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EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC POSITION

2022-present **Vice Provost and Inaugural Dean**, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Missouri University of Science and Technology
2019-2022 **Director and Professor**, School of Public & International Affairs, Virginia Tech
2017-2018 **ACE Fellow**, American Council on Education
2015-2018 **Affiliated Faculty**, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, SU
2015-2017 **Inaugural Provost's Faculty Fellow for Internationalization**, Syracuse Univ.
2014-2019 **Professor and O'Hanley Faculty Scholar**, Department of Political Science, SU
2014-2017 **Chair**, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University
2003-2014 **Founding Director**, Middle Eastern Studies Program, Syracuse University
2001-2004 **Director**, Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University
1998-2014 **Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University
1992-1998 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University
1991-1992 **Rockefeller Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow**, University of Texas at Austin
1990-1991 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

7/2022 to present **Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Missouri University of Science and Technology**

Missouri University of Science and Technology is an R1, land-grant university with about 7,500 students. The College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE) has 123 faculty, 90 staff, 760 students, and 9 departments. CASE also hosts two ROTC programs, the Child Development Center, the Kummer Center for STEM Education, and the Ozark Research Field Station. The college offers over 65,000 student credit hours annually and operates with a \$20 million budget.

Key Accomplishments:

- Oversaw a 44% increase in first-time college applications and a 107% rise in graduate applications since 2022
- Increased fundraising tenfold between 2022 and 2024, securing two new endowed professorships, two estate gifts, and multiple new student scholarships

- Gifts to the Dean's Leadership Council fund increased by 272%
- Grew sponsored research from \$8.2 million in FY 2023 to \$13.3 million in FY 2024
- Successfully recruited 30 tenure-track/tenured faculty (43% female), including 5 endowed full professors (2022–2025)
- Increased the number of named professorships from 4 to 10
- Added two new Ph.D. programs: Biological Sciences (Fall 2024) and Psychological Science (Fall 2025), increasing Ph.D. programs from 3 to 5
- Initiated new BS and MS degrees in Data Science (with College of Engineering and Computing) and a new BS in Biochemistry (in progress)
- Added 3 new graduate certificates, 2 new Graduate Track Pathways, 10 undergraduate certificates, and 3 new emphasis areas
- Designed and implemented the college's first-ever three-year course plan for student planning and clarity
- Reduced BS degree requirements to 120 credit hours across departments
- Implemented focused strategies to reduce DFW rates in high-challenge disciplines
- Advocated for the Mathematics Department's adoption of the ALEKS placement test
- Created a curriculum development grant program to support interdisciplinary teaching
- Oversaw external reviews of five academic departments
- Transitioned all summer courses to a fully online, asynchronous format
- Expanded outreach with nine summer camps for K–12 students
- Developed and revised key policies to improve operational efficiency and clarity
- Required all departments to produce annual activity reports
- Required all departments to adopt formal mentoring policies for junior faculty
- Elevated the college's profile through award-winning annual college reports, a monthly newsletter to 4,000+, a new LinkedIn page, and multiple website updates
- Established the college's first-ever Student Advisory Board
- Expanded opportunities for study abroad, traveling seminars, and project-based learning
- Launched four awards to celebrate college staff contributions
- Led the development of a strategic plan for the college

8/2019-6/2022

Director of School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

The School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), ranked among the top 15% of public policy schools nationwide, comprises four academic and research units: Urban Affairs and Planning (accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board), the Center for Public Administration and Policy (accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs), Government and International Affairs, and the Institute for Policy and Governance. With 60 faculty members and 400 undergraduate and graduate students (including 123 Ph.D. candidates), SPIA offers over 9,000 student credit hours annually and operates on a \$4.2 million budget. The school, which offers 14 undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificate programs, has a presence in three Virginia locations: Blacksburg, Arlington, and Richmond.

