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APPOINTMENTS

2016 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Politics
Whitman College

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Theory	modern; postcolonial; history & theory; aesthetics & politics
Middle Eastern Studies	politics & cultural production of the modern Middle East with emphases on international law, state formation, comparative revolutions & Iran
Race, Ethnicity & Politics	theories of empire & race; immigration; Muslim racialization

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Political Science University of California, Los Angeles (2016)
M.A.	Political Science University of California, Los Angeles (2012)
	Rhetoric University of California, Berkeley (2008)
B.A.	Comparative Literature University of California, Los Angeles (2003)

SELECT FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2018-20	Innovation in Teaching and Learning Grant, Whitman College
2018-19	1 Abshire Grant, 1 Fluno Award, and 1 Perry Grant for Faculty-Student Collaborative Research, Whitman College
2015-16	Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), Dissertation Completion Fellow
2014-15	UCLA International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship (Iran)
2011-12	UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship (Arabic)

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

“Like 1979 All Over Again: Resisting Left Liberalism Among Iranian Émigrés” in *With Stones In Our Hands: Writings on Muslims, Racism, and Empire*, eds. Sohail Daulatzai and Junaid Rana (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2018), pp. 122-135

“On Democratic Leadership and Social Change: Positioning Du Bois in the Shadow of a Gray To-come” in *A Political Companion to W.E.B. Du Bois*, ed. Nick Bromell (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2018), pp. 241-270

“A Return to Which Self? Ali Shari‘ati and Frantz Fanon on the Political Ethics of Insurrectionary Violence,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, 34, no. 1 (2014): 86-105

* Reprinted in *Creolizing Shari‘ati* (Rowman and Littlefield, Forthcoming)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review Essay: “Writing Iran from Exile: An Accented History,” *Comparative Islamic Studies* (Forthcoming). Review of Hamid Naficy, *A SOCIAL HISTORY OF IRANIAN CINEMA*, Volumes 1-4

Review of Asef Bayat, *REVOLUTION WITHOUT REVOLUTIONARIES: MAKING SENSE OF THE ARAB SPRING*, *Political Theory* (2018). DOI: 10.1177/0090591718771084

Review of Siavash Saffari, *BEYOND SHARIATI: MODERNITY, COSMOPOLITANISM, AND ISLAM IN IRANIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 50, no. 1 (2018): 165-167

Review of Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi, *FOUCAULT IN IRAN: ISLAMIC REVOLUTION AFTER THE ENLIGHTENMENT*, *The British Journal of Middle East Studies* 44, no. 3 (2017): 464-465

SHORT WRITINGS

“Du Bois, William Edward Burghardt” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael T. Gibbons (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015), 963-966

B|ta'arof Magazine, co-founder & co-editor, no. 3 (Spring 2014), no. 2 (Spring 2013), no. 1 (Fall 2012), ISSN 2332-3515

“On the Record: What do the recent uprisings in Egypt mean for U.S. relations in the Middle East, and for the Middle East itself?” *The Daily Bruin*, February 7, 2011.

TEACHING

Whitman College, Assistant Professor

- * Introduction to Modern European Political Theory, POL 122
- * Islam and Politics, POL 207
- * Middle East Politics, POL 208
- * The Art of Revolution, POL 301
- * Humanism between Europe and its Others, POL 312
- * Senior Seminar/Thesis, POL 490, POL 497/8

INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

- “Auto-Empathy: Cultures of Pragmatism and Collective Action in Revolutionary Iran”
Persian and Iranian Studies Program, University of Washington-Seattle, 2017
- “Tehran ’68: Collectivist States and Individual Rights in the Long 1970s”
Thinking Politics Colloquium, Whitman College, 2017
- “The Work of Melancholia in Revolutionary Iran”
Political Theory Workshop, UCLA, 2016
- “Ali Shariati and the Articulation of an Indeterminate Collective Subject”
Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute Lecture, Persian Studies, San Jose State University, 2015

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PAPERS

- “Tehran ’68: Collectivist States and Individual Rights in the Long 1970s”
The Iranian Revolution as a World Event, Amsterdam Institute for Humanities Research, 2018
American Political Science Association, Boston, 2018
- “The Politics of Striving: Theorizing Solidarity between Black Liberation and Jihad”
American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2017
- “A Return to Which Self? Ali Shariati and Frantz Fanon on the Political Ethics of Insurrectionary Violence”
Western Political Science Association, Seattle, 2014
Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, 2013
- “Du Bois, Democracy, and Narrative: Elite/Mass Relations in the Early W.E.B. Du Bois’s Portrait of Democratic/Self Development”
Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, 2013
- “When Democratic Solidarity Went Abroad: A Study of Formal Interactive Talk in the Iranian Diaspora”
Fifth International Conference of the Iranian Diaspora, Los Angeles, 2012

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT

- “The Possibilities and Limitations of Locating the Global in the 1979 Iranian Revolution”
Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, 2018

DISCUSSANT

- Political Theory Workshop, UCLA
2014 Brandon Terry, “Irony and its Politics in Civil Rights Historiography”
2012 Georgia Warnke, “Deliberation and Interpretation”
- Caste, Race, and Democracy Workshop, Columbia University
2013 Lawrie Balfour, “Provincializing America: Global Reparations, U.S. Democracy”

CHAIR

- “Historiography: Looking Back, Looking Forward,” *Writing the Iranian Revolution: Memory, Testimony, Time*, University of Washington-Seattle, 2017
- “How Can One Be Persian[ate]?: New, Real, and Spurious Networks of Knowledge from Encounters with Modernity,” *Finders/Seekers: Travel Encounters in and out of Persianate Lands*, UCLA, 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

CONFERENCE & PANEL ORGANIZING

Section Co-Chair, “Political Thought: Historical Approaches,” Western Political Science Association, 2018-19

Panel Co-Organizer, “Postcolonial Studies and Political Theory,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2017

Panel Co-Organizer, “Writing the Diaspora — Roundtable Discussion with the Editors of *B|ta’arof Magazine*,” *Cultures of the Iranian Diaspora Conference*, San Jose State University, 2014

Panel Co-Organizer, “Imagining Another World: Revolutionary Iranian Politics in Global Context,” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, October 2013

Conference Co-Organizer, *The Role of Ideology and Citizenship in Iran from the 1979 Revolution to 2009*, UCLA, 2010, Archived at: <http://iranideologyconference.wordpress.com>

REVIEWER

Manuscript review for Routledge (2018)

Article referee for *Canadian Review of Comparative Literature* (2018); *Political Theory* (2017); *Comparative Islamic Studies* (2017); *Middle East Critique* (2017); *Jadaliyya* (2013)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association; Middle East Studies Association; Western Political Science Association

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Whitman Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (WIDE) Advisory Council, Faculty Representative for Social Science Division, 2018-

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Faculty Steering Committee, 2017-

Race and Ethnic Studies, Faculty Steering Committee, 2017-

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Lead Researcher, “Documenting Migrations,” *Penrose Library Archives* (Whitman College), 2017-

Lead Researcher, “Building Iranian Los Angeles,” *Center for Oral History Research* (UCLA), 2014

Additional Editor, *Qui Parle: Critical Humanities and Social Sciences* 16, n. 2 (UC Berkeley; University of Nebraska Press), Spring/Summer 2007

Researcher, *Center for Constitutional Rights*, 2004

LANGUAGES

English (native)

Persian (native)

French (fluent)

Arabic (reading proficiency)