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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Professor of philosophy and religion and research professional with 20+ years of experience in teaching, mentoring, authoring, reviewing, and editing international academic publications. Community-oriented team player dedicated to supporting students and strengthening the academic community.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professorial Lecturer **08/2022 – Present**

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

- Revise course curricula and teach Principles of Shi'i Jurisprudence to graduates
- Revise course curricula and teach Philosophy and Mysticism in the Shi'i World to graduates
- Revise course curricula and teach Shi'i Political Thought to graduates
- Revise course curricula and teach Shi'i Thought to graduates
- Revise course curricula and teach Shi'ite Islam to undergraduates

Adjunct Professor **08/2021 – Present**

Marymount University, Arlington, VA

- Design course curricula and teach Business Ethics to undergraduates
- Design course curricula and teach Bioethics to undergraduates
- Design course curricula and teach Exploring Philosophy Through Ancient Wisdom to undergraduates
- Design course curricula and teach Introduction to Philosophy to undergraduates

Adjunct Professor **08/2019 – Present**

Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD

- Revise course curricula and teach Introduction to Philosophy
- Revise course curricula and teach Ethics Policy
- Revise course curricula and teach Moral Philosophy
- Revise course curricula and teach Introduction to Critical Thinking
- Added introduction to research skills in both courses - teach students how to use their campus library to seek out sources beyond Google and their assigned textbooks
- Designed and monitored Independent Study
- Consult for Faculty Senate

Adjunct Professor **01/2019 – Present**

Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun, VA

- Taught Introduction to Islam
- Devised Transfer VA Religion Plan

- Designed and implemented an introduction to research skills for undergraduates

Adjunct Professor

Summer 2018

Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore, MD

- Revised course curricula and taught Bioethics

Persian Instructor

11/2018 - Present

NaTakallam

- Taught Persian and Dari languages (multiple levels) and participated in cultural exchange through NaTaKallam, a nonprofit with the mission of employing highly skilled refugees in language teaching and translation
- Worked with the Persian Language and Literature Department at the University of Chicago to teach Persian languages to graduate level students

Research Fellow and Lecturer

09/2017 – 08/2018

Boston University, Boston MS

- Gave several talks on Comparative Philosophy, Sufism, Gender Studies, and Persian Literature
- Conducted research on the History of Philosophical Ideas in Afghanistan

Visiting Scholar

July/August 2017

Princeton University, Princeton NJ

- Exchanged ideas with University Center for Human Values, Religious Life Dep. and Near Eastern Study Department.
- Conducted research on the History of Philosophical Ideas in Afghanistan

Visiting Research Professor

04/2013 – 07/2017

Catholic University of America, Washington DC

- Led 4 five-week seminars on inter-religious study for 15 scholars from around the world
- Delivered two series of lectures on Islamic culture and politics for 10 audiences from undergrads to colleagues to senior professors
- Edited a 700-page book titled *The Secular and the Sacred: Complementary or/and Conflictual?*
- Published four scholarly articles, one in the peer-reviewed journals

Visiting Scholar

06/2013 - 06/2016

George Washington University, Washington, DC

- Produced three articles on women in Islamic thought and Sufism
- Translated ten chapters of the book *Life after Death* from Persian into English

Dean and Professor

08/2011 - 08/2012

Gharjistan University, Farah and Kabul, Afghanistan

- Directed the first university in the Farah province, developed two faculties, four departments, a central library, and the research office
- Taught undergraduate courses, including General Philosophy and Methods of Research to 150 students, improved standardized test results
- Co-founded the university in Kabul with four faculties of social sciences, law and politics, economic, and computer science to provide educational facilities to low-income students

Academic Advisor and Instructor

2010-2011

Afghanistan Academy of Sciences, Kabul, Afghanistan

The Only government institution for research in the country

- Performed research titled “Development in Afghanistan Using Domestic Philosophy”
- Taught “The History of Islamic Philosophy” for 7 senior researchers in the Philosophy Department
- Managed two conferences on social sciences and social crisis in Afghanistan, approving proposals of monographs of two staff, and relating the department to other departments
- Presented papers at two conferences