Key Accomplishments:

- Secured the university's 2020 Exemplary Department/Program Award for global teaching excellence at both graduate and undergraduate levels

- Grew sponsored research to over \$2.3 million in 2022
- Successfully ran two “National Security Executive Leadership” Programs and raised over \$15,000 in corporate support
- Increased SPIA’s “giving day” fundraising by 45% and strengthened undergraduate alumni engagement
- Launched a new SPIA website, boosting monthly web traffic by 230%
- Expanded SPIA’s social media presence: 28% growth on Facebook, 40% on Twitter, and 200% on LinkedIn
- Offered curriculum development grants to faculty and financial assistance to students during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Initiated partnerships with various Virginia Tech research centers and institutes to promote interdisciplinary collaboration
- Led the creation of a 120-page “Academic Program Review” and a 31-page “Financial White Paper”
- Improved financial transparency by making budget processes more accessible
- Supported initiatives to enhance school facilities across three locations
- Drafted a comprehensive “Promotion & Tenure Policy” for SPIA
- Introduced new marketing initiatives, including a compelling new school tagline
- Established a monthly school newsletter to keep stakeholders informed and engaged

2017-2018 **Fellow of the American Council on Education, California State U. –Northridge**

I was competitively selected by the American Council on Education (ACE) for this prestigious program, which prepares future executive leaders dedicated to advancing higher education. As part of the fellowship, I worked closely with the President, Provost, and their extended cabinets at my host institution, California State University, Northridge.

Key Achievement:

- Contributed to mapping 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
- Developed and calculated targets for increasing graduation rates and closing the achievement gap for full-time freshmen and transfer students across all colleges, supporting the goals of Graduation Initiative 2025
- 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

2014-2017 **Chair of the Department of Political Science, Syracuse University**

Ranked #48 nationally by *U.S. News & World Report* and housed within the top-ranked Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, the department boasts 33 tenure or tenure-track faculty members. It offers bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees to more than 640

undergraduates and 65 graduate students. Annually, the department delivers 12,800 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate student credit hours, operating on an annual budget of over \$2 million.

Key Achievements:

- Increased undergraduate credit hours by 6%
- Recruited five new assistant professors (including three women) and two postdocs
- Oversaw promotion and tenure of five faculty members
- Led the Middle States Assessment review
- Developed and implemented comprehensive assessment plans for graduate and undergraduate programs
- Updated and formalized departmental policies, including a full revision of the Faculty Procedures and Evaluation Policy
- Promoted equity by analyzing and addressing gender-based salary discrepancies
- Expanded the curriculum with new 200- and 400-level courses
- Deactivated outdated courses and standardized current offerings
- Redesigned and improved the department's website

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

Funded by a \$370,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, this program explored the critical role of religion and religious beliefs in shaping international affairs.

Key Achievements:

- Developed 12 case studies on the theme of religion and international politics
- Developed 10 new or significantly revamped courses dealing with program theme
- Organized the 2009 international conference *Old and New Media, and the Changing Faces of Islam* at Syracuse University, bringing together 10 leading journalists and scholars to explore the intersection of media and Islamic identities
- Joined 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)

2001-2004 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Syracuse Univ.

Key Achievements:

- Chaired admissions, reviewing 120–180 applications annually
- Responsible for up to 65 Ph.D. and M.A. candidates annually
- Expanded teaching assistant positions to support record undergraduate enrollment
- Revised Research Assistant allocation, assigning six graduate students each year
- Bundled fellowships with summer research grants to attract top doctoral talent
- Redesigned Ph.D. methodology requirements
- Streamlined and clarified Oral Qualifying Examination policies
- Created comprehensive reading lists for all four doctoral subfields

- Required Graduate Studies Committee approval of each Program of Study before exams
- Oversaw funding and departmental prize allocations
- Standardized and strengthened graduate courses

2003-2014 **Founding Director of the Middle Eastern Studies Program**

I proposed, developed, and led this interdisciplinary program for 11 years after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, transforming it into the most popular regional studies concentration at Syracuse University. Also managed to secure the approval of the New York State Department of Education to offer a major, a minor, and a Certificate of Advanced Study for Graduate Students in Middle Eastern Studies

Key Achievements:

- Secured a \$179,000 grant (with Miriam Elman) from the U.S. Department of Education to “Strengthening the Middle Eastern Studies Program at Syracuse University”
- Raised \$500,000 from Syracuse University alumni to support the Middle Eastern Studies Program.
- Increased faculty expertise in Middle Eastern studies from 15 to 25
- Expanded Middle East-related course offerings from fewer than 12 in 2003 to 25 by 2013
- Facilitated the campus visits of eight Middle Eastern scholars for stays ranging from 4 to 24 months
- Regularized 35 courses in the MESP curriculum
- Organized numerous conferences, lectures, language tables, and film screenings, and published 11 newsletters (2007–2013)
- Traveled throughout the Middle East to engage donors, alumni, and partners, establishing exchange relationships and internships
- Led extensive community outreach initiatives, strengthening ties between the program and the broader Upstate New York community

INTERNATIONALIZATION EXPERIENCE

At Syracuse University (SU), I was entrusted with four roles to expand the university’s international footprint:

2016-2017 **Co-Chair, Internationalization Council:** Led a university-wide council reporting to the Provost, advising on initiatives such as curriculum internationalization, study abroad programs, international student recruitment and integration, and regional studies programs.

