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EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Political Science, Gender & Women's Studies, 1999-present

Affiliations with History, Art History

Director, International Studies Program, 2008-present

Co-Chair, Middle East and Muslim Societies Cluster, 2011-present

University of Illinois at Chicago

Associate Editor (Social Science), January 2019-present

Iranian Studies

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Gender & Women's Studies, 1992-1999

University of Illinois at Chicago

Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, January 1992-March 1992

University of California, San Diego

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, January 1990

Dissertation: "Speaking Through the Mask:

The Construction of the Body in the Political Narratives of Hannah Arendt"

Advisors: Richard Flathman, Liliane Weissberg; Committee: Judith Butler, Neil Herz

M.A., Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, May 1985

Thesis: "The Enigmatic Spectator: The Problem of Hannah Arendt"

Guest Student, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany, 1981-1982

Research Advisor: Friedrich Friedmann

B.A., *cum laude*, Independent Study Scholar, Amherst College, May 1980

Thesis: "An American Life: Robert Frost and the Poetry of Liberalism"

Readers: Elizabeth Bruss, George Kateb, William Pritchard

WORK IN PROGRESS

Currently finalizing book manuscript on the transformations of daily life in Iran since the 1979 Revolution, with particular emphasis on issues of gendered, generational, and spatial change: *Tied Up in Tehran: Women, Social Change, and the Politics of Daily Life in Post-revolutionary Iran*. Under contract with Cambridge University Press.

PUBLICATIONS**Books**

Speaking through the Mask: Hannah Arendt and the Politics of Social Identity,
(Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2000)

2002 Gradiva Award, Best Book: Social Theory

National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis

(Turkish translation published by Deki Basim Yayim, Ankara, Turkey, 2009)

Videos

Collecting Stories from Exile: Chicago Palestinians Remember 1948

Member, Advisory Board and Working Group,

American Friends Service Committee, Arab-American Oral History Project

Video available for distribution Fall 1999

Articles and Chapters

"In Memoriam: Fatima Mernissi, 1940-2015" in

Journal of Middle East Women's Studies, 12/3, November 2016, 455-459

"Through the Looking Glass: Reflexive Cinema and Society in Post-Revolutionary Iran" in

Peter Decherney, Blake Atwood, eds.,

Iranian Cinema in a Global Context: Policy, Politics, and Form

(New York: Routledge, 2014), 112-142

"The Latest Iranian Distractions" in

Middle East Report Online, June 9, 2014

"Gender and the Revolutions: Critique Interrupted"

Middle East Report 268, Fall 2013, 2-9

(revised and reprinted in *Zapruder World*, Vol. 2, Spring 2015)

Kaveh Ehsani, Arang Keshavarzian, Norma Claire Moruzzi

"Slaps in the Face of Reason: Tehran, June 2009" in

Nader Hashemi, Danny Postel, eds.,

The People Reloaded: The Green Movement and the Struggle for Iran's Future

(Brooklyn, NY: Melville House, 2010), 29-36

Kaveh Ehsani, Arang Keshavarzian, Norma Claire Moruzzi

"Tehran, June 2009"

Middle East Report Online (MERO), June 28, 2009

"Quiet Leadership and Pressure from Below: Women's Participation in Iranian Public Life" in
Middle East Program Occasional Paper Series,

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Fall 2009, 10-14

“Tied Up in Tehran: A Metaphor”

Middle East Report, Spring 2009, No. 250, 18-23

“Trying to Look Different: *Hijab* as the Self-Presentation of Social Distinctions”

Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Vol. 28, No. 2, 2008, 225-234

“From Parvenu to Pariah: Hannah Arendt’s *Rahel Varnhagen*” in

Samuel Fleischacker, ed., *Heidegger’s Jewish Followers*

(Pittsburgh: Duquesne Press, 2008), 28-42, notes 250-253

“Dialogue of Civilizations and Political Thought” in

Fred Dallmayr and Abbas Manoochehri, eds., *Civilizational Dialogue and Political Thought:*

Tehran Papers (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2007), 19-23

Farsi (Persian) Translation and Reprint of

“Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Fire: Young Iranian Women Today”

