

Mehrzad Boroujerdi

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Syracuse University (SU)

Administrative appointments

Provost Office, Provost's Faculty Fellow for Internationalization, 2015-17; Co-Chair, Internationalization Council, 2016-17; Co-Chair, Academic Strategic Plan Working Group on Enhancing Internationalization, 2014-16; SU Representative to the American Council on Education's Internationalization Laboratory (2015-17), and the American Council on Education's Institute for Leading Internationalization (2015)

- Internationalization is one of the six principals of SU's new academic strategic plan. I was deeply engaged in the development and implementation of this goal in the above roles which increased the international footprint of the university.
- One of two lead drafters of SU's strategic plan to strengthen internationalization

Member of the University Leadership Team (2015-17), and the Academic Strategic Plan Steering Committee (8/2014-5/2015)

Chairperson, Department of Political Science (PSC), 2014-17

- Leadership responsibility for 33 full-time faculty, with 3 full-time staff, and 12 adjunct faculty (second largest department at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs)
- Program oversight for 640 undergraduates, and 65 Ph.D. students in a unit that produces 12,800 undergraduate credit hours and 1,000 graduate credit hours annually
- Budgeting and strategic fiscal planning (\$2 million AY school-held salary budget, and \$100,000 annual operating budget)
- Launched a number of key initiatives including starting PSC's Middle States Assessment review efforts (including an ideational exercise and SWOT analysis), adopting new graduate and undergraduate assessment plans, creating more 200-level and 400-level courses, codifying departmental policies, updating department's Faculty Procedures and Evaluation Policy, making departmental finances more transparent, analyzing discrepancies in salaries of male and female faculty colleagues, cleaning up (deactivating, regularizing and approving for credit) list of course offerings, and updating the department's web page
- Administered the hiring of five new assistant professors (three women) and two postdocs, and promotion & tenure of five faculty members
- Expanded total undergraduate credit hours taught by 6% during my term as chair

Founding Co-Director, Religion, Media & International Affairs Program, 2006-09

- This project, funded by the Luce Foundation, created 10 new or revamped courses and 12 case studies to illustrate the vital role played by religion and religious beliefs in international affairs
- Handled all budget/financial issues, hired all graduate assistants and case writers, edited and commented on all 12 case studies, wrote annual reports
- Organized an international conference entitled *Old and New Media, and the Changing Faces of Islam* which brought ten leading journalists and scholars to SU (2009)

Founding Director, Middle Eastern Studies Program (MESP), 2003-14

- Founded and led this interdisciplinary program for 11 years. Under my leadership, MESP grew to include 25 faculty members and became one of the most popular regional studies concentration at SU
- Led the entire program and curriculum development process for MESP to offer a Major, Minor and a Certificate of Advanced Study for Graduate Students (including approval by the New York State Department of Education)
- Helped with the recruitment of ten new faculty members across the university
- Helped MESP faculty to regularize 35 courses, and increased the number of our typical semester course offering from less than 12 in 2003 to 25 in 2013
- Organized conferences, lectures, language tables, film screening and published a total of 11 newsletters (2007-13)
- Arranged for eight Middle Eastern visiting scholars to come to SU and spend anywhere between 4 to 24 months on campus
- Traveled to Bahrain, Lebanon, Kuwait, Turkey, UAE, Israel and the Palestinian territory to meet with donors and alumni, establish exchange relationships, and find internship placements
- Community outreach

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2001-04

- Program oversight for over 50 Ph.D. and M.A. candidates
- Oversaw the addition of ten new TA slots allocated to PSC by the Maxwell Dean to accommodate record number of undergraduate majors
- Assigned six graduate students to serve as Research Assistants (RAs) each year
- Redesigned the methods requirement for our PhD students
- Codified policies regarding the Oral Qualifying Examinations and oversaw the exam process
- Provided reading lists for all PSC doctoral subfields to help students prepare for Oral Qualifying Examinations
- Instituted the process of having the Graduate Studies Committee approve each student's "Program of Study" before clearing them to take the Oral Qualifying Examination
- Started to bundle fellowships with summer research grants to attract better students
- Supervised the awarding of funding and departmental prizes
- Regularized a good number of graduate course offerings

Faculty appointments

Professor of Political Science, 2014-present; Associate Professor of Political Science, 1998-2014
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 1992-98; Affiliated Faculty, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, 2015-present

