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## EDUCATION

<b>PhD in Sociomedical Sciences and Anthropology</b> Columbia University	August 2002 – May 2006
<b>M.Phil in Anthropology</b> Columbia University	August 2002 – May 2003
<b>Masters in International Affairs</b> School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University	August 2000- May 2002
<b>B.A. in Diplomacy and World Affairs</b> Occidental College	August 1996- May 2000

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

<b>President and Director, Pacific Basin Institute, Pomona College</b>	August 2015-present
<b>Chair, Department of Anthropology, Pomona College</b>	January 2012 - present
<b>Associate Professor of Anthropology, Pomona College</b>	July 2011-present
<b>Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Pomona College</b>	July 2006 – July 2010
<b>Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Health, New York University</b>	June 2007 – July 2007
<b>Teaching Assistant, Columbia University School of Public Health</b>	August 2005 – May 2006
<b>Teaching Assistant, Barnard College</b>	August 2005 – December 2005
<b>Research Assistant, Columbia University School of Public Health</b>	August 2005 – December 2005
<b>Instructor, School of International Affairs, Columbia University</b>	August 2003 – December 2003
<b>Practicum Coordinator, Columbia University School of Public Health</b>	August 2002 – December 2002

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, and IN-HOUSE RESIDENCIES

<b>Social Science Research Council Abe Fellowship</b> Fellowship to conduct research in Asia about migrant families	2014-2015
<b>Asia Research Institute Fellowship</b> Writing fellowship National University of Singapore	2014

<b>Google Ideas Fellowship</b>	2012
Fellowship to conduct research and assist Google in the realm of illicit networks	
<b>Wig Distinguished Award for Teaching</b>	2012
Fellowship and award for excellence in teaching at Pomona College	
<b>National Science Foundation</b>	2011
Workshop Grant to support Rockefeller Bellagio Center Conference	
<b>Wennergren Foundation</b>	2011
Workshop Grant to support Rockefeller Bellagio Center Conference	
<b>Rockefeller Foundation Award for Bellagio Center Conference</b>	2011
“Rethinking Intimate Labor through Inter Asian Migrations” June 6-10	
<b>Woodrow Wilson Fellowship</b>	2009-2010
A residential fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars	
<b>American Council of Learned Societies</b>	for 2010
Grant for research for upcoming book on “trafficking” in Dubai	
<b>Balzan Fellowship</b>	for 2010
Award to a scholar working on sexuality and the Middle East	
<b>Asia Society Fellowship</b>	2009
Awarded an Asia 21 fellowship for outstanding global leadership	
<b>Mellon Faculty Grant</b>	2008
Funding for edited volume on youth in Iran	
<b>Pomona College Faculty Research Grant</b>	2008
Funding for travel to Dubai and Beirut for next project	
<b>Pomona College Hahn “Teaching with Technology” Grant</b>	2007
Funding for purchase of qualitative research technology in the amount of \$2,400	
<b>Pomona College Research Grant</b>	2007
Funding to travel to the Islamic Republic of Iran for five weeks to conduct fieldwork. Funding also for two research assistants in the field. Total funding received: \$7,539.15	
<b>Society for Applied Anthropology and Society for Medical Anthropology, Del Jones Award</b>	2006
Honored for conducting original research amongst under-served populations	
<b>American Public Health Association Outstanding Student Award</b>	2005
Award in recognition of innovative and outstanding new scholarship in the field of public health	
<b>Behavioral Science Training Fellowship, National Development and Research Institute</b>	2004-2006
Stipend and tuition received as well as research training and networking	
<b>Woodrow Wilson Fellowship in Women’s Health</b>	2005-2006

Grant received for conducting my research in Iran

**Institute for Social and Economic Research Policy Fellowship**  
Fellowship and office received for data analysis and write-up of dissertation

2005-2006

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Crossing the Gulf: Love and Family in Migrants' Lives*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University press, April 2016

*Migrant Encounters: Intimate Labor, the State and Mobility Across Asia*; with Sara Friedman (ed). University of Pennsylvania Press. November 2015.