2015-2017 **Inaugural Provost’s Faculty Fellow for Internationalization and Representative to the American Council on Education Internationalization Laboratory:** As the first to hold this position, I played a key role in shaping and implementing the university’s internationalization strategy. Engaged with

universities in China, Cyprus, and Greece, led SU's "China Team," and partnered with institutions such as Cornell University to advance international collaborations. I also conducted a comprehensive review of SU's international activities, from study abroad and global partnerships to faculty development.

- 2015 **Syracuse University Representative to ACE's Institute for Leading Internationalization:** Developed expertise in applying a comprehensive internationalization model to integrate global goals into the institution's mission.
- 2014-2016 **Co-Chair, Academic Strategic Plan Working Group on Enhancing Internationalization:** Integrated internationalization as a core principle in SU's new academic strategic plan and served as a primary author to strengthen global initiatives.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

- 2026 Amir Khosrow Afshar Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics (forthcoming)
- 2025 Keynote address to the Technical and Professional Communication in the Global Election Supercycle conference of the Association of Teachers of Technical Writing, Missouri University of Science and Technology (June 14)
- 2020 Recipient (on behalf of the School of Public and International Affairs) of the 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
- 2019 Recipient of the Middle Eastern Studies Program's Teaching Excellence Award, Syracuse University
- 2017 Keynote speaker, National Society of Leadership and Success Induction Ceremony, Syracuse University (April 29)
- 2017-18 Visiting Scholar, Center for Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- 2014-19 Inaugural recipient of O'Hanley Faculty Scholar Award, Syracuse University
- 2014 Keynote address to the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society, Syracuse University (March 21)
- 2012-14 President, International Society for Iranian Studies (renamed the Association for Iranian Studies)
- 2012 Keynote Speaker, Model UN Conference, Mississippi State University (March 1)
- 2011 Outstanding Service Award, Institute of International Education, Scholar Rescue Fund
- 2010 Inductee, Phi Beta Delta [International Honor Society at SU], in recognition of work with international students and scholars
- 2010-19 Member of the Board of Directors of the Near East Foundation
- 2008 Certificate of Recognition, College Board, in appreciation for service to the Advanced Placement (AP) Program as a member of the AP Comparative Government & Politics Development Committee from 2004 to 2008
- 2007 Keynote speaker at the Maxwell School's International Students' convocation, Syracuse University (January 24)
- 2005-16 Non-Resident Scholar in Public Policy, Middle East Institute (Washington, DC)

- 2005 Keynote Speaker, Global Studies Program forum, State University of New York – Oswego (April)
- 1998 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for outstanding teaching, research and service by a junior faculty member, Maxwell School, Syracuse University
- 1990 Best Dissertation Award in the field of Iranian Studies, Foundation for Iranian Studies
- 1990 Fred Nothman Award for Academic Excellence, The American University
- 1989 Outstanding Scholarship Award in Middle Eastern Studies, The American University
- 1989-90 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, School of International Service, American University
- 1989 Graduate Student Council Summer Research Award, The American University
- 1985-89 Graduate (Ph.D.) Fellowship, School of International Service, The American Univ.
- 1983-85 Graduate (M.A.) Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Total External and Syracuse University Grants for Personal Research: \$316,187

Total Funds raised for various academic initiatives: \$1,305,000

- 2023 Persian Heritage Foundation. Award amount: \$8,000.
- 2022 Jack Shand Research Grant, The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Award amount: \$4,950.
- 2022 Vartan Gregorian Research Grant, Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund. Award amount: \$25,000.
- 2021 2021 Merrick & Company. Sponsorship grant for the National Security Executive Education Program, Virginia Tech. Award amount: \$10,000.
- 2018 Andrew Berlin Family National Security Research Fund Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University. Award amount: \$3,104.
- 2016 Violet Jabara Charitable Trust for "*Post-Revolutionary Iran*." Award amount: \$20,000.
- 2014 Princeton University's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies for "Iran Data Portal Support Grant." Award amount: \$5,000 (with Mirjam Küenkler).
- 2014 Carnegie Corporation of New York. 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. Award amount: \$20,000.
- 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.