Executive Leadership Training

American Council on Education Fellow, 2017-18

Host Institution: California State University, Northridge (CSUN)

Competitively selected by ACE for this premier preparation program for aspiring executive leaders committed to shaping the future of higher education. Engaged in workshops, orientation, campus visits (fifteen total), and annual ACE conference. At CSUN, I observed and participated in the meetings of the President's Extended Cabinet, the Provost's Staff, Senate, University Foundation, and the Board of Trustees of the

California State University System. I worked with CSUN's President and Provost on three student success projects:

- Mapping the three-year (2017-20) plans of all CSUN Colleges for CSUN *Shines for the Future Planning Priorities*, which defines the university's eight major goals
- Calculated targets for raising the graduation rates and reducing the achievement gap of full time freshman and full time transfers in each college as part of efforts to reach the goals of Graduation Initiative 2025
- Created an inventory of the interventions and measurements adopted by each college in the following seven broad areas: Advisement; Curriculum, Enrollment & Scheduling; Faculty Support & Engagement; Retention, Equity Gap & Graduation; Staff Support & Engagement; Student Engagement & Belonging; and Student Mentoring, Tutoring and Online Education

Appointments

Visiting Scholar, Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, 2017-18

President, International Society for Iranian Studies [now renamed Association for Iranian Studies], 2012-14 (elected by members)

- Founded in 1967, AIS is the leading professional association devoted to the field of Iranian Studies in the Western world

Member of Board of Directors, Near East Foundation (NEF), 2010-present

- NEF is United States' oldest (founded in 1915) nonsectarian international development non-governmental organization

Non-Resident Scholar in Public Policy, Middle East Institute, 2005-16

- Founded in 1946, MES is one of the preeminent think tanks concentrating on Middle East politics in Washington, DC

EDUCATION

PhD The American University, International Relations, 1990

MA Northeastern University, Political Science, 1985

BA Boston University, Political Science (magna cum laude), 1983. Minor: Sociology

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING

Total External and SU Grants for Personal Research:	\$278,237
Total Funds raised for various academic initiatives:	\$1,295,000

For Personal Research:

Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University (\$3,104)

Andrew Berlin Family National Security Research Fund, 2018

Violet Jabara Charitable Trust (\$20,000)

Principal Investigator (PI): "*Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook*," 2016

Princeton University's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies (\$5,000)

Co-PI for "Iran Data Portal Support Grant" (with Professor Mirjam Künkler), 2014

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 Institute of Peace (\$81,133)

PI for “Iran's Heavenly Chorus: The Political Elite of a Theocratic State,” 2008-09

Appleby-Mosher Fund Grants, Maxwell School of Citizenship, 1988-2006 (\$5,000 total for five separate grants)

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

For Academic Initiatives:

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

As President of the Association for Iranian Studies, I raised over \$60,000 from Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, Foundation for Iranian Studies, McGill University, Concordia University, Tourisme Montreal, and private donors for the 2014 biennial conference of the association held in Montreal

Private Donors (\$500,000)

Raised these funds from a few SU alumni and used the endowed funds to support the Middle Eastern Studies Program, 2006-14

Social Science Research Council (\$50,000)

Co-PI for “The Shari’a, Laws of War and Post-Conflict Justice Project” (with Professors William Banks and Keith Bybee), Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, SU, 2011-13

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 (with Professor Miriam Elman), 2009-11

Henry R. Luce Foundation (\$370,000)

Co-PI for “Religion, Media and International Affairs” (with Professors Tazim Kassam and Gustav Niebuhr), 2006-09

Institute of International Education (\$125,000)

PI, Scholar Rescue Fund Matching-sum Fellowship Grants, 2004-08, 2016. These funds allowed me to bring four persecuted Middle Eastern scholars to SU

Council for International Exchange of Scholars

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

Syracuse University

- 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 multi-million dollar nine-year program; also lead faculty for the Politics of the Middle East element of the program, 2007-16

- “Middle Eastern Studies Student Welcoming Event,” SU College of Arts & Sciences, 2008
- Chancellor’s Feinstone Grant for “Middle Eastern Film Series,” Multicultural Affairs Office, 2006-07 (\$1,000)
- Summer Project Assistantship Grant, Office of Associate Dean for Sponsored Research, Maxwell School, 2005
- Research Assistant Grant, Political Science Department, 2004
- Faculty Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship, 2002-03
- “Islam and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” grant from the Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, 1999

