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EDUCATION

PhD The American University (Washington, DC), International Relations, 1990
MA Northeastern University, Political Science, 1985
BA Boston University, Political Science magna cum laude, 1983. Minor: Sociology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Syracuse University, Department of Political Science
Professor, 2014-present; Associate Professor, 1998-2014; Assistant Professor, 1992-1998
Chair, Department of Political Science (30 regular and 13-affiliated faculty members), August
2014- July 2017
Director, Graduate Studies Program, 2001-2004

Syracuse University
Provost's Faculty Fellow for Internationalization, Office of the Provost, 2015-2017
Affiliated Faculty, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, 2015-present

Middle East Institute (Washington, D.C.)
Non-Resident Scholar in Public Policy, 2005-2016

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

Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
Postdoctoral Fellow, 1990-1991

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

American Council on Education (ACE)
ACE Fellow, 2017-18

International Society for Iranian Studies
President elect, President, Past President, 2012-2014

Near East Foundation
Member of Board of Directors, 2010-present

Syracuse University
Co-Chair, Syracuse University Internationalization Council, 2016-present
Member, Syracuse University Leadership Team, 2015-present
Co-Chair, Working Group on Enhancing Internationalization, 2014-2016
Member, Syracuse University Strategic Plan Steering Committee, 2014-2015

Syracuse University, Religion, Media & International Affairs Program, Maxwell School of Citizenship
Founding Co-Director, 2006-2009

Syracuse University, Middle Eastern Studies Program, College of Arts & Sciences
Founding Director, 2003-2014 (27 affiliated faculty members)

HONORS AND AWARDS

American University

Fred Nothman Award for Academic Excellence, Graduate Student Council, 1990.
Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Field of Islamic Studies, School of International Service, 1989.

Center for Iranian Research and Analysis

“Author Meets Critics: Mehrzad Boroujerdi’s *Iranian Intellectuals and the West: The Tormented Triumph of Nativism*, Annual Meeting, Toronto, April 1997.

Foundation for Iranian Studies

Best Dissertation Award in the Field of Iranian Studies, 1990.

Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund

Outstanding Service Award, 2011.

Syracuse University

Inaugural O’Hanley Faculty Scholar, Maxwell School of Citizenship, 2014-present.
Inductee, Phi Beta Delta [International Honor Society at SU], in recognition of my work with international students and scholars, 2010.
Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for outstanding teaching, research and service by a junior faculty member, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 1998.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Violet Jabara Charitable Trust: \$20,000

PI: “*Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook*,” 2016.

Carnegie Corporation of New York: \$20,000

Grant to support a conference on Iranian foreign policy decision making and negotiation held at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC, 2014.

Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute: \$15,000

PI for “Grant to support the Tenth Biennial Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies,” held in Montreal, 2014.

Princeton University: \$5,000

Co-PI for “Iran Data Portal Support Grant,” Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, 2014. [IDP is based at Syracuse University].

Private Donors: \$500,000

Endowment Gifts to support Middle Eastern Studies Program at Syracuse University, 2006-2014.

Social Science Research Council: \$50,000

Co-PI for “The Shari’a, Laws of War and Post-Conflict Justice Project” led by William Banks, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University, 2011-13.

Social Science Research Council: \$142,000

Co-PI for “Iran Social Science Information Project” (with Professor Mirjam Künkler), 2009-11 (two back-to-back awards).

United States Department of Education: \$179,000

Co-PI for “Strengthening the Middle Eastern Studies Program at Syracuse University,” Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, 2009-2011.

United States Institute of Peace: \$81,133

PI for “Iran's Heavenly Chorus: The Political Elite of a Theocratic State,” 2008-2009.

Henry R. Luce Foundation: \$370,000

Co-Pi for “Religion, Media and International Affairs,” 2006-2009.

Institute of International Education: \$125,000

PI, Scholar Rescue Fund Matching-sum Fellowship Grants, 2004-2008, 2016.

Council for International Exchange of Scholars

Fulbright Visiting Specialist Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World, 2004.

Syracuse University

\$10,000 grant for Conference on “Sanctions and Iranian Nuclear Decision Making and Negotiation Strategy,” Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, 2014.

Member of the team that designed and developed the Leaders of Democracy Fellows program proposal to the U.S. Department of State’s Middle East Partnership Initiative which led to a nine-year program; also lead faculty for the Politics of the Middle East element of the program, 2007-2016.

“Middle Eastern Studies Student Welcoming Event,” Syracuse University College of Arts & Sciences, 2008.

Chancellor’s Feinstone Grant (\$1,000) for “Middle Eastern Film Series,” Multicultural Affairs Office, 2006-2007.

Appleby-Mosher Fund Grants, Maxwell School of Citizenship (five grants) (\$1,000 each), 1988-2006.

\$12,000 Conference Grant, “Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and the Theory of Statecraft” conference, SU’s Ray Smith Symposium, 2005.

Summer Project Assistantship Grant, Office of Associate Dean for Sponsored Research, Maxwell School, 2005.

Research Assistant, Political Science Department, 2004.

Faculty Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship, 2002-2003.

“Islam and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, 1999.

University of Texas at Austin: \$30,000

Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 1991-1992.

Harvard University

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 1990-1991.

The American University

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, School of International Service, 1989-1990.

Graduate Student Council Summer Research Grant, 1989.

Graduate (Ph.D.) Fellowship, School of International Service, 1985-1989.

Northeastern University

Graduate (M.A.) Fellowship, 1983-1985.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook (forthcoming 2018, Syracuse University Press).

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

Reviewed in *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, *Choice*, *Domenica (Italy)*, *Journal of Islamic Studies*, *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*

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).