Instructor and Department Member

2007-2010

Al-Mustafa International University, Mashhad, Iran

The largest international institution for Shia-Islam

- Taught undergraduate and graduate courses on History of Islamic Philosophy and Comparative Study
- Taught seminarians courses on Islamic Jurisprudence and Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence
- Developed Theology and Philosophy curriculum for all Muslim seminarians
- Interviewed and evaluated 10-15 religious leaders
- Administrated academic 20-25 seminars and meetings
- Supervised and advised 10 master’s theses
- Reviewed and evaluated 3-4 topical articles per month and made the decision to either pass articles to publication in research journal or send them back to authors for further revisions

Instructor and Visiting Professor

2009-2010

Payam-e Noor University, Mashhad, Iran

- Taught undergraduate courses of History of the Western Philosophy, Islamic Peripatetic Philosophy, Transcendental Wisdom, and Formal Logics

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Religious Advisor

06/ 2016-Present

American Councils for International Education, Washington DC

International non-profit organization, 1 of top 50 non-profits in the country

- Advised students with religious issues
- Delivered two lectures on Islam vs. culture for 150 audiences
- Talked in a round table on inter-faith dialogue for 25 students around the world through Skype
- Consulted the Councils

Advisor (Afghanistan Affairs)

09/2011 - Present

Center for the Study of Islam and the Middle East, Washington, DC 3

- Gave advice on Afghanistan Affairs;
- Represented CSIME in seminars, conferences and meetings

EDUCATION

Doctorate (PhD) in Philosophy, 2009

Allameh Tabatabaai University, Tehran, Iran

The largest specialized university in humanities in Middle East

M.A. Philosophy, 2005

Imam Khomeini International University, Qazvin, Iran

Only international University in Iran

Graduated in Islamic Classical Studies from Madrasa 2009

Islamic Seminary of Khorasan, Mashhad, Iran

The second greatest Islamic seminary in Shia-Islam

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2021- Present
 - Presenting papers at annual meetings.
 - Chairing panels during the annual meetings.
- American Society of Islamic Philosophy and Theology 2019- Present
 - Presenting papers at annual meetings.
- American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies 2016- Present
 - Reviewing proposals/abstracts submitted for the biannual meetings.
 - Reviewing papers submitted for publications in ACSIS's journal.
 - Chairing panels during the biannual meetings.
- American Academy of Religion 2013- Present
 - Presenting papers at both national and regional annual meetings.
- Association of Political Theory 2016-Present
 - Reviewing proposals/abstracts submitted for the biannual meetings.
- American Philosophical Association 2014- 2016
 - Responding to submitted papers on the panel.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Books

Exiled Scholars in Western Academia: Reflections on the Paradox of Inclusion and Exclusion (Palgrave Macmillan, in press)

The Making of Shia Ayatollahs (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2023)

Intellectual and Spiritual Debates in Islam (Cluj University Press, 2023)

The Etiquette Guidelines of Critical Thinking "Adab-e DurustAndishi", (Kabul: Maqsodi publisher and Roya Institute for Global Justice, 2023)

From the Balkh Tavern to the Weimar Firetemple, (Mazar-e Sharif: Khane Mawlana, 2021)

A Collection of Philosophical Meditations: Allameh Abdullah Samandar Ghuryani, Sayed Hassan Akhlaq (Ed.), (Kabul: Amiri, 2019)

The Sacred and the Secular: Complementary and/or Conflictual? Co-edited with John P. Hogan, (Washington D.C.: CRVP, 2017)

From the Tradition of Balkh to the Modernity of Paris (Kabul: Nebras Organization and Saied Publication House, 2010)

The Enlightenment Tradition in Islam and the West (Tehran: Amir Kabir, 2009)

Philosophical Discourse between Islam and the West (Qum; Al-Mustafa International University, Iran, 2008)

From Mawlana (Rumi) to Nietzsche (Qum, Soluke-e Javan, Iran, 2007)

Selected Articles

“Afghanistan Nation-Building and Missed Critical Element of Unifying Ideology,” in Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Villanova University, Spring 2022) Vol. 45, No. 3, pp. 51-78.

