on an individual basis in English, German, history, and economics.

### Teaching Assistant

Parallel Studies Dept., Austin Community College, September 1989- May 1990.

* Assisted students in improving their reading and writing skills in English and German.

**Research Assistant**

British Studies Program, UT Austin, Austin, TX

January 1996 - May 1997.

* Conducted research for Prof. Wm. Roger Louis of primary historical texts in Persian for a book concerning British foreign policy in Iran during the years 1951-4.
* Translated passages into English pertinent to British involvement in Iran.

### Research Assistant

Center for Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, UT Austin, January -June 1995.

* Assisted Prof. M. R. Ghanoonparvar in the development of an interactive computer program for the instruction of Persian on the university level.

### Research Assistant

Middle East Resource Center, UT, Austin, September 1986- July 1987.

* Responsible for Outreach Program.
* Catalogued new materials.
* Placed book orders.
* Maintained library facilities.
* Lectured on the history, society, politics, and economies of the countries of the Middle East.

### Research Assistant

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. January - May 1985.

* Proofread a draft of the book *Iranian Culture* by Prof. Michael Hillmann.
* Searched for photographs of miniature paintings and other Persian art works to be made into slides for class presentations.

###### Administrative Activities

###### Overseas Director

The American Institute for Iranian Studies, May 2000-present. ([www.simorgh-aiis.org](http://www.simorgh-aiis.org))

* Maintained links with institutions, scholars, and officials in Iran, Tajikistan, US, and Europe.
* Advised and assisted American scholars and graduate students affiliated with AIIrS.
* Cooperated closely with the International Center for Persian Studies (ICPS) of the University of Tehran, our partner institution where our students and senior scholars studied Persian while conducting research at libraries and archives.
* Composed a database of Iranian institutions and research institutions to be used by American scholars traveling to Iran.
* Contributed to the AIIrS annual newsletter.
* Was responsible for managing AIIrS funds budgeted for Iran, rented an apartment and furnished it with necessary items such as a computer, printer, fax machine, telephone, radio, etc.
* Participated in writing grant to establish a program in Tajikistan similar to the one for Iran. Discussed with Tajik officials the details of such a program.
* Served on the AIIrS committee for reviewing applications for student and faculty fellowships and scholarships.

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###### Program/Site Director

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program for Persian, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 2007-12. (This was a summer intensive Persian (Iranian and Tajiki) program from the middle of June until the first of August. I normally arrived in the country at the end of May and stayed until the end of August.

* Planned, created, maintained, and executed Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) program for Persian in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on behalf of and in cooperation with the Council for American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC).
* Recruited teachers of Persian and Tajiki-Persian as well as administrative staff and assistants for the program.
* Structured and oversaw language classes and arranged for weekly meetings to discuss curriculums.
* Organized and supervised cultural excursions to historical sites and museums.
* Arranged presentations by Tajik, American, and Iranian scholars and artists on various topics (history, politics, language, literature, music, ect.) for the participating students.
* Found and rented housing for 15-25 students and 1-5 teachers.
* Interacted with embassy of Tajikistan in Washington, DC, with the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan, and various Tajik and Iranian officials and academics in Tajikistan.
* Interacted with US embassy personnel such as the resident consul, Public Affairs Officer (PAO), Resident Security Officer (RSO), and ambassador, and arranged for an annual security briefing for students at embassy.
* Communicated daily with AIIrS executive director.
* Daily oversaw functioning and needs of program-classes, provisions, and tutoring sessions.
* Maintained an apartment as the center for the program and the storage locale for CLS and AIIrS materials.
* Managed the budget (approximately $250,000) and expenses for the program in Tajikistan.
* In 2007 and 2010 organized and supervised trips to Khojand by plane and in 2011 arranged for two-day homestays with Tajik families for all (25) American students.
* Organized an annual workshop in Tajikistan for the CLS language instructors to familiarize them with methods employed in the United States for teaching Persian. Teaching specialists M. R. Ghanoonparvar and M. Khorrami from UT Austin and NYU respectively conducted the workshops.
* Composed quarterly reports for AIIrS as well as weekly and a final report for CAORC.
* ([http//www.clscholarship.org/home.php](http://www.clscholarship.org/home.php)).
* <http://www.facebook.com/CLScholarship> -

