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EDUCATION

1990 Ph.D., International Relations, The American University, Washington, DC
1985 M.A., Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts
1983 B.A. (*Magna cum laude*), Political Science with a minor in Sociology, 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**, School of Public & International Affairs, Virginia Tech
2017-2018 **ACE Fellow**, American Council on Education
2015-2017 **Inaugural Provost's Faculty Fellow for Internationalization**, Syracuse University
2014-2019 **Professor & O'Hanley Faculty Scholar**, Department of Political Science, Syracuse U.
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 **Vice Provost and Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE), Missouri University of Science and Technology**

Missouri University of Science and Technology is an R1, land-grant institution with approximately 7,200 students. The College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE) comprises over 120 full-time faculty—including 19 endowed or named professors—77 staff, 760 students, and nine academic departments. CASE also hosts two ROTC programs, the Child Development Center, and the Ozark Research Field Station. Annually, the college delivers over 65,000 student credit hours and operates with a \$20 million budget.

Key Accomplishments:

- Led the development and execution of a comprehensive [strategic plan](#) to guide academic growth, research expansion, enrollment, and fundraising priorities
- Expanded sponsored research funding from \$8.2M (FY2023) to \$14.5M (FY2024), with \$10M+ secured to date in FY2026
- Increased philanthropic fundraising 21-fold (FY2023–FY2025), securing three endowed professorships, three estate gifts, and multiple new student scholarships
- Recruited 34 tenure-track and tenured faculty (38% female), including six endowed full professors, since July 2022
- Doubled the number of named professorships from five to ten and oversaw the promotion and tenure of 33 faculty members

- Expanded the college curriculum by 18 new academic programs, including:
 - Ph.D. programs in Biological Sciences and Psychological Science
 - B.S. and M.S. in Data Science (jointly with the College of Engineering)
 - B.S. in Biochemistry (in development)
 - 13 undergraduate and graduate certificates
- Increasing first-time college applications by 48% since 2022
- Designed and implemented the college's first [three-year course plan](#), improving scheduling transparency and student progress to degree
- Oversaw external program reviews for six academic departments and standardized 120-credit-hour B.S. degree requirements across the college
- Implemented targeted academic success initiatives, including DFW rate reduction strategies in high-challenge disciplines and adoption of the ALEKS placement system in Mathematics
- Launched a curriculum development grant program to support interdisciplinary teaching and innovation
- Transitioned all summer offerings to a fully online, asynchronous model, expanding access and enrollment flexibility
- Expanded K–12 and community engagement through nine summer outreach camps
- Strengthened governance and accountability by revising key operational policies, requiring annual departmental activity reports, and implementing formal mentoring policies for tenure-track faculty
- Elevated the college's external profile through award-winning annual reports, a monthly [newsletter](#) reaching 4,000+ subscribers, new social media platforms, and a redesigned website
- Established the college's first Student Advisory Board and expanded opportunities for study abroad, traveling seminars, and project-based learning
- Created four new awards recognizing and celebrating staff excellence and contributions

8/2019-6/2022 **Director of School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), Virginia Tech (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)**

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 NASPAA [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:

- Led the school through the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring continuity of instruction, research, and student support
- Expanded sponsored research funding to more than \$2.3M (2022)
- Directed the launch of a redesigned SPIA website, increasing monthly web traffic by 230%
- Enhanced financial transparency by formalizing and broadening access to budget development and reporting processes
- Advanced capital and facility improvement initiatives across three Virginia locations
- Authored a comprehensive Promotion and Tenure Policy to standardize faculty advancement
- Implemented new marketing strategies, including regional bus and metro advertising campaigns
- Founded and published a monthly school newsletter, improving stakeholder communication and engagement
- Secured the university's 2020 Exemplary Department/Program Award for global teaching excellence at both undergraduate and graduate levels