Reviewed in *Iranian Studies*

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

Reviewed in *American Political Science Review*, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Foreign Affairs*, *International History Review*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *International Migration Review*, *Iranian Studies*, *Islamic Studies*, *Middle East Journal*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, *Middle Eastern Studies*, *Midwest Book Review*.

Persian edition by Farzan-e-Rooz, 1998 (1st and 2nd edition), 1998; 3rd edition, 1999, 4th edition, 2005, 5th edition, 2009; 6th edition 2013; 7th edition 2017)

Turkish edition by Yöneliş, 2002.

Arabic edition by Dar al-Hadi, 2007.

Journal Articles:

“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, *Syracuse Law Review* 57 (3), 2007: 619-635.

“‘The West’ in the Eyes of the Iranian Intellectuals of the Interwar Years (1919-1939),” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 26 (3), 2006: 391-401.

“Contesting Nationalist Constructions of Iranian Identity,” *Critique: Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East* 12, Spring 1998: 43-55.

“Challenges to the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Their Northern Neighbors: An Integrated View of Empirical Indicators,” with Haleh Vaziri, *Iranian Journal of International Affairs* 10 (1-2), Spring/Summer 1998: 36-71.

“Khatami’s Election: Implications for Iranian Politics,” *The Middle East Economic Survey* 40 (31), August 4, 1997: D3-D5.
Reprinted in John Calabrese, ed., *Iran’s Elections: Implications for U.S. Policy*, pp. 5-7 (Middle East Institute, 1997).

“Iranian Islam and the Faustian Bargain of Western Modernity.” *Journal of Peace Research* 34 (1), February 1997: 1-5.

“Iran’s Intellectual Panorama.” *Bulletin of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis* 11 (3), Spring 1996: 22-24.

“Rethinking the Third World,” with Ali Mirsepassi, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 5 (1), 1993: 51-58.

Book Chapters:

“Iran,” in Ellen Lust, ed., *The Middle East*, 14th edition (Sage/Congressional Quarterly, 2017), pp. 455-486. [An earlier version of this chapter appeared in the 13th edition, pp. 478-506 (2013) and 12th edition, pp. 411-36 (2010)].

“The Office of the Supreme Leader: Epicenter of a Theocracy,” with Kouros Rahimkhani, in Daniel Brumberg and Farideh Farhi, eds., *Power and Change in Iran: Politics of Contention and Conciliation*, pp. 135-165 (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, 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 Press, 2012).

“Iran’s Power Structure,” and “Iran’s Political Elite,” with Korush Rahimkhani, in Robin Wright, ed., *The Iran Primer: Power, Politics and U.S. Policy*, pp. 219-226 (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: 2005-2006 Professional Development Workshop Materials*, pp. 30-44 (The College Board, 2005).

“The Reformist Movement in Iran,” in Daniel Heradstveit and Helge Hveem, eds., *Oil in the Gulf: Obstacles to Democracy and Development*, pp. 63-71 (Ashgate, 2004).
German translation: “Die Reformbewegung in Iran,” *Sowi: Das Journal für Geschichte, Politik, Wirtschaft und Kulture*, pp. 37-44 (February 2005)].

“Triumphs and Travails of Authoritarian Modernization in Iran,” in Stephanie Cronin, ed., *The Making of Modern Iran: State and Society under Riza Shah, 1921-1941*, pp. 146-54 (Routledge, 2003).

- “The Ambivalent Modernity of Iranian Intellectuals,” in Negin Nabavi, ed., *Intellectual Trends in Twentieth-Century Iran: A Critical Survey*, pp. 11-23 (University Press of Florida, 2003).
- “Subduing Globalization: The Challenge of the Indigenization Movement,” in Richard Grant and John R. Short, eds., *Globalization and the Margins*, pp. 39-49 (Palgrave, 2002).
Reprinted in Birgit Schäubler 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 Kopuslar,” *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).

Book Reviews:

- Review of *After Khomeini: Iran Under His Successors*, by Said Amir Arjomand, *Iran’s Intellectual Revolution*, by Mehran Kamrava, and *Democracy in Modern Iran: Islam, Culture, and Political Change*, by Ali Mirsepassi. *Perspectives on Politics* 9 (3), September 2011, pp. 729-31.
Persian translation appeared in abbreviated form in *Andisheh Pouya* 3, Shahrivar-Mehr 1391/September-October 2012, pp. 138-40.
- Review of *Reinventing Khomeini: The Struggle for Reform in Iran*, by Daniel Brumberg. *American Political Science Review* 96 (4), December 2002, pp. 843-4.
- Review of *Being Modern in Iran*, by Fariba Adelkhah. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis* 18 (1), April 2002, pp. 90-5.
- Review of *Revolutionary Iran: Civil Society and State in the Modernization Process*, by Masoud Kamali. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 35 (1), Summer 2001, pp. 117-8.
- Review of *Reason, Freedom, and Democracy in Islam*, by Abdolkarim Soroush. *Middle East Journal* 55 (3), Summer 2001, pp. 519-20.
- Review of *Iranian Intellectuals in the 20th Century*, by Ali Gheissari. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis* 16 (1), April 2000, pp. 135-6.

Review of *Secularization of Iran: A Doomed Failure? New Middle Class and the Making of Modern Iran*, by Azadeh Kian-Thiebaut. *Middle East Journal* 54 (1), Winter 2000, pp. 126-7.

Review of *The Constitution of Iran: Politics and the State in the Islamic Republic*, by Asghar Schirazi. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 32, Winter 1998, pp. 260-1.

Review of *Iran and the Muslim World: Resistance and Revolution*, by Nikki R. Keddie. *Contemporary Sociology* 25, September 1996, pp. 628-9.