Introducing a Comparative Echotheology: Islamic Concept of Basmalah and Luther’s Commentary of the Ten Commandments,” in Mary Philip, Chan Rimmer and Tom S. Tomren, ed., *Religion, Sustainability and Education: Pedagogy, Perspectives, and Praxis towards ecological sustainability* (Norway, Steinkjer: Embla Akademisk, 2021), pp. 141-168.

“Being a Muslim in Global Times: Taqlid, Jihad and Hijra in the Quranic Hermeneutic,” in Denys Kiryukhin, ed., *Community and Tradition in Global Times* (Washington, D.C.: CRVP, 2021), pp. 139-156.

“Against Compulsory Hijab,” in Jonathan K. Zartman, ed., *Conflict in the Modern Middle East: An Encyclopedia of Civil War, Revolutions, and Regime Change* (Santa Barbara CA: ABC-CLIO, 2020), pp. 3-4.

“Political Decision-Making in Iran,” in Jonathan K. Zartman, ed., *Conflict in the Modern Middle East: An Encyclopedia of Civil War, Revolutions, and Regime Change* (Santa Barbara CA: ABC-CLIO, 2020), pp. 238-239.

“Development,” in Jonathan K. Zartman, ed., *Conflict in the Modern Middle East: An Encyclopedia of Civil War, Revolutions, and Regime Change* (Santa Barbara CA: ABC-CLIO, 2020), pp. 79-80.

“When Sufism Meets Politics (the Pluses and Minuses of Nasafi’s Perspective,” in Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Villanova University, Summer 2020) Vol. 43, No. 4, pp. 74-89.

“Introducing a Comparative Echotheology: Islamic Concept of Basmalah and Luther’s Commentary of the Ten Commandments,” in Consensus, A Canadian Journal of Public Theology, (Martin Luther University College in Waterloo and Lutheran Theological Seminary, 2020) Vol. 41, Iss. 1.

“Christian-Muslim Cooperation Demonstrating God’s Image/Caliph in Ecotheology,” in The Ecumenical Review, (World Council of Churches, 2018) Vol. 70, No. 4, pp. 662-678.

“How Muslims and Christians Can Practice Wilayat (Support) toward Each Other? A Response to Nostra Aetate” in Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, (Villanova University; Fall 2018) Vol. 42, No.1, pp. 28-48.

“The Conjunction between the Quranic Justice and Islamic Civilization,” in John Hogan and João J. Vila-Chã, ed., *Justice and Responsibility: Cultural and Philosophical Considerations* (Washington DC. CRVP, 2018), pp. 435-460.

“The Source of the Problem: Both Islam and the West Have Forgotten Their Roots (A Philosophical Study of the Charlie Hebdo Shooting),” in Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, (Villanova University, Spring 2017) Vol. 40, No.3, pp. 75-85.

“Looking Inside the Heart: The Universal Appeal of God and Humanity as Reflected in Ibn al-‘Arabi’s *Fusus al-Hikam* and Maulana Rumi’s *Mathnawi Manawi*,” in Clinton Bennett and Sarwar Alam, ed., *Sufism, Pluralism, and Democracy* (UK: Equinox, 2017), pp. 201-222.

“The Hermeneutics of the Sacred and the Secular in Shariah”, in John Hogan and Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, ed., *The Secular and the Sacred*, (Washington, D.C.: CRVP, 2017), pp. 389-406.