The Iranian journal *Zanan*, Azar 1386/November 2007

Norma Claire Moruzzi and Fatemeh Sadeghi,

“Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Fire: Young Iranian Women Today”

Middle East Report, Winter 2006, No. 241, 22-28

“Strange Bedfellows: The Question of Lawrence Oliphant’s Christian Zionism”

Modern Judaism, Vol. 26, no. 1 (February 2006), 55-73

“Cutting through Culture: The Feminist Discourse on Female Circumcision”

Critique: Critical Middle Eastern Studies, Vol. 14, no. 2 (Summer 2005), 203-220

“Women in Iran: Notes on Film and from the Field”

Feminist Studies, 27/1, Spring 2001, 89-100

Reprint of “Asking the Questions/Telling a Story: Writing on Hannah Arendt”

The German Quarterly, no. 73.2 (Fall 2000), 179-184

“The Question of Feminism in the Islamic Republic” in the Iranian journal

Goft-O-Gu (Dialogue), issue on political society, no. 26, Summer 2000, 131-44

“Women's Space/Cinema Space: Representations of Public and Private in Iranian Films”

MERIP, special issue on Iran, no. 212 (October, 1999), 52-55

Translation and Reprint of

"Veiled Agents: Political Action and the Feminine in *The Battle of Algiers*" in the Swedish journal *glänta*, "film och filosofi" issue, 2/1997, 81-91

"Asking the Questions/Telling a Story: Writing on Hannah Arendt" in Scott Denham, Irene Kacandes, and Jonathan Petropoulos, eds., *A User's Guide to German Cultural Studies* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1997), 127-135

"A Problem with Headscarves: Contemporary Complexities of Political and Social Identity" *Political Theory*, November, 1994, 653-672, response 678-679

"Veiled Agents: Political Action and the Feminine in *The Battle of Algiers*" in Sue Fisher and Kathy Davis, eds., *Negotiating at the Margins: The Gendered Discourses of Power and Resistance* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1993), 255-277

"National Objects: Julia Kristeva on the Process of Political Self-Identification" in Kelly Oliver, ed., *Ethics, Politics, and Difference in Julia Kristeva's Writings* (New York: Routledge, 1993), 135-149

"Re-Placing the Margin: (Non)Representations of Colonialism in Hannah Arendt's *The Origins of Totalitarianism*" *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*, "Redefining Marginality" issue, Spring, 1991, 109-120

Reviews

Review of Alan O'Leary, *The Battle of Algiers* (Mimesis International, 2019) in *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, Vol. 27 Issue 4 (March, 2022), 654-656

Review of Stephanie Cronin, ed., *Anti-Veiling Campaigns in the Muslim World: Gender, Modernism, and the Politics of Dress* (New York: Routledge, 2014) in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 48 (2016), 620-621

Review of Pamela Karimi, *Domesticity and Consumer Culture in Iran: Interior Revolutions of the Modern Era* (New York: Routledge, 2013) in *Middle East Report*, Winter 2015, No. 277, 46-47

"Quiet Observations: Reza Mirkarimi's *Today*"
<http://www.today-movie.com/reviews.html> (November 2014)

Review of Arzoo Osanloo, *The Politics of Women's Rights in Iran* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009) in *The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms*, 18:7 (December 2013), 956

Review of Azam Torab, *Performing Islam: Gender and Ritual in Iran* (Boston: Brill, 2007) in *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 3 (June 2010), 436-438

Review of Shahram Khosravi, *Young and Defiant in Tehran* (Philadelphia; University of Philadelphia Press, 2007), in *Middle East Report*, Winter 2007, No. 245, 42-43

Review of Mino Moallem, *Between Warrior Brother and Veiled Sister: Islamic Fundamentalism and the Politics of Patriarchy in Iran* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005), and Afsaneh Najmabadi, *Women with Mustaches and Men without Beards: Gender and Sexual Anxieties of Iranian Modernity* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005) in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 39, No. 1 (2007), 128-130

Review of Henrick Chapman and Laura L. Frader, *Race in France: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Politics of Difference* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2004), in *The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms*, Vol. 11, No. 6 (2006), 701

Review of Janet Afary and Kevin B. Anderson, *Foucault and the Iranian Revolution: Gender and the Seductions of Islamism* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2005), in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 38, No. 3 (2006), 492-493

Review of Camron Michael Amin, *The Making of the Modern Iranian Woman: Gender, State Policy, and Popular Culture, 1865-1946* (Gainesville, University Press of Florida, 2002), in *H-Net Middle East* (web-based scholarly journal), posted Spring 2005

Review of Kimberly Curtis, *Our Sense of the Real: Aesthetic Experience and Arendtian Politics* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999), in *International Studies in Philosophy*, XXXV/2, 2003, 137-138.