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. 274-5.

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. 315-6.

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.

Review of *Khomeini's Forgotten Son's: The Story of Iran's Boy Soldiers*, by Ian Brown, and *The Longest War: The Iran-Iraq Military Conflict*, by Dilip Hiro. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 26, July 1992, pp. 87-9.

Review of *Iran and the International Community*, by Anoushiravan Ehteshami and Manshour Varasteh. *Middle East Journal* 46, Spring 1992, pp. 322-3.

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. 112-4.

Review of *The Left in Contemporary Iran*, by Sepehr Zabih. *Kankash* 1, Summer 1987, pp. 178-89 (in Persian).

Encyclopedia Entries:

“Hizbullah in Iran,” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, vol. 2, pp. 129-130 (Oxford University Press, 1995).

“Mashayekhi, Mehrdad” in *Encyclopædia Iranica*, online edition, 2016, available at <http://www.iranicaonline.org/articles/mashayekhi-mehrdad> (accessed on 28 January 2016).

General Audience Publications:

“The Centrality of Tehran in Iranian Sociopolitical Life,” (Irvine, CA: Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, University of California – Irvine) (2015), pp. 1-8.
<http://sites.uci.edu/tehranproject/files/2016/02/Centrality-of-socialpolitical-life-tehran-project-3.pdf>

- “Seizing the Opportunity with Iran,” (with Louis Kriesberg), *Syracuse University Institute for National Security and Counter-Terrorism blog* (February 6, 2014) <http://insct.syr.edu/seizing-opportunity-iran/>
- “A Candid Discussion with Mehrzad Boroujerdi,” *Foreign Policy Association* (23 May 2013) <http://foreignpolicyblogs.com/2013/05/23/a-candid-discussion-with-mehrzad-boroujerdi/>
- “Negotiation is Still the Best Option: Revisiting the Iranian Nuclear Issue,” with Todd Fine, *Syracuse Law Review* (2012). <http://www.law.syr.edu/student-life/publications/law-review/iran-nuclear-symposium/todd-fine.aspx>
- “Khamenei Consolidates Control Amid Other Power Shifts,” United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Blog *The Iran Primer* (8 June 2012). <http://iranprimer.usip.org/blog/2012/jun/08/khamenei-consolidates-control-amid-other-power-shifts>
- “Revolutionary Guards Soar in Parliament,” with Kourosh Rahimkhani, USIP Blog *The Iran Primer* (19 September 2011). <http://iranprimer.usip.org/blog/2011/sep/19/revolutionary-guards-soar-parliament>
- “Iran's New Foreign Minister: Ali Akbar Salehi.” USIP Blog *The Iran Primer* (31 January 2011). <http://iranprimer.usip.org/blog/2011/jan/31/iran%E2%80%99s-new-foreign-minister-ali-akbar-salehi>
- 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 and Fall 2010. http://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/resources/Engagement_Coercion_and_Irans_Nuclear_Challenge.pdf
- “Violent Politics But Not yet a Revolution in Iran,” *Khaleej Times* [Dubai], (23 February 2010).
- “Iran's Potato Revolution,” *Foreign Policy* (12 May 2009). http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/05/12/irans_potato_revolution
- “The Ayatollah and Ahmadinejad: Interview with Mehrzad Boroujerdi,” *The Politic.org* [Yale University's Undergraduate Journal of Politics] (7 November 2008). <http://thepolitic.org/content/view/136/>
- “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, <http://www.justforeignpolicy.org/experts.pdf>
- “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*, <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2007/12/30/the-paradoxes-of-pakistan/> (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.

“U.S. Should Drop Gunboat Diplomacy in Middle East,” *The [Syracuse] Post-Standard* (2 April 1998), p. A15.

Plus 43 other articles and interviews published in Persian-language outlets (available at www.mehrzadboroujerdi.com).

COURSES TAUGHT

Comparative Politics

Freshman Forum

Global Community

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

International Conflict and Peace

International Political Economy

International Relations of the Middle East

Introduction to International Relations

Islam and Politics in Asia

Political Conflict

Politics of Iran

Politics and Media in England (London, UK)

Politics of the Developing World

Politics of the Middle East

Practicum in International Organizations (Geneva, Switzerland)

Religion, Media and International Relations

Representations of the Middle East

Road to Democracy in the Muslim World (Istanbul, Turkey and Dubai, United Arab Emirates)

Social Theory & the Middle East

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editorial Board Member. 2015-present. *Iranian Studies*, flagship peer-reviewed journal in the field of Iranian studies published by International Society for Iranian Studies (renamed Association for Iranian Studies).

Book Review Editor. 2002-2007. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, quarterly peer-reviewed subject matter journal published by the Middle East Studies Association of North America (in cooperation with Cambridge University Press). Commissioned and published 187 book reviews.

Founder and Series Editor. 1996-2014. *Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East*, an interdisciplinary book series published by Syracuse University Press. 37 books published.
<http://www.syracuseuniversitypress.syr.edu/books-in-print-series/intellectual-middle-east.html>

Editorial Board Member. 1995-1998. Syracuse University Press.

Editorial Board Member. 1987-1996. *Kankash*, a Persian language journal of history and politics.

SERVICE

Syracuse University:

Member of the review committee for the Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowships, Graduate School, 2016-2017.

Syracuse University Representative to the American Council on Education's (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory (2015-present), and ACE's Institute for Leading Internationalization (2015).

Syracuse University Senate [Chancellor's representative] 2015-present; [elected member] 2010-2014, 2002-2006.

Senate Committees: Instruction (2015-present); Academic Affairs (2012-2015), Appointments and Promotions (2010-2011), Student Life (2002-2006).

