

Curriculum Vitae
MATEO MOHAMMAD FARZANEH
Associate Professor
The Mossadegh Initiative Principal

Northeastern Illinois University
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EDUCATION

- 2004-2010 Ph. D. in History at University of California, Santa Barbara
2002-2004 M. A. in History at California State University, Fullerton
2000-2002 B. A. in History at California State University, Fullerton
1986-1991 A. A. in Nursing at Saddleback College, School of Nursing

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016- Associate Professor (tenured), History Dept., Northeastern Illinois University
2010-2016 Assistant Professor (tenure track), History Dept., Northeastern Illinois University
2008- 2010 Lecturer, History Dept., California State University, Fullerton
2006-2007 Lecturer, Humanities Dept., Santa Barbara City College

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 2018 Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference Chair at University of California, Irvine
2017-2018 Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference Program co-chair
2017- Principal of The Mossadegh Initiative at Northeastern Illinois University

PUBLICATION

Monograph:

The Iranian Constitutional Revolution and the Clerical Leadership of Khurasani, (Syracuse University Press, 2015), recipient of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society Best First Book Award, 2016.

Book in Progress:

Iranian Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War (forthcoming, 2020)

Peer Reviewed Articles:

“The Historical Influence of Shi‘ite Jurisprudence in Iranian Constitutional Politics,” Digest of Middle East Studies, (forthcoming, 2020).

“Gomshodeh-ei dar safehat-e tarikh,” Sharq (Persian language journal), special issue on the 106th anniversary of the Iranian Constitutional Revolution published in Iran, (2012), pp. 10-22.

“Interregional Rivalry Cloaked in Iraqi Arab Nationalism and Iranian Secular Nationalism and Shi‘ite Ideology,” International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies, 2009, pp. 391-407.

“Shi‘i Ideology, Iranian Secular Nationalism, and the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88),” Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism, London School of Economics, 2007, pp. 86-103.

“Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988) and the Migration of Iranian Youth to California,” Encyclopedia of Immigration and Migration in the American West, 2005, pp. 337-341.

Book Reviews

Review of Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom, *God Is Beautiful and Loves Beauty: The Object in Islamic Art and Culture* in Digest of Middle East Studies, 2014.

Review of Reidar Visser and Gareth Stansfield, *An Iraq of Its Regions: Cornerstones of a Federal Democracy?* in Digest of Middle East Studies, 2011.

Review of Peter Sluglett, *The Urban Social History of the Middle East (1750-1950)* in the MESA Bulletin, 2009.

Review of Ali Ansari *Confronting Iran* in the Journal of Iranian Studies, 2009.

Review of Mahmood T. Davari, *The Political Thought of Ayatullah Murtaza Mutahhari: An Iranian Theoretician of the Islamic State* in International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, 2008.

Solicited Manuscript Reviews:

Manuscript review of Naser Ghobadzadeh, *Religious Secularity: Shiite Repudiation of the Clerical Islamic State*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Modern Iran (1785-2008)
History of the Modern Middle East
Historical Roots of Contemporary Iranian Affairs
History of Zionism (Israel-Palestine Conflict)
History of World and Islamic Civilizations

LANGUAGES

Persian: native competency
Spanish: speaking and reading competency
Modern Standard Arabic: fifth year reading and speaking competency
Egyptian Colloquial: intermediate competency

COURSES TAUGHT (in the order of teaching)

Undergraduate Level:

History of World Civilizations (2,700 BCE-1492)
History of World Civilizations (1501-2001)
History of Iran (583 BC-2008)
History of the Modern Middle East (1798-2003)
History of the Islamic Civilization (570-1979)
Religion, Culture, and Controversy in the Islamic World (632-2008)
The World in the Twentieth Century: The Middle East Current Issues
Research and Methodology for Historians, World War I in the Middle East
History of Islamic Spain (711-1492)/ part of a Northeastern Illinois University study abroad program in conjunction with University of Seville, Spain

Graduate Level:

Readings in the Nineteenth Century Islamic Middle East
Historiography and Historical Methods
Readings in Iranian History (1925-79)
Readings in Iranian History (Since 1501)

GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Northeastern Illinois University, Faculty Research Grant, 2019.

