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**CURRENT POSITION:**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of History, Brock University, St. Catharines, Canada.

**POSITIONS:**

* Sessional Instructor, History of Middle East, Brock University, 2018-2021.
* Assistant Professor, History and Religious Studies, University of Toronto Mississauga, 2016-2018.
* Research Fellow, Research and editing Sufi manuscript, Haqiqat Publication, 2016-present
* Course Director, Rumi and the Philosophy of Love and Ecstacy, Aga Khan Museum, October 2017-November 2017.
* Research Assistant, Persian Sufi Literature, Professor Mohammed Rustom, 2016-2017.
* Course Director, Sufism and the Mystic Poets of Islam, Aga Khan Museum, January 2016-March 2016.
* Teacher Assistant, Islamic Tradition, York University, 2010-2011.
* Teacher Assistant, Introduction to Islam, University of Toronto Mississauga, January 2007-April 2007.
* Teacher Assistant, Islam and Media, University of Toronto, January 2006- April 2006.
* PhD external advisor and visiting lecture, Cultural influence of the Islamic states (Iran, Lebanon and Palestine), University of Bradford, 2005-2007.
* Visiting Lecturer, Human Resource Management Module, University of Bradford, 2003-2004.

**EDUCATION**

* Post-Doctoral Fellow Historical Studies (2014-2016)

University of Toronto Mississauga. Mississauga, Canada.

* Ph.D. Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (2008-2014)

University of Exeter. Exeter, United Kingdom. Dissertation: “The Rise of Nimatullahi Shi‘ite Sufism in early 19th Century Qajar Persia: Husayn ‘Ali Shah, Majdhub ‘Ali Shah and their Battle with Islamic Fundamentalism” Supervisor: Leonard Lewisohn

* M. A. Study of Religion. (2005-2007)

University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada.

* B.A. (Specialized Honors), Religious Studies (2001-2005)

York University. Toronto, Canada.

**University Teaching Experience**

**Courses Taught, Brock University**

**2020-2021**

HIST 2P71: Popular Culture in the Modern Middle East Enrolment=30

**2018-2019**

HIST 2P70: The Middle East 600-800 Enrolment=30

HIST 2P71: Popular Culture in the Modern Middle East Enrolment=30

**Courses Taught, University of Toronto Mississauga**

**2017-2018**

RLG 304 HF: Islamic Spiritual Traditions Enrolment= 50

RLG 306 H5S: Shi’i Islam Enrolment= 50

**2016-2017**

RLG 304 HF: Islamic Spiritual Traditions Enrolment= 50

RLG 306 H5S: Shi’i Islam Enrolment= 50

RLG 305 H5S: Islamic Aesthetic Traditions Enrolment= 40

**OTHER EMPLOYMENTS AND TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS**

* **Aga Khan Museum,** Toronto, ON, Canada **October 2017-November 2017**

**Role:** Course Director

**Programme: Rumi and the Philosophy of Love and Ecstasy**

**Responsibility:** Lecturer and responsible to assign readings for students.

* **Aga Khan Museum,** Toronto, ON, Canada **January 2016-March 2016**

**Role:** Course Director

**Programme:** **Sufism and the Mystic Poets of Islam**

**Responsibility:** Lecturer and responsible to assign readings for students.

* **York University,** Toronto, ON, Canada ***September 2010-April 2011***

**Role:** Teacher Assistant: (Part-time)

**Programme: Islamic Tradition**

**Responsibility:** Responsible to lead supplementary tutorials and teaching; also responsible for delivering seminars on assigned readings; marking exams papers and essays.

* **University of Toronto in Mississauga,** Toronto, ON, Canada ***January 2007-April 2007***

**Role:** Teacher Assistant: (Part-time)

**Programme: Introduction to Islam**

**Responsibility:** Responsible to select and collate reading documents; marking exams; teaching and providing lectures on the subject of “Sufism”.

* **University of Toronto,** Toronto, ON, Canada ***January 2006-April 2006***

**Role:** Teacher Assistant: (Part-time)

**Programme: Islam and Media**

**Responsibility:** Responsible for holding office hours; identifying and gather relevant source materials for the course; and working closely with Professor Munir Jiwa to provide/assist with delivering lectures.

* **University of Bradford, BCID, UK *January 2005- September 2007***

**Role**: PhD external advisor (Assistant to Professor) and visiting lecturer

Working closely with Professor Analoui on three research project providing independent advice on issues related to cultural influences of the Islamic states (Iran, Lebanon and Palestine) on middle and senior manager’s perception of their effectiveness/ training and educational needs.

