

APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Assistant Professor
Government
Smith College

July 2025-

Visiting Assistant Professor
Political Science
University of Arkansas

August 2024-May 2025

Postdoctoral Research Associate
Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani
Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies
Princeton University

September 2021-August 2024

ACLS Emerging Voices Fellow
Religion, Race, & Democracy Lab
University of Virginia

September 2020-August 2021

Visiting Scholar
Department of Political Science
San Francisco State University

October 2019-August 2020

EDUCATION

PhD UCLA, Political Science
Dissertation: "Propaganda after Prophecy: The Politics of Truth in Contemporary Iran, 1941-2009"
Committee: Anthony Pagden (chair), Davide Panagia, Giulia Sissa, James Gelvin, Ali Behdad

September 2019

BA UCSC, Politics
Highest Honors in the Major

June 2010

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

"The Principle of Ruin: *The Blind Owl* and the Futures of Critical Theory," *Public Culture* (forthcoming).

“A Mirror for the Crowds: The Mediated Terrain of Political Leadership in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” *Contemporary Political Theory*, July 2023.

“Students of Revolution: An Essay on Ali Shariati’s Counter-Pedagogy.” *Philosophy and Global Affairs*, September 2022.

“Things Unheard: Popular Silence and the Popular Voice in Revolutionary Iran.” *Theory & Event* 24:2, April 2021, 483-510.

Book Chapters

“Hostage to Crisis: Orientalism and Racial Angst in the Era of Live Television,” *Prehistories of the War on Terror* ed. Yumi Lee and Karen Miller (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2024), pp. 167-182.

“The Dialectical Utopianism of Ali Shariati,” *Globalizing Political Theory* ed. Katherine Gordy, Shirin Deylami, Smita Rahman (New York: Routledge, 2023), pp. 80-87.

Introductions for and translations of “The night was Ashura of 1349” and “The Desert,” *L’Esprit and Liberation: An Ali Shariati Reader* ed. Arash Davari, Siavash Saffari, Maryam Rabiee (forthcoming).

Book Reviews and Review Essays

Review Essay: “Fearing the Night: Debating the Legacy of Ahmad Fardid.” Review of Ali Mirsepassi, *Transnationalism in Iranian Political Thought: The Life and Times of Ahmad Fardid*. *Comparative Islamic Studies* 13, no. 1-2 (2017), 170-178.

Review of Reza Zia-Ebrahimi, *The Emergence of Iranian Nationalism: Race and the Politics of Dislocation* (New York City: Columbia University Press, 2018), *ReOrient: A Journal of Critical Muslim Studies* 6, no. 2 (Spring 2021), 253-268.

Edited Books

The Routledge Handbook on the Lived Experience of Ideology ed. with James Martel, Connor Parsley, Basak Ertur.

Book Manuscript

The End of Prophecy: Revolutionary Iran and the Myth of Politics (in progress).

COURSES DESIGNED & TAUGHT

Utopianism in Modern Political Thought (Smith)	Fall 2025
Introduction to Political Thinking (Smith)	Fall 2025
African American Political Thought (UARK)	Spring 2025
Politics of the Middle East (UARK)	Spring 2025

Introduction to Comparative Politics (UARK)	Fall 2024
History of Modern Iran (UARK)	Fall 2024
Religion, Race, and Freedom in the Global South (UVA)	Spring 2021
Propaganda and Post-Truth Politics (UVA)	J-Term 2021
Modern Political Thought: Ethics and Justice (LMU)	Fall 2018
A Secular Age?: The Origins of Secularism and its Afterlives (UCLA)	Spring 2018

COURSES TA'D - UCLA

Continental Political Thought
 Introduction to Political Theory
 International Law
 Citizenship and Public Service
 World Politics
 Introduction to American Politics
 The Presidency

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers

“The Principle of Ruin: *The Blind Owl* and the Futures of Critical Theory,” Critical Theory Roundtable, 2025.

“The Mythos of the Earth: Suspended Realism and Visions of a Third World,” WPSA, 2025.

“The Mythos of the Earth: Suspended Realism and Visions of a Third World,” The Southern Symposium for Political Thought, 2025.

“The Conspiracy of Revolution: Popular Silence and the Popular Voice,” APSA, 2024

“A Mirror for the Crowds: The Mediated Terrain of Political Leadership in Post-Revolutionary Iran,” APSA, 2023.

“The Dialectical Utopianism of Ali Shariati,” WPSA, 2023

“This is the Voice of Iran: Insurgent Sounds, Subversive Silences and the Popular Voice,” WPSA 2022.