Northeastern Illinois University, Committee on Research (COR) Grant, 2018.

Northeastern Illinois University Teaching Faculty Excellence Award in Research, 2017.

University of Oklahoma, Inaugural Visiting Fellow at the Farzaneh Family Center for Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies, 2017.

Northeastern Illinois University, Asian-American Heritage Faculty Award of Excellence, 2015.

Northeastern Illinois University, Committee on Research (COR) Grant, 2014.

Northeastern Illinois University, Distinguished Leadership Award, 2011.

University of California Regent's Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010.

University of California Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, 2008-2009.

American Institute in Iranian Studies Research Grant, 2007.

University of California, Santa Barbara, The Eloise and Stephen Hay Islamic Studies Honors Award, 2007.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Teaching Assistantship Award, Department of History, 2007-2008.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Instructional Development Grant, Interactive Media Presentation for the History of Israeli-Arab Conflict, 2007.

American University in Cairo, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship in Arabic, Summer 2006.

University of California Santa Barbara, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship in Arabic, 2005-2006.

American University in Cairo, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship in Arabic, Summer 2005.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship in Arabic, 2004-2005.

California State University, Fullerton, Teaching Assistantship Award, Department of History, 2002-2004.

California State University, Fullerton, Dean's Honors List, 2000-2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

“Iranian Women, Social Class, and Patriotism in the Iran-Iraq War,” a working paper as part of a book project at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 2017.

“Faith, Nationalism, and Iranian Women’s Role in the Iran-Iraq War, ” a working paper as part of a book project at University of California Irvine Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, November 2016.

“Iranian Historiography and the Absence of Source Analysis from Revolutionary Organization,” a working paper at University of California Irvine Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, November 2016.

“Islam, Iran, and Women in War,” a working paper as part of a book project at Northeastern Illinois University Seventh Annual Faculty Research Symposium, November 2016.

“Women in the Iran-Iraq War,” a working paper as part of a book project at Association for Iranian Studies biennial conference, Vienna, Austria, August 2016.

“The Iranian Imperial Army and the Islamic Revolution,” a working paper presented at Northeastern Illinois University Fifth Annual Faculty Research Symposium, November 2014.

“How the Shah’s Imperial Army Failed to Protect the Pahlavi Dynasty in 1979,” a working paper presented at International Society for Iranian Studies biennial conference, Montreal, Canada, August 2014.

“A Bangle Today, A Son Tomorrow: Iranian Women in the Iran-Iraq War,” a working paper (part of a book) presented at Women, Children and Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa: A conference in honor of Professor Nancy Gallagher, at University of California, Santa Barbara, April 2014.

“Placing Shi‘ite Jurisprudence in Iranian Historiography,” a working paper presented at Debating Reform in Islamic Thought, at University of California San Diego, April 2014.

“Teaching the Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Iranian History and Its Long Term Benefits,” a paper presented at Danesh Institute’s annual conference: *Second Generation Iranian-Americans and Other Immigrants: Experience, Expectations, and Challenges*, at St. Xavier University, Chicago, November 2012.

“Between Piety, Leadership, and Self-Interest: The Struggle Between Akhund Khurasani and Shaykh Fazlullah Nuri,” at International Society for Iranian Studies biennial conference, Istanbul, August 2012.

“Prospects of Constitutionalism in Iran and the Role of Shi‘ite Clerics,” a paper presented at University of California, Santa Barbara, *Constitutional Politics in Modern Iran: A Re-Examination and Implications for the Future* conference, March 2012. Submitted for publication to Digest of Middle East Studies.

“Financial Interest, Piety, and Marjaiyyat: the Fight Between Nuri and Khurasani,” a paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., November 2011.

“Which Comes First, God or Money? Sources of Disagreement in the Clerical Shi‘ite Support of the Iranian Constitutional Revolution (1905/6-1911),” a paper presented at Northeastern Illinois University’s Second Annual Faculty Research Symposium, November 2011.

“American Educational Leaders and the Complex Realities of Islam, Middle East, and Muslims in America,” a paper presented at Northeastern Illinois University’s Educational Leadership Summit II conference, June 2011.

