

Curriculum Vitae
Nima Jamali
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Education

- 2014-2021. Ph.D., Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, Major: Syriac and Aramaic, 1st Minor: History of Ancient Near East, 2nd Minor: Comparative Religious Law. Dissertation: *A Study of the Interactions among Zoroastrian, Jewish and Roman Legal Systems during the 7th and 8th Centuries CE Based on a Critical Edition of Iṣō'-bukt's Corpus Juris with Commentary and an English Translation*, defended on May 12, 2021, accepted “as it stands.” Supervisors: Amir Harrak and Tirzah Meacham; Readers: Harry Fox, Kyle Smith, Maria Brosius, Richard Payne.
- 2013-2014. One-year MA program, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto.
- 2007-2010. MA in Ancient Languages and Culture of Iran, Faculty of Literature and Humanities, University of Tehran. Dissertation titled “The Lexicon of Legal Terms in *MĀDAYĀN Ī HAZĀR DĀDESTĀN*,” defended on September 22, 2010, accepted with the highest grade.
- 2000-2006. Bachelor in Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran.

Professional Training

- 2019-expected March 2022. Advanced University Teaching Preparation Certificate, University of Toronto.
- 2017-2018. Internship, Lexicography (Persian-English and English-Persian), Bab.la, Hamburg, Germany, supervised and commissioned by Oxford University Press.

Other Courses

- 2011. Attended Leiden Summer-school in Languages and Linguistics at the Faculty of Humanities, held on 18-29 July.
Courses: Introduction to Sogdian by D. Durkin-Meisterernst.
Introduction to Khwarezmian by D. Durkin-Meisterernst.
Indo-European Phonology by A. M. Lubotsky.
Indo-European Nominal Composition by V. Sadovski.
- 2009. Attended Leiden Summer-school in Languages and Linguistics at the Faculty of Humanities, held on 27th July-7th August.
Courses: Historical Grammar of Latin, by M. Weiss.
Pahlavi by D. Durkin-Meisterernst.
Introduction to PIE phonology and morphology by M. A. C. de Vaan.
Introduction to Zoroastrianism by A. F. de Jung.

Publications

English

Books:

- *Išō'-bokt Corpus Juris*: English Translation, Critical Edition, and Commentary, (in progress).

Articles:

- with Erfan Papari Dianat, “Two Philosophical Writings by Išō‘bokt of Rēw-Ardashir,” (in progress).
- Tehran, June 1929 - January 1930: Everyday Life according to the Legal Archive of a Notary (in progress).
- The Origin of the Legal Tradition in the Church of the East: The Birth of Family Law (480-550 CE), forthcoming.
- “A Note on a Lacuna in Išō'-bokt *Corpus Juris*: Greek Philosophy in the Eastern Syriac Legal Literature,” *Journal of the Canadian Society of Syriac Studies*, Vol. 21, 2021.
- “The Sixth Book of Išō'-bokt *Corpus Juris*, Authority, Enforcement, and Language,” *Journal of the Canadian Society of Syriac Studies*, Vol. 17, 2017.

Persian

Articles:

- “Semitic Sources in Sasanian Studies and Vice Versa: One New Approach,” *Gozarash-e Miras*, *Gozarash-e Miras*, forthcoming.
- “*Passandārīh*: Some Notes on a Legal Term in *Mādayān i Hazār Dādestān*,” in *Moshen Abolghasemi's Festschrift*, forthcoming.
- “Pahlavi and its Discontents: A Note on Two Syriac Translators Complaining about the Difficulties of Middle Persian,” *Torfe*, Number 2 (Spring 2021).
- “The Foundations of the Legal Thinking in the Church of the East during the Fifth and Sixth Centuries CE,” *Iran Namag*, Volume 4, Number 3-4 (Fall/Winter 2019), 75-89, 2019.
- “From Inshushinak to Jackson Pollock, Continuity and Transformation, Decline and Survival in E. Yarshater's Thinking,” *Herfe: Honarmand*, No. 70, Winter 2018.
- “Namag, a Brief Study on its Etymology and Semantics,” *Iran Namag*, Vol.2, No. 3, Fall 2017.
- “Contradictory Statements in Sasanian Judicial Courts,” *Gofteman-e Hoquq*, No. 6 & 7, June 2009.
- “An Ancient Murder, a Brief Review on a Sumerian Tablet,” *Gofteman-e Hoquq*, No. 5, January 2008.

Translations:

- Amélie Kuhrt, “Cyrus the Great of Persia: Images and Realities,” *Iran Namag*, forthcoming.
- E. Yarshater, “Lists of the Achaemenid Kings in Biruni and Bar Hebraeus,” *Gozarash-e Miras*, Fall and Winter, 2017 (published in Summer 2019).
- “A Syriac Vita of Abel by Symmachus,” translated from Syriac into Persian, *Shahr-e Ketab*, No. 14, Winter 2016.
- Sunil Sharma, “Amir Khusraw, Fayzi, and the Geography of Indo-Persian Literature,” *Iran Namag*, Vol. 1, No. 3, Fall 2016.

Digital Humanities

- Persian-English and English-Persian Lexicographer and editor, working for Oxford University Press Online Dictionaries (2017-2018).