- Significantly expanded digital engagement, achieving 28% growth on Facebook, 40% on Twitter, and 200% on LinkedIn
- Allocated curriculum development grants to faculty and emergency financial assistance to students during the COVID-19 crisis
- Initiated and formalized partnerships with multiple Virginia Tech research centers and institutes to strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration
- Led development of a 120-page Academic Program Review and a 31-page Financial White Paper for institutional planning
- Designed and executed two National Security Executive Leadership Programs, raising \$15K+ in corporate sponsorships
- Increased Giving Day fundraising by 45% and strengthened undergraduate alumni engagement initiatives

2017-2018 American Council on Education Fellow, California State University –Northridge

- Competitively selected for the American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowship, a nationally recognized leadership development program preparing senior executives in higher education
- Collaborated directly with the President, Provost, and extended cabinet at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), contributing to institution-wide strategic planning
- Played a key role in developing three-year strategic plans (2017–2020) for all CSUN colleges, aligning college-level priorities with the university’s “CSUN Shines for the Future” framework and its eight institutional goals
- Designed and quantified performance targets to increase graduation rates and close achievement gaps for full-time freshmen and transfer students across all colleges, in support of Graduation Initiative 2025
- Led the creation of a comprehensive cross-college inventory of student success interventions and metrics, organized across seven strategic domains:
 - Advisement
 - Curriculum, Enrollment, and Scheduling
 - Faculty Support and Engagement
 - Retention, Equity Gap, and Graduation
 - Staff Support and Engagement
 - Student Engagement and Belonging
 - Student Mentoring, Tutoring, and Online Education

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

The Department of Political Science is a nationally ranked department (#48, *U.S. News & World Report*) in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. It has 33 tenure/tenure-track faculty, 640+ undergraduate majors, and 65 graduate students across BA, MA, and PhD programs. The department has a \$2M+ annual operating budget and delivers 13,800+ student credit hours annually.

Key Achievements:

- Increased undergraduate student credit hours by 6 percent through curricular and enrollment initiatives
- Recruited five assistant professors (including three women) and two postdoctoral fellows
- Oversaw promotion and tenure processes resulting in five successful faculty advancements
- Directed Middle States accreditation assessment and reporting for the department
- Advanced equity and compliance by analyzing and correcting gender-based salary disparities
- Expanded and modernized the curriculum with new upper- and mid-level undergraduate courses; retired outdated offerings and standardized course inventory

- Led comprehensive redesign of the department website to improve usability and external visibility
- Developed and implemented integrated assessment plans for undergraduate and graduate programs
- Updated and formalized departmental governance documents, including a full revision of Faculty Procedures and Evaluation Policy

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

- Co-founded and led a three-year interdisciplinary initiative supported by a \$370,000 Henry Luce Foundation grant examining the role of religion in international affairs
- Provided strategic direction for program design, curriculum development, research production, and public engagement

Key Achievements:

- Developed 12 original teaching case studies on religion and international politics for use across multiple disciplines
- Designed and launched 10 new or substantially revised undergraduate and graduate courses aligned with program themes
- Conceived and organized a major international conference, *Old and New Media, and the Changing Faces of Islam* (2009), convening 10 leading journalists and scholars to advance interdisciplinary dialogue
- Selected as a participant in the Social Science Research Council's Program on Religion & International Affairs (2007–2010)
- Contributed to *Rethinking Religion and World Affairs* (Oxford University Press, 2012), extending the program's national and international scholarly impact

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

- Provided strategic oversight of doctoral and master's programs serving up to 65 enrolled PhD and MA students annually
- Chaired the graduate admissions process, leading holistic review of 120–180 applications per year

Key Achievements:

- Strengthened recruitment and yield by strategically bundling fellowships with summer research funding to attract top doctoral candidates
- Expanded and reallocated teaching assistant positions to support record undergraduate enrollment while protecting graduate student funding
- Led comprehensive redesign of PhD methodology requirements to improve rigor, coherence, and time-to-degree
- Clarified and standardized Oral Qualifying Examination policies to enhance transparency, equity, and completion outcomes
- Oversaw the compilation of comprehensive doctoral reading lists across all four subfields, strengthening curricular coherence and exam preparation
- Enhanced academic governance by requiring Graduate Studies Committee approval of all Programs of Study prior to comprehensive examinations
- Oversaw graduate funding, assistantship assignments, and departmental prize allocations to ensure alignment with academic priorities
- Revised Research Assistant allocation model, assigning six graduate students annually to faculty research projects to strengthen mentoring and research productivity