### Consultant

Institute for International Education, Tehran, Iran, 2004-. ([www.iie.org](http://www.iie.org))

* Made preparations in Iran for the FLTA (Foreign Language Teaching Assistants) program, especially by contacting the International Office of Tehran University and soliciting their cooperation in the project.
* Accompanied Mary Kirk of IIE to University of Isfahan and University of Tehran to consult with deans and directors of international relations concerning selection of students for five internships to work and study in the U.S.
* Interviewed students from Tehran and Isfahan Universities.
* Corresponded with officials at the universities of Tehran and Isfahan concerning the acceptance of FLTA applications in preparation for traveling to Iran to conduct interviews.

 **Director, Tehran Project**

 American Institute for Iranian Studies (AIIrS), Tehran, Iran, 2000-6. I resided in Iran three times, each time was for eight months: January-September 2001; June 2002-February 2003; January-September 2004.

* Responsible for the project in Iran.
* Interacted regularly with the Dehkhoda Foundation and the International Center for Persian Studies (ICPS).
* Supervised American doctoral students who were recipients of scholarships and assisted them with their arrivals and departures, enrolling for language classes, finding housing, and any other needs while in Tehran.
* Assisted students in conducting research for their dissertations by introducing them to Iranian scholars and institutions.
* Interacted with a wide-range of Iranian institutions-including the University of Tehran, the University of Isfahan, The Greater Islamic Encyclopedia, and The Parliamentary (*Majlis*) Library-with the aim of facilitating cooperation in academic endeavors and promoted interaction between Iranian and American scholars.
* Interacted with other foreign institutions in Iran, including The British Institute for Persian Studies (BIPS), *Institut Français de Recherche en Iran* (IFRI), and the German Oriental Institute.
* Sent in regular reports to the executive director.
* In 2002-3, I taught a course at Tehran University.

 **Area Specialist/Cultural Consultant**

* Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, March-April, 2000.
* Participated in the “International Seminar on Problems of Curricula Improvement” in Khojand, Tajikistan conducted by the Tajik Institute of Management and gave a presentation on the importance of the study of the humanities and social sciences in a business curriculum.
* Lectured in both English and Persian three days a week to sixty first-year students at TIM on world and American history and the economic history of the United States.
* Gave daily lectures to third and fifth-year students at the Faculty of Foreign Languages of Khojand State University on modern American literature, current events in the United States, and 20th century American history.
* As the representative for SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), I attended and participated in the third annual competition held for northern Tajikistan in Khojand on 29 March and the first competition for Uzbekistan held in Tashkent on 6 April.
* Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, January 2000.
* Traveled to Khojand, Tajikistan on behalf of the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship to consult with Mr. Yusuf Majidov, the director of the Tajik Institute of Management, about the present activities of the Institute and his plans over the forthcoming months.
* Discussed his activities related to SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), the upcoming workshop for teachers of business to be held in March, and the SIFE competitions to be conducted soon thereafter.
* Met with representatives of the Tashkent Eletro-technical Institute of Communications who are interested in establishing a relationship with NEC similar to that now existing with TIM.
* Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, October-November 1998.
* Assisted in arranging for travel and housing for Mr. Yusuf Majidov and four students from the Tajik Institute for Management, Khojand, Tajikstan.
* In association with SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) grant, escorted Mr. Majidov to SIFE headquarters in Springfield, Missouri where we spent three days learning about the organization and its methods.
* Organized tours for the students to various businesses in the Lincoln area such as the Cornhusker Bank, the Gallup Organization, the Goodyear plant, and the Federal Reserve Bank in Omaha.
* Department of Management, University of Nebraska - Lincoln,

 February 1-May 2, 1994.

