

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD in History, Spring 2018
University of Texas at Austin

BA in History, 2011
University of California, Davis

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Book manuscript “Bordering on War: A Transnational Social and Political History of Khuzistan,” scheduled to be published in fall/ winter 2024 with the University of Texas Press.
 - Forthcoming in print, “Migration in Iran: The Iran-Iraq War (1980-88) and the Intifada (1991),” *Middle Eastern Studies*.
 - “Uncertain Cures: The Medical Marketplace in Pahlavi Iran,” *Iranian Studies* 56, no. 2 (March 2023).
 - “Smugglers, Migrants and Refugees: The Iran-Iraq Border, 1925-1975,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 52, no. 4 (December 2020).
 - “Local Ambivalence in the Arabistan-Basra Frontier, 1881-1925,” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 48, no. 3 (August 2019).
 - “‘In My Eyes He Was a Man’: Working-Class Boy Soldiers in the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq War in Historical Context.” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 14, no. 2 (July 2018). Winner of 2018 *JMEWS* Graduate Student Paper Prize in November 2018.
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COURSES TAUGHT

The University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, 2018 — present

- “History of Medicine and Health Care,” Department of History (Fall 2023)
- “The History of Modern Iran and Iraq,” Department of History (Spring 2023)

- Survey courses: “The Middle East and North Africa in Global Perspective,” taught both in the Academic Development Progress (Fall 2022) and Aquinas Honors Program (Spring 2023) & “Modern World History Since 1550,” Department of History
- “Ottoman History,” Department of History (Spring 2022)
- Methodologies — “Empires and Nations: Studying the Middle East,” Department of History (Fall 2019, Fall 2021)
- Capstone — “Sectarianism in the Islamic World,” Department of History (Spring 2020)
- “Islam and Modernity,” Selim Center (Spring 2020)
- “Non-State Actors in the Modern Middle East,” Department of History (Fall 2018, Fall 2020)
- “The Shi‘i/ Sunni Split,” Department of History (Spring 2019)

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, 2014 – 2018

- “Medieval Middle East History,” Department of Middle Eastern Studies (Summer 2016, 2018)
- “Modern Middle East History,” Department of Middle Eastern Studies (Spring 2018)
- “History of Modern Iran,” Department of Middle Eastern Studies (Summer 2015)
- “Persian Language,” Department of Middle Eastern Studies (Summer 2014)

Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX, 2015

- “Islamic Civilization Survey Course,” Department of History (Spring 2015)
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AWARDS

- Faculty Success Program, Summer 2022
 - University of St. Thomas Research Grant, Fall 2020
 - Graduate Student Prize from Association of Middle East Women’s Studies, Fall 2018
 - University of California, Santa Barbara, Conference Grant, Spring 2016
 - University of Texas Professional Development Grant, Spring 2016
 - University of Texas at Austin Research Grant, Spring 2016
 - University of Texas at Austin Research Fellowship, 2015-2016
 - University of Texas at Austin Professional Development Grant, Fall 2013
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SERVICES

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, 2018 — Present

- Muslim Student Task Force, Fall 2023
- Faculty Evaluation Task Force, Spring 2023 — present
- Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Advisory Committee, Fall 2022 — present
- Undergraduate Research Board, Fall 2022 — present; URB subcommittee, Fall 2022

- Faculty Advisor for Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Spring 2019 — present
- Organization of Faculty Colloquia, 2021 — present
- Luann Dummer Center for Women Advisory Board, Spring 2021-2023
- Served on Third Year Review Panel, May 2022
- Diversity Advocate for US History faculty position, 2021-2022
- Search Committee for three faculty positions, Spring 2019, Fall-Spring 2022
- Information and Research Literacy Assessment, 2020-21
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee member, Fall 2019 — Spring 2020

