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APPOINTMENTS

Whitman College Assistant Professor, Department of Politics	2016 – Present
Princeton University Visiting Fellow, Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies	2020
Brandeis University Faculty Leave Fellow, Crown Center for Middle East Studies	2019

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles Ph.D. and M.A. (2012) in Political Science <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Kirstie McClure, Mark Sawyer <i>Committee Members:</i> James Gelvin, Joshua Dienstag, Ali Behdad <i>Concentrations:</i> Political Theory & Race, Ethnicity, and Politics	2016
University of California, Berkeley M.A. in Rhetoric	2008
University of California, Los Angeles B.A. in Comparative Literature <i>Magna cum Laude</i> with College & Departmental Honors Minors in French & Francophone Studies; Near Eastern Languages & Cultures; Political Science	2003

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Theory (modern, contemporary, postcolonial) ; Middle East Politics (focus on Iran) ;
History & Theory ; Aesthetics & Politics ; Theories of Empire & Decolonization

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Insurgent Witness: Iran '79 and the Politics of the Extraordinary

Single author monograph. In progress.

EDITED VOLUMES

Spirit and Defiance: Ali Shariati in Translation (co-edited with Maryam Rabiee and Siavash Saffari)

Under review with the Muslim International series at the University of Minnesota Press.

Third World Historical (co-edited with Elleni Centime Zeleke)

Special section in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 42, no. 1
(2022): Forthcoming.

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

6. “A Sky Drowning in Stars: Global 1968, the Death of Takhti, and the Birth of the Iranian Revolution” (co-authored with Naghmeh Sohrabi)

In *Global 1979: Geographies and Histories of the Iranian Revolution*, edited by Arang Keshavarzian and Ali Mirsepassi. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

5. “Paradox as Decolonization: Ali Shariati’s Islamic Lawgiver”

Political Theory, Online First (December 2020): <https://doi.org/10.1177/0090591720977804>.

4. “Like 1979 All Over Again: Resisting Left Liberalism Among Iranian Émigrés”

In *With Stones In Our Hands: Writings on Muslims, Racism, and Empire*, edited by Sohail Daulatzai and Junaid Rana, 122-135. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2018.

3. “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*, edited Nick Bromell, 241-270. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2018.

2. “Du Bois, William Edward Burghardt”

In *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, volume 2, edited by Michael T. Gibbons, Diana Coole, Elisabeth Ellis, and Kennan Ferguson, 963-966. West Sussex, UK: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.

1. “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.

WORKING PAPERS

3. “Bandung against Bandung: Realistic Utopia and the Median School of Islam”

2. “Utopia, Democracy Spirit: Rereading Shariati’s *The Ummah and the Imamate*”

Chapter invited for volume edited by Mojtaba Mahdavi. Under review.

1. “Fraternity, Again”

Review Essay: Elleni Centime Zeleke, ETHIOPIA IN THEORY: REVOLUTION AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION, 1964-2016. Under review with *Radical Philosophy*.

REVIEW ESSAYS & BOOK REVIEWS

6. “On Inexactitude in Decolonization”

Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, vol. 40, no. 3 (December 2020): 627-635. Review Essay: Adom Getachew, WORLDMAKING AFTER EMPIRE: THE RISE AND FALL OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

5. Review of Andrew March, THE CALIPHATE OF MAN: POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY IN MODERN ISLAMIC THOUGHT

Perspectives on Politics 18, no. 2 (June 2020): 594-596.

4. “Writing Iran from Exile: An Accented History”

Comparative Islamic Studies 13, no. 1-2 (2019): 151-162. Review Essay: Hamid Naficy, A SOCIAL HISTORY OF IRANIAN CINEMA, Volumes 1-4.

3. Review of Asef Bayat, REVOLUTION WITHOUT REVOLUTIONARIES: MAKING SENSE OF THE ARAB SPRING

Political Theory 47, no. 3 (2019): 418-424.

2. 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.

1. 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.