* Representative for UNL in Skopje, Macedonia and worked closely with personnel at the Center for Management and Human Resource Development in the Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research to improve their management program.
* Assisted Dr. Cvetko Smilevski in improving the curriculum for MBA courses.
* Gave lectures on marketing, international economics, and entrepreneurship.
* Gathered data on the functioning of the Macedonian economy during the period of transition to a market economy.
* Conducted research on the history and society of the country.
* Participated in investigation of ethnic and minority problems confronting Macedonia, especially relative to the Albanian and Gypsy minorities.
* Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, October 20-January 20, 1994.
* Assisted in preparing proposals for Federal grants in the areas of business and entrepreneurship.
* Cultural coordinator for three United States Information Agency grants.
* Worked with visiting participants of USIA and Samantha Smith grants from former Soviet Central Asia.
* Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Nebraska,

 August 9-October 18, 1993.

* Assisted in establishing the Tajik Center for Entrepreneurial Management (TCEM) in Khojand, Tajikistan.
* Taught course on entrepreneurship at TCEM.
* Taught three courses for The Faculty of Foreign Languages at the University of Khojand.
* Conducted weekly lectures on various historical and cultural topics at the Lycee High School, an institution for gifted children.
* Conducted research on Tajik history, society, culture, and the economy.
* Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, October - November 1992.
* Prepared materials pertinent to the USIA grant establishing the Tajik Center for Entrepreneurial Management in Khojand, Tajikistan.
* Traveled to Khojand with two other representatives from UNL to sign the agreement.
* Participated in discussions with university officials concerning objectives of the cooperative relationship and the methods to be used to achieve them.
* Served as the interpreter and cultural consultant for the delegation.

***Professional Activities***

### Translator; Evaluator of Translators

### The Office of Language Services (OLS), State Department of the United States, 2014-present. (<https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-management/bureau-of-administration/office-of-language-services/>)

* Translate texts and documents for the OLS and other government agencies from English to Persian and Persian to English; review and edit translations; evaluate translations done by potential translators.
* The Office of Language Services, known as LS, is the government’s official source of interpreters and translators–for the president, top cabinet members and State Department officials. It's been around since George Washington.

**Interpreter (Persian)**

Rapport International, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston Mass. 02114. Tel. (978) 442540. Email: rapport@rapportintl.com.

**Books,** Article: Конфликты идентичности: национализм в постюгославской

**Articles,** Македонии (Russian translation of “The Conflicts of Identity:

**and Book**Nationalism in Post-Yugoslavian Macedonia”). *Азия и* *Европа*

**Reviews:** (Asia and Europe). (forthcoming)

 Article: Original and Tajiki-Persian translation of article, “The Conflicts

 of Identity: Nationalism in Post-Yugoslavian Macedonia,” in *Азия и*

 *Европа* (Asia and Europe) no. 1, vol. 9 (2022), 12-27 (English original),

 27-28; (Tajiki-Persian translation of summary).

Encyclopedia Entry: “‘Abdulla Mustawfi.” *The Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3rd

ed. [https://cfis.columbia.edu/news/encyclopaedia-iranica-fascicle-3-volume-xvii-published](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/cfis.columbia.edu/news/encyclopaedia-iranica-fascicle-3-volume-xvii-published__;!!PvXuogZ4sRB2p-tU!B_KPZokDhwxwlPZR-pOOVBIT8P7qqqZZCHMxbc_QJB5HVqxmWrmcO8e8w2rre5i2G-TaOvch1BjmvPEKO_SmYA$). *Online* website: [www.brill.com/eiro](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.brill.com_eiro&d=DwMFaQ&c=009klHSCxuh5AI1vNQzSO0KGjl4nbi2Q0M1QLJX9BeE&r=UC3zf50f-FbpUjOIniaLkzqWZBPSayaDTDNHicDn15coOLNGk_N0WJ4udaGqM4wt&m=Mc4YSJMtMRnx--O6zrwjZtI4jzYQ3QVMXX49GvGzKvzJQHkEToyKqcln6Nsfq_Vv&s=cp0DNB66wKlNhnLuk72Km5hi23M_s0r10XQYXiWSQUM&e=).

Article: “Lingering Influences: Ibn Khaldun and Modern Scholarship on

 North Africa and the Middle East.” Submitted to *History and Theory*.