Risk Assessment Committee for students traveling to the Middle East, Syracuse University Abroad, 2011-2012.

Task Force to plan and implement a new study abroad program in cooperation with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, 2010-2011.

Syracuse University 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, 2006-2007.

Search Committee, Director of International Relations, 2005-2006.

Ad-hoc committee convened by Interim Provost to plan for "Small World/Big Divides" Symposium, 2006.

Task Force on Future of the International Relations Program, 2006.

Turkey Site Exploration Committee [inspected two Turkish universities to assess forging a partnership], 2006.

National Security Education Program (NSEP) Campus Review Committee, 2006.

Search Committee, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 2006.

Renee Crown Honors Program Committee defining the "Global Awareness" requirement of the new Honors curriculum, 2004-2005.

Search Committee, Director for the Program on Analysis of Resolution and Conflict, 2004-2005.

Search Committee, Director of the Renee Crown Honors Program, 2003-2004.

Syracuse University 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.

Political Science Department Service, Syracuse University:

Department Chair, August 2014-present
Faculty Search Committee, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
Doctoral Program AD Hoc Review Committee, 2004-05
Director of Graduate Studies, 2001-04
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2001-04
Graduate Studies Committee, 2000-04
Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee, 2000, 2003, 2005-08, 2012-14
Teaching Mentor to Ph.D. Students, 1999, 2000-02, 2007, 2013
Qualifying Exam Committee, Comparative Politics, 1998, 2001-03, 2005-07, 2009-12, 2014
Promotion & Tenure Committee, 1997-2001
Graduate Enrollment Committee, 1997
Committee on Teaching, 1998
Committee on Mentoring, 1995-96

Professional Service

Peer reviewer for:

Journals:

Cambridge Review of International Affairs
Comparative Politics
Critique: Journal of the Middle East
Harvard Middle Eastern & Islamic Review
International Journal of Middle East Studies
International Studies Perspectives
International Studies Quarterly
Iran Nameh
Iranian Studies
Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis
Journal of Persianate Studies
Middle East Journal
New Political Science
Perspectives on Politics
Political Science Quarterly
Qualitative Sociology
Strategic Asia

Presses:

Congressional Quarterly Press
Mazda Press
New York University Press
Oxford University Press
State University of New York Press
Syracuse University Press
University of North Carolina Press
University of Texas Press

Foundations:

Academy for Educational Development
National Endowment for the Humanities
National Science Foundation

Award Reviewer:

Scholarship Selection Committee, Children of Persian Foundation, July 2011
Abdullah Yabroudi Award Committee, Middle Eastern Studies Program, SU, 2007-10
Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award Selection Committee, Maxwell School, 2007
Research Council of Norway, Outstanding Young Investigators, 2004
International Affairs Merit Review Panel and National Nominating Panel for NSEP's David L. Boren Graduate Fellowships, Academy for Educational Development, 2001-02

Personnel Reviewer:

Hampshire College; Lake Forest University; Moravian College; Texas A&M University

SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

American Institute of Iranian Studies

Institutional Trustee, 2008-2014.

Center for Iranian Research and Analysis

Annual Conference Program Chair, Villanova University, 1994.
Member of Executive Board, 1992-98.

Educational Testing Services/College Board

Online Tutor, "Teaching Iran as part of AP Comparative," tutorial for AP Teachers organized by College Board, December 2006.
Representative, Advanced Placement (AP) Comparative Government and Politics Development Committee, AP National Conference, July 2005.
Member, Development Committee for the Advanced Placement Comparative Government & Politics Course & Examination, 2004-2008.
Member, AP Comparative Government Working Group, 2003-2004

International Society for Iranian Studies (renamed Association for Iranian Studies)

President elect, President, Past President (elected by members) 2012-2014.
Administrator of the Association's Facebook Page, 2014-present.
Iranian Studies, Best Published Article Selection Committee, 2006.
Co-Chair of Membership Committee, 2005.
Member of Executive Council, 1991-2001; 2014-16.

International Studies Association (ISA)

Member of Advisory Board. *International Studies Review*, quarterly peer-reviewed subject matter journal published by ISA, 2004-2006.

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

Member of the Program Committee for MESA's 50th anniversary conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 17-20, 2016.

National Iranian-American Council

Member of Advisory Board, 2008-2011.

Research Council of Norway

Member, Steering Committee for the Project on "Islam, Ethnicity and Geo-Politics along the Persian Gulf-Caspian Sea Axis," 2001-2003.

Social Science Research Council

Member, Program on Religion & International Affairs, 2007-2010.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Reception of the Nuclear Deal in Iran.” International Society for Iranian Studies biennial conference, University of Vienna, Austria, August 4, 2016.

“How Does the Green Movement Measure Up When Compared to the Arab Spring Movements?” International Society for Iranian Studies biennial conference, University of Vienna, Austria, August 3, 2016.

“Iranian Domestic Opposition to the JCPOA.” Conference on Iran: Rising Power in the Middle East, Chapman University, Orange, CA, October 13, 2016.

“Women’s Paradoxical Advancement in Post-revolutionary Iran.” International Society for Iranian Studies biennial conference, University of Vienna, Austria, August 3, 2016.

“Reflections on Elections and Electoral Behavior in the Islamic Republic of Iran,” workshop on Iranian Electoral Politics: 1905-Present, co-sponsored by Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies, and PIIRS Workshop on Arab Political Development, Princeton University, April 3, 2015.

“Hossein Bashiriyeh and the Science of Politics in Present Day Iran.” International Society for Iranian Studies biennial conference, Montreal, August 9, 2014.