Review of John McGowan, *Hannah Arendt: An Introduction* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1998); Jennifer Ring, *The Political Consequences of Thinking: Gender and Judaism in the Work of Hannah Arendt* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1997), in *Women and Politics*, vol. 23, no. 3, 2001, 105-108

Review of Fred Dallmayr, *Beyond Orientalism: Essays on Cross-Cultural Encounter* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1996) in *American Political Science Review*, vol. 91, no 4 (December, 1997), 941-942

Review Essay of Kathleen Jones, *Compassionate Authority: Democracy and the Representation of Women* (New York: Routledge, 1993) in *Political Theory*, August, 1996, 549-555

Review of Drucilla Cornell, *Transformations: Recollective Imagination and Sexual Difference*

(New York: Routledge, 1993) in
International Studies in Philosophy, vol. XXVIII/2, 1996, 120-121

Review of Rose Laub Coser, *In Defense of Modernity* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1991); Anne Phillips, *Engendering Democracy* (University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 1991); Sonia Kruks, Rayna Rapp, Marilyn Young, eds., *Promissory Notes* (New York: Monthly Review Press, 1989) in
Signs, Winter, 1994, 515-519

Review of Joan Cocks, *The Oppositional Imagination: Feminism, Critique, and Political Theory* (New York: Routledge, 1989) in
Ethics, Volume 101, No. 3 (April 1991), 675

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

John Nuveen International Development Fund (\$1,000)
“Women, Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East and North Africa” Program of Events
Funds for Keynote Speaker (Prof. Suad Joseph) for Program Symposium, April 6, 2022

UIC Diversity Award (\$2,000)
“Women, Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East and North Africa” Program of Events
Project Committee Member, May 2019-May 2022

NEH grant for “Securing the Common Good: Hull House History at UIC”
Supporting Scholar for grant and educational program, with
Jane Addams Hull House Museum and the UIC Institute for the Humanities, 2016-2017

International Institute of Social History, Visiting Research Fellow,
Amsterdam, Netherlands, May-August 2014

NEH/American Library Association grants,
Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys and *Let’s Talk About It: Muslim Journeys*
Program Scholar for grant and two NEH/ALA reading and discussion series, with
Wilmette Public Library, Wilmette, IL, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

UIC Sabbatical Leave, “Tied Up in Tehran: Women, Social Change, and the Politics of Daily Life,”
August 2013-August 2014

Great Cities Faculty Scholar Fellowship 2009-2010 (UIC internal fellowship)

Humanities Institute 2005-2006 Faculty Fellowship (UIC internal fellowship)

Advisor, MENA International Collaborative Research Grant, SSRC
Reconceptualizing Public Spheres: “Authority and Public Space in Iran and Turkey,” 2001-2003

UIC Sabbatical Leave, "A Latent Elite: Middle Class Women in the Contemporary Iranian Social Movement for Reform," August 2001-August 2002

Center for Research on Women and Gender Seed Grant (UIC internal grant),
"The Question of an Islamic Feminism: Iran," Spring 2000 (\$9,000)

OVCRAAAH Award (UIC internal grant),
"The Question of an Islamic Feminism: Iran," Spring 2000 (\$8,000)

NEH Summer Stipend, "Imagining a Jewish Homeland:
Benjamin Disraeli, British Imperial Policy, and the Origins of Zionism," Summer 1999 (\$4,000)

OVCRAAAH Award (UIC internal grant), "Imagining a Jewish Homeland:
Benjamin Disraeli, British Imperial Policy, and the Origins of Zionism," Summer 1999 (\$8,000)

Towson State University Faculty Development Grant, Fall, 1991 (\$400)

