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## EDUCATION

- 2011–2015 PhD, Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures, University of Texas at Austin (UT)
- 2006–2009 MA, Middle Eastern Studies, Dual-Language Track in Arabic & Persian, UT
- 2002–2003 Universität Göttingen, Germany (academic exchange)
- 2001–2004 BA, German Studies, University of California, San Diego (summa cum laude)
- 1999–2001 Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, Calif.

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2013–present Coordinator, Persian Language & Culture Program, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations (NELC), University of Pennsylvania (Penn)
- 2018–present Lecturer in Foreign Language, NELC, Penn
- 2013–2018 Lecturer, NELC, Penn

## PUBLICATIONS

- in progress *The Other Self: Images of Afghans in Iranian Cinema*
- 2016 “The Pre-Islamic Past in Modern Iranian Culture: A Cultural Materialist Reading,” *A Persian Mosaic: Essays on Persian Language, Literature and Film*
- 2011 “Azadaran-e Bayal,” *Encyclopædia Iranica*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Pennsylvania

- Elementary Persian I (2013–2023)
- Elementary Persian II (2014–2024)
- Intermediate Persian I (2013–2023)
- Intermediate Persian II (2014–2024)
- Persian for Heritage Speakers (2022–2023)
- Iranian Cinema: Gender, Politics, and Religion (2014–2024)
- Modern Middle Eastern Literatures in Translation (2014–2018, 2022)

### University of Texas at Austin

- Intensive Persian I (2011–2012)
- Intensive Persian II (2012)

**Teaching Assistantships**

Advanced Persian, UT (2010)  
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Literature & Film, UT (2009)  
Introduction to Islam, UT (2008)  
The United States & the Middle East, UT (2008)  
The Dead Sea Scrolls, UT (2007)  
Iranian Drama, UT (2006)

**SENIOR THESIS ADVISING**

- 2018–2019 *Mirror in the Gulf: Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and Identity in Iran's 20th Century Bahrain Controversy*, Carson Kahoe, Penn  
2016–2017 *Communicating Through Conflict: Radio Israel's Public Diplomacy Toward Iranians*, Arielle Panitch, Penn  
2016–2017 *Pre-Islamic Symbolism and the Ideologies of the Pahlavi and Ba'ath Regimes*, Avi Colonomos, Penn  
2014–2015 *Representations of Nationalism in Post-Revolutionary Iranian and Egyptian Film*, Peixin Mo, Penn

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- upcoming "Depictions of the Iran–Iraq War by Iranian Dissident Directors," West Point Conference on Language, Culture, and Military, West Point, New York  
2014 "Representations of Afghans in Iranian Cinema," Panel: *Religio-ethnic Minorities and Iranian Nationalism*, Association for Iranian Studies, Montreal  
2012 "The Other Theocracy: The Islamic Republic of Iran's Discourse on the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan," Panel: *Perspectives on Iran across Time*, Middle Eastern Studies Association, Denver  
2010 "The *Ta'ziyeh* Topoi of Gholamhoseyn Sa'edi's Drama," Panel: *Persian Literary and Cinematic Representations of a Society in Transition*, Association for Iranian Studies, Los Angeles  
2009 "Gholamhoseyn Sa'edi's Postcolonial Dramas," Panel: *Genre and Political Thought*, Annual Graduate Conference on Comparative Literature, UT

**INVITED TALKS**

- 2019 "In Search of Indo-Persia: A Deconstruction of South Asia and the Middle East," The Lauder Institute, Penn  
2018 "Multiculturalism and the Image of the Afghan in Iranian Cinema," Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies, Princeton University  
2016 "Ancient Persia in Modern Iran: Nationalism, Nation-Building, and National Identity," Camden County College, Blackwood, New Jersey

**OTHER TALKS**

- 2018 "A Dialectology of Dari Persian," Dari Workshop, Penn  
2018 "Azeri Language and Culture in Iran," Azeri Workshop, Penn  
2016 "*The Cow* and Iranian New Wave Cinema," Penn Cinema Initiative

2016 “Using Film as a Teaching Tool,” Center for Teaching & Learning, Penn

### **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2018 Travel Grant, Middle East Center, Penn  
 2014 Travel Grant, NELC, Penn  
 Fall 2013 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship, UT\*  
 Spring 2013 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship, UT  
 2013 Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT\*  
 2012 Graduate Travel Fellowship, Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies, UT  
 2010–2011 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, UT\*  
 2009–2010 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Turkish, UT  
 2008–2009 David Bruton, Jr. Graduate School Fellowship, UT  
 Summer 2008 Research Assistantship, Middle Eastern Studies, UT  
 Summer 2007 Critical Language Scholarship (Persian & Tajik), Dushanbe, Tajikistan  
 Summer 2007 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic, UT\*  
 2006–2007 Center for Middle Eastern Studies Scholarship, UT  
 2004–2005 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Oldenburg, Germany  
 2002–2003 UC Education Abroad Program Scholarship, Göttingen, Germany

