

Delbar Khakzad
Curriculum Vitae (short)

Bryn Mawr College
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2026-2027 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Middle Eastern, Central Asian, and North African Studies, Bryn Mawr College
- 2025-2026 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Society of Fellows (Wolf Humanities Center), University of Pennsylvania
- 2024-2025 Visiting Scholar, Department of Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies, New York University
- 2022-2023 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University
- 2022-2023 Lecturer, Department of History, University of British Columbia

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, 2022
Dissertation: *Iranian Calendric Modernity*
- M.A. Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2025 “The Time of Nationalism in 19th-Century Iran: Cyclical Time (*Dawr*), Solar Islam, and the Formation of the Solar-Hijri (*Hijrī-Shamsī*) Calendar.” *CSSAAME: Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, 45/2.

Book Reviews

- 2020 Review of Alireza Doostdar. *The Iranian Metaphysicals: Explorations in Science, Islam, and the Uncanny*. *Religious Studies Review*, 46/2: 242-246.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2025-2026	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Wolf Humanities Center, University of Pennsylvania
2025-2026	Research Grant, The Yarshater Fund, Persian Heritage Foundation, for Digitizing and Analyzing Arthur Chester Millspaugh's archives
2022-2023	SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University
2022	The International Association for Iranian Studies (AIS) Dissertation Award, Honourable Mention
2020-2021	Graduate Research Fellowship, Department of History, University of Toronto
2019-2020	Doctoral Completion Award, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto
2017-2018	Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Canada
2016-2017	SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada
2015	The International Institute of Islamic Thought Doctoral Summer Research Grant
2014-2017	SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada
2012-2013	SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master's Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bryn Mawr College, Sole Instructor

History of Modern Iran: From a Persianate World to a Revolutionary Nation (fall 2026)

University of Pennsylvania, Sole Instructor

Science and Religion: Global Perspectives (winter 2026)

University of British Columbia, Sole Instructor

Islamic World History (winter 2023)

Islamic World History – Writing Intensive (winter 2022)

University of Toronto, Sole Instructor

Religion and Science (summer 2020)

SELECTED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

- 2026 “Solar Islam: A New Concept for Rethinking the Historiography of Qajar Iran.” The Middle East Centre, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, Nov. 24.
- 2025 “Traditional Forms and Modern Contents: The Hijri-Shamsi Calendar and Critical Engagement with Archival Sources.” Elahe Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute & Invisible East Program: Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford (Online), May 15.
- 2024 “Indo-Persian Print Culture, Decolonial Knowledge, and Calendric Reforms in 19th-Century Iran.” The History of Science Society (HSS) Conference, Merida, Mexico, November 7-10.
- 2024 “Anti-Islamic, Anti-Arab, or Pro-Persian? Revisiting the Historiography of Nationalism in 19th-Century Iran.” 14th International Association of Iranian Studies (AIS) Biennial Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, August 12-15.
- 2021 “Time and the Study of Islam.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Antonio, TX, November 20-23.
- 2019 “Time and Anthropology of Islam,” Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association (MESA), New Orleans, LA, November 14-17. (Chair and Organizer)
- 2019 “A New Time, a Modern Calendar: The Formation of the Hijri-Shamsi Calendar Alongside the Islamic Hijri Calendar in 19th Century Iran.” Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association (MESA), New Orleans, LA, November 14-17.

PUBLIC TALKS

- 2025 Interview with the BBC on the Topic of Iranian Calendars, Broadcast by BBC Persian, London, England, January 17.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To University

Planning Committee Member, Wolf Humanities Symposium on “Truth,” Wolf Humanities Center, University of Pennsylvania, 2025-2026

Leading Member of Rethinking Iranian Studies Group, Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto, 2018-2019

Treasurer of Graduate Students Association, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2017-2018

LANGUAGES

Persian, English, Arabic, French, German

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

History of Science Society

American Academy of Religion

International Society for Iranian Studies

Middle East Studies Association

American Historical Association