 Article: “New Nation, New History: Promoting National History in

Tajikistan,” *Journal of Persianate Societies*, vol. 11, no. 2 (2018). Link: <https://brill.com/view/journals/jps/11/2/article-p224_6.xml>.

Book: *The Rapture, or the Book of Sleep*, by Mirza Mohammad Hasan Khan E‘temad os-Saltaneh. Annotated translation from Persian to English with introduction, footnotes, and glossary. Mazda Publishers, 2016. Link: [http://www.mazdapublishers.com/book/the--rapture,-or-the-book-of-sleep](http://www.mazdapublishers.com/book/the--rapture%2C-or-the-book-of-sleep).

 Book Review: Firuz Kazemzadeh’s *Russia and Britain in Persia:*

*Imperial Ambitions in Qajar Iran*, *The Historian* (Fall 2015). Link: <https://www.questia.com/library/journal/1G1-431081435/russia-and-britain-in-persia-imperial-ambitions-in>.

Article: “The Conflicts of Identity: Nationalism in Post-Yugoslavian

Macedonia,” *The Central and Eastern European Review*, vol. 8 (2014):

42-67. Link: [https://ideas.repec.org/a/vrs/caeeur/v8y2014i1p41-67n3.html#](https://ideas.repec.org/a/vrs/caeeur/v8y2014i1p41-67n3.html)

Edited: Muhammad Shakuri Bukhara’i. *The Imperialist Revolution in Bukhara*. ed. James D. Clark. trans. Bahriddin Aliev. Dushanbe: Gold Print, 2013.

Article: “Constitutionalists and Cossacks: the Constitutional

Movement and Russian Intervention in Tabriz, 1907-11.” Included

in *Iranian-Russian Encounters: Empire and Revolution Since 1800*, ed.

Stephanie Cronin (2013). Link: <https://unomaha.on.worldcat.org/oclc/823386943>.

Article: “Tabriz v. The 19th century.” *Encyclopedia Iranica*. Link:

<https://iranicaonline.org/articles/tabriz-05-city-in-19th-cent>.

Article: (Persian) “*Ebn-e Khaldun va mirās-e u dar miān-e dāneshpezhuhān-e mo‘āoser-e khāvar-e miāneh,” Ketāb-e māh*, Shahrivar 1389, no. 148 (2010),pp. 110-118. (In Iran)

Article: “Continuity and Change: The History of Ancient Iran in Three Works by A. T. Olmstead, Roman Ghirshman and Richard N. Frye.” *Iranica* *Antiqua*, vol. 42, 2007, pp. 419-450. Link: <https://unomaha.on.worldcat.org/oclc/494072148>.

Book: *Provincial Concerns: the History of the Iranian Province of*

*Azerbaijan, 1848-1906*. Maps, glossary, bibliography, index, xxviii, 342 p.

Mazda Publishers, 2006.

See: <http://www.mazdapub.com/BookDetails.aspx?BookID=12>

 Book: *The Travel Diary of Ebrahim Beg* by Hajji Zayn ol-

Abedin Maragheh’i. Annotated translation from Persian to English, with introduction, footnotes, and glossary. Foreword by Dr. M. R. Ghanoonparvar. Forward, introduction, xxiv, glossary, bibliography, 297 p. Mazda Publishers, 2006.

Link: <http://www.mazdapub.com/BookDetails.aspx?BookID=35>.

Article: “Constitutionalists and Cossacks: the Constitutional Movement

and Russian Intervention in Tabriz, 1907-11.”*Iranian Studies*, vol. 39, no. 2 (June 2006). Link: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00210860600628757?journalCode=cist20>.

Article: “A Work of Synthesis: An Overview of the Third Volume

of the *Cambridge History of Iran*,” *Iranica Antiqua*, vol. 41 (2006). Link: <https://poj.peeters-leuven.be/content.php?id=2004770&url=article>.

## Translation: Three short-stories by the Moroccan writer

Abd al-Jabbar al-Sahimi (with Roger Allen), in *Arabic and Middle Eastern Literature*, vol. 6, no. 1 (2003).

Article: “Frequent Incompatibilities: Ethnic and Religious Diversity and

the Nations of the Middle East,” in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*. vol. XXII, nos. 1 & 2, (2002): 36-42. Link: <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/191241/summary>.

