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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA *Sep 2016 – Present*

Doctor of Philosophy in Global and International Studies GPA: 3.94/4.0 Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA *Sep 2014 – May 2016*

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing GPA: 3.82/4.0 University of Tehran, Iran *Sep 2009 – May 2013*

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature GPA: 3.94/4.0

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Diasporic Identity Middle Eastern Diaspora Migration Patterns in Securitized Communities

Social Imaginary of Diasporic Communities World Literature Feminist and Gender Studies

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA

Global History, Culture, and Ideology, TA *Apr 2019 – Jun 2019* **Global Environmental Politics**, TA

Jan 2019 – Mar 2019 **Global Socioeconomic and Political Processes**, TA *Sep 2018 – Dec 2018*

Persian as a Second Language, Teaching Associate *Sep 2017 – Jun 2018* **Global Socioeconomic and**

Political Processes, TA *Apr 2017 – Jun 2017* **Global Ideologies and World Order**, TA *Jan 2017 – Mar*

2017 **Ethnographies of Globalization**, TA *Sep 2016 – Dec 2016* Chatham University Pittsburgh, PA

Women and Gender Studies, TA *Jan 2016 – May 2016* **America on Film: Representation of Race,**

Class, Gender, and Sexuality, TA *Sep 2015 – Dec 2015* **African American Writers**, TA *Jan 2015 – May*

2015 **Introduction to Creative Writing**, TA *Sep 2014 – Dec 2014*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Conference on Iranian Diaspora Studies San Francisco, CA

Presenter: More than Meets the Eye: Multiple Points of View in Iranian Diasporic Literature *Mar*

2019 Presented paper on the significant increase in using multiple points of view in literature, arguing that

this increase signifies an attempt to evade xenophobia and present heterogeneity of this diasporic

community. **2018 Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting** San Antonio, TX

Presenter: Girls of Enghelab (Revolution) Street: Performing Dissidence *Nov 2018* Presented paper

on the performative aspect of the December 2017 compulsory veiling law protesters known as "Girls of

Enghelab Street." **The Twelfth Biennial Association for Iranian Studies Conference**, UC Irvine

Irvine, CA

Presenter: Literature of "Limbo": the Significant Shift in the Post-9/11 Iranian Diasporic Literature

Aug 2018 Presented paper arguing that there has been a significant shift in the post-9/11 literature of the

Iranian diaspora, where instead of the Iranian experience, the immigration experience has become

centralized. **First International Biennial Conference and Graduate Workshop on The Persianate**

World and Central Eurasia, Oklahoma State University Stillwater, OK

Presenter: Belonging in a World of Divisions: Prison Narratives in Iranian Diasporic Literature *Feb*

2018 Presented paper arguing that prison narratives are used as an instrument for the perpetuation of

stereotypes of Iran and Iranians and has been used by authors to make a strong case for their belonging

in the host-country. [Queer Hemispheres: America Cuir Conference](#), UCSB Santa Barbara, CA

Presenter: Queering the Nation: Diaspora and Its Destabilizing Potential *Feb 2018* Presented paper on how diaspora as a concept queers the nation and destabilizes what the nation-state projects by using examples of the Iranian Diaspora.

[Iranian Studies Initiative Conference: The Changing Nature of Family and Marriage in Contemporary Iran](#), UCSB Santa Barbara, CA

Presenter: Sexual Education in Modern-Day Iran *Nov 2017* Presented paper on the history of sexual education in Iran focusing on the 2013 changes and scholars' demands to include sexual education in elementary curricula. [Global Studies Association, North America Conference](#), UC Berkeley Berkeley, CA

Panel Chair: Identity in the Age of Globalization *Jun 2017* **Presenter: The Iranian Diaspora and Transnational Identities**

Presented paper on transnational nature of diasporas which provide an alternative to nationalism using the case study of the Iranian diaspora.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[Global Spheres Journal](#), UCSB Santa Barbara, CA

Associate Editor *Apr 2018 – Present*

Review, edit, and select submitted articles from a variety of fields and focuses. [Society for Global Scholars](#), UCSB Santa Barbara, CA

President *Apr 2017 – Jun 2018*

Co-organized a student-led international conference on Alter-Globalizations. [Words Without Walls](#), Allegheny County Jail Pittsburgh, PA

Instructor of Creative Writing *Jan 2016 – May 2016*

Co-taught a themed, nine-week creative writing workshop for inmates. [Vira I. Heinz Scholarship for Women in Global Leadership](#), Chatham University Pittsburgh, PA

Panel Member *Nov 2015*

Guest speaker representing Iran in the cultural event discussing gender issues in international cultures. [Word Circus Public Reading Event](#), Chatham University Pittsburgh, PA

Featured Reader *Jan 2014*

Read the opening chapter of thesis. [Raah-e Roshd High School](#) Tehran, Iran

Instructor of English *Sep 2013 – May 2014*

Taught English to teenagers on a daily basis. [Safir Language Academy](#) Tehran, Iran

Instructor of English *Apr 2010 – Feb 2012*

Instructed English classes from Pre-Intermediate to Advanced levels to adults.

CERTIFICATIONS

[2017 STARTALK/National Heritage Language Resource Center Teacher Workshop](#), UCLA Jun 2017 Certificate in College and University Teaching, UCSB Apr 2017 – Present Concentration in the Teaching of Writing, Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA May 2016 [University of Iowa Summer Writing Festival](#), Iowa City, Iowa Apr

2015 Diplome d'etudes en Langue Francaise (DELF) - A2, Tehran, Iran Dec 2013 **HONORS**

Recipient of Full Tuition Scholarship, New York State Summer Writers Institute at Skidmore College, NY *Jul 2015*

Recipient of a two-year Teaching Assistant Scholarship, Chatham University *Sep 2014 – May 2016* Ranked top 10 student among a class of 60, Class of 2013, University of Tehran *May 2013* **QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS**

Language

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Farsi: native language **English:** speak fluently and read/write proficiently

TOEFL iBT: Reading: 29, Listening: 30, Speaking: 29, Writing: 30, **Total Score: 118** ^{31 Oct, 2015} **French:** speak, read, and write with intermediate competence (B1 level CEFR)

DELF certificate A2 ^{14 Dec, 2010} **German:** speak, read, and write with elementary competence (A2 level CEFR) **Azeri:** speak, read, and write with intermediate competence **Arabic:** speak, read, and write with intermediate competence **Computer Skills**

Microsoft Windows, OS X, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop,

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