“The Tradition of Rationality in Islamic Culture”, in John Hogan and Sayed Hassan Akhlaq ed., *The Secular and the Sacred*, (Washington, D.C.: CRVP, 2017), pp. 761-776.

“Islamic Philosophy between Theism and Deism,” in Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia, (Axioma – Publicacoes da Faculdade de Filosofia, 2016) Vol. 72, No. 1, pp. 65-84.

“A Quranic Reflection on Nostra Aetate” in Pim Valkenberg and Anthony Cirelli, ed., *Nostra Aetate Celebrating 50 Years of Dialogue with Jews and Muslims* (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2016), pp. 146-159.

“The Shared Concerns of Nietzsche and Rumi on Humanity” in PUDN Journal of Philosophy, (Russia: Moscow, Publishing House of the PFUR, 2016) No. 3, pp.104-112.

“The Guise of the Sunni-Shiite Use of Excommunication (Takfir) in the Middle East,” in Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, (Villanova University, Summer 2015) Vol. XXXVIII, No.4, pp. 1-22.

“Globalization and the New World” in Alexander N. Chumakov, Iran I Mazour, and William C. Gay, ed., *Global Studies Encyclopedic Dictionary*, (Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi, 2014). p. 240.

“Rationality in Islamic Peripatetic and Enlightenment Philosophies,” in George F. McLean, ed, *Philosophy Emerging from Culture*, (Washington, D.C.: CRVP, 2013), pp. 71-86.

“Identity and Immigration: A Quranic Perspective,” in John P. Hogan, ed, *Building Community in a Mobile/Global Age* (Washington, D.C.: CRVP, 2013), pp. 83-107.

“The Theoretical Foundations of Tolerance in Rumi,” in Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions (A Journal of the World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies, 2012), Vol. 8, pp. 165-188.

Translation

Allameh Sayyid Muhammad Husayn Husayni Tihrani, “Life After Death: Resurrection, Judgment, and the Final Destiny of the Soul; Studies in Islamic Tradition and Religious Sciences Series” Translated and Annotated by Mohammad H. Faghfoory, (Great Books of the Islamic World; Chicago, 2017) Volume 2. Collaborated in Translation.

Allameh Sayyid Muhammad Husayn Husayni Tihrani, “Life After Death: Resurrection, Judgment, and the Final Destiny of the Soul; Studies in Islamic Tradition and Religious Sciences Series” Translated and Annotated by Mohammad H. Faghfoory, (Great Books of the Islamic World; Chicago, 2015) Volume 1, Pp. 256-384.

Book Review

Defending Muhammad in Modernity. By SherAli Tareen, (Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 2020) in Religion, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, 20 Oct. 2023.

Freedom: Christian and Muslim Perspectives: A Record of the Eighteenth Building Bridges Seminar. By Lucinda Mosher, (Washington DC: Georgetown University, 2021) in *Islam and Christian-Muslims Relations*, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, Vol. 34, Issue. 1. 2023.

The Routledge Companion to the Qur'an. Edited by George Archer, Maria M. Dakake, and Daniel A. Madigan, (Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2022) in *Islam and Christian-Muslims Relations*, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, Vol. 34, Issue. 1. 2023.

Handbook of Islamic Sects and Movements. By Muhammad Afzal Upal and Carole M. Cusack, (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2021) in *Islam and Christian-Muslims Relations*, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, Vol. 34, Issue. 1. 2023.

Understanding 'Sectarianism' Sunni-Shi'a Relations in the Modern Arab World. By Fanar Haddad, (New York: Oxford University, 2022) in *Religion*, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, 15 Nov. 2022.

The Religious Other: A Biblical Understanding of Islam, the Qur'an and Muhammad. By Martic Accad and Jonathan Andrew, (Carlisle, Langham Global Library, 2020) in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, University of Birmingham and Taylor & Francis, Vol. 33, Is.1, 2022.

Muslims and Christians Debate Justice and Love. By David. L. Johnston, (Bristol, Equinox, 2020) in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, University of Birmingham and Taylor & Francis, Vol. 31, Is.4, 2020.