“Electoral Behavior in Restive Provinces in Post-revolutionary Iran.” International Society for Iranian Studies biennial conference, Montreal, August 8, 2014.

“Reflections on Peter Katzenstein’s Trilogy *Civilizational Politics in World Affairs*.” American Political Science Association annual conference, August 2012. (Canceled due to storm).

“Cabinets and Ministers in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” International Society for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, August 2012.

“Revolutionary Guards and Militarization of Iranian Politics.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 2010.

“Secularism, Civil Society and Democracy in Iran.” Conference on “Civil Society and Democracy in Iran,” Center for Ethics, University of Toronto, May 15, 2010.

“Secularism and International Relations: The State of Play.” Future of Secularism and the Public Role of Religion in Post-Islamist Iran conference, Lake Forest College, March 2010.

“Javad Tabatabai’s Philosophical Account of Iranian Historical Decadence: A Critical Assessment.” International Symposium on Otherness and Beyond in Modern Muslim Societies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, December 2009. Also presented at the Society for Iranian Studies and the American Institute of Iranian Studies conference, May 2004.

“The Iranian Judiciary: Structure and Challenges.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 2008. Also presented at the Institute for Global Studies, SUNY Stony Brook, November 2008.

- “Circulation of Elites in Post-revolutionary Iran.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 2006. Also presented at the International Society for Iranian Studies annual conference, August 2006; Program on Iranian Studies, Stanford University, November 2010; Princeton University Environmental Institute, October 2007; Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, February 2007; and Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, February 2005.
- “Constitutional Revolution Era and the Pahlavi Dynasty in Iran.” Conference on “Centenary of the Persian Constitutional Revolution,” School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, July 2006.
- “The West in the Eyes of the Iranian Intellectuals of the Interwar Years (1919-1939).” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, April 2005.
- “Post-revolutionary Intellectuals in Iran and the Tradition-Modernity Debate.” Society for Iranian Studies and the American Institute of Iranian Studies biennial conference, May 2002.
- “Muslim Intellectuals and Western Modernity.” Claremont Graduate University, February 2002. Also presented at the Program in Religion and Society, Syracuse University, February 2002.
- “Iranian Intellectuals and the Vortex of Western Modernity.” Conference on “Intellectual Trends in 20th Century Iran,” Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, October 2000. Also presented at Harvard University, November 2000.
- “Continuities and Discontinuities in Iranian Intellectual Thought.” Middle East Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, October 2000.
- “Dialogue with Expatriate Iranians.” Conference of the Cultural and Islamic Communication Organization, Tehran, Iran, July 2000.
- “Triumphs and Travails of Authoritarian Modernization under Riza Shah.” Society for Iranian Studies and The American Institute of Iranian Studies biennial conference, May 2000.
- “Toward a Sociology of Civil Society in Iran.” Symposium of *Critique* [Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East], Saint Paul, MN, March 2000.
- “Comparing Turkish and Iranian Secularization Movements.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 1999.
- “Assessing Riza Shah’s Secularization Drive.” School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, June 1999.
- “Countering Counterfeit Universalism: The Indigenization of Third World Social Science.” Harvard University conference on Muslim Societies and Islams in the Age of Globalization and Postmodernity, April 1999. Also presented at the International Studies Association annual conference, March 1998.
- “The Paradoxes of Politics in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” Conference of Georgetown University’s Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding and the Middle East Institute, Washington, DC, February 1999.
- “Intellectual Trends in Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Twenty-year Retrospective.” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Birmingham, UK, July 1998.

- “The Secularist Project in Early Twentieth Century Iran: An Assessment.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 1997.
- “Social, Economic, and Military Challenges to the Gulf Cooperation Council States,” with Haleh Vaziri. Institute for Political and International Studies conference, Tehran, Iran, December 1996.
- “Shi`ite Modernists and Theological Acrobatics.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, December 1995.
- “The Torturous Labyrinth of National Identity.” Center for Iranian Research and Analysis annual conference, April 1995.
- “A Critical Look at Iranian Cultural Identity.” Center for Iranian Research and Analysis annual conference, April 1994.
- “Political Science in a Politicized Polity: The Case of Iran.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 1993.
- “Circumscribed Nation-States in the Middle East: A Theoretical Canvas.” Center for Iranian Research and Analysis annual conference, April 1993.
- “Nation-States and State-Nations in the Middle East.” International Studies Association annual conference, March 1993.
- “Publishing Houses and the Politics of High Culture in Iran.” Center for Iranian Research and Analysis annual conference, April 1992.
- “Misplaced Polarities of Third World Studies.” International Studies Association annual conference, April 1992.
- “Can Islam be Secularized?” Texas Association of Middle East Scholars, February 1992.
- “Iran: The Withering Away of a Civil Society?” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 1991.
- “Intellectuals, Literature and Publishing Houses in Iran: 1960-1990.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 1990.
- “The Iranian Revolution: Triumph of Orientalism in Reverse.” International Studies Association annual conference, April 1990.
- “The Encounter of Post-Revolutionary Thought in Iran with Hegel, Heidegger and Popper.” Conference on Religious and Secular Discourse in the Middle East, The American University, December 1989.
- “The Iranian Revolution in Comparative Perspective.” International Studies Association (Capital Division) conference, October 1989.
- “Iran: Downfall of a Neopatrimonial Rentier State.” Eastern Sociological Society conference, March 1989.

“The West and the Identity Problematic of Iranian Intellectuals.” Center for Iranian Research and Analysis annual conference, April 1988.

PRESENTATIONS

Keynotes:

Keynote Speaker, Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society Induction Ceremony, SU, March 21, 2014.