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019	Recipient of the 2019 Middle Eastern Studies Program’s Teaching Excellence Award
2018	Merget Fellow, Maxwell-in-Washington, Syracuse University (2019-2020)
2017-18	American Council on Education Fellow
2014	Inaugural Recipient of O’Hanley Faculty Fund for Faculty Excellence, Maxwell School
2011	Outstanding Service Award, Institute of International Education, Scholar Rescue Fund, in recognition of my work to save the life, voice, ideas, and work of four persecuted scholar by providing a safe academic haven for them
2010	Inductee, Phi Beta Delta [International Honor Society at SU], in recognition of work with international students and scholars
1998	Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for outstanding teaching, research and service by a junior faculty member, Maxwell School
1990	Best Dissertation Award in the field of Iranian Studies, Foundation for Iranian Studies
1990	Fred Nothman Award for Academic Excellence, Graduate Student Council, School of International Service, American University
1989-90	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, School of International Service, American University
1989	Outstanding Scholarship Award in the Field of Middle Eastern Studies, American University
1989	Graduate Student Council Summer Research Grant, The American University
1985-89	Graduate (PhD) Fellowship, School of International Service, American University
1983-85	Graduate (M.A.) Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editorial Board Member. 2015-present. *Iranian Studies*

- Flagship peer-reviewed journal in the field of Iranian studies published by the Association for Iranian Studies

Book Review Editor. 2002-07. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*

- During my tenure I commissioned and published 187 book reviews in this flagship journal in the field of Middle Eastern Studies

Founder and Series Editor. 1996-2014. *Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East*, an interdisciplinary book series published by Syracuse University Press

- During my tenure, I published 37 books in this series

Editorial Board Member. 1995-98. Syracuse University Press

SERVICE

Syracuse University:

Member of the review committee for the Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowships, Graduate School, 2016-17
SU Senate [Chancellor's representative] 2015-17; [elected member] 2018-present, 2010-14, 2002-06
Senate Committees: Instruction (2015-17); Academic Affairs (2012-15; 2018-present), Appointments and Promotions (2010-11), Student Life (2002-06); member of the ad hoc Senate Committee on Centers and Institutes (2018-present)
Risk Assessment Committee for students traveling to the Middle East, SU Abroad, 2011-12
Task Force to plan and implement a new study abroad program in cooperation with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, 2010-11
SU Humanities Council, College of Arts & Sciences, 2006-09
Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Arabic Language and Linguistics, Department of Languages, Literature and Linguistics, 2008
Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, 2006-07
Search Committee, Director of International Relations, Maxwell School, 2005-06
Ad-hoc committee convened by Provost to plan for "Small World/Big Divides" Symposium, 2006
Task Force on Future of the International Relations Program, 2006
Turkey Site Exploration Committee [inspecting Turkish universities to assess forging a partnership], 2006
National Security Education Program (NSEP) Campus Review Committee, 2006
Search Committee for Vice Chancellor and Provost, 2006
Renee Crown Honors Program Committee defining the "Global Awareness" requirement of the new Honors curriculum, 2004-05
Search Committee, Director of the Program on Analysis of Resolution and Conflict, 2004-05
Search Committee, Director of the Renee Crown Honors Program, 2003-04
SU Fulbright Candidate Review Committee, 2002-04
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, SU:

Department Chair, August 2014-July 2017
Faculty Search Committee, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2018
Doctoral Program AD Hoc Review Committee, 2004-05
Director of Graduate Studies, 2001-04
Graduate Admissions Committee (Chair), 2001-04
Graduate Studies Committee (Chair), 2000-04
Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee, 2000, 2003, 2005-08, 2012-14
Teaching Mentor to PhD 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

ADVISING

Dissertation Committees, year completed, and students' subsequent academic appointments

Committee Chair:

- Anirban Acharya (2018), LeMoyne College (adjunct)
- Abolghasem Bayyenat (dissertation still underway)
- Paul R. Edelman (2004), Sauk Valley Community College
- Traci Fordham (2002), St. Lawrence University; Portland Community College

- Drew H. Kinney (2018), St. John Fisher College (adjunct) [received Best dissertation award]
- Pedram Maghsoudnia (dissertation still underway)
- Peter Mameli (1998), John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Marian Paules (2003), independent scholar
- Raza Habib Raja (dissertation still underway)
- Massimo Ramioli (2017), Habib University (Pakistan)
- Sefa Secen (dissertation still underway)
- Alireza Shomali (2006), Wheaton College (MA)