Islam in Pakistan: A History. By Muhammad Qasim Zaman, (Princeton University, 2018) in *The Rest, Journal of Politics and Development*, Center for Strategic Research and Analysis, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2019.

Reflection on Zainab al-Ghazali's Return of the Pharaoh, Boston University Website (<https://www.bu.edu/wll/2018/03/22/reflections-on-zainab-al-ghazalis-return-of-the-pharaoh-by-sayed-hassan-akhlaq/>), March 22nd, 2018.

Islam After Liberalism, Ed. By Faisal Devji and Zaheer Kazmi (Oxford, 2017), in *Religious Studies Review*, Rice University, Vol. 44, Is. 3, 2018.

A Concise History of Sunnis and Shi'is. By John McHugo, (Georgetown University, 2017) in *Religious Studies Review*, Rice University, Vol. 45, Is. 4, 2018.

Conference Papers and Presentations (Invited)

"Muslim Communists: Afghan Atheism in the 20th Century" at Communist Perspectives on Atheism in the 20th Century, L'ECOLE DES HAUTES ETUDES EN SCIENCES SOCIALES, November 13-14, 2023

"Acknowledging Effective Afghan Subjectivity" at The Next Generation's Initiative: Learning from the Past to Build the Future of Afghanistan, Cornell University, September 9, 2023

"Islamic jurisprudence and rule of law in the time of modern nation-state" at The Afghan Diaspora, the Taliban, and Rule of Law: A Panel Discussion with Afghan Scholars, MESA Global Academy and South Asia Center, University of Washington, April 11, 2023

"A transitional or transforming epoch? Some philosophical meditations" at Cultural Production and Studies in Post-conflict Settings, Center for Near Eastern Studies, University of California Los Angeles, January 30, 2023

"The Nation, the Taliban, and Authoritarianism: Developments in Afghanistan" at MESA Annual Meeting, Middle East Studies Association, Denver, December 4, 2022

"Islam and Luther's Reform" at Luther Legacy: Luther and Islam, Martin Luther University College and Wilfrid Laurier University, June 15, 2022.

"Women, Gender, Afghanistan," Wellesley College, March 29, 2022.

"Afghanistan: Looking Back, Looking Forward – My Journey to Freedom," Fairfield University, February 24, 2022.

“Bringing Philosophy Down from the Heavens; Akhlaq in Afghanistan,” Pacific University, January 7, 2022.

“Academic Freedom in Central Asia and the Middle East,” University of Arkansas, November 17, 2021.

“The Shared Concepts of Mulla Sadra and James on Philosophy and Truth” at 2021 Annual Meetings of American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX., November 20-23, 2021.

“The Shared Concepts of Mulla Sadra and James on Mystical and Religious Experiences” at 8th Annual Faculty Research Conference, Coppin State University, November 18-19, 2021.

“The Shared Concepts of Mulla Sadra and James on Philosophy and Truth” at 2020 American Society of Islamic Philosophy and Theology, Harvard University, December 5-6, 2020.

“The Islamic (Sunni-Shia) Unity and the Contemporary Mujtahids (Case Study of Ayatollahs Mohseni and Salehi Najafabadi,” at American Academy of Religion: Virtual Annual Meetings 2020, November 29 – December 10, 2020.

“The Biblical and the Quranic Image of Moses and Jesus” presented at International Meeting 2018: Society of Biblical Literature, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, July 30 – August 3, 2018.

“The Inspirational Aspect of the idea of “Tahrif” for Inter-Religious Dialogue” presented at International Meeting 2018: Society of Biblical Literature, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, July 30 – August 3, 2018.

“Islamic Reformed Theology and Globalization” presented at ISA’s 59th Annual Convention titled Power of Rules and Rule of Power, (Hilton San Francisco Union Square, San Francisco, April 4-7, 2018).