Article: “Abdullah Mustowfi in Russia, 1904-1909” in *Society and Culture in Qajar Iran: Studies in Honor of Hafez* *Farmayan*, ed. Elton Daniel (Costa Mesa, Calif.: Mazda Publishers, 2002), 189-213. Review link: <https://search.proquest.com/openview/ccf901228e74be0a24e10c989c0149f3/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=42209>.

Book review: Sadriddin Aini’s *Sands of the Oxus: Boyhood Reminiscences of Sadriddin Aini*, translated by John R. Perry and Rachel Lehr (1998), for *The Middle East Journal* (Winter 2000). Link: <https://search.proquest.com/openview/68acc86750f293aef5f3253092f0c982/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=1821138>.

Book review: Abbas Amanat’s *Pivot of the Universe*: *Nasir al-Din Shah Qajar and the Iranian Monarchy, 1831-1896* (1997), for *The Middle East Journal* (Spring 1998). Link: <https://search.proquest.com/openview/ef8a2dad9c5d7a66924ba58934648a79/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=1821138>.

Translation: “The Honeymoon” by Iranian playwright Gholam-Husayn Sa’edi and printed in *Iranian Drama: An Anthology* (1989), compiled and edited by M. R. Ghanoonparvar and John Green. Link: <https://www-jstor-org.leo.lib.unomaha.edu/stable/23060896?seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents>.

**Work in** Book: A history of the Shaykh Obayd Kurdish incursion into the Iranian

**Progress**:province ofAzerbaijan in 1880.

Book: A history of the Iranian province of Azerbaijan during the Constitutional Revolution (1905-12).

Book: A collection of articles on the history of Iran and the Middle East extending from the ancient period to the present.

Article: “Fact and Fiction: Two Books by Mirza Hasan Khan E‘temad os-Saltaneh.”

**Recent** “Naser od-Din Shah, the Telegraph, and the Kurdish Revolt of 1880,”

**Papers** on panel“Colonialism and Its Discontents in Modern Iran,” The annual

**Presented in** conference of The Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Montreal,

**Learned** Canada, November 4, 2023.

**Societies**:

“Interpreting the Shaykh Obayd Kurdish Incursion into Azerbaijan,” on panel “Iranian Borderlands in the 18th through 20th Centuries,” The 9th Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS), Yerevan, Armenia; May 31, 2023.

“A Look at Two Works by Mirza Hasan Khan E’temad os-Saltaneh,”on

panel “Literary Narratives, Music, Material Culture,”Middle East Studies Association Conference, Denver, CO, Sunday, December 4, 2022.

“North Africa and the Legacy of ibn Khaldun,” Moshe Gershovich Memorial Symposium and Workshop, 14 November 2018.

 “The Protests Before the Revolutions: The Constitutional Revolution

 (1905-6) and the Islamic Revolution (1978) in Iran,” Missouri Valley

 History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, 3 March 2018.

 “Iran, Iraq, and the Shrines,” Symposia Persica Conference.

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 22 February 2018.

“What's in a Name?: The Politics of Renaming Public Places in Iran,

Tajikistan, and Ukraine.” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha,

Nebraska, 2 March 2017.

“Seeing Iran Through Ancient Eyes: Europeans in Iran in the 19th Century,” *Europe and Iran Conference*, Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria, 2-3 June, 2016.

“Iran and the Shiite Shrine Cities in Iraq,” The Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, 4 March 2016.

“The Iran-Saudi Rivalry in the Middle East,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, 5 March 2015.

“The Conflicts of Identity: Nationalism in Post-Yugoslavian Macedonia,”

Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 2014.

“New Nation, New History?: Creating New National Histories in Central Asia,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 2012.

“From Crisis to Coup: American Foreign Policy in Iran, 1946-53,”

The Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 2010.

“American Foreign Policy and the 1953 Coup in Iran,” The Missouri Valley History Conference, March 1, 2007.

“The ‘War of the Quarters’ in Tabriz in 1908,” The Persian Constitutional

Conference, Chapman University, Orange, California, September 16-17, 2006.