Teaching

- Syriac, The Center for the Great Islamic Encyclopaedia, Winter-Spring 2022.
- How to Write Academically, Undergraduate Students Association at University of Tehran, Department of Literature and Humanities, Winter 2022.
- NMC 277 H1S: Topics in Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations: Sexual Ethics, Identity, and Family Law among Christians, Jews, and Zoroastrians (Third to Eighth Centuries CE), University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Summer 2021.
- NMC 384 HS: Life Cycle and Personal Status Issues in Judaism: Comparative Religious Law; collaborating with Prof. Tirzah Meacham, University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Winter-Spring 2021.
- The Foundations of Law in Late Antiquity Iran: Family Law and Identity, Pelican Institute, Winter 2021, 6 sessions online.
- Workshop on Introduction to Syriac: Language and Literature, Department of Ancient Languages and Culture of Iran, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran, Winter-Spring 2020, 12 sessions.
- Syriac through its Philosophical Literature, The Iran Research Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, Iran, Winter-Spring 2020, 12 sessions.
- Workshop on Introductory Syriac, Department of Ancient Languages and Culture of Iran, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran, Fall 2018, 10 sessions.
- Workshop on Introductory Syriac, Department of Ancient Languages and Culture of Iran, University of Tehran, Spring 2018, Tehran, Iran, 3 sessions.
- Workshop on Introductory Syriac, 3 sessions online, Winter 2017.
- Tutoring Persian since 2014.

Seminars

- The Origin of the Legal Tradition in the Church of the East: The Birth of Family Law (480-552), Accepted and to be presented in *The 34th Deutscher Orientalistentag*, 12-17 September, 2022, FU Berlin, Germany.
- A Letter of Ishō'bokht of Rēw-Ardashēr: Greek Philosophy in the Church of the East, Accepted and to be presented in *XIII symposium syriacum et XI congrès d'études arabes chrétiennes*, 4-9 juillet 2022, Paris, France.
- Semitic Sources in Sasanian Studies and Vice Versa: One New Approach, Presented in National Library and Archives of Iran, The First International Online Conference, *Iranology: Yesterday's Experiences, Current Situation, and Looking to the Future*, 23 August 2021.
- The Sixth Book of Išō'-bokht *Corpus Juris*, Authority, Enforcement, and Language, presented in the Canadian Society of Syriac Studies, Symposium XVI, *Probing Two Millennia of Syriac Legal Literature*, 12 November 2016 at University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. Canada.

Lectures

- Sasanian Law: Methodological Reflections and Introduction to the Sources, Faculty of Law, University of Tehran, 16 and 23, December 2020.
- Philology and Historical Linguistics: An Introduction, *Sharaf al-Din* High School, Tehran, Iran (online), 20 May 2020.

Language Proficiency

- *Modern*
Persian: Native.
English: Bilingual.
French: Advanced.
Standard Arabic: Reading.
German: Reading.
- *Ancient*
Major: Syriac, Pahlavi (Middle Persian), Biblical and Imperial Aramaic.
Minor: Old Persian, Babylonian Aramaic, Mishnaic Hebrew, Manichean Middle Persian, Younger Avestan, Parthian, Latin, Koine Greek, Quranic Arabic.

Awards

- 2019-2020. Ph.D. Compilation Award, Department of Near and Middle Civilizations at University of Toronto.
- 2016-2019. Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) Doctoral Scholarship, The Social and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

- 2015. OGS, The Government of Ontario.
- 2014. Ph.D. Fellowship, University of Toronto.
- 2014. Academic Admission Prize, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies at University of Toronto.

Referee for Peer Reviewed Journals and Awards

- *Iran-Namag*, Quarterly of Iranian Studies, Toronto.
- *Pažuhešhāye Īrānī* (Iranian Studies), Biannual Journal, University of Tehran, Iran.
- Thirty Eighth Iran's Book of the Year Awards, 2020.

Membership in Professional Associations

- Canadian Society for Syriac Studies

Professional Experiences

- 2019-present. Chief Editor of a series of scholarships for the public audience for Borj Publishing Company, Tehran, Iran.
- 2021. Instructor, University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies.
- 2017-2018. Freelance Editor and Lexicographer, Bab.la, Hamburg, Germany, supervised and commissioned by Oxford University Press.
- 2017 (July-September). Research Assistant, copy-editing the Syriac text of the Chronicle of Zuqnin, working for Prof. A. Harrak at University of Toronto.
- 2017. Assisting editor of Journal of the Canadian Society of Syriac Studies, Vol. 17.
- 2013-2014. Work-Study in University of Toronto, Member of Prof. Virani's research team, translating from Persian into English.
- 2014-onward. Persian Tutor.
- 2000-2011. Member of staff, Notary and Legal Service Office.

Research Interests

- Antiquity: Syriac language and literature, Religion and Law, Greek philosophy in Syriac, Early Eastern Christianity, History and historiography, Historical studies, Syriac historical texts, history of law and the development of legal systems in late Antiquity, history of intellectuality in late Antiquity, legal terminology in Middle Persian and Syriac, translation studies in late Antiquity (the case of inter-relationship of Babylonian Aramaic, Syriac, Greek and Middle Persian and the case of Old Persian and Biblical/Imperial Aramaic), linguistics and languages, the historical grammar of Persian, Iranian and Semitic languages, history of the Near East, Sasanian studies, Zoroastrian Studies, Literature, Philology.

- Modern: Modernity in Iran, Iranian Intelligentsia and Intellectuality, History of Modern Iran, Modern Persian Literature, Western Literature in Translation, History of Orientalism, Modern Iran through Legal Documents, Legal Archives.

References

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- Tirzah Meacham, Professor at University of Toronto, Department of the Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, Email: meacham@chass.utoronto.ca.
- Mohamad Tavakoli Targhi, Professor at University of Toronto, Department of the Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, Email: m.tavakoli@utoronto.ca.
- Richard Payne, Associate Professor at the University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Email: repayne@uchicago.edu.
- Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Honorary Professor in Iranian Studies at the Freie Universität, Berlin, durkin-meisterernst@bbaw.de.