Amherst Memorial Graduate Fellowship, 1985-1986, (\$750)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Breaking down Walls: Iranian Art Installations, Condemned Buildings, Utopian Possibilities"
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 15, 2019

"Tied up in Tehran: Theorizing Power from Ethnographies of Daily Life"
Association for Iranian Studies Bi-Annual Meeting, Irvine, CA, August 16, 2018

"Sisters and Mothers: Iranian Women's War Memoirs"
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 20, 2017

"Breaking Taboos: Tendentious Jokes and Questions of Propriety in Post-revolutionary Iran"
International Society for Humor Studies Annual Meeting, Persianate Humor Colloquium,
Montreal, Canada, July 12, 2017

"Thinking in Public: Hannah Arendt on Eichmann, Michel Foucault on Iran, and
Political Theorizing as Ethical Commitment"
Hannah Arendt Circle Annual Meeting, Bard College, April 1, 2017

"Commodifying Ourselves: Transgender and Neoliberalism in Contemporary Iran"
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 18, 2016

"Looking Backward to Move Forward: Iranian Women's Mobilization and the Question of Feminism"
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 7, 2016

“Three Generations of Domestic Space: Regimes of Household Architecture, Social Relations, and State Organization in Twentieth Century Iran”

American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 22, 2015

“Reading Arendt in Tehran: Politics, Violence, and the Author as Scapegoat”

Colloquium on Violence and Religion: “Transforming Violence: Cult, Culture, and Acculturation”

Annual Meeting of the International Association of Scholars of Mimetic Theory

Notre Dame University, July 1, 2010

“Reading Arendt in Iran/Reading Iran through Arendt:

Speech, Action, and the Question of Street Politics”

Arendt Circle Annual Meeting, DePaul University, April 16-18, 2010

“Mutual Lessons of Destruction: Imperialism in Hannah Arendt’s *The Origins of Totalitarianism*”

Panel on Hannah Arendt and the Question of Violence: Can It Be Political?

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Aug. 30, 2007

“Being a Public Women: Dress as Self-Presentation in the Islamic Republic of Iran”

Panel on The Politics of Public Sphere in Contemporary Iran

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 17-21, 2006

“Trying to Look Different: Hejab as the Self-Presentation of Social Distinction,”

Panel on Young Women in Public:

Representation, Negotiation, and Frustration in Contemporary Tehran

International Society for Iranian Studies, SOAS, London, August 3-5, 2006,

“The Dark Heart of the Liberal Project:

Imperialism in Hannah Arendt’s *The Origin of Totalitarianism*”

Panel on Pluralism, Privacy, and Representation

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Sept. 2, 2002

“Women's Space/Cinema Space: Representations of Public and Private in Iranian Films”

Middle East Studies Association, Chicago, December, 1998

“Making the Present by Writing the Past: Hannah Arendt's Rahel Varnhagen”

German Studies Association, Chicago, October, 1994

“Abjection and the Nation-State: Julia Kristeva on the Process of Political Self-Identification”

Conference on “Change: Arts/Politics/Sciences”

International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Montreal, Canada, May, 1991

“Re-Placing the Margin:

(Non)Representations of Colonialism in Hannah Arendt's *The Origins of Totalitarianism*
 Conference on "Redefining Marginality," University of Tulsa, March 1989

"Beginning as Word or Deed: Heidegger's 'The Origin of the Work of Art'"
 Northeastern Political Science Association, April, 1984

"Meaning and Truth in the World of Appearance: Hannah Arendt and *The Life of the Mind*"
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September, 1984

"An American Life: Robert Frost and the Poetry of Liberalism"
 Northeastern Political Science Association, November, 1983

SELECTED COLLOQUIA, INVITED LECTURES, ROUNDTABLES

"Conditions of the Current Iran Protests and Women's Public Participation"
 Panel on "Protests in Iran: What's Different This Time?" (Middle East Policy Forum Panel)
 George Washington University, Washington, D.C., November 1, 2022

"Public Art in Private Spaces: Site-Specific Art Installations in Tehran, 1991, 1998, and 2014"
 Art History Colloquium, UIC, November 1, 2019

Speaker, Film Screening and Discussion of *Vita Activa: The Spirit of Hannah Arendt*
 Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, Chicago, May 13, 2019