TRANSLATIONS

4. Ali Shariati, “The Ummah and the Imamate” [Lecture 1]

In *Spirit and Defiance: Ali Shariati in Translation*. Under review. University of Minnesota Press.

3. Jalal Al-e Ahmad, “To Mohassess, For the Wall” (translated with Mohammadreza Mirzai)

ARTMargins 10, no. 2. Forthcoming.

2. Ali Nadimi, “CISNU and the Guerrillas”

In *Another Path: Narratives from the Past and Present of the Fadai Guerrillas*, edited by Nasser Mohajer and Touraj Atabaki. Forthcoming.

1. “Statement by University Students in Tehran Protesting Downing of Flight 752” (translated with Golnar Nikpour and Naveed Mansoori)

Jadaliyya, January 13, 2020

SELECT SHORT WRITINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTARY

6. “U.S.-Iran Relations under Maximum Pressure: A Narrow Path to Negotiations”

Middle East Brief, no. 137 (Brandeis University, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, September 10, 2020).

5. “Is Abolition Global? Iran, Iranians, and Prison Politics” (moderated roundtable)

Jadaliyya, September 2, 2020.

4. “Roundtable: Iran’s Domestic Politics and Political Economy” (moderated with Arang Keshavarzian and Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi)

Jadaliyya, November 26, 2019 & December 2, 2019.

3. “Covering Iran: Leftist Continuities and Discontinuities, from Propaganda to PR”

TRAFO – Blog for Transregional Research, July 11, 2019.

2. “Divorce, Iran-America Style” (co-authored with Sina Rahmani)

Jadaliyya, July 1, 2019.

1. “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.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

"Paradox as Decolonization: Ali Shariati's Islamic Lawgiver"

- (Invited) University of London, Goldsmiths' Centre for Postcolonial Studies, Middle East Series, March 2021

"Global 1968, the Death of Takhti, and the Birth of the Iranian Revolution" (with Naghmeh Sohrabi)

- (Invited) New York University, Kevorkian Center, Iranian Studies Initiative, March 2021

"Bandung against Bandung: Muslim Democracy as Realistic Utopia"

- (Invited) Political Theory Workshop, University of Connecticut, Storrs, February 2021

"Can Revolutions be Written? Theoretical and Empirical Implications"

- (Roundtable) Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., October 2020

"Human Rights Guerrillas: Iran in the Long 1970s"

- (Invited) Princeton University, Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, March 2020

"Global 1968, The Death of Takhti, and the Birth of the Iranian Revolution" (with Naghmeh Sohrabi)

- (Invited) Columbia University, Middle East Institute, December 2019

"Anti-Imperialism and Anti-Authoritarianism? Understanding Iranian Politics from the U.S."

- (Invited) University of Massachusetts, Boston, November 2019

"Muslim Democracy as 'Realistic Utopia': Fabrications of an Anticolonial Lawgiver"

- American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2019
- (Invited) University of Alberta, Departments of Political Science and Middle East & Islamic Studies, April 2019

"Iranian Internationalism and Anticolonial Worldmaking"

- (Invited) New York University, Iranian Studies Initiative, May 2019

"Children of Revolutionaries: Leftist Continuities and Discontinuities"

- (Roundtable) San Francisco State University, International Conference on Iranian Diaspora Studies, March 2019

"Tehran '68: Collectivist States and Individual Rights in the Long 1970s"

- Amsterdam Institute for Humanities Research, December 2018
- American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2018

"The Possibilities and Limitations of Locating the Global in the 1979 Iranian Revolution"

- (Roundtable) Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, November 2018

"Auto-Empathy: Cultures of Pragmatism and Collective Action in Revolutionary Iran"

- (Invited) University of Washington-Seattle, Persian and Iranian Studies Program, 2017

"The Politics of Striving: Theorizing Solidarity between Black Liberation and Jihad"

- American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 2017

"The Work of Melancholia in Revolutionary Iran"

- (Invited) UCLA Political Theory Workshop, April 2016

"Ali Shariati and the Articulation of an Indeterminate Collective Subject"

- (Invited) San Jose State University, Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute Lecture, Persian Studies, October 2015