Committee Member:

- Marie Agen (1997), State University of New York - Cortland
- Karen Culcasi (2008), West Virginia University
- Mike Makara (2014), University of Central Missouri
- Sarah Marusek (2012), University of Leeds (adjunct)
- Ioana (Emy) Matesan (2014), Wesleyan University (CT)
- Daniel Miller (2010), Landmark College
- Deepa Prakash (2013), DePauw University
- James E. Rinehart (1993), Troy University
- Ebrahim Soltani (2017), Eastern Michigan University

Member of MA Thesis Committee for the following 13 students: Suzanne Archuleta (2000), Julia Barth- Knowles (2004), Karen Culcasi (2003), Kevin Kanesaka (2001), Anne M. Larson (1994), Tilla McAnthony (2001), Margaret A. McPhee (1997), Allison Riley (1997), Kristen S. Smith (1994), Ahmet Sozen (1993), Jelena Subotic (2001), and Christine M. Fandrich (2011), Mohamad Athar (2019).

Member of 17 Undergraduate Capstone, Distinction and Honors Theses Committees (since tenure)

Independent Studies Supervision with following 8 students: Artin Afkhami (2008), Evan M. Linhardt (2008), Jacob Cramer (2010), Cheline S. Schroeder (2012), Amanda Claypool (2013), Marwa Eltagouri (2013), Juliann Merryman (2013), Mohamad Athar (2018)

Lower Division Undergraduate Advisor, 1992-97, 1998-2002, 2004-05, 2007-08, 2011-12

Undergraduate Political Science Major Advisor, 1992-97, 2000-06

Undergraduate Political Science Honors Advisor, 1998-2000

Undergraduate Middle Eastern Studies Major and Minor Advisor, 2003-2014

Graduate Certificate in Middle Eastern Affairs Advisor, 2008-2014

Summer Faculty Advisor, 1995-97, 1998, 2000 (volunteered), 2001, 2004 (volunteered), 2007

Undergraduate Research Program Sponsor, 1995-97

Faculty Advisor for student organizations The Society of Arab World Affiliates (SAWA), and The Persian Student Association, 2008-2014

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; Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion, Perspectives on Politics; Political Science Quarterly; Qualitative Sociology; Strategic Asia

Presses: Cambridge University Press; Congressional Quarterly Press; Mazda Press; New York University Press; Oxford University Press; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics; Palgrave Macmillan; Polity Press, Sage; State University of New York Press; Syracuse University Press; Yale 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 Persia Foundation, 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

Web Portal:

Co-founder of Iran Data Portal. Since its launch in 2011, the Iran Data Portal has become the most visited website for social science data on post-revolutionary Iran, with now over 3,000 visitors and over 8,000 page views each month

SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

American Institute of Iranian Studies
Institutional Trustee, 2008-14

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, 2004-08
Member, AP Comparative Government Working Group, 2003-04

International Society for Iranian Studies
President, 2012-14
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, 2004-06

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

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

Research Council of Norway

Member, Steering Committee for the Project on "Islam, Ethnicity and Geo-Politics along the Persian Gulf-Caspian Sea Axis," 2001-03

Social Science Research Council

Member, Program on Religion & International Affairs, 2007-10

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Post-revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook (Syracuse University Press, 2018)

- This 853 page political encyclopedia provides the most comprehensive collection of data on political life in post-revolutionary Iran, including coverage of 36 national elections, more than 400 legal and outlawed political organizations, and family ties among the elite. It also provides biographical sketches of more than 2,300 political personalities.
- Reviewed (so far) in *Middle East Quarterly* (Spring 2019), *Arab Weekly* (June 2018), and *Middle East Librarians Association* (April 2019).

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

- In this edited volume, a group of distinguished scholars reinterpret concepts and canons of Islamic thinking in Arab, Persian, South Asian, and Turkish traditions and argue that there is no unitary "Islamic" position on important issues of statecraft and governance. My own contribution included a single-authored introduction, and an original co-written chapter: "On Sa'di's Treatise on Advice to the Kings."

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

- This book encompasses a collection of 18 of my Persian-language essays that explore Iran's intellectual history in the interwar period (1919-1939) and the post-1979 era.

