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## EDUCATION

### Degrees

- Ph.D., International Relations, The American University, 1990
- M.A., Political Science, Northeastern University, 1985
- B.A., Political Science with a minor in Sociology (*Magna cum laude*), Boston University, 1983

### Postgraduate Training

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

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### Missouri University of Science and Technology

2022-present

- Vice Provost and Founding Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education ([CASE](#))
- Professor of Political Science

### *Responsibilities Include:*

- **Leadership of Faculty, Staff, and Students:** Providing leadership for a team of 123 full-time faculty members, along with 90 staff members. Overseeing the academic development and success of 763 students within the college, 77% of whom are undergraduates.
- **Academic Program Oversight:** Providing leadership for 85+ academic programs, spanning certificates, minors, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Additionally, overseeing key units such as the Child Development Center, Kummer Center for STEM Education, Collaboratory, and Ozark Research Field Station.
- **Collaborative Governance:** Partnering with 9 department chairs, 2 ROTC program commanders, 2 associate deans, 1 senior development officer, a 8-member Dean's Leadership Council, a 9-member Faculty Leadership Council fostering a shared governance framework.
- **Financial Stewardship:** Directing strategic financial planning for a \$20 million annual budget.

### *Key Initiatives and Accomplishments:*

- **Strategic Planning Leadership:** Initiated and led a task force to develop a comprehensive [strategic plan](#) for the college, aligning with institutional goals and future growth initiatives.
- **Departmental Reviews & Assessments:** Oversaw external reviews for five departments—Chemistry, Education, Mathematics & Statistics, Biological Sciences, and Psychological Science. Additionally, led the internal review of the Department of Arts, Languages, and Philosophy.
- **Governance & Policy Updates:**
  - Requested CASE departments to prepare an annual report, update departmental bylaws, and refresh recruitment/informational materials to align with evolving needs.
  - Implemented a new policy for evaluating the performance of associate deans.
- **Significant Growth in Applications:** Over the past three years, total undergraduate and graduate applications to CASE have increased 172% increase. This growth reflects the college's enhanced academic offerings, strategic outreach efforts, and strengthened reputation.
- **New Academic Programs:** Oversaw the creation of the following new academic programs:
  - PhD degree in [Biological Sciences](#), PhD degree in [Psychological Science](#)
  - BS and MS degrees (in progress) in Data Science

- 2 Graduate Track Pathways in Chemistry (MS), and Mathematics (PhD)
- 3 grad certificates in Human Factors, Professional Communication, Teacher Leadership
- 10 new undergraduate certificates in Environmental Science & Policy, French Studies, Healthcare Psychology, Industrial-Organizational Psychology, Medicinal Chemistry, Neuroscience, Psychology of Diversity and Inclusion, Statistics, Education of Young Children, and Russian & Eurasian Studies
- 3 new emphasis areas in National Security, Medical Laboratory Scientist, and STEM Education emphasis area in the non-thesis Biological Sciences MS degree (graduate)
- **Faculty Hiring and promotion:**
  - Hired 26 full-time faculty members, including 3 endowed full professors.
  - Oversaw 28 faculty promotion and tenure reviews, 13 post-tenure reviews, and 2 third-year reviews. Additional cases are under review.
- **Enhanced Research Output & Funding Growth:**
  - Faculty research proposals have grown by 45%, expanding from \$29.9 million in 2022 to \$43.3 million in 2024, reflecting a significant boost in research activity.
  - Faculty research awards have increased by 34%, rising from \$10.8 million in 2022 to \$14.5 million in 2024.
- **Record-Breaking Fundraising Growth:** Increased college fundraising from \$200,000 in 2022 to a record high of \$3.8 million in 2024.
- **Student Success Initiatives:**
  - Conceived and oversaw the development of CASE's first-ever comprehensive [three-year course plan](#), enabling students to strategically plan for timely degree completion.
  - Implemented targeted scholarship & financial aid initiatives to support first-time college students and those facing financial hardship, enhancing enrollment/retention rates.
  - Successfully advocated for the Biology and Chemistry departments to reduce their required credit hours for the BS degree to 120, ensuring consistency across all programs.
  - Successfully advocated for targeted strategies to reduce DFW rates in high-challenge courses, improving student retention and success.
  - Transitioned all college summer courses to a fully online, asynchronous format.
  - Championed the adoption of a new mathematics placement test, ensuring more accurate assessment of student readiness and appropriate course placement.
  - Established the college's first-ever Student Advisory Board.
  - Successfully advocated for and secured funding to purchase new uniforms for the Marching Band, enhancing their appearance.
- **Supporting Faculty and Staff:**
  - Ensured that every CASE department developed and implemented formalized mentoring policies for junior faculty, supporting professional growth and retention.
  - Established the Curriculum Development Grant program to encourage and incentivize faculty to design team-taught courses, fostering collaboration across disciplines.
  - Convened a task force to assess and enhance the research environment within CASE, resulting in key recommendations aimed at fostering a more productive research culture.
  - Introduced four new staff [awards](#) to acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable contributions of college staff, fostering a culture of appreciation and excellence.
- **Increased Visibility:** Elevated the college's profile through:
  - Initiating and publishing award winning College [Annual Reports](#).
  - Initiating and publishing a popular monthly [newsletter](#) reaching 4,000+ people.
  - Successfully lead the transition of CASE faculty websites to a new web platform.
  - Created a new [LinkedIn](#) page for the college.
  - Introducing numerous website upgrades and promotional videos, digital ads, highway billboards, and a permanent university exhibit featuring faculty-authored book covers.