Keynote Speaker, Model UN Conference, Mississippi State University, March 1, 2013.

Keynote Speaker, Onondaga County Model UN Conference, Fabius High School, April 2011.

Keynote Speaker, Convocation of Maxwell International Students Association, January 2007.

Keynote Speaker, Global Studies Program forum, SUNY Oswego, April 2005.

Panel Chair, Moderator, Discussant, and Organizer:

Panel Chair, “Turkish-Iranian Encounters,” Middle East Studies Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 19, 2016.

Conversation between James Steinberg (Dean of the Maxwell School) and Ian Bremmer (President of Eurasia Group), Harvard Club, New York City, October 2013.

Moderator, three panel discussions with Leaders of Democracy Fellows on Arab Spring (Tunis, Tunisia), December 2011.

Moderated, discussion with Ambassador David Newton, Syracuse University, April 5, 2011.

Discussant, conference on “Role of Islam in International Humanitarian Law,” Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University, April 2009.

Conference Organizer, “Old and New Media, and the Changing Faces of Islam,” Syracuse University, April 2009.

Panel Chair & Discussant, “Building Linkages between Civil Society and Constitutionalism in Iran,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2007.

Introducing Azar Nafisi (author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*) at the 2006-07 Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series, Syracuse OnCenter, April 2007.

Moderator, Panel on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Syracuse University, March 2007.

Panel Organizer, “Reforming Iran’s Theocratic State,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2006.

Respondent to “State of Democracy” Speaker Professor Shibley Telhami, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, November 2006.

Panel Chair & Discussant, “Political Culture in Post-revolutionary Iran,” International Society for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, August 2006.

Organizer & Chair, "Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and Theory of Statecraft Conference," Syracuse University, March-April 2006.

Translator for Shirin Ebadi (2003 Noble Peace Prize Winner), Syracuse University, May 2004.

Organizer/Chair/Discussant, "Evaluating the Reformist Movement in Iran," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2002.

Respondent to Scott Ritter's (former UN arms inspector in Iraq) presentation entitled "The Coming War with Iraq: How Did We Get Here?" Maxwell School of Citizenship, SU, November 2002.

Discussant, "Paradigmatics of Iranian Politics," International Society for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, May 2002.

Roundtable Discussion Chair, "The Problem of Democratic Transition in an Islamic State: The Case of Iran," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, May 2002.

Critic & Chair, "Author Meets Critics: Fariba Adelkhah's *Being Modern in Iran*," Center for Iranian Research and Analysis Annual Conference, Toronto, April 2001.

Conversation between Abdolkarim Soroush (leading Iranian philosopher) and Charles Butterworth (Professor of Government at University of Maryland) on "Islamic Democracy and Islamic Governance." Middle East Institute and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, November 2000.

Discussant, "Tradition and Modernity in Islamic Movements: Problems and Prospects," International Society for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, May 1998.

Organizer & Chair, "Triumphs and Travails of Secularism in Turkey and Iran," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 1997.

Conversation with Benedict Anderson Regarding Theories of Nationalism, 10th Anniversary Conference of the Program on Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, Syracuse University, February 1997.

Discussant, "Islamic Political Thought in Post-Revolutionary Iran," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 1996.

Panel Chair & Discussant, "The State and Ideology in Iran: Legitimation and Challenge," Center for Iranian Research and Analysis Annual Conference, April 1995.

Lecture Series Organizer, "Middle East: Visions for the Future," Global Affairs Institute, Syracuse University, Fall 1994-Spring 1995.

Panel Chair, "State, Society, and Economy in the Contemporary Middle East," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 1994.

Panel Organizer & Chair, "State of the Art on Social Sciences in Post-Revolutionary Iran," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 1993.

Panel Chair, "International Politics in the Third World," Annual Meeting, April 1992.

Panel Chair & Discussant, "Current Events in the Middle East," Conference of Texas Association of Middle East Scholars, February 1992.

INVITED LECTURES

- “De/Reconstruction of the Middle East,” State University of New York – Cortland, March 8, 2017.
- Panelist, “President Donald J. Trump’s Immigration Order & Travel Ban,” International Law Society, Syracuse University Law School, February 24, 2017.
- “Syrian Crisis: Is There an End in Sight?” First Annual Maxwell School Forum on Contemporary Issues in International Affairs, Syracuse University, January 27, 2017.
- “The Geopolitical Situation in Syria,” Running for Cover: Politics, Justice, and Media in the Syrian Conflict, Newhouse School of Communications, October 6, 2016, Syracuse University.
- “Pros and Cons of the Nuclear Deal with Iran and Its Aftermath,” Maxwell School’s National Security Studies Program for military officers, April 27, 2016.
- “Analyzing the 2016 Parliamentary and Experts Assembly Elections in Iran,” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, April 4, 2016, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- “Shifting Alliances in the Middle East,” “Great Decisions” Lecture Series, Manlius Senior Center, March 9, 2016, Manlius, New York.
- “Dynamics of Parliamentary and Experts Assembly Elections in Iran,” Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, February 26, 2016, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- “The Forthcoming Elections for Parliament and Experts Assembly in Iran,” UCLA, February 14, 2016, Los Angeles, California.
- “Iran’s 2016 Election,” organized by Sokhan Institute, School of Oriental and African Studies, January 16, 2016, London, England.
- “Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in Chaos, Or Do You Remember a Time When the MENA Was in This Much Trouble?” Conference of the alumni of the Leaders of Democracy Fellows Program (LDF), December 3, 2015, Istanbul, Turkey.
- “A New Chapter in American-Iranian Relation?” OASIS Group, November 30, 2015. Dewitt, NY.
- “The Complexities of the Iranian Nuclear Case,” St. John Fisher College, October 22, 2015, Rochester, NY.
- “Centrality of Tehran in Iran’s Post-Revolutionary Political Landscape,” Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, University of California – Irvine, February 13, 2015.
- “Syracuse University’s Vision for Internationalization,” meeting of the Syracuse University Board of Trustees, January 24, 2015, West Palm Beach, FL.
- “Assessing Iranian Nuclear Negotiation Strategy,” Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, October 23-24, 2014.
- “Iran and the Arab World After the Nuclear Deadline: Possible Scenarios,” Stimson Center and Heinrich Boll Stiftung, Washington, DC, October 23, 2014.