"The Political Is Personal: Ideology, Power, and Family Rivalry between Feminism and the Left"
 Roundtable on the Left and the Revolution,
 Association for Iranian Studies Bi-Annual Meeting, Irvine, CA, August 15, 2018

"Finding a Critical Lens into the Politics of Daily Life: Iranian Cinema and Society"
 Conference on "Bridges Not Walls: Middle East and South Asia,"
 University of Virginia, April 17, 2017

"Iranian Women and Society: Finding a Critical Lens into the Politics of Daily Life"
 Institute of Middle East Studies, George Washington University, March 29, 2017

"Political Theory Outside the Box:
 Arendt on Eichmann, Foucault on Iran, and the Challenge of Thinking in Public"
 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, March 13, 2017

"Young Iranian Women Today"
 Staudt Memorial Lecture, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL, March 1, 2017

"Being a Public Woman: Spaces of Possibility, Spaces of Risk in Contemporary Tehran"
 Council on Middle East Studies at the Macmillan Center, Yale University, February 5, 2016

Panel on "Rouhani's Iran"

Project on Middle East Political Science, Elliott School of International Affairs,
George Washington University, March 4, 2014

"Food as a Social Relation: *Sabzi* and the Question of Women's Skilled Domestic Labor"

Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies,
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, January 28, 2014

"Looking Back to Move Forward:

Iranian Women's Mobilization and the Question of Feminism"

Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 28, 2012

"Religion, Social Movements, and Protest in the Middle East"

Conference on "Politics, Art, and Society: The Arab Uprisings of 2011 and After,"
Northeast Ohio Consortium for Middle East Studies, September 28, 2012

"Life as Elsewhere: Class, Internal Diaspora, and the Cinema of Daily Life"

Conference on "Cinema in Iran: Circulation, Censorship, and Cultural Production,"
Annenberg School for Communication and the Institute for Cultural Inquiry
Berlin, Germany, December 17, 2011

Roundtable on "Taking the Social Seriously: Ethnographies of Power in Contemporary Iran"

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3, 2011

Roundtable on "The New Politics of Post-Revolutionary Iran"

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 18-21, 2010

"Women's Education as a Feminist Project: Iranian Women Today"

Keynote, Centenary Anniversary of Founding of Connecticut College,
Connecticut College, New London, October 12, 2011

"Reading Arendt in Iran/Reading Iran through Arendt:

Speech, Action, and the Question of Street Politics,"

Political Theory Colloquium, Bilkent University, Turkey, September 9, 2011

"'Islamic Feminism is an Oxymoron': Teaching Beyond Gender Stereotypes"

Conference on "Censuring the Middle East,"

Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, February 11, 2011

"Women's Participation and Gender Issues in Iran's New Politics"

Conference on "The New Politics of (Post Islamist?) Iran," DePaul University, April 16, 2010

“Women’s Participation and Gender Issues in Iran’s New Politics”
Panel on “The Turbulent Present: Religion, Politics and Society in Iran,”
Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, April 15, 2010

“The Secular/Religious Divide: Possibilities for Feminism as a Social Movement”
Conference on “The Future of Secularism and the Public Role of Religion in Iran,”
Islamic World Studies Program, Lake Forest College, March 27-28, 2010

“Cults of Consumption: Big Hair, Shopping Bags, and an Ambivalent Islamic State”
SSRC/ASSR Workshop, “Popularizing Islam, Recasting the Political,”
Amsterdam School of Social Science Research,
Amsterdam, The Netherlands, November 13-14, 2009

“Iran in Context” Roundtable Discussion
Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at New York University, October 9, 2009

“Quiet Leadership and Pressure from Below: Iranian Women Before and After June 2009”
Iranian Studies Symposium on “Iran’s Politics and Policies:
Presidential Election 2009 and Iran’s Nuclear Policies,”
Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies,
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2, 2009

“Teaching Arendt in Tehran”
Symposium on the Work and Influence of Richard E. Flathman:
“A Blooming, Buzzing Confusion: Pluralism, Individuality, and Liberalism,”
The Johns Hopkins University, April 24, 2009

Persepolis Roundtable Discussion: “Iranian Women’s Experience of the Revolution and Beyond”
Gender Conference 2009, College of Lake County, April 17, 2009