“Shia Identity in Cooperation with Sunni in Farsi Context” presented at 35th Annual Conference of the American Society for the Study of Islamic Societies titled Islam in the Post-Obama (Boston College, Boston, March 23-24, 2018)

“Christian-Muslims’ Contribution to Earth-Honoring under Name of God” presented *MAR-AAR 2018 Annual Conference* (Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ, March 14-16, 2018)

“Taqlid, Jihad, and Hijra: Beyond Uncritical Imitation and Assimilation” presented at conference “Revisiting Mamre; The Stranger in the Three Abrahamic Faiths” (Queen College: CUNY, New York, Dec. 5th, 2017)

“Women in the Works of Two Sufi Masters: Rumi and Ibn Arabi” (Dep. World Languages and Literatures and Institute for the Study of Muslim Cultures and Civilization, Boston University, Boston, Nov. 2nd, 2017)

“Christians-Muslims’ Cooperation to Demonstrate God’s Image/Caliph for Eco-Theology” presented at the 5th International Conference on Ecological and Environmental Ethics, ECOTHEE 2017, (Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, October 23-27, 2017)

“Renewing an Islamic Theology of Compassionate God” presented at conference on *MAR-AAR 2017 Annual Conference* (Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ, March 16-17, 2017)

“The Prophetic and Legal Position of Women in Islam” presented at conference on *MAR-AAR 2017*

Annual Conference (Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ, March 16-17, 2017)

“An Islamic Reformed Theology of Neoliberal Globalization,” presented at conference the 58th ISA Annual Convention (Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD, Feb. 22-27, 2017)

“Renewing an Islamic Theology of Compassionate God,” presented at the Annual Seminar *Re-Learning to be Human for Global Times: Structure and Role of Compassion*, (Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, August 8- September 9, 2016)

“Reflections of Feminist Steaks in Averroes,” presented at conference on *MAR-AAR 2016 Annual Conference* (Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ, March 9-11, 2016)

“Peacemaking Is a Manifest Victory – Inside and outside, the Quranic Perspective,” presented at conference on *MAR-AAR 2016 Annual Conference* (Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ, March 9-11, 2016)

“Human Rights and Academic Freedom: Dreams and Realities in Afghanistan Today,” talked at *Scholar at Risk Event*, (The Office of Global Strategy of George Mason University and Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society at George Mason University, Sept. 29, 2015) “The Existential Dialectics of the Quran Regarding History,” presented at conference on *Contemplating the Quran* (George Mason University and Howard University, Washington D.C., April 20-21, 2015)

“The Crisis of National and Religious Identity in Contemporary Afghanistan,” presented at 32th Annual Conference: *Religion, Tradition, and Inter-Faith Relation in the Muslim World* (American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies at Villanova University, Philadelphia, April 17-18, 2015) “Ibn Arabi and God’s Manifestation in Women,” presented at *Annual Conference Mid-Atlantic Region* (American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Maryland, Mar. 6, 2015) “The Failure of Anti-Establishment Islamic Reformers to Reconcile with the ‘Other’,” presented at seminar on *Religion, Reconciliation and Peace: Philosophical Perspectives* (Council for Research in Values and Philosophy at the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., Aug. 17- Sep. 18, 2015)

Responded to the papers of the APA Committee Session: “Philosophical Issues and Islam: How, What, and Why to Teach (and Research)” at American Philosophical Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 27 – 30, 2014)

“Looking for God: The Position of Women as Reflected in Rumi’s Mathnawi” presented at *Annual Conference Mid-Atlantic Region* (American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, New York, Mar. 7-9, 2014)

“The Gates to Violence in the Current Politicized Islam”, presented at seminar on *Religion: Key to Understanding Violence and Promoting Peace in Global Times* (Council for Research in Values and Philosophy at the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., Aug. 18- Sept. 19, 2014)

“The Conjunction between the Quranic Justice and Islamic Civilization”, presented at *International Symposium on Global Justice and Responsibility* (Boston College and Council for Research in Values and Philosophy at Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts, Sept. 20-21, 2013)