- 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:*

- **Academic Program Oversight:** Provided oversight for 400 undergraduate and graduate students, including 123 Ph.D. candidates, in a school that offers 14 undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificate programs and generates 9,000 student credit hours annually.
- **Collaborative Governance:** Worked closely with 5 program chairs, 2 associate directors, a 10-member Executive Council, and a 7-member Advisory Board.
- **Comprehensive Academic Management:** Directed all academic units within the school, including the Undergraduate Program, Urban Affairs and Planning, Center for Public Administration and Policy, Government and International Affairs, and the Institute for Policy and Governance.
- **Degree Program Supervision:** Oversaw 14 (under)graduate degree and certificate programs, including two graduate programs accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) and the Planning Accreditation Board.
- **Facilities Enhancement:** Oversaw initiatives for enhancing school facilities in three cities (Arlington, Blacksburg, and Richmond).
- **Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Support:** Successfully recruited, retained, and supported a team of 60 faculty and staff members.
- **Financial Stewardship:** Managed an annual budget of over \$4.2 million and research expenditures exceeding \$2.3 million.
- **Internal Process Development and Team Building:** Managed 8 full-time direct reports (academic advisor, administrative operations coordinator, business manager, fiscal tech, graduate enrollment coordinator, IT manager, and manager of faculty and student affairs).
- **Leadership in Doctoral Education:** Served as department head and a member of the admissions committee for the PhD program in Planning, Governance, and Globalization.
- **Relationship Building:** Cultivated relationships to enhance the educational, research, and outreach impact of SPIA and its resources.

*Key Initiatives and Accomplishments:*

- **Recognition for Excellence:** Secured the university's 2020 [Exemplary Department/ Program award](#) for outstanding approaches to teaching with a global perspective at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.
- **Support for Faculty and Students:** Offered curriculum development grants to faculty and provided financial assistance to students during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Fundraising Success:** Increased SPIA's "giving day" fundraising by 45% and strengthened undergraduate alumni engagement.
- **Digital Transformation:** Designed and launched a new SPIA [website](#), resulting in a 230% increase in monthly web traffic.
- **Social Media Growth:** Expanded SPIA's social media presence, achieving 28% follower growth on Facebook, 40% on Twitter, and 200% on LinkedIn.
- **Comprehensive Academic and Financial Reviews:** Led the creation of a thorough 120-page "Academic Program Review" and a detailed 31-page "Financial White Paper."
- **Cross-Institutional Collaboration:** Initiated partnerships with various research centers and institutes at Virginia Tech to foster cooperation and expand research opportunities.
- **Enhanced Financial Transparency:** Improved financial transparency by making budgetary processes more accessible and understandable.

- **Policy Development & Codification:** Drafted a new 34-page “Promotion & Tenure Policy” for SPIA, setting clear guidelines and expectations, and systematized various school policies for consistency and clarity.
- **Strategic Marketing:** Introduced fresh marketing and advertising initiatives, including the development of a compelling new School tagline.
- **Consistent Communication:** Established a monthly school [newsletter](#) to keep stakeholders informed and engaged.
- **Staff Development:** Managed staff hiring and reorganization to better align with the school’s strategic goals.

#### University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

- Visiting Scholar, Center for Near Eastern Studies, 2017-2018

#### Syracuse University (SU): 1992-2019

- **Co-Chair, Internationalization Council (2016-2017):** Led a university-wide council reporting to the provost, focused on advancing comprehensive internationalization. Council provided strategic advice on initiatives such as curriculum internationalization, study abroad programs, international student recruitment and integration, and regional studies programs.
- **Inaugural Provost’s Faculty Fellow for Internationalization, Provost Office (2015-2017):** As the first to hold this [role](#), played a key part in shaping and executing the university’s internationalization strategy. Engaged with universities in China, Cyprus, and Greece, and fostering partnership with Cornell University to advance collaborations.
- **Syracuse University Representative to the American Council on Education ([ACE](#)) Internationalization Laboratory (2015-2017):** Led a comprehensive assessment of SU’s international initiatives, including study abroad programs, student recruitment, global partnerships, dual degree offerings, curriculum internationalization, and faculty development, to strengthen the university’s global engagement and presence.
- **Syracuse University Representative to ACE’s Institute for Leading Internationalization (2015):** Acquired expertise in applying a comprehensive model of internationalization tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities of universities. Focused on raising the importance of international goals by integrating them into SU’s overall mission.
- **Co-Chair, Academic Strategic Plan Working Group on Enhancing Internationalization (2014-2016):** Played a pivotal role in embedding internationalization as a core principle in SU’s new academic strategic plan. Led efforts to expand the university’s global footprint and was a primary author of the strategic plan to strengthen international initiatives.
- **Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor of Political Science (1992-2019), [Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs](#)**
- **Chair of the Department of Political Science (2014-2017)**

#### *Responsibilities Included:*

- **Leadership and Management:** Led a department of 33 full-time faculty, 12 adjunct faculty, and 3 full-time staff, making it the second-largest department at the Maxwell School.
- **Academic Program Oversight:** Managed academic programs serving 640 undergraduate students and 65 Ph.D. candidates, with the department delivering 12,800 undergraduate credit hours and 1,000 graduate credit hours annually.
- **Budgeting and Strategic Planning:** Directed strategic fiscal planning for a \$2 million salary budget and a \$100,000 annual operating budget.
- **Faculty Recruitment and Development:** Successfully recruited 5 new assistant professors and two postdocs, while overseeing the promotion & tenure process for 5 faculty members.