*From Trafficking to Terror: Constructing a Global Social Problem*; London: Routledge Press 2013

*Gridlock: Labor, Migration and Human Trafficking in Dubai*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, May 2011.

*Passionate Uprisings: The Intersection of Sexuality and Politics in Post-Revolutionary Iran*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, September, 2008.

*Re-thinking Human Trafficking*; with Denise Brennan (ed). Under contract with Duke University Press. Expected publication May 2017.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Intimate Mobilities and Unwanted Gifts: Rethinking the Family in Migration to the Gulf" submitted for review to *American Ethnologist*

"Love, Labor and the Law: Regulating Migrant Women's Sexualities in the Gulf" in *Anthropology of the Middle East*, Spring 2015.

"Migrating in the Era of Human Trafficking" in *Asian Population Studies*, vol. 11, issue 1 (Spring 2015) pp. 1744-1730

"Gender, Labor and the Law: Intimate Labor and Human Trafficking in the UAE" in *Global Networks* vol 13, issue 4 (Winter 2013) pp. 425-440

"Trafficking' Parenting: Motherhood, Deportation and Migration in the UAE" in *Middle East Law and Governance* vol 5 (Summer 2013) pp 173-194.

"But We Can Always Get More': Deportability, Disposability, and Dispensability in Structuring Experiences of Forced Intimate Labor in the UAE" *Asia and Pacific Migration Journal* vol.20, Nos. 3-4 (Spring 2012) pp.413-431.

"Questioning the Global Gays(ze): constructions of sexual identities in post-revolution Iran" in *Social Identities* vol 18 No. 2 March 2012 pp. 223-239.

“Re-thinking Intimate Labor through Inter-Asian Migrations” with Sara Friedman. *Asia and Pacific Migration Journal* vol 20, no.2, Fall 2011.

“Trafficked Voices: Questioning the Gendered and Raced Construction of Trafficking in the Middle East” with Christine Sargent. *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies*, vol.7, no.3, Fall 2011.

“Race, Space, Place: Notes on the Racialization and Spatialization of Commercial Sex Work in Dubai” in *Culture, Health and Sexuality* 12(8) November 2010.

“The Traffic of Persians: Questioning the Narrative of 'Trafficked' Iranian Women in Dubai” published as part of a volume on *The Trade and Traffic of Persia* in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* vol 30., no. 3, Spring 2010.

“But What if Someone Sees Me? Gender, Risk and the Aftershocks of Iran’s Sexual Revolution”, *Journal of Women’s Middle East Studies* vol. 5, no. 2, Spring 2009.

“Girls Just Wanna Have Fun?” in *Anthropology News*, October 2008 vol 49 (7) 63-64

“Passionate Uprisings: the Intersection of Sexuality and Politics in Post-Revolutionary Iran” in *Culture, Health and Sexuality*, Fall 2007 vol 9 (5): 445-459

“Fashion and the Meaning of Tehrani Style” in *Anthropology News*, March 2007 vol 48 (3) 50-51

“Iran’s Cyber-Sexual Revolution” in *ISIM Review (Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World)* Spring 2007 vol 19: 18-20

### **Peer-reviewed Book and Encyclopedia Chapters**

“Producing Irregular Migration in the UAE” accepted for publication in Irregular Migration and the Gulf: The Role of Legislation, Policies and Practices edited by Philippe Fargues and Nasrah M. Shah (Gerlag Books: Spring 2017)

“Human Trafficking or Voluntary Migration? Lessons Learned from Across Asia” accepted for publication in Handbook of Asian Migrations edited by Gracia Liu Farrer and Brenda Yeoh (Routledge: Spring 2017)

“Colliding Rights and Wrongs: Sexuality, Health, and Human Rights of Migrants in the Gulf” accepted for publication in Handbook on Human Rights and the Middle East and North Africa edited by Anthony T. Chase (Routledge: November 2016)