“Teaching Hannah Arendt in Tehran”
Panel on “Hannah Arendt’s *On Revolution* Revisited,”
Conference on “The Past and Future(s) of Revolutions: A Global Exploration,”
Northeastern Illinois University, March 12, 2009

Arusi/Persian Wedding Panel Discussion
Pasfardah Arts and Cultural Exchange, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs,
WTTW, ITVS (Independent Television Service), Community Cinema Program Event,
Chicago Public Library, Feb. 21, 2009

“Citizenship and Participation: Iranian Women Today”
First year Common Reader *Persepolis* Project, Lewis University, Oct. 16, 2008

“How our Mothers Drive Us Crazy: Iranian Women and the Exchange of Symbolic Capital”
Women and Islamic Law Seminar Series, Middle East Center,
University of Pennsylvania, April 2, 2008

“Citizenship and Participation: Iranian Women’s Public Presence”
Weissberg Chair in International Affairs Colloquium on “Women’s Rights in the Middle East,”
Beloit College, April 22, 2006

“Citizenship and Participation: Iranian Women’s Public Presence”
Commemoration of the Centennial of the 1906 Iranian Constitutional Revolution,
“Democracy in Iran, Middle East and Central Asia: Past Traditions and Future Prospects,”
Northeastern Illinois University, April 5, 2006

“Women and the (Religious) State: Legal Rights, Feminist Activism, and Practical Change”
Conference on “Religion in Our Time: Fundamentalisms, Democracy, and Global Politics,”
University of Illinois at Chicago, April 1, 2005

Roundtable Participant, “HIV/AIDs in the MENA Region,”
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Nov. 18, 2004

“Hannah Arendt’s Rahel Varnhagen,”
Conference on “Heidegger’s Jewish Students,”
University of Illinois at Chicago, November 4, 2004

“Cutting through Culture: The Feminist Discourse on Female Circumcision”
Annual Symposium of *Critique: Critical Middle Eastern Studies*,
Hamline University, April 23, 24, 2004

“A House Divided: Iranian Americans and Islam”
Conference on “American Islams,” University of Illinois at Chicago, April 15, 2004

“Creating a Feminist Space and a Feminist Voice: The Iranian Women’s Magazine *Zanan*”
Workshop on “Authority and Public Spaces in Iran and Turkey,”
SSRC MENA ICR Grant, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey, September 9-10, 2003

“Imagining a Jewish Homeland:
Benjamin Disraeli, Lawrence Oliphant, British Imperial Policy, and the Origins of Zionism”
Symposium on “Christian Zionism: Historical and Contemporary Intersections of Religion,
Politics, and Policy,” University of Illinois at Chicago, April 10, 2003

“Tracking Public Participation: Methodologies and Conceptual Frameworks”
Workshop on “Authority and Public Space in Iran and Turkey,”

SSRC MENA ICR Grant, Tehran, Iran, March 19-20, 2003

“Speech and Power: Historical and Contemporary Concepts of Dialogue in Political Thought”
Presenter and Discussant, Conference on “Dialogue of Civilizations and Political Thought,”
Center for Dialogue Between Civilizations, Tehran, Iran, May 5-6, 2002

“The Dark Heart of the Liberal Project:
The Problem of *Imperialism* in *The Origins of Totalitarianism*”
Presenter and Discussant, Midwest Faculty Seminar:
“Hannah Arendt’s *The Origins of Totalitarianism*,” University of Chicago, January 17-19, 2002

Public Forum: “Intellectuals Respond to a World after 9/11”
Center for Public Intellectuals, Harold Washington Library, Chicago, Nov. 12, 2001

“The Status of Women in the Islamic Republic of Iran”
Colloquium on “Contemporary Middle East Politics,”
Northwestern University, November 9, 2001

Roundtable, Conference on “*Eichmann in Jerusalem: Forty Years After*”
DePaul University, May 2001

“Feminism and Citizenship: Iranian Contradictions”
Workshop on “Cities and Citizenship II: Questions of Comparison” (Iran Initiative),
SSRC and CERMOC (Social Science Research Council and Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches sur
le Moyen-Orient Contemporain), Beirut, Lebanon, February 2001