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

Founded, scaled, and led an interdisciplinary area studies program for 11 years following September 11, 2001, building it into the university's largest and most visible regional studies concentration. Secured state authorization to offer undergraduate and graduate credentials and positioned the program as a hub for scholarship, teaching, and public engagement.

Key Achievements:

- Conceived and launched the Middle Eastern Studies Program; obtained New York State Department of Education approval to offer a major, minor, and Graduate Certificate of Advanced Study
- Secured \$179,000 in U.S. Department of Education funding (with Miriam Elman) to strengthen curriculum, faculty development, and program infrastructure
- Raised \$500,000 in philanthropic support from alumni and external donors to sustain program growth and enrichment
- Expanded Middle East–focused course offerings from fewer than 12 courses in 2003 to 25 by 2013; standardized and formalized 35 courses within the MESP curriculum
- Increased faculty participation and expertise in Middle Eastern studies from 15 to 25 faculty across multiple colleges and disciplines
- Facilitated extended campus residencies for eight Middle Eastern scholars (4–24 months), enhancing international visibility and research collaboration
- Led extensive international engagement, traveling throughout the Middle East to cultivate donor relationships, establish academic exchanges, and develop student internship pipelines
- Organized high-impact conferences, lectures, language tables, and film screenings; edited and published 11 program newsletters (2007–2013)
- Directed sustained community outreach initiatives, strengthening partnerships between the university and regional civic, educational, and cultural organizations

INTERNATIONALIZATION EXPERIENCE

At Syracuse University, I was entrusted with four roles aimed at expanding 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 Syracuse University's new academic strategic plan and served as a primary author to strengthen global initiatives.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

- Amir Khosrow Afshar Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics, 2026
- Keynote Speaker, “Technical and Professional Communication in the Global Election Supercycle” Conference, Association of Teachers of Technical Writing, Missouri University of Science and Technology, June 2025
- Virginia Tech Exemplary Department/Program Award (School of Public and International Affairs) – Recognized for developing and sustaining effective global teaching approaches, 2020
- Teaching Excellence Award, Middle Eastern Studies Program, Syracuse University, 2019
- Keynote Speaker, National Society of Leadership and Success Induction Ceremony, Syracuse University, April 2017
- Visiting Scholar, Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, 2017–2018
- O’Hanley Faculty Scholar Award (Inaugural recipient) – For exceptional teaching, scholarship, and service, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2014
- Keynote Speaker, Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society, Syracuse University, March 2014
- President (Elected), International Society for Iranian Studies (now Association for Iranian Studies), 2012–2014
- Keynote Speaker, Model UN Conference, Mississippi State University, March 2012
- Outstanding Service Award, Institute of International Education, Scholar Rescue Fund, 2011
- Inductee, Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society, Syracuse University, 2010
- Board of Directors, Near East Foundation, 2010–2019
- Certificate of Recognition, College Board – Service to AP Comparative Government & Politics Development Committee, 2008
- Keynote Speaker, International Students’ Convocation, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, January 2007
- Non-Resident Scholar in Public Policy, Middle East Institute, Washington, DC, 2005–2016
- Keynote Speaker, Global Studies Program Forum, SUNY Oswego, April 2005
- Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award – Outstanding teaching, research, and service, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 1998
- Best Dissertation Award in the field of Iranian Studies, Foundation for Iranian Studies, 1990
- Fred Nothman Award for Academic Excellence, The American University, 1990
- Outstanding Scholarship Award in Middle Eastern Studies, The American University, 1989
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, School of International Service, The American University, 1989–1990
- Graduate Student Council Summer Research Award, The American University, 1989
- Graduate (Ph.D.) Fellowship, School of International Service, The American University, 1985–1989
- Graduate (M.A.) Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, 1983–1985