“Has Non-Violent Activism Been Effective in Bringing Social Change to Iran?” a paper presented at Northeastern Illinois University’s Non-Violent Social Change conference, March 2011.

“When It Comes to War, Jews and Shi‘ites Use the Same Trigger,” at the Middle East Studies Association Conference annual conference, San Diego, November 2010.

“From Judea to Karbala: Religious Tales to Rescue Challenged Nationalisms in Iran and Israel,” a working paper at Northeastern Illinois University’s First Annual Faculty Research Symposium, November 2010.

“Shi‘ism, Mullahs, and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution 1906,” a paper presented at International Society for Iranian Studies biennial conference, Santa Monica, California, May 2010.

“An Unlikely Ally Fighting for Constitutionalism in Iran,” a paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Boston. November 2009.

“Mulla Muhammad Kazim Khurasani and the Turning Point in Shi‘ite Jurisprudence,” a paper presented at the Exploring Iran: Emerging Scholarship in Iranian Studies, a symposium at University of California, Irvine, February 2009.

“The Islamic Revolution in Iran and Iraqi Arab Nationalism: A Clash of Ideologies?” a paper presented at *The War in Iraq: An Assessment*, a symposium at California State University, Fullerton, May 2008. Published in 2009.

“Martyrdom on the Frontlines of the Iran-Iraq War,” a paper presented at International Society of Iranian Studies biennial conference, London, July 2006. Published in 2007.

“Religious Exhortation, Basīj-e Enghelāb-e Eslāmī-e Iran, and Nationalism during the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988),” a paper presented at the Center for Middle East annual conference, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2006.

“Emam Hussein, the Battle of Karbala, Basīj-e Enghelāb-e Eslāmī-e Iran, and Nationalism during the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988),” a paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., November 2005.

“Political Zionism and Lord Palmerston, 1831-1841,” a paper presented at Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) biennial conference, New Orleans, January 2004. Published as an MA Thesis: “British Orientalists, Lord Palmerston, and the British Imperialists Origins of Political Zionism, 1831-1841 (2004).

MEDIA PRESENCE

“Chicago Tonight” WTTW, Chicago PBS, (January 8, 2020)

NPR affiliated Illinois Public Media, “The 21st Show,” (January 7, 2020)

WGN9 News, Chicago (January 4, 8, 2020)

ABC7 Chicago News (January, 4, 8, 2020)

WGN Chicago Live TV, Politics Tonight with Paul Lisnek (May, June, August, October, November, December, 2019)

NPR Chicago affiliate WBEZ on Worldview with Gerome McDonnell/Alexanda Salomon discussing the downing of American military drone over Strait of Hormuz (June 2019).

NPR Chicago affiliate WBEZ on Worldview with Gerome McDonnell discussed tensions with Iran and the oil tanker attacks., (May 2019).

NPR Chicago affiliate WBEZ on Worldview with Gerome McDonnell discussed Halloween Terror Attack in New York City.

NPR Chicago affiliate WBEZ on Worldview with Gerome McDonnell a roundtable discussion with Ervand Abrahamian and John Limbert on the anniversary of the 1953 Coup (2017).

NPR Norman, Oklahoma affiliate KGOU on Worldviews discussed my upcoming book *Iranian Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War* (2017).

NPR Norman, Oklahoma affiliate KGOU on Worldviews discussed my first book *The Iranian Constitutional Revolution and the Clerical Leadership of Khurasani* (2016).

NPR Chicago affiliate WBEZ on Worldview with Gerome McDonnell discussed Iranian parliament elections and results (2016).

DOCUMENTARY FILM RESEARCH

“Iranian Oral History Project: Pahlavi II”

Responsible for research and conducting part of an oral history project composed of 48 interviews with some of the highest officials during Muhamamd Reza Shah Pahlavi's reign. These interviews took place in Europe and the United States in 2009-2010 with broadcast quality video recording. A joint venture of Iranian National Archives and Library and Library of Congress.