“The End of Prophecy: Print Culture, Propaganda, and the Visionary Dream,” APSA, 2021.

“Revelations of the Impossible: The Ends of the State in Post-Revolutionary Iran,” APSA, 2019.

“Centers of Attention: Individuality, Immediacy, and Networked Intimacy in Post-Reformist Iran,” WPSA, 2019.

“Nostalgia and Progress in the Islamic Revival,” APSA, 2017.

“The Unbounded Community of Sadeq Hedayat,” WPSA, 2015.

“Ali Shariati and the Unity of Being,” WPSA, 2014.

“The Virtuous Struggle: Power and Freedom for Michel Foucault,” WPSA, 2013.

Discussant

WPSA

- 2025 Panel 17.3 Alternative Sovereignities
- 2023 Panel 18.3 Landscapes of Racial and Economic Modernization
- 2022 Panel 15.29 Political Thinking from South-West Asia and North Africa

Princeton

- 2023 Incapacitations Workshop: Adam Redfield, “Kant’s Racist Anthropology in Context: Ethnographic Archives of the German Enlightenment”
- 2021 Saul Bakhsh, *The Fall of Reza Shah: The Abdication, Exile, and Death of Iran’s Modern Founder*

Political Theory Workshop, UCLA

- 2018 John Branstetter, “Translational Thinking and the Politics of Comparison”
- 2017 Farah Godrej, “Prison Yoga and Meditation: South Asian Text and Practice in the U.S. Carceral System”
- 2015 Jennifer London, “Early Arabic Epistolography and Authoritarian Theory”

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

“Organs without Parties: The Crowd and the Leader in the Iranian Revolution,” Rowan University, theorizing at Rowan, April 13, 2022.

“This is the Voice of Iran: Insurgent Sounds, Subversive Silences, and the Popular Voice,” Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies, Princeton University, April 6, 2022.

“Propaganda and Post-Truth Politics,” Keynote Lecture at Lewis & Clarke College, Environment Across Boundaries Symposium, October 19, 2021.

“Revelations of the Impossible: The Crowd, the State, and Charismatic Authority in Postrevolutionary Iran,” University of Virginia, Political Theory Colloquium, October 23, 2020.

“Provinciality as a Dream,” Princeton University, Deprovincializing Iran Workshop, April 4, 2020 (canceled).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Elahe Omidyar Mir-Djalali Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies

2017-2019

Graduate Student Research Mentorship
Graduate Student Research Mentorship

June 2012
June 2011

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Archival Research, Tehran, Iran
Archival Research, Tehran, Iran

July-September 2015
July-September 2014

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Political Ethics of Sanctions: Lessons from Iran and Iraq. Co-host with Negar Razavi of a webcast with Professors Arzoo Asenloo and Yousef Baker. *Jadaliyya*. April 7, 2022.

Is Abolition Global? Iran, Iranians, and Prison Politics. Roundtable with Naveed Mansoori, Golnar Nikpour, and Omid Tofighian. *Jadaliyya*, September 8, 2020,
<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/41668/Is-Abolition-Global-Iran,-Iranians,-and-Prison-Politics>.

A Forty Year Moment: The 2019 Uprisings in Iran and the Wake of the 1979 Revolution. *Society & Space*, January 3, 2020,
<http://societyandspace.org/2020/01/03/a-forty-year-moment-the-2019-uprisings-in-iran-and-the-wake-of-the-1979-revolution/?fbclid=IwAR19p7AgGi0p2HxrLU7hX8VAGCdULbvXzKJ8ZDeil5J34Kk6ljTz4nYXwds>.

Covering Race and Rebellion. *Jadaliyya*, September 4, 2019,
https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/39945?fbclid=IwAR23VknhZTENeS-LjZB1rkaAf3ZrP07FwC_uSWIU2eh2f8mUuuUmk8hXofU.

Accelerating Beyond “Iran”? An Interview with Mohammad Salemy on Telecomputation, Digital Production, and Diaspora. *Ajam Media Collective*, March 9, 2014,
<https://ajammc.com/2014/03/09/accelerating-beyond-iran/>.

Roger Schoenman and Naveed Mansoori, “Iran’s internet-savvy youth sidestep the regime,” *The Guardian*, June 16, 2009,
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2009/jun/16/iran-election-protests-internet-mousavi>.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-editor, *Jadaliyya*, Iran Page

External Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *Journal of Politics*;
Politics & Gender; *Left History*; *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*; *American Ethnologist*

LANGUAGES

Persian: Advanced Listening, Advanced Speaking, Advanced Reading and Writing

REFERENCES

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