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Total External and Syracuse University Grants for Personal Research: \$325,000

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

2026	London School of Economics. Award amount: \$8,000.
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	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 my book project on 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 Kuenkler).
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: \$50,000 (with William Banks & 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 Kunkler).
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)

- Co-authored (with Kourosh Rahimkhani) this 853-page political encyclopedia providing the most comprehensive resource on post-revolutionary Iran's political landscape, featuring biographical profiles of over 2,300 political figures, a detailed chronology, in-depth coverage of 36 national elections, information on 400+ legal and banned political organizations, and analysis of elite family networks.
- 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 assembles a distinguished group of scholars to reinterpret the concepts and canons of Islamic thought across Arab, Persian, South Asian, and Turkish traditions, challenging the notion of a singular perspective on key issues of statecraft and governance. My contributions include a single-authored introduction and a co-authored chapter.
- Turkish edition (*Siyasetname: İslami Bir Devlet İdaresi Teorisi*) (Istanbul: al-Baraka, 2021).

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

- This book brings together eighteen of my Persian-language essays examining 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 examines the works of ten influential thinkers whose ideas were instrumental in shaping modern Iranian identity.
- Arabic edition (*al-Mustanirun al-Iraniyun wa-al-Gharb*) (Beirut: Dar al-Hadi, 2007)
- Turkish edition (*Iran Entelektuelleri ve Batı*) (Istanbul: Yöneliş, 2002)
- 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

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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.
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- “Sayyid Hasan Taqizadeh: A Modernist Intellectual Statesman, in Ali Mirsepassi, ed., *Cambridge History of Modern Political Thought in Iran* (forthcoming)
- “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.
- “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.
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- “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).
- “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).
- “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).

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- “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).
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- “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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- Review of *Pahlavi Iran's Relations with Africa: Cultural and Political Connections in the Cold War*, by Robert Steele. *American Historical Review* (forthcoming 2026).
- 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.
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- 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.

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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:

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- “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).
- “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,” *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.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

2025-present	Member of the Advisory Board, <i>Encyclopædia Iranica</i>
2022-present	Member of Board of Consulting Editors. <i>Freedom of Thought</i> (a Persian language journal)
2019-present	Editorial Board Member. <i>IRAN</i> : Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies
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 5-year tenure, I commissioned and published 187 book reviews in this leading journal in Middle Eastern Studies
1996-2014	Founding Editor. <i>Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East</i> . Over my 18-year tenure, I published 37 books in this interdisciplinary series with Syracuse University Press.
2014-2017	Editorial Board Member. Syracuse University Press

TEACHING

Undergraduate Level Courses

* *means this is a new course I developed*

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*

Road to Democracy in the Muslim World (Istanbul and Dubai)*

Graduate Level Courses:

Graduate Internship in Politics, News & Public Policy (London, UK)*

International Conflict and Peace

International Relations of the Middle East*

Master of Social Science Residency Seminar

Middle East Geopolitics*

Politics of the Developing World*

Politics of the Middle East*

Practicum in International Organizations (Geneva, Switzerland)*

Religion, Media, and International Relations (team-taught)*

Social Theory & the Middle East*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Missouri University of Science and Technology:

- Co-chair, Provost Search Committee, November 2024-June 2025
- Co-chair, Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, 2023
- Member, Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Fall 2022

- Member, Provost Leadership Council, July 2022-present
- Member, Chancellor Leadership Council, July 2022-present
- Member, University Space Committee, November 2022-present
- Member, Chancellor's Speaker Series Committee, January 2023-present
- Member, Remmer Special Artist/Lecturer Committee, Summer 2023-present
- Member, Task Force on Strategic Enrollment Management, Fall 2022
- Member, Campus Performing Arts Committee, 2024-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), School of Public and International Affairs, 2019-2022

Syracuse University:

- Academic Strategic Plan Steering Committee (2014-2015)
- University Leadership Team (2015-2017)
- Graduate School Review Committee for Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowship, 2016-2017
- Syracuse University Senate [Chancellor's representative], 2015-2017
- Syracuse University 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 Program, 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
- Vice Chancellor and Provost Search Committee, 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

Doctoral Dissertation Supervision

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, Le Moyne College
- Drew H. Kinney (2018) – Visiting Assistant Professor, Colgate University
 - *Best Dissertation Award*
- Massimo Ramaioli (2017) – Assistant Professor and Coordinator, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco
- Alireza Shomali (2006) – Jane E. Ruby Chair in Humanities and Social Sciences, Wheaton College (MA)
- 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
- Michael Makara (2014) – Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Central Missouri
- Ioana (Emy) Matesan (2014) – Associate Professor of Government, Wesleyan University
- 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) – Catholic Campus Minister, SUNY Cortland
- James E. Rinehart (1993) – Former Professor of International Relations, Troy University

Master's and Undergraduate Supervision

Master's Thesis Committees

Served on 13 M.A./M.S. thesis committees, including work by students who later became faculty members (1993–2019).

Undergraduate Honors and Capstone Committees

- Member of 17 Undergraduate Honors, Distinction, and Capstone Thesis Committees (post-tenure)

Independent Studies Supervised

- Supervised independent study projects for 8 undergraduate and graduate students (2008–2018)

Academic Advising (Syracuse University)

- Graduate Certificate Advisor, Middle Eastern Affairs (2008–2014)
- Faculty Advisor, Persian Student Association (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 Advisor, Middle Eastern Studies Major and Minor (2003–2014)
- Undergraduate Advisor, Political Science Major (1992–1997; 2000–2006)
- Honors Advisor, Political Science (1998–2000)
- Undergraduate Research Program Sponsor (1995–1997)

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

Peer Reviewer – Journals

Reviewed research manuscripts for leading journals in political science, Middle Eastern studies, sociology, and international relations, including:

American Ethnologist; American Historical Review; 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; Strategic Asia.

Peer Reviewer – Book Manuscripts and Proposals

Reviewed submissions for prominent academic publishers, including:

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

Reviewer – Organizations and Funding Agencies

Provided evaluations for:

Academy for Educational Development, Research Council of Norway, Children of Persia Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation.

Promotion and Tenure Assessments

Conducted confidential evaluations for faculty promotion and tenure at:

Hampshire College, Indiana University-Bloomington, Moravian College, Texas A&M University, University of Haifa, Wheaton College.

Digital Scholarship

Co-Founder, Iran Data Portal (2011-present) – Developed and manage the leading online repository for social science data on post-revolutionary Iran, attracting over 4,700 monthly users and generating more than 6,300 page views per month.

SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Served on the Program Committee for the Middle East Studies Association's 50th Anniversary Conference, held in Boston, Massachusetts, November 17–20, 2016.
- Served as President of the International Society for Iranian Studies (now the Association for Iranian Studies) from 2012 to 2014, leading a 700-plus member organization recognized as the premier professional association for Iranian Studies in the Western world. During this term, I formalized organizational rules, procedures, and governance guidelines to enhance transparency and consistency; organized a major international conference in Montreal that drew more than 400 participants from over 20 countries; and successfully negotiated a new publishing contract for the Association's flagship journal. I also revitalized the Association's communications and outreach by relaunching the biannual newsletter and digitizing its complete archive, establishing a new Facebook presence, expanding both individual and institutional membership, and securing external funding to create a new dissertation award.
- Additional service to the Association for Iranian Studies includes Chair of the Nominating Committee (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 Educational Testing Service and the College Board in multiple capacities related to Advanced Placement Comparative Government and Politics. These roles included serving as an online tutor for *Teaching Iran* within the AP Comparative tutorial for AP teachers (December 2006); representing the AP Comparative Government and Politics Development Committee at the AP National Conference (2005); serving as a member of the AP Comparative Government & Politics Course and Examination Development Committee (2004–2008); and participating in the AP Comparative Government Working Group (2003–2004).
- Served on the Steering Committee for the Research Council of Norway-funded project *Islam, Ethnicity, and Geopolitics along the Persian Gulf–Caspian Sea Axis* (2001–2003).