- 2011-2013 Social Science Research Council for “The Shari’a, Laws of War and Post-Conflict Justice Project,” Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University. Award amount: \$50,000 (with William Banks and Keith Bybee).
- 2009-2011 United States Department of Education for “Strengthening the Middle Eastern Studies Program at Syracuse University,” Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program. Award amount: \$179,000 (with Miriam Elman).
- 2009-2011 Social Science Research Council for “Iran Social Science Information Project.” Award amount: \$142,000 (with Mirjam Künkler).
- 2008-2009 United States Institute of Peace for “Iran’s Heavenly Chorus: The Political Elite of a Theocratic State.” Award amount: \$81,133.
- 2007-2016 Core team member in designing and developing the “Leaders of Democracy Fellows Program,” sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Middle East Partnership Initiative. The program secured multi-million-dollar funding over nine years.
- 2006-2014 Funds raised from Syracuse University alumni to support the Middle Eastern Studies Program. Amount: \$500,000.
- 2006-2009 Henry R. Luce Foundation for “Religion, Media and International Affairs”. Award amount: \$370,000 (with Tazim Kassam and Gustav Niebuhr).
- 2005 Conference Grant, “Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and the Theory of Statecraft,” Syracuse University Ray Smith Symposium. Award amount: \$12,000.
- 2004-2008 Institute of International Education Scholar Rescue Fund Matching-sum Fellowship Grants to bring four persecuted Middle Eastern scholars to Syracuse University. Award amount: \$125,000 (for five separate awards).
- 2004 Council for International Exchange of Scholars: Fulbright Visiting Specialist Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World.

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.

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 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.”

- Turkish edition (*Siyasetname: İslami Bir Devlet İdaresi Teorisi*) (Istanbul: al-Baraka, 2021).

Tarashidam, Parastidam, Shikastam: Guftarhay-i dar Siyasat va Huvviyat-i Irani [I Carved, Worshipped 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.

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.

- 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). 1st and 2nd edition), 1998; 3rd edition, 1999; 4th edition, 2005; 5th edition, 2009; 6th edition 2013; 7th edition, 2017
- Turkish edition (*Iran Entelektuelleri ve Batı*) (Istanbul: Yöneliş, 2002)

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2. “Generational Transformation of Iranian Political Elite” (in Persian), *Iran Academia*, no. 14 (Winter 2023): 1-12.
3. “The Unfolding of Unreason: Javad Tabatabai’s Idea of Political Decline in Iran,” with Alireza Shomali, *Iranian Studies* 48 (6), 2015: 949-965.
4. “Bet on the Optimists: Prospects for Reform,” *Foreign Service Journal*, June 2007: 26-31.
5. “Iranian Nuclear Miasma,” with Todd Fine (graduate student), *Syracuse Law Review* 57 (3), 2007: 619-635.
6. “‘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.

7. "Contesting Nationalist Constructions of Iranian Identity," *Critique: Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East* 12, Spring 1998: 43-55.
8. "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.
9. "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).
10. "Iranian Islam and the Faustian Bargain of Western Modernity," *Journal of Peace Research* 34 (1), February 1997: 1-5.
11. "Iran's Intellectual Panorama," *Bulletin of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis* 11 (3), Spring 1996: 22-24.
12. "Rethinking the Third World," with Ali Mirsepassi, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 5 (1), 1993: 51-58.

Book Chapters:

1. "Sayyid Hasan Taqizadeh: A Modernist Intellectual Statesman, in Ali Mirsepassi, ed., *Cambridge History of Modern Political Thought in Iran* (forthcoming)
2. "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, 2025), 166-189.
3. "Rethinking the Legacy of Intellectual-Statesmen in Iran," in Ramin Jahanbegloo, ed., *Mapping the Role of Intellectuals in Iranian Modern and Contemporary History* (Lexington Books, 2020), pp. 111-127. Persian translation ["Baznegariye Mirase Dowlatmardan Rowshanfekr dar Iran"] appeared in *Qalamyaran*, no. 23, pp. 71-75.
4. "Iran," in Ellen Lust, ed., *The Middle East*, 16th edition (Sage/Congressional Quarterly, 2023), pp. 443-470 [Earlier versions appeared in the 15th, 14th, 13th, and 12th editions].
5. "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).
6. "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).
7. "Introduction," in Mehrzad Boroujerdi, ed., *Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and Theory of Statecraft*, pp. 1-15 (Syracuse University Press, 2013).
8. "Islam and the Promenades of Global Media," with Nicole J. Allem (graduate student), in Timothy S. Shah, Alfred Stepan, and Monica D. Toft, eds., *Rethinking Religion and World Affairs*, pp. 217-28 (Oxford University Press, 2012).
9. "Humble Secularism," in Ramin Jahanbegloo, ed., *Civil Society and Democracy in Iran*, pp. 119-26 (Lexington Books, 2012).
10. "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).

