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EDUCATION

University of Delaware, Newark, USA
2019 to present—PhD Candidate, History
Doctoral dissertation: An assessment of the Franco-Iranian relationship between the 17th and 19th centuries
Advisor: Dr. Rudi Matthee (Professor of History)
2018 – M.A., History

University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France
2015 – M.A./DEA, Middle Eastern Studies
Master's thesis: Les relations commerciales franco-persanes (1830-1850)
Advisor: Dr. Nader Nasiri (Professor of History)

Azad University (Science and Research Branch), Tehran, Iran
2005 – Master's degree, French Language
Master's thesis: Alexandre Dumas: Désordre et Génie
Advisor: Dr. Mohammad-Taqi Ghiasi (Professor of French Literature)
2000 – Bachelor's degree, Spanish Language

PUBLICATIONS

Edited book:

Ruznama-ye sefarat-e Mirza Mohammad- 'Ali Shirāzi dar Farānsa dar ahd-e Mohammad Shah Qajar [The Travel Account of Mirza Mohammad-Ali Shirazi in France, during the reign of Mohammad Shah Qajar]. Tehran: Nashr-e Tārīkh, 2020. (in Persian)

Journal articles:

“‘Abbas Mirza, A Counternarrative.” *Iran: Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies*, DOI:10.1080/05786967.2021.1960884

“France among the Most-Favored Nations: The French Commercial Policy and Influence in Iran (1815–48).” *Iranian Studies* 54, issue 1-2 (2021): 143-167.

“Spanish and Portuguese Travelers in Persia (from the accession of Shah Abbas I to the fall of the Safavids).” *Archaeology and History* 19 (2006): 9-21. (in Persian)

“Spanish and Portuguese Travelers in Persia (from 12th to 16th Century)”, *Archaeology and History* 18 (2004): 42-55. (in Persian)

Encyclopaedia entries:

“Fath-Ali Shah Qajar.” in *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History* 20 (1800-1914). edited by D. Thomas and J. Chesworth, Leiden: Brill, 2023, 112-120.

“Muḥammad Shah Qajar.” in *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History* 20 (1800-1914). edited by D. Thomas and J. Chesworth, Leiden: Brill, 2023, 205-210.

“Nāṣir al-Din Shah Qajar.” in *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History* 20 (1800-1914). edited by D. Thomas and J. Chesworth, Leiden: Brill, 2023, 261-269.

“Bāmdād, Maḥdī.” in *Encyclopaedia of Islam, THREE*, Part 2021-4, edited by Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett Rowson, Consulted online on 10 September 2023, http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/1573-3912_ei3_COM_25201

“Moḥammad-‘Ali Khan Širāzi, Mirzā.” in *Encyclopedia Iranica Online*, Consulted online on 10 September 2023, http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2330-4804_EIRO_COM_365238

“Jouannin, Joseph-Marie.” in *Encyclopedia Iranica Online*, Consulted online on 10 September 2023, http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2330-4804_EIRO_COM_362438

“Sepehr Barīn.” in *Encyclopedia Iranica Online* (forthcoming)

Book reviews:

“Iran and a French empire of trade, 1700-1808: the other Persian letters. Junko Th. Takeda (Liverpool University Press, 2020).” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, doi: 10.1080/13530194.2023.2210927

“From the Kur to the Aras: A Military History of Russia’s Move into the South Caucasus and the First Russo-Iranian War, 1801–1813. George A. Bournoutian (Brill, 2021).” *Iranian Studies* 56, no. 1 (2023): 200–202. doi:10.1017/irn.2022.55

“Russians in Iran: Diplomacy and Power in the Qajar Era and Beyond, Rudi Matthee and Elena Andreeva (Eds.), London: I. B. Tauris, 2018.” *Iranian Studies* 51, no. 5 (2018): 800–802. doi:10.1080/00210862.2018.1480828

“Persepolis: The Discovery and Afterlife of a World Wonder. Ali Mousavi (De Gruyter, 2012).” *Bukhara* 100 (2014): 417-421. (in Persian)

“Ancient Iran from the Air. Photographs by Georg Gerster, edited by D. Stronach and A. Mousavi (Philipp von Zabern, 2012).” *Iranian Archaeology* 3 (2012): 140-141. (in Persian)