“Islam in America”

Responsible for researching and consulting for a fourteen-part documentary (7.5 hours running time) that explores the origins, evolution, and prospects of Islam and Muslims in the United States. A Naqsh-e Jahan Production completed in 2009, Islam in America was partially aired on Aljazeera network and completely aired on Press TV in subsequent years.

INVITED BOOK TALKS

University of California, San Diego	October 2015
University of California, Irvine	October 2015
University of California, Los Angeles	October 2015
University of Southern California	October 2015
California State University, Fullerton	October 2015
Harvard University	November 2015
University of Oklahoma	January 2016
Oklahoma State University	January 2016
University of Chicago	January 2016
University of Exeter	February 2016
London Institute for Academic Shiite Studies	February 2016
University of Oslo	February 2016
San Jose State University	November 2016
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	February 2017
Iranian Cultural Society of Atlanta	February 2017
University of Tehran	May 2017

INVITED LECTURES

“Ray-Baghdad-Cordoba: The Highway of Knowledge,” University of California, Irvine, December 2017.

“Defenders of the Realm: Iran in Iraq and Syria,” University of California, Irvine, December 2017.

“What’s Up in the Middle East? Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United States,” Oklahoma Conference of Churches,” September 2017.

“Politics, Art, and Peace,” 20x20 Posters for Peace, a Tehran-Oklahoma simultaneous exhibition and talk with Pouya Jahanshahi, graphic arts professor at Oklahoma State University, September 2017.

“Geopolitics of Iran,” Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29, September 2017.

“America’s Search for a Friend in the Middle East: Iran vs. Saudi Arabia,” University of Central Oklahoma, September 2017.

“Is the US-Iran’s Past Creating the Present Impasse?” as part of Northeastern Illinois University History Department’s The Past in the Present Series, September 2017.

“Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War,” University of Oklahoma, January 2017.

“History and Prospects of Modernity in Twelver Shiism,” University of Oklahoma, February 2017.

“US-Iranian Relations: Past, Present, and Future,” University of Oklahoma, February 2017.

“US-Iranian Relations in the Trump Era: What Happens Next?,” University of Oklahoma, February 2017.

“Upcoming Iranian Presidential Elections: Can Rouhani Survive?,” University of Oklahoma, February 2017.

“100 Years of Iranian-American Relations,” University of Tulsa, February 2017.

“W & Barack: 16 Years, 2 Presidents, 1 Giant Mess,” at The Angelina Pedrosa Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, November 2016.

“How Islamic is the ‘Islamic’ State?” invited by Islamic World Studies program at Loyola University Chicago, September 2015.

“Historical Origins of the So-Called ‘Islamic’ State (ISIS/ISIL),” invited by the Muslims Student Association at Northeastern Illinois University, April 2015.

“Muslim Lives Matter and So Does Everyone Else’s,” on the occasion of the triple murder of Muslim students in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at Northeastern Illinois University, February 2015.

“ISIS: Islam and Militant Extremism,” at Morgan Park Academy, Chicago, November 2014.

“Israel-Palestine Conflict: A History,” at Morgan Park Academy, Chicago, November 2013.

“Syria, Past, Present, and Future,” at Morgan Park Academy, Chicago, April 2013.

“Latino Muslim Narratives,” at The Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, November 2012.

“The Muslim World and Its Many Shades of Gray,” at Lake Street Church, Evanston, Illinois, October 2012.

“When Idiocy is Taken Seriously: the Case of Muslim Reaction to an Obtuse Film,” at The Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, September 2012.

“An Early Winter after the Arab Spring: A History of Democracies in Arab Societies,” at The Persian Circle, University of Chicago, May 2012.

“An Scholarly Look at the Role of Ulama’s Presence in the Iranian Constitutional Revolution,” at the Persian Discussion Forum, Northwestern University, April 2012.

“Iraq Post American Withdrawal Period,” part of a lecture series (3rd talk) delivered at The Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, April 2012.

“Pianos, Grapes, and Umbrellas: the Future of Democracy in Egypt,” part of a lecture series (2nd talk) delivered at The Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, March 2012.

“Slow Death or Rapid Annihilation: The Case of Iran,” part of a lecture series (1st talk) delivered at Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, February 2012.

“From the Persian Gulf to Tunisia: Revolts, Hopes, and Chances for Islamism,” The Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, November 2011.