- **Growth in Academic Output:** Increased total undergraduate credit hours taught by 6% during tenure as department chair.

*Key Initiatives and Improvements:*

- **Led Middle States Assessment Review:** Initiated and directed the department's Middle States Assessment review, incorporating a SWOT analysis and ideational exercises to evaluate and enhance departmental performance.
- **Implemented New Assessment Plans:** Developed and executed comprehensive assessment plans for both graduate & undergraduate programs to improve quality and outcomes.
- **Expanded Course Offerings:** Introduced additional 200-level and 400-level courses to broaden the curriculum and provide students with more diverse learning opportunities.
- **Codified Departmental Policies:** Updated departmental policies, including a thorough revision of the Faculty Procedures and Evaluation Policy to ensure clarity and consistency.
- **Enhanced Financial Transparency:** Improved financial transparency within the department by conducting an in-depth analysis of salary discrepancies between male and female faculty members, promoting equity.
- **Streamlined Course Offerings:** Deactivated outdated courses and standardized current offerings, ensuring approved courses aligned with credit standards and requirements.
- **Updated Department Website:** Redesigned and enhanced the department's website to better serve students and faculty, improving accessibility and information flow.

**Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science (2001-2004)**

*Key Initiatives and Improvements:*

- **Program Oversight:** Provided leadership for 50-65 Ph.D. and M.A. candidates annually.
- **Admissions Leadership:** Chaired the admissions committee, reviewing 120-180 applications per year, driving the selection of top candidates.
- **Increased TA Support:** Secured 10 additional TA slots from the Maxwell Dean, addressing a record increase in undergraduate majors and enhancing graduate student support.
- **Optimized Research Assistant (RA) Allocation:** Revised policies for the use and allocation of RA positions, assigning 6 grad students annually to support faculty research.
- **Ph.D. Curriculum Enhancement:** Redesigned the methods requirement for Ph.D. students to align with evolving academic standards and research needs.
- **Oral Qualifying Exam Policy Reform:** Revised and codified policies for Oral Qualifying Examinations, streamlining the process and ensuring clear guidelines for students.
- **Doctoral Reading Lists:** Oversaw the development of comprehensive reading lists for all Political Science doctoral subfields to assist students in preparing for Oral Qualifying Exam.
- **Program of Study Approval:** Instituted a new process requiring Graduate Studies Committee approval of each student's "Program of Study" prior to their Oral Qualifying.
- **Fellowship Bundling:** Introduced the practice of bundling fellowships with summer research grants to attract and retain top-tier doctoral students.
- **Equitable Funding Distribution:** Supervised the awarding of funding and departmental prizes, ensuring equitable and transparent distribution of resources.
- **Graduate Course Standardization:** Standardized and regularized numerous graduate courses, enhancing consistency, academic rigor, and clarity across the program.

**Founding Co-Director, Religion, Media & International Affairs Program (2006-2009)**

*Key Initiatives and Improvements:*

- **Curriculum Development and Case Studies:** Funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, developed and launched 10 new or significantly revamped courses and 12 case studies, emphasizing the critical role of religion and religious beliefs in international affairs.

- **Budget and Financial Management:** Oversaw all budgetary and financial operations, including hiring graduate assistants and case writers. Edited and provided detailed feedback on all 12 case studies and authored comprehensive annual reports.
- **Conference Organization:** Organized the international conference *Old and New Media, and the Changing Faces of Islam* at SU in 2009, bringing together 10 leading journalists and scholars to explore the intersection of media and Islamic identities.
- **Collaborative Scholarship:** As program director, invited to join the Social Science Research Council's (SSRC) Program on Religion & International Affairs (2007-2010), leading to collaboration with distinguished scholars and contributing to the book *Rethinking Religion and World Affairs* (Oxford University Press, 2012).

#### Founding Director of the [Middle Eastern Studies Program](#) (MESP) (2003-2014)

##### *Key Initiatives and Improvements:*

- **Leadership and Growth:** Founded and led the Middle Eastern Studies Program (MESP) for 11 years, transforming it into one of the most popular regional studies concentrations at SU.
- **Curriculum and Program Development:** Spearheaded the development and approval of the program's Major, Minor, and Certificate of Advanced Study for Graduate Students, securing official approval from the New York State Department of Education.
- **Faculty Recruitment and Expansion:** Played a pivotal role in recruiting 10 new faculty members across the university, significantly expanding the program's expertise and influence. Under my leadership, the program expanded to include 25 faculty members.
- **Course Expansion:** Regularized 35 courses within the MESP curriculum, increasing offerings from fewer than 12 in 2003 to 25 by 2013.
- **Event Organization and Communication:** Organized numerous conferences, lectures, language tables, and film screenings, while publishing 11 newsletters between 2007 and 2013 to keep the community engaged and informed.
- **Visiting Scholar Program:** Facilitated the campus visits of eight Middle Eastern scholars, arranging stays ranging from 4 to 24 months, promoting cross-cultural exchange.
- **International Outreach and Partnerships:** Traveled extensively to Bahrain, Lebanon, Kuwait, Türkiye, and the UAE to engage with donors, alumni, and potential partners, establishing exchange relationships and securing student internship placements.
- **Community Engagement:** Led extensive community outreach initiatives, building strong ties between the program and the community to foster mutual understanding and support.