“Shakespeare, Persia & the East. Cyrus Ghani (Mage Publishers, 2008).” *Archaeology and History* 46 (2011): 100-101. (in Persian)

“Archéologie française en Perse et les antiquités nationales (1884-1914). Nader Nasiri-Moghaddam (Connaissances et Savoirs, 2004).” *Archaeology and History* 44 (2007): 107-112. (in Persian)

“Safavid Art and Architecture. Sheila R. Canby (British Museum Press, 2002).” *Nashr-e Dānesh* (Quarterly Journal of Islamic Culture) 19 (2003): 58-61. (in Persian)

“Islamic Art and Architecture. Robert Hillenbrand (Thames & Hudson, 1999).” *Archaeology and History* 16 (2002): 65-73. (in Persian)

Translations:

“From Splendour and Admiration to Ruin and Condescension: Western Travellers to Iran from the Safavids to the Qajars. Rudi Matthee.” *Farhangbān* 4, no. 13 (Spring 2022): 69-106. (in Persian)

“Legations and Gardens, Sahibs and their Subalterns. John Gurney.” *Bukhara* 143 (Spring 2021): 511-569. (in Persian)

“Un traité «secret» Irano-Russe de 1881. Nader Nasiri-Moghaddam.” *Bukhara* 146 (Fall 2021): 107-120. (in Persian)

“The Relations between Edward I and Edward II of England and the Mongol Il-Khāns of Persia. Laurence Lockhart.” *Archaeology and History* 15 (2001): 37-45. (in Persian)

Orkīda-ha dar mahtāb. Tehran: Nīlā Publication, 1999 (Persian translation of Carlos Fuentes, *Orquídeas a la luz de la luna*. Centro Dramático Nacional, 1988).

Conference papers:

“A French Proposal to establish Franco-Persian Relations in the 1830s.” Paper presented at *the Association for Iranian Studies Conference (AIS), University of California, Irvine, August 14-17, 2018*.

“Tūs, shahr-e khofta dar tārīkh (Tūs, A Sleeping Town in History).” Paper presented at *Shab-e Mahmūd Mūsavī in Bonyād-e Moqūfāt-e Afshār, Tehran, January 15, 2016*.

“Pèlerinage au royaume des Soufis: Pedro Cubero, missionnaire espagnol en Perse safavide au XVIIe siècle.” Paper presented at *Colloque organisé par Groupe des études orientales (GEO) sur le rôle des missionnaires dans les sociétés iranienne et indienne du XVIe au XXe siècle, Strasbourg, France, December 8, 2014*.

Professional experience and awards

Recipient of the Soudavar Memorial Foundation grant in Iranian Studies (2022).

Recipient of the summer research fellowship (2021), University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

Recipient of the alumni graduate student award for the best printed article (2021), University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

Recipient of grant for academic research activities from the Persian Heritage Foundation (2020).

Teaching Assistant (2016-19) – University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, USA

Winner of the Stanley J. Goldfus Memorial Award (Delaware) for outstanding performance as Teaching Assistant at the department of history (2018)

Fall 2016: HIST 103 World History to 1400

Spring 2017: HIST 104 World History since 1400

Fall 2018: HIST 102: Europe & the World since 1648

Spring 2019: HIST 170: Plagues and Peoples in Human History

Fall 2019: HIST 137 East Asian Civilization: China

Librarian at Bibliothèque Henri Massé, 2013-2014, University of Strasbourg, France

Freelance editor, reviewer and translator of books and journals, 2007-09, Tehran, Iran

Editor of *Nashr Gostar*, a weekly journal of industrial and economic development in Iran (2007-9)

Visiting scholar at Bonyād-e Īrānshenāsī (the Iranology Foundation), 2006-07, Tehran, Iran

Tour Guide: Translating and interpreting. Offering sightseeing advice. Accompanying tourists, and providing assistance to the tourists, 2003-2004, Caravan Sahara Travel Agency, Tehran, Iran.

Language Proficiency

Persian: native

English: fluent

French: fluent

Spanish: fluent

Russian: limited working proficiency