“Challenges and Realities for Hopes of Democracy in Iran,” Northeastern Illinois University, Non-Violent Social Change conference, March 2011.

“Anti-Islamism and Popular History,” Phi Alpha Theta Annual Keynote Lecture, Northeastern Illinois University, February 2011.

“Islam, Ulama, and Willful Forgetfulness in Popular Iranian History,” at The Persian Circle, University of Chicago, January 2011.

“Iran and Its Islamic Heritage,” at the Persian Institute, California State University, Fullerton, June 2010.

“Khuzestan: Mousavi, Bread, and Sand Storms,” at [The Iranian Periphery after the June](#)

Election symposium, University of California, Irvine, October 2009.

“Iran, Afghanistan, the Big Picture.” Fullerton International Resources for Schools and Teachers (a 4 part lecture series), at Irvine Unified School District, August 2009.

“The Persianate World,” Iran in Linguistics and History, California State University, Fullerton, June 2009.

“US-IRAN Détente? A View From Inside,” at the Center for Middle East Studies annual conference, University of California, Santa Barbara 2009.

“Islam, America, and American Muslims,” O’Melveny & Myers LLP, an international law firm concerned with Muslim affairs, Newport Beach, California, July 2008.

“Iran: Land of Contradictions,” Irvine Education Foundation and Fullerton International Resources for School and Teachers, July 2008.

“British Orientalists, Lord Palmerston, and the British Imperialist Origins of Political Zionism, 1831-1841,” Imam Sadiq University, Tehran, October 2007.

“U.S. and Iran: Finding A Common Ground,” with John Chere, First Secretary of US Embassy in Tehran, at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, May 2007.

“Shi‘ites of Iraq,” California State University, Fullerton, April 2006.

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association since 2004

Association for Iranian-American Writers since 2004

Association for Iranian Studies since 2006

Middle East Studies Association since 2004

Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) since 2002

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Conference Chair, Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference at University of California, Irvine, August 2018.

Program Committee Member, Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference Program, September 2017-March 2018.

Advisory Board of *Milel ve Nihal*: Journal for Study of Belief, Culture, and Mythology, Istanbul, since 2016.

Hijabi Monologues, Panel Moderator, at The Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, March 2015.

Northeastern Illinois University, Asian-American Heritage Conference, Member of the Organizing Committee, Spring 2015.

Northeastern Illinois University, Dr. Mohammad Mossadegh Servant Leadership Fund, Member of the Advisory Committee, 2014 - 2016

Northeastern Illinois University, Department of History, Graduate Program Adviser and Coordinator, 2014 - 2016

Chicago Metro History Education Center Annual Fair, Documentary Short Films, Judge, 2014.

Northeastern Illinois University, TEDx Presentation Submission Panel Reviewer, 2013.

Chicago Metro History Education Center Annual Fair, Documentary Short Films, Judge, 2013.

Northeastern Illinois University, Department of History, Library Committee, 2012 -

Northeastern Illinois University, Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) Chapter, Advisor, 2011-

Northeastern Illinois University, "Social Change Through Non-Violence," Member of the Organizing Committee, 2011.

Northeastern Illinois University, Asian-American Heritage Conference, Member of the Organizing Committee at 2011.

Chicago Metro History Education Center Annual Fair, Documentary Short Films, Judge, 2012.

Northeastern Illinois University, Department of History, Member of Fiscal Committee 2010-2012.

University of California, Santa Barbara, If You Like the War in Iraq, You Will Love Iran! symposium, organizer and participant, May 2007.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Iran, the Next War? symposium, organizer and participant, May 2006.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Center for Middle East Studies, Member of the Organizing Annual Conference, March 2006.

University of California, Irvine, Executive Committee for the Establishment of the Samuel Jordan School of Persian Studies and Culture, Graduate Student Representative, 2005.

University of California Santa Barbara, Iranian-American Student Association, Adviser, 2005.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Center for Middle East Studies, Student Mentor, 2005.

Creator of *The Maze Called the Middle East*, a community service forum educating organizations and individuals interested in learning about Iranian culture, politics, and society, 2003-2014.