“United States Foreign Policy in Iran, 1941-1945,” The Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 3, 2006.

#### “The Pentagon Conference of 1947 and British Strategic Policy in the

Middle East,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska,

March 2003.

“*Ebn khaldun va miras-e u dar mian-e daneshpezhuhan-e mo’aser-e* *khavar-e mianeh*” (Ibn Khaldun and his legacy among modern scholars of the Middle East), Nashr-e Tarikh, Tehran, Iran, October 28, 2002.

“The Kurdish Revolt of 1880,” Society for Iranian Studies Conference, Washington, DC, May 2000.

“Prelude to Cold War: The Azerbaijan Crisis of March 1946,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 1999.

“Constitutionalists and Cossacks: The Constitutional Movement and Russian Intervention in Iranian Azerbaijan, 1907-11,” Middle East Scholars Association (MESA), Chicago, Ill., November 1998.

“From Great Game to Cold War: Russia and Iran, 1795-1946.” Texas Association Middle East Scholars (TAMES), UT Austin, February 1998.

“The Travails of Independence: Reflections on Two Visits to Khojand,” Texas Association Middle East Scholars (TAMES), Laredo, Texas, February 1997.

“Ethnic, Religious, and Linguistic Diversity in the Contemporary Middle East,” Lecture at workshop for high school teachers at the conference of the Texas Association of Middle East Scholars (TAMES) in Laredo, Texas, February 1997.

“The Qajars’ Other Capital: The Importance of Tabriz in Nineteenth Century Iran,” Middle Eastern Scholars Association (MESA), Providence, Rhode Island, November 1996.

“Social Diversity in Nineteenth Century Iran: The Case of Tabriz,” Texas Association Middle East Scholars (TAMES), University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, February 1996.

“The Middle East: Nationalism, Ethnic and Religious Diversity,” Texas Association Middle East Scholars (TAMES), Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, February 1995.

“The Study of History in the United States.” Talk given at Sts. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia, April 1994.

“Iran Today,” University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, July 1992. Lecture about my 1992 visit to Iran given to a class studying Modern Middle Eastern literature, culture, and history.

**Programs** “The Next Revolution will be a Remix.” Prof. Shervin Malekzadeh,

**Organized** Colgate University, May 2-4, 2023.

**at UNO**

“Jewish Histories of Iran: Transforming Communities in Times of Upheaval and Revolution.” Prof. Lior Sternfeld, History Department, Penn State University, April 5-6, 2022. (UNO)

 “Contests of Illusion: A Comparative Ethnography of Iranians in the U.S. & Canada.” Prof. Amy Malek, International Studies, College of Charleston, February 25, 2020. (UNO and UNL)

 “Iran Reframed: Anxieties of Power in the Islamic Republic.” Prof. Narges Bajoghli, The School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, December 2 (UNO) and 3 (UNL), 2019.

 “Conflict and Uncertainty: Iran, the US, and the Middle East.” Prof. Eric Lob, Florida International University, and Prof. Kevan Harris, University of California Los Angeles. September 27 (UNO) and 28 (UNL), 2018.

**Chair of** “Borders and Borderlands: The New Politics of the Middle East,”

**Professional** The Annual Conference of The Middle East Studies Association (MESA),

**Panels**:Montreal, Canada, November 4, 2023.

“The Making of Modern Iran,” 9th Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) in Yerevan, Armenia, 2 June 2023.

“Views from Within and Without: Aspects of Modern Iranian Politics,” 9th Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) in Yerevan, Armenia, 1 June 2023.

“Anti-colonial and Anti-imperial Mobilizations,” Middle East Studies

Association (MESA) Conference, Denver, CO, Sunday, December 4, 2022.

“Socialism and the Cold War in the Middle East,” The Middle East

Studies Association Conference (MESA), New Orleans, Saturday,

November 16, 2019.

“Art in Iranian Public Space: Between Politics, Public Participation, and Aesthetics,” The 12th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of California Irvine, Friday, August 17, 2018.

“Historic and Current Geo-Strategic Concerns,” The 12th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of California Irvine, Thursday, August 16, 2018.