“Identity and Immigration: A Quranic Perspective”; presented at the seminar on *Building Community in a Mobile/Global Age* (Council for Research in Values and Philosophy at the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., Oct. 24- Nov. 26, 2012)

“The Differences between Philosophy and Sufism by Focus on Bidel Mystical Poems,” presented on *Ors-e Bidel* in (Virginia: Khane-ye Ayeneh, Nov. 5, 2011)

“Imam Mahdi in Different Religions,” presented at “Imam Mahdi in *Reason and Revelation* Seminar, (Virginia: Imam Mahdi Center, Oct. 8, 2011)

“The Alienation and its Effects on Social Changes,” presented for *The Social changes in Afghanistan at 3 Last Decades* conference in (Kabul: Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan, Aug. 10, 2011). “Academic Relationship among Afghanistan and Iran: Threats and Opportunities,” presented at *Afghanistan and Iran Academic Relationship: Strengths and Weaknesses* seminar in (Kabul: Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan, Jun. 15, 2011).

“The Common Foundations for Modern Education System and Inward-Looking Development,” presented at *the Current Afghanistan Education System* conference in (Kabul: Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan, Feb. 8, 2011).

“The Philosophical Foundations of Development for Afghanistan,” presented at *The Development of Afghanistan: Economical and Philosophical Viewpoints* seminar in (Farah: Gharjistan University, Aug. 1, 2011)

“The Religious Pluralism in Islamic Peripatetic Philosophy,” presented at *The Religious Pluralism* seminar in (Kabul: Gharjistan University, Dec. 9, 2010)

“The Dialogue and Peace-Building in Holy Quran,” in *Peace-Building in Afghanistan* conference that held by Institute of Development and Public Awareness (Kabul, Mar. 07 2011)

“The Tradition of Rationality in Islamic Culture”; presented at the seminar on *The Sacred and the Secular: Complementary and/or Conflictual* (Council for Research in Values and Philosophy at the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., 2009)

“The Rationality in Islamic Peripatetic and Enlightenment Philosophies”; presented at the conference of *Philosophy Emerging from Culture* (as the pre-world Congress on Philosophy Conference) (Council for Research in Values and Philosophy and Soongsil University, Korea: Seoul, July 27-29, 2008)

“The Identity, Health and Searching for Meaning from Rumi Perspective,” invited for presentation at *the 11th International Philosophy on of Nursing Conference* (UK: West Park Conference Centre, 2007)

“The Dialogue between Human Rights and Reality of Man,” presented at *The Forth International Conference on Human Rights* (Mufid University; Qum, 2007)

“Mawlana, Modern Human and Desire Desert,” presented for *International Congress on Mawlana* (Tehran: Iranian Institute of Philosophy; 2007)

“With Heidegger; Searching a Path for Ourselves in Relation between Religion, Science and Technology,” presented and selected as the best paper at *The International Congress on Relation between Science and Religion* (Tehran University of medicines; May, 04 2006)

“Human from Mawlana and Nietzsche's Perspectives; Similar Rights with Fundamental Differences,” presented at *the Third International Conference on Human Rights* (Mufid University; Qum, 2005) “Contemporary Era in Nietzsche and Heidegger's Thought,” Invited for presentation at *International Congress on Philosophy* (Moscow: Moscow University, 2005). Also, this paper accepted for presentation at *The 2th International Conference on Philosophy* (Greece: Athens Institute for Education and Research, 2007)

“Kant from Nietzsche's Perspective,” in International Conference titled *200 Years After Kant*, (Allameh Tabatabaee University: Tehran, Nov, 20 2004)

“Contemporary Era, Martyr Suhrawardi and Deranged Nietzsche,” presented in *The Teachings and Doctrines of Suhrawardi* Conference, (Tehran University: 2004)

“Mawlana and the Grounds of Human Rights,” presented at *The Second International Conference on Human Rights* (Mufid University; Qum: 2003)

“Mawlana and Modern Human,” presented at *The Teachings and Doctrines of Mawlana* Conference, (Tehran University: 2003).