“Caught in Between: Women, National Identity, and Colonial Policy”
Lake Forest College, October, 2000

“Western Feminism in Relation to Iran”
Center for Dialogue Between Civilizations, Tehran, Iran, July, 2000

“Recovering German Jewish Identity”
Symposium on “Jewish Identity in Contemporary Germany and Austria,”
University of Illinois at Chicago, November, 1998

“The Discourse on Female Circumcision: Cultural Problems”
Social Movements Study Group, UIC, March, 1998

“Audience Expectations of the Representations of Women in Iranian Cinema,”
Chicago Film Center panel, October, 1997

“Feminist Attitudes Towards Female Circumcision: A Cultural Problem”

Conference on "The Politics of Religion in North Africa: The Case of Women,"
University of Rochester, February, 1997

"Making the Present by Writing the Past: Hannah Arendt's Rahel Varnhagen"
Conference on "German Studies as Cultural Studies,"
Davison College and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Foundation), March, 1995

"Making the Present by Writing the Past:
Hannah Arendt's Inquiry of Nineteenth Century European Jewish Lives,"
Colloquium on "Voice and Autobiography," Northwestern University, April, 1994

Keynote Speaker, "Crossing the Boundaries II: An Interdisciplinary
Graduate Student Conference on Power and Resistance," SUNY, Binghamton, November, 1993

"The Headscarf Scandal: Immigration, Secularism, and Politics in France"
Conference on "Gender, Voice, and Representation,"
The Johns Hopkins University, November, 1991

Juror (Long Feature),
Baltimore Independent Film and Video Awards, Summer, 1990

CONDUCTED WORKSHOPS

"Understanding Persian Culture through Film"
Workshop developing and filming educational materials to accompany a streaming project of
significant Iranian films for AsiaPacificFilms,
Shangri La, The Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, Honolulu, February 25-27, 2011

"Iranian Women from the Revolution until Today"
QUEST program on "Iran: Past and Present," College of Lake County, IL, June 17, 2008

"Food in a Social Context"
Two-day workshop presented to university faculty, graduate students, and UNICEF researchers,
University of Tehran School of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, May 13-14, 2007

"Review of Recent Studies on Iranian Women Published Outside Iran"
Two-day workshop presented to University of Tehran faculty, graduate students, and members
of the Women's Independent Research Group,
Sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center Middle East Section,
University of Tehran, Iran, September 14-15, 2005

"Research Approaches and Methods for Gender and Women's Issues"
Four-session workshop presented to members of the Women's Cultural Center NGO,
(independent feminist research and activist center), Tehran, Iran, July, August, 2005

“Using Qualitative Methods for Research on Women and Gender”

Three-day workshop presented to University of Tehran faculty, graduate students, and members of the Women’s Independent Research Group,
Sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center Middle East Section,
University of Tehran, Iran, December 23-25, 2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women’s Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago, 1999-present

Graduate Seminar Visiting Instructor, course on “The Political Philosophy of Hannah Arendt”
Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, Iran, Spring 2007

Summer Graduate School Visiting Instructor, course on “The Market and the City:
Commercialization and Urban Restructuring—In Theory and the Field”
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, July 3-14, 2006

Summer Graduate School Visiting Instructor, course on
“Transnational Flows, Structures, Agents, and the Idea of Development”
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, July 4-18, 2004 and July 3-17, 2005

UIC Teaching Recognition Award, 1997

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago, 1992-1999

Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science and Women's Studies
University of California at San Diego, Winter 1992

Lecturer, course on “Women in Perspective,”
Taught multiple sections of the introductory, interdisciplinary course in the Women's Studies Program; involved in Program's curricular revision of the Women's Studies introductory course,
Towson State University, 1989-90, 1990-91, Summer, Fall 1991

Instructor, course on “The Politics of Gender,”
Graduate Fellowship to originate and teach an interdisciplinary seminar course sponsored by the departments of Political Science, Anthropology, and the Humanities Center,
The Johns Hopkins University, Spring 1988

Teaching Assistant, course on “Introduction to American Politics,”
Political Science Department,
The Johns Hopkins University, Fall 1983, 1984, 1985 (two sections in Fall 1985)

Teaching Assistant, course on “Introduction to Comparative Politics,”
Political Science Department, The Johns Hopkins University, Spring 1983, 1984