#### American Council on Education (ACE) [Fellow](#), Host Institution: California State University, Northridge ([CSUN](#)) (2017-2018)

##### *Key Initiatives and Improvements:*

- **Selective Leadership Development:** Competitively chosen by ACE for this prestigious program, designed to prepare future executive leaders committed to advancing higher education. Participated in workshops, 15 campus visits, and the annual ACE conference.
- **Institutional Leadership Experience:** At CSUN, actively observed and contributed to meetings of the President Dianne F. Harrison's Extended Cabinet, the Provost Yi Li's Staff, the Senate, the University Foundation, and the California State University System Board of Trustees. Collaborated with the President and the Provost on three key initiatives.
- **Strategic Planning Contribution:** Mapped out the three-year (2017-2020) strategic plans for all CSUN Colleges, aligning them with the "CSUN Shines for the Future" planning priorities, which outlined the university's eight major goals.



- **Graduation Initiative 2025:** Developed and calculated targets for increasing graduation rates and closing the achievement gap for full-time first-year students and transfer students across all colleges, supporting the goals of Graduation Initiative 2025.
- **Comprehensive College Review:** Created an extensive inventory of interventions and metrics used by each college, focusing on seven critical 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:

[Post-revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook](#) (Syracuse University Press, 2018)

- This 853-page political encyclopedia offers the most comprehensive collection of data on post-revolutionary Iran's political landscape. It includes biographical sketches of over 2,300 political figures, an extensive chronology, detailed coverage of 36 national elections, information on more than 400 legal and outlawed political organizations, and insights into the intricate family ties among the elite.
- The book was the focal point of a book review forum featuring five contributions in [Iranian Studies](#) 53, nos. 3-4 (May-August 2020), pp. 675-684.
- Additionally, it received reviews in *Choice* (February 2019), *Middle East Quarterly* (Spring 2019), *Arab Weekly* (June 2018), *Middle East Librarians Association* (April 2019), and *MELA Notes* (2020).

[Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and Theory of Statecraft](#) (Syracuse University Press, 2013; paperback edition 2017)

- This edited volume brings together a distinguished group of scholars to reinterpret the concepts and canons of Islamic thought across Arab, Persian, South Asian, and Turkish traditions. The book challenges the notion of a singular "Islamic" stance on key issues of statecraft and governance. My contributions include a single-authored introduction and an original co-written chapter, "On Sa'di's Treatise on Advice to the Kings."
- The book has been reviewed in several notable publications, including the *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), and *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des* (2017).
- A [Turkish edition](#), *Siyasetname: İslami Bir Devlet İdaresi Teorisi*, translated by Salim Korkmaz, was published by al-Baraka in Istanbul in 2021.

[Tarashidam, Parastidam, Shikastam: Guftarhay-i dar Siyasat va Huviyat-i Irani](#) [*I Carved, Worshiped and Shattered: Essays on Iranian Politics and Identity*] (Tehran: Nashr-e Negah-e Mo'aser, 2010)

- This book is a compilation of 18 of my Persian-language essays that delve into Iran's intellectual history during the interwar period (1919-1939) and the post-1979 era.
- Reviewed in *Iranian Studies*.

[Iranian Intellectuals and the West: Tormented Triumph of Nativism](#) (Syracuse University Press, 1996)

- This book explores the works of ten influential thinkers who played a pivotal role in shaping 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.*

- [Arabic edition](#) (*al-Mustanirun al-Iraniyun wa-al-Gharb*) (Beirut: Dar al-Hadi, 2007)
- [Persian edition](#) (*Rawshanfikran-i Irani va gharb*) (Tehran: Farzan-e-Rooz, 1998). 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition), 1998; 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 1999; 4<sup>th</sup> edition, 2005; 5<sup>th</sup> edition, 2009; 6<sup>th</sup> edition 2013; 7<sup>th</sup> edition, 2017
- [Turkish edition](#) (*Iran Entelektuelleri ve Batı*) (Istanbul: Yöneliş, 2002)

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- [“Generational Transformation of Iranian Political Elite”](#) (in Persian), *Iran Academia*, no. 14 (Winter 2023): 1-12.
- [“The Unfolding of Unreason: Javad Tabatabai’s Idea of Political Decline in Iran,”](#) with Alireza Shomali, *Iranian Studies* 48 (6), 2015: 949-965.
- [“Bet on the Optimists: Prospects for Reform,”](#) *Foreign Service Journal*, June 2007: 26-31.
- [“Iranian Nuclear Miasma,”](#) with Todd Fine (graduate student), *Syracuse Law Review* 57 (3), 2007: 619-635.
- [“‘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.
- [“Contesting Nationalist Constructions of Iranian Identity,”](#) *Critique: Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East* 12, Spring 1998: 43-55.
- [“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.
- [“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).
- [“Iranian Islam and the Faustian Bargain of Western Modernity,”](#) *Journal of Peace Research* 34 (1), February 1997: 1-5.
- [“Iran’s Intellectual Panorama,”](#) *Bulletin of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis* 11 (3), Spring 1996: 22-24.
- [“Rethinking the Third World,”](#) with Ali Mirsepassi, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 5 (1), 1993: 51-58.

