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In Progress:

- A book entitled Knowing God
- A project on Clergy-State Relations in Iran: 1979-present
- A textbook on Shi‘ite Islam: Religion, Culture, and Politics
- Tao te-Ching: The Way and Its Virtue, Lao-tzū, Translated from Chinese to English by Tashihiko Izutsu & Seyyed Hossein Nasr
- Persian Commentary by Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Translated and annotated by Mohammad H. Faghfoory

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- Council Member, International Association of Manuscript Specialist-Tehran
- Member of Translation Committee, Institute of Translation and Dissemination of Islamic Sciences and Mystical Tradition-Mashhad, Iran
- Editorial Board Member, Tehran University Press, 1979-1982
- Book reviewer for Iran Nameh: Journal of the Foundation for Iranian Studies (in Persian)
- American Journal of Muslim Social Sciences, Iranian Studies,
- Member of Editorial Board and Peer reviewers, The International Journal of Cultural Policy, London, England.
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