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, 2013 – Present

- UT OnRamps Grader, 2018-2020
- Admissions Reader, Undergraduate Honors Program, 2014 – 2018
- Assistant Instructor, Digital Writing and Research Lab, 2016 – 2017
- Co-Coordinator, History of the Middle East Lecture Series, 2013 – 2015
- Co-Head, Graduate Student Committee, Department of History, 2014 – 2015
- Co-Coordinator, Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality, 2013 – 2014

CONFERENCES

- December 2022: “Families and Physicians: Rebutting the Experts,” at *Middle East Studies Association* in Denver, CO.
- August 2022: “Working-Class Children in Pahlavi Iran,” at the *Association for Iranian Studies* in Salamanca, Spain.
- December 2020: “Forty Years after the Outbreak of the Iran-Iraq War,” symposium organized by Tel Aviv University’s Alliance Center for Iranian Studies. Virtual Conference due to COVID.
- February 2020: “Migration in the Iran-Iraq Frontier, 1925-1975,” Oklahoma University, Farzaneh Family Center for Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies. Norman, OK.
- November 2019: “Allopathy for the Masses: Practicing Modern Medicine in Pahlavi Iran,” *Middle Eastern Studies Association* conference. New Orleans, LA.
- November 2018: Received Graduate Student Paper Prize at the Association of Middle East Women’s Studies reception in the *Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference*. San Antonio, TX.
- February 2018: “Settling, Smuggling, and Schooling in the Arabistan-Basra Frontier, 1925-1958,” *Institute for Historical Studies, A New Work in Progress Workshop*.

- August 2016: Panel Organizer & Participant. “The ‘Persians’ of Iraq: Diaspora in the Iran-Iraq War,” *International Society for Iranian Studies Conference*. Vienna, Austria.
 - May 2016: “The Lost Persians: A Migration Crisis in Iraq,” *Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference*. The University of California, Santa Barbara.
 - October 2015: “Killing Childhood: Islam and the Iran-Iraq War,” *Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality*. The University of Texas at Austin.
 - November 2014: “The Iran-Iraq War and Subaltern Subjectivities,” *Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference*. Washington DC.
 - August 2014: “Iran’s Youth and the Holy Defense,” *International Society for Iranian Studies Conference*. Montreal, Canada.
 - January 2014: “Rewriting Women into the Iran-Iraq War Narrative,” *Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality*. The University of Texas at Austin.
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PUBLIC HISTORY AND ENGAGEMENT

- Radio interview with WCCO, October 2022.
 - Invited Speaker for Iran Culture week, “Celebrating Iranian Holidays,” at Landmark Center in September 2021.
 - Television interview with KSTP, August 2021.
 - Invited Speaker for Iran Culture week conducted via Zoom (due to COVID), “A History of Iranian Cinema,” September 2020.
 - Aquinas Scholar Lecture, “US-Iran Relations: Puppet Kings, Revolutions, and Rapprochement,” February 2020.
 - Television interview with KARE 11, January, 2020.
 - Radio interviews with WCCO News Talk 830, January, 2020.
 - Invited speaker for the “Power of Place” Salon, organized by the Selim Center in the University of St. Thomas, November, 2019.
 - Invited speaker for the Jay Philips Center in the University of St. Thomas, “The Shi’i/ Sunni Divide in History and Islamic Politics Today,” October, 2019.
 - Invited speaker for Iran Culture Week in Minneapolis, Minnesota, “Intertwined Histories: Migration, Politics and Culture in Iran and Iraq,” August, 2019.
 - Introduced Iranian film “Cold Sweat” at Minneapolis/ St. Paul Film Festival, April, 2019.
 - “The Basiji Must Die: Trauma in the Films of Ebrahim Hatamikiya.” *Film International* 16, no. 1 (2018).
- Not Even Past, UT Austin’s Public History Project: “Remembering the Iran-Iraq War” <http://notevenpast.org/remembering-the-iran-iraq-war/>

- Fifteen Minute History Podcast, UT Austin's Public History Project: Episode 57, The Success to Muhammad & Episode 58, Islam's First Civil War <http://15minutehistory.org/tag/shahzadahmadi/>