“Syria: Human Tragedy and Poverty of Political Options,” Leaders of Democracy Fellows Program, Maxwell school Executive Education, April 16, 2014.

“Syria: A Revolution Turning into a Civil War,” Conversations in International Relations, Maxwell School, April 7, 2014.

“How Sturdy are the Indo-Iranian Relations?” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, February 20, 2014, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

“Political Structures & Power Centers in Iran,” Shaw Air Force Base, September 5, 2013, South Carolina.

Panelist, forum on the legal and policy implications of the Syria crisis, Syracuse University Law School, September 2013.

Presentation to the Editorial Board of Syracuse University Press about my book series (Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East), May 2013.

“Political Development Efforts of President Khatami: An Assessment,” Iranian Student Association, SUNY-Albany, April 26, 2013.

Panelist, forum on Politics of the Middle East and Media Bias, Coalition of Multicultural Public Administration Students and the Middle Eastern Studies Program, Maxwell School, March 2013.

“Iranian Political Structure,” 135th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Ft. Hood, TX, January 30, 2013.

“The Arab Spring and Political Islam,” Trinity University, January 28, 2013, San Antonio, Texas.

“Iran and the United States,” Syracuse chapter of J-Street, November 28, 2012.

“After the U.S. Elections: What is at Stake for Iran?” Annual conference of the Middle East Institute, November 2012.

“What Next for the U.S. and Iran,” University of Oklahoma, October 2012. Also presented at Temple Concord (Syracuse), April 2010; Central New York Council for Social Studies, May 2008.

Presentation to the U.S. Department of State’s Iran Desk personnel, Washington, DC, June 2012.

“The Office of the Supreme Leader of Iran,” United States Institute of Peace conference on Change and Continuity in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Washington, DC, June 2012.

“Middle East Crisis,” OASIS (Center for senior citizens), Syracuse, New York, May 17, 2012 and May 24, 2012.

“Iran and the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” Syracuse Area Middle East Dialogue (SAMED) Group, May 3, 2012.

“American-Iranian Relations,” Board of Directors of Syracuse Research Corporation, April 2012.

“Analyzing Iran’s March 2012 Parliamentary Elections,” Foreign Service Institute, Washington, DC, March 2012.

“Shite-Sunni Divide in the Muslim World,” United Church of Fayetteville, New York, February 5, 2012.

“Iran: Facing Domestic and International Challenges,” Hamilton College, February 2012.

“The Battle for Power in Iran: Revolutionary Guard Corp vs. Clerics,” Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC, February 2012.

“The Supreme Leader and Elections in Iran,” Conference on Elections in Iran, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, November 18, 2011.

“Islam and Modern Iranian Lifestyle,” University of Memphis, November 2011, Memphis, TN.

“United States & the Arab Spring: Prospects and Challenges,” Wheaton College, Norton, MA, November 2011.

Panelist, forum on Comparing Democratization in Iran, Tunisia, and Egypt, Syracuse University, April 2011.

“Understanding Iraq,” Central New York Social Studies Teachers, March 21, 2011, Syracuse, NY.

“Iranian Elite Studies: A Historical Retrospective,” Iranian Studies Initiative, New York University, February 2011.

“Territorial Integrity of the Palestinian State,” CNY Model UN Conference, January 8, 2011, Syracuse University.

“The War in Iraq,” Ray Smith Symposium on Music in the Post 9/11 World, Syracuse University, November 2010.

“Iran in 2020,” Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo, Norway, September 2010.

“Iranian Revolutionary Guards,” United States Central Command, U.S. Army Directed Studies Office and the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, July 2010.

Discussing Mehrzad Boroujerdi’s *Iranian Intellectuals and the West*, Toronto’s Iranian Book Club, May 2010.

“What Next for the U.S. and Iran,” Temple Concord, April 12, 2010, Syracuse, NY.

“Engaging Iran: Challenges and Opportunities for Civil Society Developments in Iran,” co-Sponsored by the Meridian International Center, The Maxwell School and the Public Diplomacy Council, April 7, 2010.

“Analyzing the Political Elite of the Islamic Republic of Iran,” Joint conference of the United States Institute of Peace and the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC, March 2010.

“Outlook of Iranian Leaders,” Great Decisions Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, February 2, 2010.

“Human Rights & the Battle for Iran,” National Iranian American Council, Washington, DC, November 2009.