“Children of the Emir: Families in Migration Across Asia” in Migrant Encounters: Intimate Labor Inter-Asia edited by Sara Friedman and Pardis Mahdavi (University of Pennsylvania Press: November 2015)

“Immobilized Migrancy: Inflexible Citizenship and Flexible Practices Among Migrants in the Gulf” in Migrant Domestic Workers in the Middle East edited by Bina Fernandez and Marina deRegt (Palgrave: January 2015)

“Chastity” in International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality edited by Patricial Whelan and Anne Bolin (Wiley Press: January 2015)

- “Iran’s Green Movement in Context” in Cultural Revolution in Iran: Contemporary Popular Culture in the Islamic Republic edited by Annabelle Sreberny and Massoumeh Torfeh (I.B. Tauris: December 2013)
- “Producing Race, Producing Place: Gender, Privilege and the Geography of Sex Work in the United Arab Emirates” in Geographies of Privilege edited by France Winddance Twine and Bradley Gardner (Routledge: March 2013)
- “Tripping through the Tropes of Trafficking in the United Arab Emirates” in Migrant Labor in the Gulf edited by Mehran Kamrava (Saqi Books; 2012)
- “Sexual Politics, Social Movements: Iran’s Sexual and Social Revolution” in Understanding Global Sexualities – New Frontiers edited by Peter Aggleton and Richard Parker (Routledge: March 2012)
- “Re-creating Recreation: The Politics of Fun in the Islamic Republic of Iran” in Arab Youth: Social Mobilization in Times of Risk edited by Samir and Roseanne Khalaf, Saqi Books (November 2011)
- “Iran's Sexual Revolution” in Introducing the New Sexuality Studies edited by Steven Seidman, Nancy Fisher and Chet Meeks New York: Routledge October 2011
- “Iran -Une initiation sexuelle par la pornographie et Internet” (Iran -A Sexual Initiation Through Pornography and the Internet” in Les Jeunes et La Sexualite: Initiations, Interdits, Identities (Youth and Sexuality: Initiations, Forbidden Acts and Identities) edited by Veronique Blanchard and Regis Revanin, Editions Autrement Press (March 2010) 153-164.
- “Young People, Sexuality, Politics and Risk in the Islamic Republic of Iran” in The Routledge Handbook of Sexuality, Health and Rights edited by Peter Aggleton and Richard Parker, Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group Press (January, 2010)
- “Who Will Catch Me If I Fall? Health and the Infrastructure of Risk in Urban Tehran”, in Contemporary Iran edited by Ali Gheissari, Oxford University Press (April, 2009)
- “Women, Gender and Sexualities: Modern Sex Education Manuals: Iran” in Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures, Harvard Press, December 2004 vol 3: 409-410
- “Women, Gender and Sexualities: Practices: Iran” in Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures, Harvard Press, December 2004 vol 3: 384-385
- “Iran’s Primary Health Care Network” in Iran Today Encyclopedia Greenwood Press, October 2008.
- “Women’s Health Care in Iran” in Iran Today Encyclopedia Greenwood Press, October 2008.

## **Book Reviews**

Born Out of Place: Migrant Mothers and the Politics of International Labor by Nicole Constable. Review published in *American Ethnologist*, Spring 2015.

Hollow Bodies: Institutional Responses to Sex Trafficking in Armenia, Bosnia and India by Susan Dewey. Review published in *American Ethnologist*, Spring 2010 37.4.

Transgressive Sex: Subversion and Control in Erotic Encounters edited by Hastings Donnan and Fiona Magowan. Review published in *American Ethnologist*, Winter 2009.

Goths, Wannabes and Christians: The Boundaries of Sex, Style and Status by Amy C. Wilkins. Review published in *American Ethnologist*, Spring 2009.

De-Constructing Sexuality in the Middle East edited by Pinar Ilkharacan. Review published in *Culture, Health and Sexuality*, Winter 2008.

### Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

“Who Gets to Speak for Iran? On Access, Authority and Authenticity” in *Stanford University Press Blog*  
<http://stanfordpress.typepad.com/blog/2016/02/who-gets-to-speak-for-iran.html> February 2016

“What happened when Saudi Arabia closed its doors to Christian Migrants” in *The Conversation*  
<https://theconversation.com/what-happened-when-saudi-arabia-closed-its-borders-to-christian-immigrants-53205> January 2016

“Beyond Victims and Villains: From Ethnography to the Stage” in *HowlRound*  
<http://howlround.com/authors/pardis-mahdavi> July 2014

“The Charitable Industrial Complex: Justice not Charity is what’s Needed” in *Huffington Post*  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/the-charitable-industrial-complex\\_b\\_5503711.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/the-charitable-industrial-complex_b_5503711.html) June 2014

“Articles on Migrant Labor Abuses in the Gulf Don’t Tell the Whole Story” in *Huffington Post*  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/articles-on-migrant-labor\\_b\\_5434332.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/articles-on-migrant-labor_b_5434332.html) June 2014

“Illicit Networks: Forces in Opposition” (with Lila Glick, PO ’12) publication of Google Ideas/policy brief (July 2012)

“Interrogating the Illicit” in *Huffington Post*, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/interrogating-the-illicit\\_b\\_1699785.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/interrogating-the-illicit_b_1699785.html) July 20, 2012

“Just the TIP of the Iceberg: The 2011 Trafficking in Persons Report (TIP) Falls Short of Expectations” in *The Huffington Post* [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/just-the-tip-of-the-icebe\\_1\\_b\\_888618.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/just-the-tip-of-the-icebe_1_b_888618.html) July 2011.

“On Human Trafficking Reconsidered” in *ACLS News* <http://www.acls.org/news/6-14-11/> June 2011

“When Help is the Problem: Questioning Human Trafficking Policies in the Gulf”, in *The Huffington Post* [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/when-help-is-the-problem-\\_b\\_823521.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/when-help-is-the-problem-_b_823521.html) February 2011.

“Passionate Uprisings: The Dual Lives of Iranian Youth”, Full paper published online  
[www.aucegypt.edu/igws](http://www.aucegypt.edu/igws) December 2003.

“The Disturbing Conflict Between Sexual Libido and Repression in Iran” in *Slant Magazine*, Spring 2002.

“Fight Club” in *Slant Magazine*, Spring 2001.

“Gypsy Café: Hookah Etiquette” in *The Los Angeles Times Magazine*, October 2000.

“Made in Mexico?” in *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, November 2000.

### KEYNOTE and INVITED LECTURES

“Sexual Politics and the U.S. – Iran Nuclear Deal” at Claremont McKenna	01/16
“Human Trafficking: From Moral Panic to Social Justice” at Citrus College	09/15
“Reflecting on Sexuality within Sexual Politics of Modern Iran” at University of Tokyo	04/15
“Intimate Mobilities: Rethinking Gendered Migration to the Gulf and Beyond” at Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea	03/15
“Love, Labor and the Law: Gendered Intimate Migrations Across Asia” at NHK World News Journalists’ Meeting, Tokyo, Japan	02/15
“Reflections on Iran’s Sexual Revolution” at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan	01/15
“Children of the Emir: Migrants, the ‘State’, and Mobility in the Gulf” at Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore	11/14
“Encountering the State: Migrant Transformation and Mobilizations in Asia and Beyond” at Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore	11/14
“Immobilized Migrancy: Family, the State, Migration and Rights Across Asia” at National University of Singapore Department of Sociology	10/14
“Gendered Migrations Across Asia: Possibilities for Inter-ASEAN Dialogue” at Asian Women Parliamentarian Caucus, Singapore	10/14
“Love, Labor and the Law: Regulating Migrant Women’s Sexualities in the Gulf” at University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa	08/14
“Re-Thinking Human Trafficking: A Survivors Perspective” at Trust Women conference; Thomson Reuters Foundation and International New York Times conveners in London, UK	12/13
“Trafficking, Terror and Technology” at Honnold Mudd Library; Claremont Discourse Lecture Series	11/13
“From Trafficking to Terror: Interrogating a Paradigm” at American University of Kuwait, Kuwait City	07/13
“Trafficking, Terror and their Tropes” at Florida International University, Miami, FL	03/13
“Trafficking Inter-Asia: South-South Movement” at Wadah Foundation, Bali, Indonesia	03/12