Supervised research

Supervised Master's theses:

- 1) “The Role of Reason to Rationalize both Democracy and Religion”;

- 2) “The Meaning of Islamic Philosophy from Sharif and Shaikh Perspectives”;
- 3) “The Symbolism of Religious Language from Rumi and Paul Tillich Viewpoints”;
- 4) “The Role of Islamic Beliefs in Making Life Meaningful”;
- 5) “A Comparative Approach to Abu Zaid Balkhi, Abu al-Qasim kaabi and Abu al-Mansur Maturid’s Philosophical and Theological View Points.”

Advised Master’s theses:

- 1) “The Comparison Between Aqa Khaniya and Mustaleya (Ismaeliya Sects of Islam)”;
- 2) “The Anthropological Foundations of Human Rights Declaration and Al-mizan Exegesis (of Holy Quran)”;
- 3) “A Comparative Study on Relation between Mind and Body in Mulla Sadra and Leibnitz Viewpoint”;
- 4) “The Relation between Religion and Ethics from Mutahari and Sayed Qutb Perspectives”;
- 5) “The Comparative Approach to Government of Philosopher in Plato and Al-Farabi Philosophies.”

Grants, Fellowship and Awards

- **MESA Global Academy Scholarship; Middle East Studies Association**, Washington, DC, 2023.
- **MESA Global Academy Scholarship; Middle East Studies Association**, Washington, DC, 2022.
- **Quality Matter Gear-Up Grant**, Baltimore, MD, Coppin State University, \$1,000, 2021.
- **First Prize, graduated Course; Imam Khomeini International University**, Qazvin, Iran, 2004.
- **First Prize, International Congress on The Dialogue between Religion and Science; the Concept of Life, Human and Health**. Tehran, Iran, 2006.
- **First Prize, Mashhad Great Seminary**, Mashhad, Iran, 2009.
- **First Prize, the 12th International Research Festival of Shaikh Tusi**, Qum, Iran, 2009.

Publishing Experience

- Editor-in-Chief, Paideia*, Kabul, Afghanistan 2017 – 2021
- Professional Advisor, Nebras*, Kabul, Afghanistan 2010 to 2012
- Director and Editor-in-Chief, Rayeh-e Azadi*, Mashhad-Kabul, Afghanistan/Iran 2002 to 2004

Selected Media Interviews

- VOA Dari (Ashina TV), “The Etiquette Guidelines of Critical Thinking,” in *Guft-o Guy-e Vizha*, 02/23/2023
- BBC Radio 4, “What do the Taliban Believe?” in *Beyond Belief*, 09/13/2021
- Washington Times, “Taliban follow strict Islamic creed that doesn’t change with the times, scholars say,” in *News*, 08/24/2021
- VOA Dari (Ashina TV), “USCRIF’s Report on Religious Freedom in Afghanistan,” in *News*, 08/23/2022
- VOA Dari (Ashina TV), “Taliban and Eid Fitr,” in *News*, 05/01/2022
- VOA Dari (Radio), “Taliban and Eid Fitr,” in *Ruk wa Rast*, 05/01/2022
- VOA Dari (Ashina TV), “ISIS and Shi’a in Afghanistan,” in *Karawan News*, 04/22/2022

Afghanistan International TV, “The Death of Allamah Ghuryani”, in *News*, 12/22/2021

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Volunteer Community Service

Reviewing submissions for academic journals and publishers.

2012-present

- Palgrave/Macmillan
- Brill
- AJISS
- The Association for Political Theory
- American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies

Leadership position at the Imam Mahdi Center

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- Encourage youth to take part in Persian cultural awareness programs.
- Offer family counseling.
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SKILLS

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