

Curriculum Vitae
MATEO MOHAMMAD FARZANEH
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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

2023-Present Professor, History Department, Northeastern Illinois University
2016-2023 Associate Professor (tenured), History Department, Northeastern Illinois University
2010-2016 Assistant Professor (tenure track), History Department, Northeastern Illinois University
2008-2010 Lecturer, History Department, California State University, Fullerton
2006-2007 Lecturer, Humanities Department, Santa Barbara City College

ADMINISTRATIVE

2023-Present Chair of the History Department
2023-Present Chair of the Political Science Department
2022-Present Major Gifts Officer, Institutional Advancement
2022-Present Manager of the Cyrus of Persia Scholarship, Northeastern Illinois University
2021-2023 Member of the Board of Education Niles Township High Schools District 219

2017-Present Principal of The Mossadegh Initiative, Institutional Advancement, Northeastern Illinois University

PUBLICATION

Monographs:

Iranian Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War (Syracuse University Press, 2021), the recipient of the Persian Heritage Foundation and the Association for Iranian Studies Latifeh Yarshater Award Honorable Mention, 2022.

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

Book in Progress:

Iranian Women and Sports (in progress, 2026), co-author.

The Anthology of the Iran-Iraq War (in progress, 2026), editor.

The Other Women: Iran's Mighty and Marginalized (in progress, 2028), author.

Peer Reviewed Articles:

“Iranian Armenians in Sports” (in progress, 2024).

“Iranian Women Denied in History” (in progress, 2024).

“The Historical Influence of Shi‘ite Jurisprudence in Iranian Constitutional Politics,” Digest of Middle East Studies, (forthcoming, 2022).

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

“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, 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 Rose Wellman, *Feeding Iran: Shi'i Families and the Making of the Islamic Republic* in Iranian Studies (Summer 2023).

Review of Annie Tracy Samuel, *The Unfinished History of the Iran-Iraq War: Faith, Firepower and Iran's Revolutionary Guards* in The Middle East Journal, (Summer 2022).

Review of Ervand Abrahamian, *Oil Crisis in Iran: From Nationalism to Coup d'Etat* in The Middle East Journal, (Winter 2021/22).

Review of Hawraa Al-Hassan, *Women, Writing and the Iraqi Ba'thist State* in International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies, (Winter 2022).

Review of Mangol Bayat, *Iran's Experiment with Parliamentary Governance: The Second Majlis, 1906-1911* in The Middle East Journal, Winter 2020/21.

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 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.

Publisher-Solicited Manuscript Reviews:

Available upon request.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Modern Iran (Since 1785)

Historical Roots of Contemporary Iranian Affairs

History of Iranian Women and Gender

History of Zionism (Israel-Palestine Conflict)

History of the Modern Middle East (Since 1798)

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)
History of the Western Civilization (1492-now)
History of Islamic Spain (711-1492)
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

The Latifeh Yarshater Award Honorable Mention, *Iranian Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War*, the Persian Heritage Foundation and the Association for Iranian Studies, 2022.

The Best First Book Award for *The Iranian Constitutional Revolution and the Clerical Leadership of Khurasani*, 2016.

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 PRESENTATIONS

"The Other Women: Iran's Mighty and Marginalized, PART II," a paper presented at the special conference of the Association for Middle East Women's Studies, Beirut, Lebanon, June 2022.

"Iranian Armenians in Sports," a paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference (virtual), November 2021.

“The Future of Academic Studies on the Iran-Iraq War,” co-organizer, chair, presenter at a roundtable at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, November 2021.

“The Missing Pieces of the History of the Iran-Iraq War,” a paper presented at the London based Anjoman-e Sokhan [Society of the Erudition] on the 40th year Anniversary of the Iran-Iraq War, September 2020.

“The Other Women: Iran’s Mighty and Marginalized, PART I,” a paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., October 2020.

“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

Retroreport, The Secret C.I.A. Operation that Haunts U.S-Iran Relations (August 2023).
<https://retroreport.org/video/the-secret-c-i-a-operation-that-haunts-u-s-iran-relations/>

“Chicago Tonight” WTTW, Chicago PBS, (September 26, 2022).

CBS Chicago, Prisoner Exchange between the United States and the Taliban in Afghanistan (September 19, 2022).