11. "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).
12. "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)].
13. "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).
14. "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).
15. "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).
16. "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).
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18. "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).
19. "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).
20. "*Gharbzadegi*: The Dominant Intellectual Discourse of Pre and Post-revolutionary Iran," in Samih K. Farsoun and Mehrdad Mashayekhi, eds., *Iran: Political Culture in the Islamic Republic*, pp. 30-56 (Routledge, 1992).

Book Reviews:

1. Discussion of *The Fall of Reza Shah: The Abdication, Exile and Death of Modern Iran's Founder* by Shaul Bakhash, UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, virtual book review, April 4, 2022.
2. Discussion of *The Shadow Commander: Soleimani, the U.S., and Iran's Global Ambitions* by Arash Azizi, New York University, virtual book review, March 1, 2021.
3. Review of *After Khomeini: Iran Under His Successors*, by Said Amir Arjomand, *Iran's Intellectual Revolution*, by Mehran Kamrava, and *Democracy in Modern Iran*:

- Islam, Culture, and Political Change*, by Ali Mirsepassi. *Perspectives on Politics* 9 (3), September 2011, pp. 729-31.
4. Review of *Reinventing Khomeini: The Struggle for Reform in Iran*, by Daniel Brumberg. *American Political Science Review* 96 (4), December 2002, pp. 843-44.
 5. Review of *Being Modern in Iran*, by Fariba Adelkhah. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis* 18 (1), April 2002, pp. 90-95.
 6. Review of *Revolutionary Iran: Civil Society and State in the Modernization Process*, by Masoud Kamali. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 35 (1), Summer 2001, pp. 117-18.
 7. Review of *Reason, Freedom, and Democracy in Islam*, by Abdolkarim Soroush. *Middle East Journal* 55 (3), Summer 2001, pp. 519-20.
 8. Review of *Iranian Intellectuals in the 20th Century*, by Ali Gheissari. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis* 16 (1), April 2000, pp. 135-36.
 9. Review of *Secularization of Iran: A Doomed Failure? New Middle Class and the Making of Modern Iran*, by Azadeh Kian-Thiebaut. *Middle East Journal* 54 (1), Winter 2000, pp. 126-27.
 10. Review of *The Constitution of Iran: Politics and the State in the Islamic Republic*, by Asghar Schirazi. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 32, Winter 1998, pp. 260-1.
 11. Review of *Iran and the Muslim World: Resistance and Revolution*, by Nikki R. Keddie. *Contemporary Sociology* 25, September 1996, pp. 628-29.
 12. Review of *Rethinking Middle East Politics*, by Simon Bromley. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 28, May 1996, pp. 259-61.
 13. Review of *After Khomeini: New Directions in Iran's Foreign Policy*, by K. L. Afrasiabi. *Middle East Journal* 50, Spring 1996, pp. 274-75.
 14. Review of *The Political History of Modern Iran: From Tribalism to Theocracy*, by Mehran Kamrava. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 26, May 1994, pp. 315-16.
 15. Review of *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Shah*, by Mark J. Gasiorowski, and *American Presidents and the Middle East*, by George Lenczowski. *American Political Science Review* 86, December 1992, pp. 1102-3.
 16. Review of *Khomeini's Forgotten Son's: The Story of Iran's Boy Soldiers*, by Ian Brown, and *The Longest War: The Iran-Iraq Military Conflict*, by Dilip Hiro. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 26, July 1992, pp. 87-89.
 17. Review of *Iran and the International Community*, by Anoushiravan Ehteshami and Manshour Varasteh. *Middle East Journal* 46, Spring 1992, pp. 322-23.
 18. Review of *Islamic Fundamentalism in Egyptian Politics*, by Barry Rubin. *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 21, Spring 1992, pp. 130-1.
 19. Review of *Social Origins of the Iranian Revolution*, by Misagh Parsa. *Iranian Studies* 23, 1990, pp. 112-14.