TED talk: “Human Trafficking Reconsidered” at TEDx at Arts Center College of Design	06/12
PIER Summer Institute: “Trafficking, Rights and Wrongs” at Yale University	07/12
“Youth, Media, and Revolution: Sexuality, Sociality and the Body in Post Revolutionary Iran”, Rollins College, Orlando, FL	10/11
“Trafficking, Labor and Policy: Notes on the Disconnect between Policies on Human Trafficking and the Realities of Forced Labor”, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.	09/11
“Re-thinking Gender and Human Rights in the Middle East”, Network of Iranian American Professionals of Orange County, Irvine, CA	10/10
“Dubai: The Global City” at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA	10/10
“Trafficking the Trafficking Debate” at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA	05/10
“Iran’s Green Sexual Revolution” at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA	05/10
“Traffic Jam: Gender, Labor, Migration and 'Trafficking' in Dubai” at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.	02/10
“Trafficked Voices: Questioning the Discursive Construction of Trafficked Women and Migrant Men in the UAE” at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	12/09
“Music, Masculinity, and Marriage in the Islamic Republic” at Purdue University, Purdue, IN	11/09
“Youth in Transition: The Transformation of Marriage, Intimacy and Masculinity in post-revolution Iran” at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada	10/09
“A Traffic Jam: Gender, Labor, Migration and Trafficking in the UAE” at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars	10/09
“Sexual Politics of Modern Iran” at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA	05/09
“Sex, Drugs and 'Fun' in the Islamic Republic” at University of California, Los Angeles	04/09
“Imagining Iran: Youth, Gender and Sexuality in Iran” at Sacramento Public Library	03/09
“Re-thinking Risk: Gender, Sexuality and Risk in Post-Revolution Iran” at Scripps College, Claremont, CA	02/09
“Qualitative Data Analysis for Complex Research” at Columbia University	12/08
“Alternative Sexualities and Sexual Identities in Post-Revolution Iran” at UCLA	11/08
“Gender, Labor and Trafficking in Dubai, UAE” at UCSF	11/08
“Producing Passionate Uprisings” at the World Affairs Council of Los Angeles	10/08

- “Sexuality, Recreation and the Politics of Fun in the IRI” at the Sacramento Public Library 09/08
- “Sexual Encounters and Sexual Motifs in the IRI” at the Bay Area Iranian Professionals annual meeting 09/08
- “Using Medical Anthropology to Meet the Unmet Needs of Iranian Women” at *Mehregan Conference* San Diego, CA 08/08
- “The Politics of Pornography in Post-Revolution Iran” at *Visual Representations of Iran*, St. Andrews, Scotland, UK 06/08
- “The Spatiality of Sexuality in Iran: Private Uses of Public Space”, at *Spatiality of Faith and Fun*, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon 05/08
- “Sex, Drug and the Underground” at University of San Francisco 05/08  
San Francisco, CA
- “Sexuality and Sexual Politics of an Islamic Republic”, at Claremont Graduate University 04/08
- “Sex, Drugs and Rock n’ Roll: Iran’s Sexual Revolution” presented at California State University Northridge, Northridge, CA 03/08
- “Framing Social versus Viral Risk Taking Amongst Urban Iranian Youth”, presented at the Iranian American Medical Association, Irvine, CA. 01/08
- “Sexuality and Sexual Health in post-revolution Iran: Thinking Public Health Solutions”, presented at New York University, New York, NY 01/08
- “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun? Iran’s Changing Sexual Revolution”, presentation at 11/07  
Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA
- “Prospects for Democracy in Iran? A Sexual Revolution”, presented at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA 11/07
- “Iran’s Sexual Revolution: Where is this Headed?”, presentation at Columbia University Seminar on Gender, Sexuality, Health and Human Rights, New York, NY 10/07
- “A Cultural Renaissance Online? Cyberspace and Cybersex in the Iranian Imagination” Presented at Stanford University department of Iranian Studies, Palo Alto, CA 10/07
- “Sexuality and Sexual Politics in Post-Revolutionary Iran”, presentation at Women’s Union 09/06