“Cold War: Human Rights and Cultural History,” The Missouri Valley History Conference, Thursday, February 2, 2018.

“American Agriculture and the Role of Memory,” The Missouri Valley History Conference, Thursday, March 2, 2017.

**Websites**: LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/>.

Oriental Approaches: <https://orientalapproaches.wordpress.com/>.

Flikr: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/36036586@N07/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/36036586%40N07/)

YouTube:<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrKb7pD83EKjwtH-ISVlotA>.

Google Scholar:

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=jWs2Kt8AAAAJ&hl=en>

**Recent** The annual conference of The Middle East Studies Association (MESA),

**Conferences,** Montreal, Canada, November 2-5, 2023.

**Workshops,**

**and** The Nineth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of

**Meetings**: Persianate Societies (ASPS), Yerevan, Armenia; May 30-June 3, 2023.

Nebraska Consortium on Global Islamic Studies (NCGIS) workshop, May 18-19, 2023.

The annual conference of The Middle East Studies Association (MESA),

Denver, CO, December 1-4, 2022.

 The annual conference of The Middle East Studies Association (MESA),

(on-line), October 5-17, 2020.

The 12th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference (on-line), August 25-28,

2020.

The Nineth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS), New Delhi, India; March 2020. (cancelled)

 The annual Conference of The Middle East Studies Association (MESA),

 New Orleans, November 14-18, 2019.

 American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIrS), Annual Board Meeting, 13

September, 2019, Washington, DC.

American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIrS) Annual Board Meeting, 17

September 2018, Washington, D.C.

11th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of California Irvine, August 14-17, 2018.

Symposia Persica: The First International Biennial Conference and Graduate Workshop. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 21-24 February 2018.

Missouri Valley History Conference, The University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, 1-3 March 2018.

Missouri Valley History Conference, The University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, 2-4 March 2017

 Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Denver, CO. November 2012.

 Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington, DC, December

 2011.

Middle East Studies Association (MESA), San Diego, 18-21 November 2010.

AIIrS Conference, New York City, 9-10 April, 2010.

CAORC, Directors Conference, Washington, DC, 31 January-2 February 2010.

Middle East Scholars Association (MESA), Boston, November 2009.

**Professional** Phi Alpha Theta (since 1982)

**Activities:** Middle East Studies Association (MESA) (since 1998)

The Association for Iranian Studies (AIS)

The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS)

The United Nations Association (UNA)

The Association of University Professors (AAUP)

Palestine American Research Center (PARC)

**Institutional** Representative for the Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences on

**Service** the Faculty Senate, The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), 2022-5.

Member of the Goals and Directions Committee on the Faculty Senate, The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), 2022-5.

Member of the Undergraduate Committee in the Department of History, The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), 2022-present.

Member of the University Committee on Research and Creative Activity

 (UCRCA) Committee; representative for the College of Arts

and Sciences in the Humanities, UNO, 2021-22.

Member of the Graduate Committee in the Department of History, The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), 2021-2.

Member of the Leadership Committee of The American Association of University Professors (AAUP), at The University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2018-19.

Member of the Pre-doctoral Fellowship Program Committee, The American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIrS), 2022-3.

 Associate of the Islamic Studies Program, The University of

 Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), 2021-present.

 Associate of The Center for Afghanistan Studies (CAS), The University of

 Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), 2021-present.

**Public** Speaker: “The Current Protests in Iran in Historical Perspective.” The

**Talks and** United Nations Association (UNA) of Lincoln, Union College, NE,

**Publications**: 10 December 2022.

 Presenter: “Reviving the Economy of Tajikistan after the Pandemic,” Capacity Building for Tajikistan Universities grant, American Councils for International Education, Zoom presentation given for two Tajik universities. (January 19, 2021).

Panel Discussant: *The Middle East Forum*, “What is the future of Islamist and fundamentalist politics in the Middle East?,” Middle East Project Fund and Islamic Studies Program, The University of Nebraska at Omaha. (February 13, 2020).