- Played a leadership role within the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis by serving on its Executive Board from 1992 to 1998 and chairing the Annual Conference Program at Villanova University in 1994.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (select list)

Scholarly Associations

- Association for Iranian Studies (1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2022, 2024)
- Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (2025)
- British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (1998, 2018)
- Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (1988, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2001)
- Eastern Sociological Society (1989)
- International Studies Association (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998)
- Middle East Studies Association (1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2016, 2020)
- Texas Association of Middle East Scholars (1992)

Universities

- American University, Washington, DC (1989)
- Concordia University, Canada (2023)
- Georgetown University (1999, 2009 [in Qatar], 2021)
- Harvard University (1991, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2005, 2016)
- Lake Forest College (2010)
- National Defense University (2009, 2012)
- Northeastern Illinois University (2023)
- Princeton University (2000, 2007, 2015)
- Santa Clara University (2023)
- School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (1999, 2006)
- Stanford University (2010, 2018, 2019)
- State University of New York–Stony Brook (2008)
- Tel Aviv University (2006, 2013)
- Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (2009)
- University of California, Los Angeles (2007, 2016, 2018, 2023, 2025)
- University of Alberta, Canada (2021, 2023)
- University of Illinois–Urbana Champaign (2020)
- University of London (2016, 2018)
- University of Missouri–Columbia (2022)
- University of Toronto (2010)
- Villanova University (2024)
- Yale University (2005, 2017)

Policy, Defense, and Strategic Institutions

- Atlantic Council (2018, 2021)
- Center for Strategic and International Studies (2014)
- Foreign Service Institute (2012)
- Institute for Political and International Studies [Tehran] (1996)
- Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University (2009)
- Iranische Kulturgemeinde in Österreich [Austria] (2023)
- Middle East Institute (2024)
- Naval Postgraduate School [Monterey, CA] (2010, 2012)

- Royal Institute of International Affairs [Chatham House, London] (2023)
- Stimson Center (2014)
- United States Institute of Peace (2011, 2012)
- United States Naval War College (2008)
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2000, 2002)

Consulting and Advisory Engagements

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

PRESS APPEARANCES & MEDIA QUOTATIONS (selective, since 2021):

Quoted in major North American media outlets including *Associated Press*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Bloomberg*, *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*, *CBS Evening News*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Financial Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Los Angeles Times*, *National Public Radio*, *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *New Yorker*, *Toronto Star*, *USA Today*, *Voice of America*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post*.

Featured in international media outlets across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, including:

- **Europe:** *Adnkronos*, *Agence France-Presse*, *BBC World Service*, *Bulgarian National Radio*, *Deutsche Welle TV*, *Economist*, *El Confidencial*, *Guardian*, *Izvestia*, *Le Figaro*, *La Razón*, *La Stampa*, *Le Figaro*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*, *Republik*, *Rzeczpospolita*, *Spiegel*, and *The Times* [of London].
- **Middle East & North Africa:** *Al-Ahram Weekly*, *Al-Hurra*, *Al Jazeera English*, *Al-Monitor*, *Arab Weekly*, *Arabian Business*, *Haaretz*, *Iran Wire*, *Jerusalem Post*, *L'Orient-le Jour*, and *The National*.
- **Asia & Oceania:** *Arirang TV*, *Asia Times*, *Australian Broadcasting Corporation*, *CAN TV*, *Daily Times*, *Kyodo News*, and *SBS Radio*.
- **Latin America:** *Aventuras na História*, *Correio Braziliense*, *El Mercurio*, *Jornal do Brasil*, and *Valor.com*.
- **Other notable outlets:** *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Herald Tribune*, and *Times Higher Education*.

Regular commentator for international television outlets, including *BBC Persian* (UK) and *Iran International* (UK).

Professional Associations

- American Political Science Association

- Association for Iranian Studies
- Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences
- Middle East Studies Association