#### Book Chapters:

- “Second Supreme Swapping: Prospects for Leadership Change in Iran,” in H. E. Chehabi, ed., *Political, Cultural and Social History of Iran: Essays in Honor of Ervand Abrahamian* (Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming 2025), 166-189.
- [“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 *Qalamyan*, no. 23, pp. 71-75.
- “Iran,” in Ellen Lust, ed., *The Middle East*, 16<sup>th</sup> edition (Sage/Congressional Quarterly, 2023), pp. 443-470 [Earlier versions appeared in the 15<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> editions].



- [“The Office of the Supreme Leader: Epicenter of a Theocracy,”](#) with Kourosh 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).
- [“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).
- “Introduction,” in Mehrzad Boroujerdi, ed., *Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and Theory of Statecraft*, pp. 1-15 (Syracuse University Press, 2013).
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- [“Humble Secularism,”](#) in Ramin Jahanbegloo, ed., *Civil Society and Democracy in Iran*, pp. 119-26 (Lexington Books, 2012).
- [“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).
- [“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).
- [“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)].
- [“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).
- [“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).
- [“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 Schäebler and Leif Stenberg, eds., *Globalization and the Muslim World: Culture, Religion and Modernity*, pp. 30-38 (Syracuse University Press, 2004).
- [“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).
- [“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).
- [“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).
- “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).
- [“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).

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- [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.
- [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.
- [Review](#) of *Reinventing Khomeini: The Struggle for Reform in Iran*, by Daniel Brumberg. *American Political Science Review* 96 (4), December 2002, pp. 843-44.
- [Review](#) of *Being Modern in Iran*, by Fariba Adelkhah. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis* 18 (1), April 2002, pp. 90-95.
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- [Review](#) of *Reason, Freedom, and Democracy in Islam*, by Abdolkarim Soroush. *Middle East Journal* 55 (3), Summer 2001, pp. 519-20.
- [Review](#) of *Iranian Intellectuals in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, by Ali Gheissari. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis* 16 (1), April 2000, pp. 135-36.
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- [Review](#) of *Iran and the Muslim World: Resistance and Revolution*, by Nikki R. Keddie. *Contemporary Sociology* 25, September 1996, pp. 628-29.
- [Review](#) of *Rethinking Middle East Politics*, by Simon Bromley. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 28, May 1996, pp. 259-61.
- [Review](#) of *After Khomeini: New Directions in Iran's Foreign Policy*, by K. L. Afrasiabi. *Middle East Journal* 50, Spring 1996, pp. 274-75.
- [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.
- [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.
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- [Review](#) of *Iran and the International Community*, by Anoushiravan Ehteshami and Manshour Varasteh. *Middle East Journal* 46, Spring 1992, pp. 322-23.
- [Review](#) of *Islamic Fundamentalism in Egyptian Politics*, by Barry Rubin. *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 21, Spring 1992, pp. 130-1.
- [Review](#) of *Social Origins of the Iranian Revolution*, by Misagh Parsa. *Iranian Studies* 23, 1990, pp. 112-14.

### Encyclopedia Entries:

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

#### Digital Scholarship:

- [“Nepotism in the Islamic Republic of Iran,”](#) Clingendael Blog (December 19, 2024).
- [“The Electoral Conundrum Facing Iran’s Sole Reformist Presidential Candidate,”](#) Stimson Center (June 20, 2024).
- [“Everything you need to know about the six candidates in Iran’s presidential election,”](#) *Atlantic Council* (June 17, 2024).
- [“Iran’s Faustian 2024 Elections: Statistics Tell the Story,”](#) *Stimson Center* (March 4, 2024). Persian translation in *Iran Emrooz*.
- [“Review of Peter Katzenstein’s Civilizational Politics in World Affairs Trilogy,”](#) Social Science Research Network (December 12, 2023).
- [“Intellectuals, Literature, and Publishing Houses in Iran: 1960-1990,”](#) Social Science Research Network (September 24, 2023).
- [“Plight of Threatened Iranian and Afghan Scholars and Students,”](#) Social Science Research Network (September 9, 2023).
- [“Iran’s generational leadership change,”](#) *Chatham House* (May 16, 2023).
- [“Sunnis in Iran: Protesting Against Decades of Discrimination and Repression,”](#) The Washington Institute for Near East Policy (November 21, 2022).
- [“Who’s on Iran’s current nuclear negotiating team? Some have controversial pasts,”](#) *The Atlantic Council Blog* (January 11, 2022).
- “Iran’s 2021 Presidential Election,” *Trends Research* (June 30, 2021).
- [What will Raisi’s cabinet look like? Hardline and full of war vets,”](#) *The Atlantic Council Blog* (June 23, 2021).
- [“Rethinking US Policy Toward Iran: A Forum,”](#) *Middle East Report* (May 27, 2020).
- [“Will Soleimani’s Killing Lead To A Wider Conflict?”](#) Radio Farda (January 3, 2020).
- [“The U.S. and Iran Are Stirring a Recipe for Conflict,”](#) *US News and World Report* (June 20, 2019).
- [“Ebrahim Raisi: Iran’s New Chief Justice and Possible Supreme Leader in Waiting,”](#) *The Atlantic Council Blog* (March 11, 2019).
- [“Javad Zarif Returns-to a Foreign Ministry Still Out in the Cold: Iran’s Top Diplomat Vies for Authority,”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (March 6, 2019).
- [“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).
- [“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.
- “Seizing the Opportunity with Iran,” (with Louis Kriesberg), *Syracuse University Institute for National Security and Counter-Terrorism blog* (February 6, 2014).
- [“A Candid Discussion with Mehrzad Boroujerdi,”](#) *Foreign Policy Association* (23 May 2013)
- [“Negotiation is Still the Best Option: Revisiting the Iranian Nuclear Issue,”](#) with Todd Fine, *Syracuse Law Review* (2012).
- [“Khamenei Consolidates Control Amid Other Power Shifts,”](#) United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Blog, *The Iran Primer* (8 June 2012).
- [“Revolutionary Guards Soar in Parliament,”](#) with Kourosh Rahimkhani (graduate student), USIP Blog *The Iran Primer* (19 September 2011).
- [“Iran’s New Foreign Minister: Ali Akbar Salehi,”](#) USIP Blog *The Iran Primer* (31 January 2011).