Panelist: “Turkey’s Incursions, Kurds, and ISIS in Syria: A Human Rights

Forum in Cooperation with the Middle East Forum,” The University of

Nebraska at Omaha, Thursday, Oct. 24, 12-1 p.m., CPACS 132.

Letter to the Editor: “Afghan Dilemma Still Challenges America,” *Lincoln Journal Star* (Sunday, October 6, 2019) p. F7.

Letter to the Editor: “US-Iran Conflict often Misunderstood.” *Lincoln Journal Star* (Sunday, June 30, 2019), p. B10.

Panel Discussant: “CASA and the Current US Administration Policy,”

CASA Week Celebrations, UNO, 27 March 2018.

Panel Discussant: *The Middle East Forum*, The University of Nebraska at Omaha, convened three times per semester. I have participated since February 2017.

Guest speaker: Prof. Jonathan Roth's course, "The History of the Muslims and Byzantines." San Jose State University. September, 2016.

Guest Speaker: “Iran and Saudi Arabia in the Middle East,” Kiwanis Club of Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 19, 2016.

Speaker: “The Rivalry Between Iran and Saudi Arabia in the Middle East,” *The Dredla Research Speakers Series*, Doane University, Crete, Nebraska, February 9, 2016.

Guest Speaker: “The Iran-Saudi Rivalry: Contemporary Events,” United Nations Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, February 29, 2016.

Guest Speaker: “The Historical Background to the Rivalry Between Iran and Saudi Arabia in the Middle East,” United Nations Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, 25 January 2016.

Guest Speaker: “Modern Iran,” Unitarian Church Winter Lecture Series on Iran, Lincoln, Nebraska, 3 March 2013.

Guest Speaker: “The Modern Iranian Political Structure,” talk for Comparative Politics course, Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska, November, 2011.

Guest Speaker: “The Haj and its festival,” Commission for the Blind and Visually impaired, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 2010.

Guest Speaker: “Iran Today,” The Prez Club (Lincoln businessmen), Lincoln Country Club, Lincoln, Nebraska, December 2007.

 Guest Speaker: “Iran,” St. John’s Catholic Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 2007.

 Guest Speaker: “An Overview of 100Years of Democracy in Iran,” United Nations Association, Lincoln, Nebraska chapter, November 2006.

**Travel and** Armenia, Yerevan, May 28-June 14, 2023.

**Field** Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Khojand. November 20-30, 2021.

**Research**: Bulgaria, Sofia, May-June 2016.

Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Khojand; Turkey, Istanbul: May-September 2012.

 Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Khojand; Turkey, Istanbul: May-September 2011.

Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Khojand; Russia, Moscow: May-September 2010.

Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Khojand, May-September 2009.

 Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Khojand, May-November 2008.

 Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Khojand, May-September 2007.

Iran: January-September 2004.

Iran: June 2002-February 2003.

Iran: January-September 2001.

Tajikistan and Uzbekistan:March-April 2000.

Tajikistan and Uzbekistan: January 2000.

 Tajikistan: May - July 1998.

Turkey: July 1998.

Germany: April 25 - May 2, 1994.

Turkey: March 17-29, 1994.

Macedonia: February 2 - April 25, 1994.

Tajikistan: August - October, 1993.

Russia and Tajikistan: October and November 1992.

Iran: May and June 1992.

Turkey: May 1992.

**Languages**: **Persian (Farsi and Dari)**: native fluency.

**Tajiki-Persian**: near native fluency.

 **Arabic**: proficient.

 **German**: proficient.

 **Turkish (Azerbaijani)**: proficient.

 **French**: sufficient for research purposes.

 **Russian**: sufficient for research purposes.

**Courses** Modern Iran

**Taught**: The Modern Middle East

 The US and the Middle East

 Iranian Dissident Politics

 The History of Islam

 Israel and Palestine

 Modern Russia since 1856

 Western Civilization II

 World History I (to 1500)

 World History II (1500-present)

 American History I (to 1865)

 American History II (1865-present)

Persian (First Year for Heritage Students)

Conversational Arabic and Persian

**Areas**: Iran (all periods)

Modern Middle East

Central Asia

Islam

Eastern Europe, Balkans, former Soviet Union (Russia)

World and Global History

American History

Global and International Studies

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