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2020	Princeton University, Subvention Grant for <i>Ali Shariati in Translation</i> , Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies
2020	Princeton University, Visiting Fellowship, Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies
2019	Brandeis University, Faculty Leave Fellowship, Crown Center for Middle East Studies
2018-20	Whitman College, Innovation in Teaching and Learning Grant
2018-19	Whitman College, Abshire Grant, Fluno Award, and Perry Grant for Faculty-Student Collaborative Research
2015-16	Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2014-15	UCLA, International Institute, Fieldwork Fellowship (Iran)
2012, 2011	UCLA, Center for Near Eastern Studies, FLAS Fellowship (Arabic)

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
- * Utopia and the Archive, POL 402
- * Senior Seminar, POL 490

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

EDITORIAL

Co-editor, Iran Page, *Jadaliyya*, 2019 – present

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

PEER REVIEW

Manuscript review for *Oneworld* (2019), *Routledge* (2018)

Article referee for *Political Research Quarterly* (2021), *Globalizations* (2020), *Postcolonial Studies* (2020, 2019); *Political Theory* (2020, 2019, 2017); *Critical Times* (2020); *ARTMargins* (2020); *Constellations* (2019); *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics* (2019); *Canadian Review of Comparative Literature* (2018); *Comparative Islamic Studies* (2017); *Middle East Critique* (2017)

Program Committee, Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference (2019)

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

DISCUSSANT

“The People as Swarm, Crowd, and Rabble” (Panel, Division 1: Political Thought & Philosophy)
American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2019

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”

PANELS & CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Third World Historical (co-organized with Elleni Centime Zeleke)

Columbia University, 2021

Virtual conference rethinking the category of revolution from the global periphery. Initial call for papers archived at: <https://www.ethiopiaintheory.org/rethinking-revolution>.

Writing Revolutions: History and Theory between Ethiopia and Iran

Princeton University, “Virtual Conversations,” May 29, 2020

Moderated discussions with Elleni Centime Zeleke and Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi on writing and theorizing revolutions. Archived at: <https://iran.princeton.edu/virtual-conversations/writing-revolutions-history-and-theory-between-ethiopia-and-iran>

“Douglass, Du Bois, and Afro-Modern Political Thought between Past and Future”

Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, 2019

Participants: Juliet Hooker, Jack Turner, Ange-Marie Hancock-Alfaro, James Ford III, Elvira Basevich, Neil Roberts, Nick Bromell, Arash Davari (Chair)

Panel discussing the publication of two volumes in the University of Kentucky Press’s Political Companion series regarding Fredrick Douglass and W.E.B. Du Bois.

Author Meets Critics: Siavash Saffari, *Beyond Shariati: Modernity, Cosmopolitanism, and Islam in Iranian Political Thought*

Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, 2019

Participants: Jane Anne Gordon (Chair), Siavash Saffari (Discussant), Yasmeen Daifallah, Golnar Nikpour, Shirin Deylami, Babak Rahimi, Arash Davari

“Postcolonial Studies and Political Theory” (co-organized with Anuja Bose)

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2017

Participants: Karuna Mantena (Discussant), Adom Getachew (Discussant), Anuja Bose, Naveed Mansoori, Tejas Perasher, Arash Davari

Panel discussing South-South comparative political theory.

“Imagining Another World: Revolutionary Iranian Politics in Global Context” (co-organized with Golnar Nikpour)

Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, 2013

Participants: Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi (Discussant), Golnar Nikpour, Manijeh Nasrabadi, Arash Davari
Panel on global intellectual histories of revolutionary Iran.

The Role of Ideology and Citizenship in Iran from the 1979 Revolution to 2009

UCLA, 2010, Archived at: <http://iranideologyconference.wordpress.com>

Conference comparing patterns of mobilization between the 1979 Iranian revolution and the 2009 Green Movement. Co-organized with Narges Bajoghli and Yousef Baker.

LANGUAGES

English (native) ; Persian (native) ; French (fluent) ; Arabic (reading proficiency); Spanish (intermediate)