- 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.
- “Violent Politics But Not yet a Revolution in Iran,” *Khaleej Times* [Dubai], (23 February 2010).
- “[Iran's Potato Revolution](#),” *Foreign Policy* (12 May 2009).
- “[The Ayatollah and Ahmadinejad: Interview with Mehrzad Boroujerdi](#),” *The Politic.org* [Yale University's Undergraduate Journal of Politics] (7 November 2008).
- “[Ignore Iran's Exile Dream Merchants](#),” with Geneive Abdo, *The Daily Star* [Beirut] (24 June 2008).
- Member, working group drafting “Joint Experts’ Statement on Iran,” Spring and Summer 2008.
- “[Iran's March 14, 2008 Majlis Elections](#),” Viewpoint Moderator, *Middle East Institute* (13 March 2008).
- “[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.
- “Will Iran Agree to Talk to U.S.?” *The [Syracuse] Post-Standard* (10 December 2006), p. E1.
- “Letter to the Editor: Story on Iranian Bomb Fanned Flames of Discord,” *The [Syracuse] Post-Standard* (29 April 2004), p. A17.
- “[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

- I have taught a variety of graduate courses, including 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), and Social Theory & the Middle East.
- I have also taught a wide range of undergraduate courses, including 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 and Media in England (London, UK), Politics of Iran, Politics of the Middle East, Representations of the Middle East, and Road to Democracy in the Muslim World (Istanbul, Turkey and Dubai, UAE).

## Other Professional Appointments

- Served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Near East Foundation ([NEF](#)), from 2010 to 2019. NEF, founded in 1915, is the United States’ oldest nonsectarian international development non-governmental organization.
- Served as a Non-Resident Scholar in Public Policy at the Middle East Institute ([MEI](#)) from 2005 to 2016. Founded in 1946, MEI is a leading think tank in Washington, DC, specializing in Middle Eastern politics.

## GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING

**Total External and Syracuse University 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
- [Jack Shand Research Grant](#), The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (\$4,950), 2022
- [Vartan Gregorian Research Grant](#), Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (\$25,000), 2022
- Andrew Berlin Family National Security Research Fund Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University (\$3,104), 2018
- Violet Jabara Charitable Trust (\$20,000) as Principal Investigator (PI): *"Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook,"* 2016.
- Princeton University's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies (\$5,000) as co-PI for "Iran Data Portal Support Grant" (with Professor Mirjam Künkler), 2014.
- Social Science Research Council (\$142,000): Co-PI for "Iran Social Science Information Project" (with Professor Mirjam Künkler) 2009-2011 (two back-to-back awards).
- 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, Virginia Tech, 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 Syracuse University 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, Syracuse University, 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 Syracuse University, 2004-2008, 2016.



- Council for International Exchange of Scholars: Fulbright Visiting Specialist Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World, 2004.

*Syracuse University:*

- 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, *Award received on behalf of the School of Public and International Affairs*, 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](#). Fund was given for five years in recognition of contribution to research, service and teaching, Syracuse Univ, \$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, for outstanding teaching, research and service by a junior faculty member, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, \$3,000, 1998.
- Best Dissertation Award *in the field of Iranian Studies*, 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 University, 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 University, 1983-1985.

**EDITORIAL POSITIONS**



- Member of Board of Consulting Editors. [Freedom of Thought](#) Journal (in Persian), 2022-present.
- Editorial Board Member. [IRAN](#) (Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies), 2019-present.
- Editorial Board Member. *Iranian Studies*, 2015-present: Flagship peer-reviewed journal in the field of Iranian studies published by the Association for Iranian Studies
- Book Review Editor. [International Journal of Middle East Studies](#), 2002-2007: During my tenure, I commissioned and published 187 book reviews in this flagship journal in the field of Middle Eastern Studies.
- Founding Editor. [Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East](#), 1996-2014: During my tenure, I published 37 books in this interdisciplinary book series published by Syracuse University Press.
- Editorial Board Member. [Syracuse University Press](#), 1995-1998.