UNIVERSITY, PROFESSIONAL, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

UIC:

Director, International Studies Program, Jan. 2008-present

Middle East and Muslim Societies Cluster, Chair 2011-2105, Co-Chair 2015-present

Committee Member, Middle East and North Africa Educational Initiative

Co-Chair, Search Committee for Middle East Cluster/History

junior faculty position, 2022-2-23

Co-Chair, Search Committee for Middle East Cluster senior faculty position, 2018-2020

Chair, Search Committee for Middle East Cluster senior faculty position:

Modern Urban Social Movements, 2014-2015, 2012-2013

Political Science Department:

Member, Political Science Head Search Committee, 2019-2020

Associate Head, 2018-2024, Fall 2017, 2006-2008

Member, Advisory Committee,

2022-2023, 2015-2016, 2010-2011, 2007-2009, 2002-2004, 2000-2001, 1992-1994

Member, Undergraduate Committee: 2018-2019, 2012-2016

Tenure Committee: 2008

Member, Urban Politics Hiring Committee, 2007

Member, Political Science Head Search Committee, 2000

Gender & Women’s Studies Department:

Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2023-2024, 2018-2019

Member, Program Committee, 2021-2023

Member, Probationary & Tenure Committees, 2020, 2018

Director of Graduate Studies, 2014-2015, 2002-2007

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2014-2015

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2012-2017

Coordinator and Member,

Interdisciplinary Program Joint Ph.D. Planning Committee, 2004-2005

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 1997-2001

Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2000

Institute for the Humanities Institute, Executive Committee Member, 2019-2023, 2010-2012,
2006-2009

OVCR-AAH Awards Committee, Member, 2000-2005

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Jane Addams Hull House Museum, Assistant Director Search Committee Member, 2023

Faculty Search Committees (other departments):

Member, Philosophy, Ethics Hiring Committee, 2008

Member, German Search Committee, 2000

Member, Catholic Studies Chair Search Committee, 1999

Jewish Studies Program Faculty Committee Member, 2002–2004

LAS Middle East Studies Initiative Member, 1998-2001

Chair, Jeri Parker Scholarship Committee: UIC, 1995-2000

Member, Advisory Committee for the Office of Women's Affairs, 1994–1999

Member, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women, 1995-1996

Member, UIC Campus Committee on Diversity, 1993

The Johns Hopkins University:

Founding Member, Coalition for Women at Hopkins/JHU Women's Center: 1985-1990

Graduate Member, President's Task Force on the Human Climate, 1987

Graduate Member, Dean's Committee on Women and Other Minorities, 1985-1987

Departmental Representative, JHU Graduate Representative Organization, 1983-4

Member, Political Science Graduate Steering Committee, 1983-1984

Professional:

Associate Editor (Social Science), *Iranian Studies*, January, 2019-present

Vice-Chair, Editorial Committee, *Middle East Report*, 2014-2015,

Chair, Editorial Committee, *Middle East Report*, 2013-2014

Member, Editorial Committee, *Middle East Report*, January, 2010-December, 2015

Community:

Board Member, Broadway Community Development Association, 2002-2004

Board Member, Friends of the Iranian Film Festival, Chicago 1998-2001

Member, Arab-American Oral History Project Advisory Board,

American Friends Service Committee and Arab-American Action Network, Chicago 1997-2001

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

Film Series Coordinator, Office of Cultural Affairs/JHU: Summer 1990

Research Assistant, Women's Studies Program/JHU: 1989-90

Humanities Intern, Office of Cultural Affairs/JHU: 1988-9

James Hart Dissertation Fellowship: 1987-8

Charles Singleton Center/Villa Spelman Fellowship: Spring 1987
(declined due to change in research)

Amherst College Memorial Fellow: 1986-7, 1985-6

Political Science Department Travel Grant/JHU: 1986 Summer Research

Political Science Teaching Assistantship/JHU: 1985-6, 1984-5, 1983-4

Johns Hopkins Departmental Fellowship: 1986-7, 1982-3

Johns Hopkins Tuition Fellowship: 1982-90

Languages

German: fair (speaking, reading)

French: good (reading), fair (speaking)

Persian: fair (speaking, reading)