“Chicago Tonight” WTTW Chicago PBS, Area College Providing Scholarships to Afghan Refugees: ‘It was Kind of My Dream’, (February 21, 2022)

Roqe Media Podcast with Jian Ghomeshi, The Contemporary History of Iran- Part 4: “How the Iran-Iraq war benefitted Khomeini?” (October 28, 2021).

BeFM Morning Wave NPR Busan, South Korea, Afghanistan Crisis (August 24, 2021).

Asia Times, “Iran’s hijab war as politics by other means,” (August 21, 2021).

WGN News Chicago, Afghanistan Under the Taliban (August 20, 2021).

The Center for War and Diplomacy at Lancaster University (Book Podcast) (August 2021).

TEDx Talk at Northeastern Illinois University, “Considering how we write the history of women in wars.” (April 2021).

BBC Persian, the Iranian Constitutional Revolution on the Shirazeh program, (March 22, 2021).

BBC Persian exclusive on *Iranian Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War* (September 22, 2020).

NEIUideas Book Podcast (September 2020).

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

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

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

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

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

NPR Chicago affiliate WBEZ on Worldview with Gerome McDonnell/Alexandra 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 Mohammad 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

Iranian Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War

University of Chicago	November 2023
Lincolnwood Public Library	June 2022
Iran 1400 Project	May 2022
Duke University	September 2021
University of South New South Wales	June 2021
University of California, Irvine	May 2021
Rotary Club of Chicago-O'Hare	April 2021
Boston College	March 2021
Persia Educational Foundation	March 2021
Northeastern Illinois University	February 2021

The Iranian Constitutional Revolution and the Clerical Leadership of Khurasani

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	February 2017
Iranian Cultural Society of Atlanta	February 2017
University of Tehran	May 2017
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
Harvard University	November 2015
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

INVITED LECTURES

“The Iran-Iraq War Historical Context,” organized by Department of State, September 2022, May 2023.

“Constitutionalism in Iranian Perception,” invited by the Emamian Lecture Series at Duke University, April 2023.

“Dying for Inclusivity: Iranian Women since 1979,” invited by the departments of history and Women and Gender Studies at University of Delaware, April 2023.

“The Role of Female Commanders in the Iran-Iraq War,” organized by The Thousands of Historical Narratives, September 2022. CANCELLED due to the interruption in internet service because of the unrests in the country.

“Afghanistan, Then & Now: A Community Conversation,” Lincolnwood Public Library, September 12, 2021.

“Challenges of Researching Iranian Women and Gender,” a webinar organized by Narratives of Wednesday Afternoons, London, December 2020.

“Writing the News of the Middle East,” News Writing Course, Department of Communication, Media, and Theatre, January 2020.

“Iran, Islam, and Contemporary Middle Eastern Politics,” Professional Development Seminar, College of Arts and Sciences or New Trier High School, October 2019.

“New American: Syrian Refugees,” Heartland Alliance, Chicago, November 2018.

“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 Pedrosa 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 Pedrosa 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

Association for Middle East Women’s Studies since 2017

Association for Iranian Studies since 2006

American Historical Association since 2004

Association for Iranian-American Writers since 2004

Middle East Studies Association since 2004

Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) since 2002

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member of the Search and Screen Committee for Associate Dean of the Libraries at Northeastern Illinois University, 2023-2024.

Member of the Board of Education, Niles Township High Schools, District 219, Illinois, appointed August 2021-2023.

Chair of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity Committee, Niles Township High Schools, District 219, Illinois, 2022-2023.

Member of the John Cahill Community Service Scholarship Selection Committee at Lincolnwood, Illinois School District 74, 2021-2023.

Organizer and panel presenter, “Flight 752 Ukrainian Airliner Crash Victim Vigil,” Northeastern Illinois University, January 2020.

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

Organizer and moderator, “Social Activism and the Social Elite,” Lilly Fallah Lawrence, Northeastern Illinois University, October 2019.

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

Organizer of the film debut “A Dying King,” as a sponsored program of The Mossadegh Initiative, February 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Library Committee Member, Northeastern Illinois University, Department of History, 2012 – 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

Organizer and participant, [If You Like the War in Iraq, You Will Love Iran!](#) a symposium, University of California, Santa Barbara May 2007.

Organizer and participant, [Iran, the Next War?](#) a symposium, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2006.

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

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

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

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

Founder 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.