## SERVICE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

### *Missouri University of Science and Technology:*

- Co-chair, [Provost Search Committee](#) (15 members), November 2024-present.
- Provost Chancellor Leadership Council, July 2022-present.
- Chancellor's Speaker Series Committee, January 2023-present.
- Co-chair, Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, 2023
- Missouri S&T Space Committee, November 2022-present.
- Provost's Cabinet, July 2022-present.
- Remmer Special Artist/Lecturer Committee, Summer 2023-present.
- Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Fall 2022.
- Task Force on Strategic Enrollment Management (Fall 2022).
- University Space Committee (Spring 2023-present).

### *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, 2019-2020
- Expanded Leadership Team, College of Architecture and Urban Studies, 2019-2022
- Executive Committee (Chair), SPIA, 2019-2022

### *Syracuse University:*

- Academic Strategic Plan Steering Committee (2014-2015)
- University Leadership Team (2015-2017)
- 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 Middle East, SU Abroad, 2011-2012
- Task Force to plan and implement a new study abroad program in cooperation with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Türkiye, 2010-2011
- 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
- Türkiye Site Exploration Committee [inspecting 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 Program on Analysis of Resolution and Conflict, 2004-2005
- Search Committee, Director of the Renee Crown Honors Program, 2003-2004
- 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
- Chair of the Political Science (PSC) Department, August 2014-July 2017
- PSC Faculty Search Committee, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2018
- PSC Doctoral Program Ad Hoc Review Committee, 2004-2005
- PSC Director of Graduate Studies, 2001-2004
- PSC Graduate Admissions Committee (Chair), 2001-2004
- PSC Graduate Studies Committee (Chair), 2000-2004
- PSC Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee, 2000, 2003, 2005-2008, 2012-2014
- PSC Teaching Mentor to PhD Students, 1999, 2000-2002, 2007, 2013
- PSC Qualifying Exam Committee, Comparative Politics, 1998, 2001-2003, 2005-2007, 2009-2012, 2014
- PSC Promotion & Tenure Committee, 1997-2001
- PSC Graduate Enrollment Committee, 1997
- PSC Committee on Teaching, 1998
- PSC Committee on Mentoring, 1995-1996

#### **ADVISING**

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

#### **PhD Committee Chair:**

- Sefa Secen, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Nazareth University, 2022
- Abolghasem Bayyenat, Farzaneh Family postdoctoral fellow in Iranian studies, University of Oklahoma, 2019
- Anirban Acharya, professor of practice, Lemoyne College, 2018

- Drew H. Kinney (received Best Dissertation Award), visiting assistant professor, Colgate University, 2018
- Massimo Raimoli, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al-Akhawayn University (Morocco), 2017
- Alireza Shomali, Jane E. Ruby Chair in Humanities and Social Sciences, Wheaton College (MA), 2006
- Paul R. Edelman, professor of political science, Sauk Valley Community College, 2004
- Marian Paules, independent scholar, 2003
- Traci Fordham, Interim Chief Diversity Officer, Portland Community College, 2002
- Peter Mameli, associate professor of public management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 1998

#### PhD 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, freelance researcher and editor, 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
- Served as a member of the 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), and Ahmet Sozen (1993).
- Member of 17 Undergraduate Capstone, Distinction and Honors Theses Committees (since tenure)
- Supervised independent study projects for the following students: Mohamad Athar (2018), Juliann Merryman (2013), Amanda Claypool (2013), Marwa Eltagouri (2013), Cheline S. Schroeder (2012), Jacob Cramer (2010), and Artin Afkhami (2008), Evan M. Linhardt, 2008

#### Advisor (at Syracuse University):

- 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

- I have served as a reviewer for research manuscripts submitted to a wide range of prestigious journals and publications, including the *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *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, Nations and Nationalism, New Political Science, Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion, Parliamentary Affairs, Perspectives on Politics, Political Science Quarterly, Politics and Governance, PS: Political Science & Politics, Qualitative Sociology, and Strategic Asia.*

- I have served as a reviewer for book manuscripts and proposals submitted to several prominent academic publishers, including Cambridge University Press, Congressional Quarterly Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Mazda Press, New York University Press, Oxford University Press, the 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, and Yale University Press
- I have served as a reviewer for such organizations as the Academy for Educational Development, Research Council of Norway, Children of Persia Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Science Foundation.
- I have conducted promotion and tenure assessments for several academic institutions, including the University of Haifa (2021), Indiana University (2021), Wheaton College (2019), Texas A&M University (2017), Moravian College (2014), and Hampshire College (1999).
- Co-founder of the [Iran Data Portal](#), which has become the leading online resource for social science data on post-revolutionary Iran since its launch in 2011. The portal now attracts over 4,700 visitors and generates more than 6,300 page views each month.