* **Human Resource Management Development Module (MSc) *February –April 2003***

***March 2004***

Visiting lecturer, delivering lecture and seminars to groups on influence of the cultural values/religion in education/ development within developing countries.

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZER**

* Honorary Researcher (Co-Convening a 3-day International Conference, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (2015-2016)

University of Exeter. Exeter, United Kingdom. Program: “Sufis and Mullahs: Sufis and Their Opponents in the Persianate World.”

**PUBLICATION**

**Books:**

* Co-edited with Leonard Lewisohn, *Sufis and their Opponents in the Persianate World,* (Irvine: Univesity of California Irvine Press, 2019).
* Reza Tabandeh, The Rise of the Niʿmatullāhī Order: Shi‘ite Sufi masters against Islamic fundamentalism in 19th-Century Persia, (Leiden: Leiden University Press, 2021).

**Peer Reviewed Journal:**

* Reza Tabandeh, “Mīrzā Muḥammad Maʿṣūm Shīrāzī: A Sufi and a Constitutionalist,” *Studia Islamica*; vol. 212, Issue I, (2017): 99-130.
* Reza Tabandeh, “Report of Sufis and Mullahs Conference”, *‘Irfan-i Iran*; 41 (2016): 75-87.
* Reza Tabandeh, “*Treatise of Muhammadiyya*”, *‘Irfan-i Iran*; 42 (2016), 44-47.

**Book Chapter:**

* Reza Tabandeh, “**Defending the Qur’an in Qajar Iran: Husayn ʿAli Shah and his Refutation of Henry Martyn”*,* in Allesandro Cancian ed. *Approaches to the Qur’an in Contemporary Iran* (London: Institute of Ismaili Studies Publication, 2019)*.***
* Reza Tabandeh, “Enraptured Sufi and Shi‘ite Philosopher: Majdhub ‘Ali Shah, Champion of Theological Reconciliation between Sufism and Shi‘ism” in Reza Tabandeh and Leonard Lewisohn eds. *Sufis and Mullahs: Sufis and Their Opponents in the Persianate World*(Irvine: Univesity of California Press, 2018).

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

**Journal Article:**

* Entery of “Husayn ‘Ali Shah and Refutation of Henry Martyn” (Submitted)
* Entery of “Shah Ni‘matullah Wali” for Brill’s Encyclopaedia of Islam. (Submitted)
* Reza Tabandeh, *Muhammad Taqi Majlisi (Majlisi the first) and his relationship with Sufism*.

**LANUAGES**

English, Persian (Farsi), and Arabic.

Reading only: French and Urdu.

**PAPERS READ**

**Invited Lectures:**

* Presented an online lecture on “Shi‘ite Sufism”, in York University, February 2, 2021.

Invited by Professor Amila Buturovic

* Presented an online lecture on “Revival of Ni‘matullahi Sufism in the Persia”, in Saray-i guft u shinud, September 26th, 2020.
* Presented a lecture on “Sufism: a natural antidote to Islamic Extremism” in Google, October 25th, 2019.

Invited by Google Employees

* Presented a lecture on “Shah Ni‘matullahi Wali: Poet, Sufi and reformer of Sufism” in Bonyad Towhid, October 25th, 2019.
* Presented two lectures on “History of Sufi order” in Mufid Cultural Centre, January 25th and February 1st, 2019.
* Presented a lecture on “Introduction to Sufism” in University of Toronto, November 10th, 2017

Invited by Muslim Iranian Association

* Presented a lecture on “Rumi and the Religion of Love” in Aga Khan Museum, March 23rd, 2017

Invited by Aga Khan Museum

* Presented a lecture on “Sufism: Path of Universal Love” in Aga Khan Museum, June 7th, 2015

Invited by Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture.

* Presented a lecture on “Sufi Hermeneutic of Quran” in University of Alberta, October 16th, 2014

Invited by Rasoul Aliakbari

* Presented a lecture on “History of Sufism” in Tuscon, April 12th, 2014

Invited by Iranian Cultural Association in Southern Arizona

* Presented a lecture on “Sufism and Modern World” in University of Toronto, March 4th, 2013

Invited by Dr. Alireza Haghighi

* Presented a lecture on “Sufism and Love” in University of Waterloo, November 28th, 2012

Invited by Partov Book Review Community.