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3. "Everything you need to know about the six candidates in Iran's presidential election," *Atlantic Council* (June 17, 2024).
4. "Iran's Faustian 2024 Elections: Statistics Tell the Story," *Stimson Center* (March 4, 2024).
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21. "A Candid Discussion with Mehrzad Boroujerdi," *Foreign Policy Association* (23 May 2013)
22. "Negotiation is Still the Best Option: Revisiting the Iranian Nuclear Issue," with Todd Fine, *Syracuse Law Review* (2012).
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25. "Iran's New Foreign Minister: Ali Akbar Salehi," USIP Blog *The Iran Primer* (31 January 2011).
26. Member, United States Institute of Peace-Stimson Center Iran Study Group, *Engagement, Coercion, and Iran's Nuclear Challenge: Report of a Joint Study Group on US-Iran Policy*, Summer/Fall 2010.
27. "Violent Politics But Not yet a Revolution in Iran," *Khaleej Times* [Dubai], (23 February 2010).
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29. "The Ayatollah and Ahmadinejad: Interview with Mehrzad Boroujerdi," *The Politic.org* [Yale University's Undergraduate Journal of Politics] (7 November 2008).
30. "Ignore Iran's Exile Dream Merchants," with Geneive Abdo, *The Daily Star* [Beirut] (24 June 2008).
31. Member, working group drafting "Joint Experts' Statement on Iran," Spring and Summer 2008.
32. "Iran's March 14, 2008 Majlis Elections," Viewpoint Moderator, *Middle East Institute* (13 March 2008).
33. "The Paradoxes of Pakistan," in *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion and the Public Sphere*, (30 December 2007). Reprinted as "Another Moment of Truth in Pakistan," *[Syracuse] Post-Standard* (6 January 2008), pp. E1, 4.
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EDITORIAL BOARDS

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| 2022-present | Member of Board of Consulting Editors. <i>Freedom of Thought Journal (Persian)</i> |
| 2019-present | Editorial Board Member. <i>IRAN: Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies</i> |
| 2015-present | Editorial Board Member. <i>Iranian Studies</i> (flagship peer-reviewed journal in the field of Iranian studies published by the Association for Iranian Studies) |
| 2002-2007 | Book Review Editor. <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i> . During my tenure, I commissioned and published 187 book reviews in this flagship journal in the field of Middle Eastern Studies |
| 1996-2014 | Founding Editor. <i>Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East</i> . During my tenure, I published 37 books in this interdisciplinary book series published by Syracuse University Press |
| 1995-1988 | Editorial Board Member. Syracuse University Press |

TEACHING

Undergraduate Level Courses

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

Graduate Level Courses:

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Missouri University of Science and Technology:

- Co-chair, Provost Search Committee (15 members), November 2024-June 2025.
- 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 the Middle East, SU Abroad, 2011-2012
- Task Force to plan and implement a new study abroad program in cooperation with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, 2010-2011
- Humanities Council, College of Arts & Sciences, 2006-2009
- Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Arabic Language and Linguistics, Department of Languages, Literature and Linguistics, 2008
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, 2006-07
- Search Committee, Director of International Relations, Maxwell School, 2005-2006
- Provost Ad-hoc committee to plan for "Small World/Big Divides" Symposium, 2006
- Task Force on Future of the International Relations Program, 2006
- Turkey Site Exploration Committee [inspecting Turkish universities to assess partnership], 2006
- National Security Education Program (NSEP) Campus Review Committee, 2006
- Search Committee for Vice Chancellor and Provost, 2006
- Renee Crown Honors Program Committee defining "Global Awareness," 2004-2005
- Search Committee, Director of the Program on Analysis of Resolution and Conflict, 2004-2005
- Search Committee, Director of the Renee Crown Honors Program, 2003-2004
- 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 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 Ph.D. 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, year completed, current academic appointments

Ph.D. Committee Chair:

Sefa Secen, 2022 (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Nazareth University)

Abolghasem Bayyenat, 2019 (Farzaneh Family postdoctoral fellow in Iranian studies, University of Oklahoma)

Anirban Acharya, 2018 (professor of practice, Lemoyne College)

Drew H. Kinney (received Best Dissertation Award), 2018 (visiting assistant professor, Colgate University)