## **SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS**

- Served as a member of the Program Committee for the Middle East Studies Association's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference, which took place in Boston, MA, from November 17-20, 2016.
- As President of the [International Society for Iranian Studies](#) (now the Association for Iranian Studies) from 2012 to 2014, I led the 700-plus member organization, which is the foremost professional association in the field of Iranian Studies in the Western world. During my tenure, I codified rules, procedures, and guidelines to ensure uniformity and transparency, organized a major conference in Montreal with over 400 participants from more than 20 countries, and negotiated a new contract with the publisher of the organization's journal. Additionally, I relaunched the bi-annual newsletter, making the entire archive available online, created a new Facebook page, increased both individual and institutional memberships, and secured funding for a new dissertation award.
- Other roles within the Association for Iranian Studies include serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee for electing top officials (2023), administrator of the Association's Facebook page (2014-2021), member of the Executive Council (1991-2001, 2014-2016), member of the Best Published Article Selection Committee in Iranian Studies (2006), and co-Chair of the Membership Committee (2005).
- Served as Institutional Trustee of the American Institute of Iranian Studies (2008-2014).
- Served as a member of the Social Science Research Council's Program on Religion & International Affairs (2007-2010).
- Served as a member of the Advisory Board for the *International Studies Review*, the quarterly peer-reviewed journal of the International Studies Association (ISA) (2004-2006).
- Contributed to the Educational Testing Services and College Board in several capacities, including serving as an online tutor for the "Teaching Iran as part of AP Comparative"

tutorial for AP teachers in December 2006. I represented the Advanced Placement (AP) Comparative Government and Politics Development Committee at the AP National Conference in 2005. Additionally, I was a member of the Development Committee for the AP Comparative Government & Politics Course & Examination from 2004 to 2008 and participated in the AP Comparative Government Working Group from 2003 to 2004.

- Served as a member of the Steering Committee for the Research Council of Norway's project on "Islam, Ethnicity, and Geo-Politics along the Persian Gulf-Caspian Sea Axis" from 2001 to 2003. Additionally, I was actively involved with the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis, where I chaired the Annual Conference Program at Villanova University in 1994 and served as a member of the Executive Board from 1992 to 1998.

#### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (select list)**

- I have presented papers at numerous conferences and institutions, including those organized by American University (Washington, DC, 1989), the Association for Iranian Studies (2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2022, 2024), the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (1998, 2018), the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (1988, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995), Georgetown University (1999), the Eastern Sociological Society (1989), Harvard University (1999, 2000, 2005), the Institute for Political and International Studies conference in Tehran (1996), the International Studies Association (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998), Lake Forest College (2010), the Middle East Studies Association (1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2010), Princeton University (2000, 2015), the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (1999, 2006), the State University of New York - Stony Brook (2008), Tel Aviv University (2013), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (2009), the University of Toronto (2010), the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2000), and Yale University (2005).
- I have served as Panel Chair, Moderator, Discussant, and Organizer at various conferences, including the Association for Iranian Studies (1998, 2002, 2006), the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (1995, 1997, 2001), the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism at Syracuse University (2009), the Middle East Studies Association (1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2016, 2020), the Texas Association of Middle East Scholars (1992), and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2000, 2002).

#### **INVITED LECTURES (select list)**

- I have had the privilege of delivering lectures, participating in workshops, and contributing to discussions at numerous esteemed institutions across the globe. My engagements have included Northeastern Illinois University and the University of Arkansas (2023), Santa Clara University (2023), Concordia University, Canada (2023), Villanova University (2024), the University of Missouri – Columbia ([2022](#)), the University of Alberta, Canada (2021, [2023](#)), and the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign (2020). I have also been invited to speak at prestigious universities such as Harvard University (1991, 1996, 2016), Princeton University (2007), Georgetown University (1999, 2009, 2021), Stanford University (2010, 2018, 2019), UCLA (2007, 2016, 2018, [2023](#)), and Yale University (2017). My work has taken me to international venues, including the University of London (2016, 2018), Tel Aviv University (2006), and Iranische Kulturgemeinde in Österreich (Austria) ([2023](#)). Additionally, I have collaborated with strategic think tanks and institutions such as the Atlantic Council (2018, 2021), Center for Strategic and International Studies (2014), Middle East Institute ([2024](#)), the Stimson Center (2014), the Foreign Service Institute (2012), the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) (2023), and the United States Institute of Peace (2011, 2012). My involvement with military and defense institutions

includes contributions at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA (2010, 2012), the National Defense University (2009, 2012), and the United States Naval War College (2008).

- I have provided consultancy services to a diverse range of organizations, including the Academy for Educational Development, Amentum Corporation, Booz Allen Hamilton, Camber Corporation, the College Board, and Educational Testing Services, Human Rights Watch, InterMedia Survey Institute, L-3 Communications, Leidos, Merrill Lynch, Statoil, and Zogby International.

#### **PRESS APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS, AND QUOTATIONS** (selective list since 2021):

- I have been quoted in such publications and networks as the Associated Press ([11/11/2022](#)), Atlantic Monthly, Bloomberg & Bloomberg TV, CBS Evening News, Christian Science Monitor, Chronicle of Higher Education, New York Times ([2/9/2021](#), [4/16/2021](#), [8/5/2021](#), [6/28/2024](#), [8/27/2024](#)), Foreign Policy ([7/3/2024](#)), Iranwire ([6/11/2024](#)), Los Angeles Times, National Public Radio ([6/13/2021](#), [6/17/2021](#) and [8/19/2021](#), [10/15/2023](#), [7/13/2024](#)), Newsweek ([3/17/2021](#)), New Yorker, Wall Street Journal ([6/19/2021](#), [6/20/2021](#), [5/20/2024](#) and [5/20/24](#)), and the Washington Post ([4/13/2021](#)) ([7/6/2024](#)), International Herald Tribune, Houston Chronicle, USA Today, Voice of America, Reuters, Responsible Statecraft, PolitiFact, PassBlue ([11/22/22](#)), and New Lines Magazine ([1/22/2024](#)).
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