*\*These are grants that I declined in order to pursue other opportunities.*

### **AWARDS & HONORS**

2007, 2012 Professional Development Award, Middle Eastern Studies, UT  
 2004 Phi Beta Kappa, UCSD Chapter  
 2004 Caledonian Society (John Muir College Honor Society), UCSD  
 2001–2004 Provost’s Honors, John Muir College, UCSD

### **STUDENT ADVISING**

2015–2016 Advisor, Chai Chat (advanced Persian language table), Penn  
 2012 Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate Internship, UT  
 2007–2009 Language & Culture Mentor, Persian Language Program, UT

### **ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

2013–2023 Co-organizer & Speaker, Middle East Film Festival, Penn  
 2014–2023 Member, Language Advisory Committee, Penn  
 2022–2023 Member, Rebranding Committee, NELC, Penn  
 2020 Member, Persian Lecturer Hiring Committee, Penn Language Center  
 2017–2019 Member, Recovered Language Pedagogies Working Group, Penn  
 2018 Organizer, Dari Workshop, Middle East Center, Penn  
 2015–2018 Coordinator, Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Orientation, Penn  
 2006–2007 Representative, Graduate Student Assembly, UT

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE****University of Pennsylvania**

- 2015–2023 Language Examiner for Persian, Penn Language Center
- 2019, 2023 Reappointment Evaluator, Hispanic & Portuguese Studies
- 2018, 2021 Application Reviewer, FLAS Scholarships and Fellowships, Middle East Center
- 2014–2022 Language Evaluator for Persian, Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarships and Fellowships, Middle East Center
- 2020 Speaker, Middle East Center Outreach Program, Penn
- 2020 Interview, “The Forever War – Stories of the War in Afghanistan,” *Penn Political Review*
- 2020 Moderator, “Contemporary Iranian Fiction in Translation: A Panel Discussion with Moniro Ravanipour, Mohamad Ghanoonparvar, Fatemeh Shams, and Mahyar Entezari,” Kelly Writers House, Penn
- 2019 Moderator, “The Revolution’s Impact on Culture and Media,” The Iranian Revolution at 40: A Half-Day Symposium
- 2015, 2019 Judge, Persian Translation Contest, Middle East Center
- 2018 Discussant, Iran Graduate Student Workshop
- 2017 Discussant, *PoemTalk*, Kelly Writer’s House
- 2016 Reappointment Evaluator, Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures
- 2014–2015 Organizer, Modern Middle East Languages Info Sessions

**University of Texas**

- 2012–2013 Organizer, History of the Middle East Lecture Series
- 2008–2012 Volunteer, Explore UT (open house event)
- 2011 Volunteer, Fulbright Program Orientation
- 2009, 2007 Contributor, *Persian Online* (open educational resource)
- 2008 Contributor, *Persian in Texas* (open educational resource)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2018, 2022 Application Reviewer, American Councils’ Eurasian Regional Language Program, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- 2022 Textbook Reviewer, Routledge & CRC Press Publishing
- 2021 Peer Reviewer, *Australian Association for Literary Translation Review*
- 2016, 2018 Article Editor, *SAGE Open*, SAGE Publications
- 2016 Evaluator, Oxford Global Languages, Oxford University Press
- 2015 Peer Reviewer, American Association of Teachers of Persian

**OTHER SERVICE**

- 2020 Guest Speaker, Media-Providence Friends School, Pennsylvania
- 2019 Presenter, *The Salesman*, Camden County College, New Jersey

- 2019 Presenter, *3 Faces*, Philadelphia Film Society, Pennsylvania
- 2011 Meals on Wheels, Austin, Texas
- 2005 Representative, School Outreach Program, US Consulate, Hamburg, Germany
- 2004 Speaker, Study Abroad Fair, BBS Wechloy, Oldenburg, Germany
- 2004 Interpreter, International Rescue Committee, San Diego, Calif.
- 2002–2003 Residential Advisor, Universität Göttingen, Germany
- 2001 Consultant, *Wonders of Persia*, Arrowhead Publications, Orinda, Calif.
- 2000 Interpreter, Center for New Americans, Walnut Creek, Calif.

<b>LANGUAGES</b>	Persian (fluent) English (fluent) German (fluent)	Arabic (functional) French (functional)
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#### **ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

- 2023 Interpreter, CETRA Language Solutions, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania
- 2015 Consultant, Linguistic Data Services, Wilmington, Delaware
- 2010–2011 Site Specialist, International Studies Abroad, Austin, Texas
- 2008 Research Analyst, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Austin
- 2007 Interim Events Coordinator, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UT
- 2005–2006 Instructor, ELS Language Center, Hayward, Calif.
- 2005 Tutor, SF Language Services, Calif.
- 2005 Translator, Persian News Network, Martinez, Calif.
- 2002–2003 Peer Advisor, UC Education Abroad Program, Göttingen, Germany

**AFFILIATIONS**    American Association of Teachers of Persian