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

- This book examined the works of ten thinkers seminal in defining modern Iranian identity.
- 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** (*Rawshanfikran-i Irani va gharb*) (Tehran: Farzan-e-Rooz, 1998). 1st and 2nd edition, 1998; 3rd edition, 1999, 4th edition, 2005, 5th edition, 2009; 6th edition 2013; 7th edition 2017
- **Turkish edition** (*Iran Entelektuelleri ve Batı*) (Istanbul: Yöneliş, 2002)
- **Arabic edition** (*al-Mustanirun al-Irانيyun wa-al-Gharb*) (Beirut: 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 (graduate student), *Syracuse Law Review* 57 (3), 2007: 619-635.
- “‘The West’ in the Eyes of the Iranian Intellectuals of the Interwar Years (1919-1939),” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 26 (3), 2006: 391-401.
- “Contesting Nationalist Constructions of Iranian Identity,” *Critique: Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East* 12, Spring 1998: 43-55.
- “Challenges to the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Their Northern Neighbors: An Integrated View of Empirical Indicators,” with Haleh Vaziri, *Iranian Journal of International Affairs* 10 (1-2), Spring/Summer 1998: 36-71.
- “Khatami’s Election: Implications for Iranian Politics,” *The Middle East Economic Survey* 40 (31), August 4, 1997: D3-D5. Reprinted in John Calabrese, ed., *Iran’s Elections: Implications for U.S. Policy*, pp. 5-7 (Middle East Institute, 1997).
- “Iranian Islam and the Faustian Bargain of Western Modernity.” *Journal of Peace Research* 34 (1), February 1997: 1-5.
- “Iran’s Intellectual Panorama.” *Bulletin of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis* 11 (3), Spring 1996: 22-24.
- “Rethinking the Third World,” with Ali Mirsepassi, *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 5 (1), 1993: 51-58.

Book Chapters:

- “Second Supreme Swapping: Prospects for Leadership Change in Iran,” in Luciano Zaccara, ed., *Iran After Khamenei: Possible Scenarios*, pp. 7-29, (Qatar University Press, 2019)
- “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 (graduate student), 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 (graduate student), in Timothy S. Shah, Alfred Stepan, and Monica D. Toft, eds., *Rethinking Religion and World Affairs*, pp. 217-28 (Oxford University Press, 2012).
- “Humble Secularism,” in Ramin Jahanbegloo, ed., *Civil Society and Democracy in Iran*, pp. 119-26 (Lexington Press, 2012).
- “Iran’s Power Structure,” and “Iran’s Political Elite,” with Kourosh Rahimkhani (graduate student), in Robin Wright, ed., *The Iran Primer: Power, Politics and U.S. Policy*, pp. 219-226 (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: 2005-06 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 Schäebler and Leif Stenberg, eds., *Globalization and the Muslim World: Culture, Religion and Modernity*, pp. 30-38 (Syracuse University Press, 2004).
- “The Paradoxes of Politics in Post-revolutionary Iran,” in John L. Esposito and R. K. Ramazani, eds., *Iran at the Crossroads*, pp. 13-27 (Palgrave, 2001).
- “Continuities and Discontinuities in Modern Iranian Intellectual Thought,” in Haleh Esfandiari, Andrea Bertone and Farideh Farhi, eds., *Intellectual Change and the New Generation of Iranian Intellectuals*, pp. 13-18 (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2000). Turkish translation: “Modern Iran Entelektüel Düşüncesinde Süreklilikler ve Kopuşlar,” *Dogudan* (January-February 2008).
- “Can Islam be Secularized?” in M.R. Ghanoonparvar and Faridoun Farrokh, eds., *In Transition: Essays on Culture and Identity in the Middle Eastern Society*, pp. 55-64 (Texas A&M International University Press, 1994).
- “The Encounter of Post-Revolutionary Thought in Iran with Hegel, Heidegger and Popper,” in Serif Mardin, ed., *Cultural Transitions in the Middle East*, pp. 236-59 (E.J. Brill, 1994).
- “*Gharbzadegi*: The Dominant Intellectual Discourse of Pre and Post-revolutionary Iran,” in Samih K. Farsoun and Mehrdad Mashayekhi, eds., *Iran: Political Culture in the Islamic Republic*, pp. 30-56 (Routledge, 1992).

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.
- 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.
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