Massimo Ramaioli, 2017 (Assistant Professor and Coordinator in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al-Akhawayn University, Morocco)

Alireza Shomali, 2006 (Jane E. Ruby Chair in Humanities and Social Sciences, Wheaton College, Massachusetts)

Paul R. Edelman, 2004 (professor of political science, Sauk Valley Community College)

Marian Paules, 2003 (independent scholar)

Traci Fordham, 2002 (Director of Inclusive Excellence, UCLA Extension)

Peter Mameli, 1998 (associate professor of public management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice)

Ph.D. Committee Member:

Ebrahim Soltani, 2017 (associate professor of political science, Eastern Michigan University)

Mike Makara, 2014 (associate professor of political science, University of Central Missouri)

Ioana (Emy) Matesan, 2014 (associate professor of government, Wesleyan University, CT)

Deepa Prakash, 2013 (Frank L. Hall professor of political science, DePauw University)

Sarah Marusek, 2012 (freelance researcher and editor)

Daniel Miller, 2010 (professor of humanities, Landmark College)

Karen Culcasi, 2008 (associate professor of geography, West Virginia University)

Marie Agen, 1997 (former Catholic Campus Minister at SUNY – Cortland)

James E. Rinehart, 1993 (former professor of international relations at Troy University, now deceased)

M.S. and B.A. Students Directed:

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 (MESA) 50th 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 from 2007 to 2010.

Served as a member of the Advisory Board for the *International Studies Review*, a quarterly peer-reviewed journal published by the International Studies Association (ISA), from 2004 to 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, 2025), 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).

I have collaborated with such strategic think tanks and institutions such as the Atlantic Council (2018, 2021), Center for Strategic and International Studies (2014), National Defense University (2009, 2012), Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA (2010, 2012), 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), and the United States Naval War College (2008).

I have provided consultancy services to such organizations as 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), Financial Times (6/19/2025, 6/24/2025), 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, 6/21/2025), 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).

I have also been quoted in a wide range of international media outlets including 7DNews (Egypt), Adnkronos news agency (Italy) (6/23/2025), Agence France-Presse (France) (1/7/2023 and 1/8/2023), Al-Ahram Weekly (Egypt), Al-Hurra (USA) (4/16/2021), Al Jazeera English (Qatar), Al-Monitor (8/15/2022), Arab Weekly (UK), Arabian Business (United Arab Emirates), Arirang TV's Global Insight (South Korea) (6/29/2021), Asia Times (6/5/2021), Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Australia) (4/13/2021) (10/16/2023), Aventuras na História (Brazil), BBC World Service (12/6/22) (6/2/2023) (7/27/23) (10/18/2023) (6/30/2024) (6/19/2025),

Bulgarian National Radio (Bulgaria), CAN TV (Singapore) (2024), Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Canada), CTV News (Canada), Correio Braziliense (Brazil), Daily Times (Pakistan), Daily Dot (10/13/2022), Dawn (Democracy for the Arab World Now), Deutsche Welle TV (Germany) (12/4/23, 4/17/24, 5/21/24, 6/15/25), Economist (UK) (2/27/2021), El Confidencial (Spain) (11/16/2022), El Mercurio (Chile), Guardian (UK), Haaretz (Israel) (3/29/2021) (12/2/2021) (7/20/22) (6/22/2025), Hamodia (Israel) (7/23/2024), Iran International (UK) [regular commentator], Iran Wire (UK), Izvestia (Russia), Jerusalem Post (Israel), Jornal do Brasil (Brazil), Kyodo News (Japan), La Razón (Spain), La Stampa (Italy), Le Figaro (France), L'Orient-le Jour (Lebanon) (5/27/2021, 7/7/2024), Mandagmorgen (Norway), Manoto TV (UK), National Post (Canada), Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Switzerland), Radio France International (France), Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (Czech Republic), Republik (Germany), Roq (Canada), Rzeczpospolita (Poland), SA TV (Afghanistan), SBS Radio (Australia), Spiegel (Germany), Tjekdet (Denmark) (11/17/22), The National (UAE) (2/9/2024), The Times (of London) (4/29/2023), Times Higher Education (2/13/2023) (12/8/2023) (2/22/24), Toronto Star (Canada), Valor.com (Brazil), and World (Italy) (5/25/2021).

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association
Association for Iranian Studies
Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences
Middle East Studies Association

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