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EDUCATION

September 2019 – Present (Expected Graduation: December 2024)

University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Ph.D Candidate in Classics Department

- **Supervisor:** Dr. Marica Cassis
- **Thesis Title:** Sassanian Architecture with Concentration on Shapur II's Reign
- **Awards:** Doctoral Pre-candidacy Scholarship (2020)
- **Relevant Courses:** Seminar Greek Hist & Society, Ph.D Seminar I :Methodology, Womens History, Ancient Greek I & II, Graduate Seminar I: Byzantium History, Graduate seminar II: Roman and Sassanian, Research & Professional Training

September 2012 – September 2015

Art University of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran

M.A. in Historical Archaeology

- **GPA:** 18.88/20
- **Thesis Title:** Examination of the Evolution of Columned Halls of the Second and First Millenniums B.C in Iran, Caucasus and Anatolia
 - Examined all architectural features of Columned Halls in Iran, Caucasus and Anatolia.
 - Successfully completed the Comparative Comparison between Columned Halls
 - Analyzed the main roots of Columned Hall architecture
 - Researched the effect of columned Hall architecture on consecutive architectural periods

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Greek and Roman History
- Sassanian and Parthian History
- Byzantine
- History
- Interaction of Empires during Classics Period

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

- Cassis, M., Burton. S., **Safari, S.** (July 2023). Sharing Animals: Animal Imagery as Late Antique Intercultural Dialogue. The Bloomsbury Handbook of Material Religion in the Ancient Near East and Egypt.
- **Safari, S.**, Iravani, F.(2015). Examination of Columned Halls of the Second and First Millenniums B.C in Iran, Caucasusand Anatolia", IJFPS, Vol 5, No 3, 63- 70.

Conference papers:

- **Safari, S.** (2014). "Urartian columned halls" The second national congress of Iran Archaeology in the university of Birjand.
- **Safari, S.** (2014). "Examine of decorations related to Columned Halls of the Secondand First Millenniums B.C in Iran, Caucasus and Anatolia" The second nationalcongress of Iran Archaeology in the university of Birjand.

- **Safari, S.** (2014). "Examine of Columned Halls of the Second and First Millenniums B.C in Iran," The first international congress of tourism, geography and Archaeology in Tehran, Iran.
- **Safari, S.** (2014). "Examine of religion of Elam civilization in middle periods" The first international congress of tourism, geography and Archaeology in Tehran, Iran.

INTERNSHIPS

August 2014 – October 2014

Excavation Assistant

Jafar Abad, Iran, Art University of Isfahan

Excavation Site: Iron Age (1200-1000 B.C)

- Collaborated in an excavation project in Iran related to Ancient Urartian settlement
- Excavated and discovered ancient materials followed by precise protocolled preservation
- Categorized collected ancient materials and created the associated computer data base library
- Documented and drafted the analyzed carbon-14 laboratory data from ancient pottery and ceramics

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

September 2019 – Present

Graduate Teacher Assistant

Department of Classics & Religion, University of Calgary

Course Title: Classical Mythology & Literature, Religious Myths and Worldviews, Introduction to Greece and Rome, Ancient Medicine and the Mind, Roman Art and Architecture, and Jews, Christians and Muslims.

- Prepare course materials and presentations
- Organize and Deliver weekly tutorial/ teaching sessions for more than 300 undergraduate students
- Communicate the student's academic concerns with the course instructor
- Collaborate with other TAs on the organization of assignment and exam grading systems for adaption to online course delivery

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & VOLUNTEERISM

December 2015 – March 2016

Noor Azar, Biweekly Journal, Tabriz, Iran

Journal Editor and Scientific Author

- Authored essays and articles related to Historical topics.
- Edited the submitted articles, evaluated their appropriateness for publication in the journal

August 2015 – October 2015

Azerbaijan Museum, Tabriz, Iran

Administrative Associate

- Organized workshops and short seminars presenting historical topics
- Responsible for providing museum tours
- Obtained experience in collecting and categorizing ancient materials

Workshops

- Teaching Assistant Orientation, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, September 2019

- How Does Learning Work? The Basics of Teaching and Learning, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, January 2020.
- Complexities in Lesson Planning: Meeting the Diverse Needs of Today's Students, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, January 2020.
- Giving and Receiving Feedback in Higher Education: Tensions and Possibilities, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, February 2020.
- How Can Teaching and Research Inform Each Other, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, March 2020.
- Open Educational Resources Workshop Series, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, May 2023.
- TA Workshop Series, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, May 2023.
- International TAs Conversation Series, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, May 2023.
- Enhancing TA-Instructor Partnerships, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, May 2023.
- Assessment and Feedback Strategies in Blended and Online Courses, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, May 2023.
- Designing High- Quality Rubrics for Blended and Online Courses, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, May 2023.
- D2L Essentials, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, Calgary, AB, June 2023.

SKILLS

- A multi-skilled archaeologist, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in historical archaeology, with more than three years of diverse experience in teaching assistantship, public speaking, lecturing, and excavation. Key strengths include:
 - **Academic Assets:** In-depth knowledge with Roman and Greek mythology, religions of the world, and Roman architecture.
 - **Software Skills:** Experienced with AutoCAD, Excel, Word, Photoshop, D2L, and outlook.
 - **Excavation Skills:** 4 weeks of experience in an excavation site including gridding the site, excavating the units, analyzing artifacts, and preserving collections.
 - **Teamwork & Communication Skills:** Conflict Management and Problem Solving skills gained through working in dynamic research/teaching assistant environment. Effective communication skills developed through public speaking for conferences, presentations, lecturing writing research papers.
 - **Languages:** English (Proficient/ Fluent), Persian (Native), Turkish (Native), Italian (Intermediate), Greek (Intermediate).