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Education:

- PhD Student- Cultural Studies (With a Specialization in Critical Gender Studies)
University of California, San Diego, United States
(September 2022 – Present)
- MLitt - Middle Eastern Literary and Cultural Studies
University of St Andrews, Scotland
(September 2015 – June 2017)
- BA - Persian Language and Literature
University of Tehran, Iran
(September 2008 – June 2013)

Conference Papers and Presentations:

- “Senses Under Control: Power, Resistance, and the Dynamics of Bodily Senses in Contemporary Iran,” 14th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), (August 2024)
- “The Uprising of the Thirsty: Water Protests in Iran,” Writing Environment: Earth, Water, Fire, and Air symposium, Literature Department, University of California San Diego (June 2023)
- “Beyond the Veil: A Closer Look at Women’s Activism in Iran,” Global Forum Iran Panel on Protests in Iran, University of California San Diego (May 2023)
- “The Social Life of Colorful Clothes and Women’s Everyday Life in Post-Revolutionary Iran,” 12th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of California Irvine, (August 2018)
- “Identity Problems in Shazdeh Ehtejab, a novel by Houshang Golshiri,” Conference of Culture and Cultural Production in Iran: Past and Present, University of St. Andrews, (June 2016)

Publications:

- “Unmasking Dissent: A Carnavalesque Exploration of Iranian Street Protests in Women Life Freedom Movement” in *Everyday Revolution: Socially Engaged Art in Contemporary Iran*, edited by Grant Kester and Saba Zavarei. ([Book Chapter](#), Forthcoming)
- “images of corporeal fragmentation, dismembering, or dis-membrane-ing” in *Alchemy: A Journal of Translation*. ([Video Essay](#), Published in January 2024)
- “Hidden Transcript of Subordinates and the Art of Resistance in Our Times”, in *ReFocus: The Works of Rakhshan Banietemad*, edited by Maryam Ghorbankarimi, Edinburgh University Press. ([Book Chapter](#), Published in April 2021)

Grants and Fellowships:

- Diversity Fellowship, Literature Department at UCSD (2023-24 Academic Year)
- International Institute Graduate Student Research and Travel Grants, UCSD (2023-24 Academic Year)
- Department Fellowship, Literature Department at UCSD (2022-23 Academic year)

Editorship Experiences:

- Editorial Board Member, *Alchemy: A Journal of Translation*, Literature Department, University of California San Diego (September 2022- Present)

Teaching Experiences:

- Teaching Assistant: Dimensions of Culture Program, Thurgood Marshall College, University of California San Diego
DOC 1: Diversity (Fall 2024)
DOC 2: Arguing Justice (Winter 2025)
DOC 3: Imagination + Action (Spring 2025)

- Teaching Assistant: LTEN 181, Asian American Literature: Transoceanic Corridors of Film, UC San Diego (Spring 2024)
- Teaching Assistant: LTCS/CGS 119: Asian American Film & Media, UC San Diego (Winter 2024)
- Teaching Assistant: LTEN 181, Asian American Literature: Dark Academia, UC San Diego (Fall 2023)

Other Employment Experiences:

- Graduate Student Researcher (GSR), Department of Literature at UCSD (July 2024 – September 2024)
- Research Assistant in *Golistan* Project: Preserving and Archiving Performing Arts and Literature of Iran. Supervised by Jane Lewisohn. (January 2020 – July 2022)
- Freelance linguist (August 2017 – Present)