* Presented a lecture on “A contemporary Debate on Sufism” in University of Toronto, November 7th, 2012

Invited by Dr. Alireza Haghighi

* Presented a lecture on “Shi’ism and Sufism” in University of Toronto, November 5th, 2012

Invited by Dr. Alireza Haghighi

* Presented a lecture on “Sufism in context of Historical Development” in York University, March, 2011

Invited by Dr. Marta Simidchieva

* Presented a lecture on “The reality of Sufism” in Brock University, February, 2010

Invited by Professor Behnaz Mirzai

* Presented a lecture on “History and mystical practices of Sufism” in University of Toronto, 2008

Invited by Professor Shafique Virani

**Conference Papers and Participations:**

13 April 2019, Conference “Symposia Iranica”; University of St. Andrews, St. Andrew, Scotland, “The Role of Gunabadi Sufis in the constitutional Revolution of Iran”.

30 October 2018, Symposium “Slavery, Liberation and Islamic Law in the Middle East and beyond”, Brock University, St. Catharines, Canada, “Ni‘matullahi Sufis and Slavery”.

5 June 2014- Conference “Concord, Conflict and Co-existence: Religion and Society in the Middle East and North Africa”; Åbo Akademi University, Turku, Finland, *“Uneasy marriage of exoteric clerics with esoteric Sufis”*.

11 May 2014- Conference ‘Religion and Pluralities of Knowledge’; University of Groningen, Presented a paper on *“Jalâl al-Dîn Rûmî and the Divine Covenant: A Sufi Social Contract”*.

11 April 2014- Conference ‘Transformation: Challenging Limits, Crossing Borders’; University of Arizona, Presented a paper on “*The Revival of Sufism in Qajar Persia”*.

15 March 2014- Conference ‘Middle East and Islamic Consortium of BC’; Kwantlen University, Presented a paper on *“Ma‘sum ‘Ali Shah; the Indian Reviver of Ni‘matullahi order”.*

8 March 2014- Conference ‘21st Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference”; Indiana University, Presented a paper on “The Rise of Ni‘matullahi Shi‘ite Sufism and their Battle with Usuli Shi‘ites”.

6 February 2014- Conference ‘Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures Colloquium series’ , *“The Rise of Ni‘matullahi Shi‘ite Sufism in Early Nineteenth-Century Qajar Persia”.*

2-4 September 2013 'Approaches to the Qur'an in Contemporary Iran':, The Institute of Ismaili Studies. Presented a paper on **“*Defending the Qur’an in Qajar Iran: Husayn ʿAli Shah and his Refutation of Henry Martyn”.***

*30 March 2007* - Symposium ‘Evolution, Devolution, Revolution’:*, University of Toronto.* Presented a paper on *“Henry Corbin’s Phenomenological Interpretation of Shi’ism*”.

**SERVICE**

* Presented a lecture on “Islam the Religion of Love & Benevolence; A Sufi Approach” in University of Toronto Mississauga, November 24th, 2017.

In Support of Trillium Health Partners

* A lecture by Mrs. Jane Lewisohn on “From Golha to Golistan; Preserving and Archiving Persian Arts and Literature” in University of Toronto Mississauga, October 28th, 2017.

Organized by Reza Tabandeh

* A lecture by Dr. Leonard Lewisohn on “Sufism & Religion of Love from Rabi‘a to Ibn ‘Arabi” in University of Toronto Mississauga, October 27th, 2017.

Organized by Reza Tabandeh

* A lecture by Dr. Hossein Elahi Ghomshei “Satire in Persian Literature” in University of Toronto Mississauga, October 26th, 2017.

Organized by Reza Tabandeh

* A lecture by Dr. Hossein Elahi Ghomshei “On the Nature of Poetry” in University of Toronto Mississauga, October 25th, 2017.

Organized by Reza Tabandeh

* A roundtable by Dr. Masoud Adib, Dr. Alireza Haghighi and Dr. Reza Tabandeh on “Functionality of Religion” in University of Toronto Mississauga, May 26th, 2017.

Organized by Reza Tabandeh

* A “Sufi Concert” in University of Toronto Mississauga, November 24th, 2016.

Organized by Reza Tabandeh

* An International Conference on “Sufis and Mullahs: Sufis and Their Opponents in Persian World”; University of Exeter, Exeter, United Kingdom, April 14th-16th, 2016.

Co-convened by Dr. Leonard Lewisohn and Dr. Reza Tabandeh

**Research**

* Field Researcher (2005)

Tirana, Albania. Program: “Interview and research in Archives of Bektashi Sufis’ headquarter”.

**REFERENCES**

1. Professor Behnaz Mirzai

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