- “Reflecting on the 30th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran,” SUNY Cortland, November 10, 2009, Cortland, NY.
- “Iranian Nuclear Crisis and its Implications for Iran and U.S.-Iranian Relations,” Cornell University, October 2009. Also presented at Syracuse University College of Law, October 2006; Central New York Council for Social Studies Conference, October 2006; Army War College, November 2006.
- “The 2009 Presidential Elections in Iran and the Future of the Iranian Republic,” Syracuse University, October 2009. Also presented at Colgate University, October 2009; Maxwell School’s Annual Alumni event in New York City, October 2009.
- “Presidential Elections in Iran,” Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (Doha), June 2009.
- “Jerusalem for Muslims, Christians and Jews,” Lecture to a group of students and faculty heading on a study tour to Israel/Palestine (organized by the Hendricks Chapel), February 9, 2009, Syracuse University.
- “President-Elect Obama and the Middle East,” Workshop for democracy activists from the Arab World, Marrakesh, Morocco, December 2008.
- “Voting and Electoral Participation in Iran,” Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University, May 2008.
- “Iran-India Relations (teleconference),” Indian Management Academy, May 2008.
- “Iranian Politics,” International Center for Journalists, Washington, DC, April 2008.
- “Implications of Iran’s Parliamentary Elections,” Joint working group of the Brookings Institution and United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, March 2008.
- “Understanding Anti-Americanism in an ‘Axis of Evil’ Country: The Case of Iran,” Ithaca College, March 2007. Also presented at Keene State College, New Hampshire, March 2007.
- “Democracy Deficit in the Middle East,” Workshop for democracy activists from the Arab World, Syracuse University, February 2007.
- “Media, Religion & International Relations,” Humanities Coffee Hour, Syracuse University, February 2007.
- “Reconsidering the Intellectual Legacy of Riza Shah Era, 1921-1941,” Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, February 2007. Also presented at the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, October 2004; Kulturforeningen Ide, Stockholm, Sweden, September 2004.
- “Why is there a Democracy Deficit in the Middle East?” University College Lecture Series, Syracuse University, October 2006.
- “Thinking Critically about the Danish Cartoons Controversy,” Program on Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, Syracuse University, February 2006.

- “Status of Secularism in Iran.” Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, July 2004.
- “The End of an Era? Yasser Arafat and the Future of the Middle East,” Brown bag lecture series, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Syracuse University, November 2004.
- “U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Lessons from Afghanistan and Iraq,” University College Lecture Series, Syracuse University, October 2003.
- “9/11, Afghanistan and Iraq: The Down Payment on a New World Order?” Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY, March 2003.
- “War with Iraq,” forum organized by Syracuse University, January 2003.
- “What Have We Learned About Iranian Politics?” Middle East Institute annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2000.
- “Islam and Human Rights,” Committee on Human Rights, The National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineers, and the Institute of Medicine, Washington, DC, October 1999.
- “Assessing Riza Shah’s Secularization Drive,” Georgetown University’s National Resource Center on the Middle East, Washington, DC, October 1999.
- “The Paradoxes of Politics in Post-Revolutionary Iran,” Seminar on Iranian Studies, Columbia University, New York, April 1999.
- “Developments in Iran,” Middle East Institute annual conference, Washington, DC, October 1998.
- “The Tormented Triumph of Nativism in Iran,” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California at Berkeley, April 1998.
- “Khatami’s Election: Implications for Iranian Politics,” Middle East Institute, Washington, DC, July 1997.
- “Nativist Movements in Iran’s Intellectual Tradition in the 20th Century,” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, April 1996.
- “Evaluating Paul Kennedy’s *Preparing for the Twenty-First Century*,” Onondaga County Central Library, Syracuse, NY, May 1995.
- “The World of Publishing,” Professional Development Seminar of the Political Science teaching Associates, Syracuse University, February 1995.
- “The Quest for Identity: Iranian Intellectuals and the West,” Seminar Series of the Committee on Iranian Studies, Harvard University, April 1991.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS, AND QUOTATIONS (since 1998):

National Outlets:

Alhurra TV
 Andisheh TV
 Associated Press
Atlantic Monthly
 Bloomberg & Bloomberg TV

Bridges TV
Christian Science Monitor
Chronicle of Higher Education
Daily Orange
Dave & Gomez Show (WTKW-FM radio)
Dow Jones Wire Service
Free Speech Radio News
Houston Chronicle
International Herald Tribune
Inter Press Service
Jerk Magazine
KRSI Radio (Los Angeles)
Los Angeles Times
Maxwell Perspective
McClatchy Newspaper Service
Media Line
NationalJournal.com
National Public Radio
New Hampshire Union Leader
New Yorker
New York Times
PolitiFacts
Reuters
St. Louis Dispatch
[Syracuse] *Post-Standard*
Syracuse University Magazine
TV Channels 3, 5, 9, 10, 13 (all in Syracuse)
United Press International
USA Today
Voice of America Radio
Voice of America Afghanistan Service
Voice of America TV
Voice of America Persian TV
WAER (FM 88.3 radio)
Washington Post
Washington Post Radio
WCNY TV
WDEL Radio (Delaware)
WRVO 90.3 Radio (Oswego, NY)
WSYR Radio (AM 570)
WUWM (Milwaukee)
YNN TV

International Outlets:

940 Montreal Radio (Canada)
Agence France-Presse (France)
Al-Ahram Weekly (Egypt)
Al Jazeera English (Qatar)
Arab Weekley
Arabian Business (United Arab Emirates)
Asia Times
Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Australia)
Aventuras na História (Brazil)

BBC Radio [English and Persian language programs] (England)
BBC Persian TV (England) [frequent appearances]
Bulgarian National Radio (Bulgaria)
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Canada)
Correio Braziliense (Brazil)
Deutsche Welle Persian Service (Germany)
Izvestia (Russia)
Jornal do Brasil (Brazil)
Kyodo News (Japan)
La Stampa (Italy)
Le Figaro (France)
Mandagmorgen (Norway)
National Post (Canada)
RadioFarda.com (Czech Republic) [weekly appearance]
Radio France International (France)
Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (Czech Republic)
SBS radio (Australia)
Spiegel (Germany)
Sputnik News (Russia)
The National (UAE)
Toronto Star (Canada)
Valor.com (Brazil)

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