### **Selected PROFESSIONAL PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS**

- “Intimate Im/Mobilities: Migrating Out of the Social Contract in Asia” presented at a conference on *Temporalities and Mobilities* at Asia Research Institute, Singapore 02/16
- “Intimacies, Mobilities, Migrancies” at the Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO 11/15

- “Intimate Mobilities: Love, Labor and the Law Across Asia” at a conference on *Intimate Lives of Intimate Laborers*, held at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan 03/15
- “Immobilized Migrancy: Ethnographic Approaches to Intimate Labor in the Gulf” at *Middle East Studies Association* annual meeting in New Orleans, LA 10/13
- “From Forced Labor to Trafficking: Dubai as Case Study” at University of Southern California conference on *Human Trafficking Reconsidered: From Enforcement to Empowerment*, Los Angeles, CA 02/13
- “Trafficking’ Parenting: Motherhood, Deportation and Migration in the UAE” at Labor and Migration Symposium at the University of Toronto, Montreal, Canada 03/12
- Google Ideas Illicit Networks Conference: “Putting a Human Face to Illicit Networks”, Google, Los Angeles, California 07/12
- “But We Can Always Get More’: Deportability, Disposability, and Dispensability in Structuring Experiences of Forced Intimate Labor in the UAE” at a conference on “Rethinking Intimate Labor” held at the Rockefeller Estate in Bellagio, Italy 06/11
- “Trafficked Women and Male Migrants: Questioning the Gendered Discourses of Migration in the Gulf” at a conference on “Guest Workers in Global Perspective” at the Huntington Library, San Marino, CA 04/11
- “Trafficking Discourses on Arts and Human Rights in Iran” at a conference on “Art and Human Rights in Iran” at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C. 03/11
- “Gender, the Informal Economy and Migration in Dubai” at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in New Orleans, LA 11/10
- “Informality and its Discontents: On Gendered Migratory Patterns in the Gulf” at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting in San Diego, CA 11/10
- “Contrasting Policy and Lived Experiences of Migration and Trafficking through Ethnographic Research in the UAE” at a conference on “Re-thinking Trafficking” at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC 03/10
- “Tripping through the Tropes of Trafficking in the UAE” at a conference on Labor and Migration in the Gulf hosted by Georgetown University in Doha, Qatar 01/10
- “Race, Space, Place: The Racialization and Spatialization of Sex Work in Dubai” at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA 12/09
- “A Marriage Crisis? The Transformation of Marriage, Masculinity and Intimacy in post-revolutionary Iran” at a conference on “The Marriage Crisis in Modern Iran” at the University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA 10/09
- “The Campaign to Address Trafficking: Evidence of Civil Society in Dubai?” 09/09  
Society for Medical Anthropology 50 year Anniversary Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT

- “Sexuality and Sexual Politics in Post-Revolution Iran” presented at School of Oriental and Africa Studies (SOAS) conference on “Iran 30 Years after the Revolution”, London, UK 06/09
- “A Re-creation of Recreation: Youth and the Politics of Fun in the Islamic Republic of Iran” presented at conference on “Youth in the Middle East” hosted by the American University of Beirut, Lebanon 05/09
- “Homosexuality, Homosociality, and Sexual Identity in Post-Revolution Iran” at “Islam and Sexualities” conference at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 03/09
- “The Traffic of Persians: Questioning the Narrative of Trafficked Iranian Women in Dubai” at Society for Medical Anthropology conference, Santa Fe, NM 03/09
- “Traffic Jam: Gender, Labor, Migration and Trafficking in Dubai” presented at “The Trade and Traffic of Persia” conference in Claremont, CA 09/08
- “Changing Sexual Identities in the Wake of Iran’s Sexual Revolution” presented at Rockefeller conference “Re-Theorizing the Sexual” in Bellagio, Italy 09/08
- “Challenges Facing Modern Iranian Women” presented at Iranian Women Studies Foundation annual conference, Berkeley, CA 07/08
- “Sexuality, Spatiality and Risk: Changing Conceptions of Risk Amongst Urban Iranian Women”, presented at Society for Applied Anthropology annual meeting, Memphis, TN 03/08
- “But What if Someone Sees Me?’ Health and the Infrastructure of Risk for Urban Iranian Women”, presented at the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C. 11/07
- “Building Women’s Health Coalitions in the Islamic Republic of Iran” paper presented at the International Women’s Health Coalition in New York, NY 08/07
- “Cyber-space and Cyber-sex in the Iranian Diaspora” presented at Iranian Alliances Across Borders annual meeting in New York, NY 04/07
- “Health and the Infrastructure of Risk for Urban Iranian Women” presented at Society for Applied Anthropology annual meeting in Tampa, FL 03/07
- “A ‘Lipstick Jihad?’ Gender and Sexuality in Modern Iran” presented as keynote speaker for Women’s Day at the International House at Claremont McKenna College 03/07
- “Changing Conceptions of Risk in a Changing Iran” keynote speech at Iranian American Professionals form at the University of California, Berkeley 11/06
- “Iran’s Cyber-Sexual Revolution: Meeting, Mating and Cheating...Online” presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in San Jose, CA 11/06
- “Health Risks and Outcomes in the Islamic Republic of Iran” keynote speech presented at Association of Iranian American Professionals in San Diego, CA 10/06
- “Who Will Catch Me if I Fall? Health and the Infrastructure of Risk for Urban Young Iranians” presented at Iran Future Prospects annual conference at Stanford University in Stanford, CA 10/06

- “Iran’s Sexual Revolution” presented at Mehregan International Conference in San Diego 9/06
- “Sensitive Topics, Sensitive Settings: Field Methods of Researching Sexuality in the Islamic Republic of Iran” presented at Society for Medical Anthropology/Society for Applied Anthropology bi-annual meeting in Vancouver, Canada 3/06
- “HIV in urban Iran: Strategies for Combating the Epidemic in a Theocracy” presented at Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting in Boston, MA 2/06
- “Risk and Resilience Amongst Urban Iranian Young Adults” presented at American Public Health Association annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA 12/05
- “Passionate Uprisings: The Intersection between Sexuality and Politics in Post-Revolutionary Iran” presented at American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Washington D.C. 11/05
- “Iran’s Sexual Revolution” presented at Iran Future Prospects annual conference at Stanford University in Stanford, CA 10/05
- “Changing Iranian Sexualities” presented at Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA 08/05
- “Modernizing Iran: The Intersection between Sexuality and Politics in the Islamic Republic” presented at Wellesley College Women’s Studies lecture series in Wellesley, MA 04/05
- “Trooping through the Tropes of Fieldwork: On Conducting Ethnography in Sensitive Settings” presented at Medical Anthropology Students annual conference at Columbia University in New York 3/05
- “HIV, Drug Use and Risk: Triangular Clinics and Urban Youth in Tehran” presented at Tehran University in Tehran, Iran 09/04
- “Risk and Resilience among Urban Iranian Youth” presented at Eastern Sociological Society annual conference in New York, NY 02/04
- “Passionate Uprisings: Sexuality as Political Discourse in Urban Iran” presented at Gendered Bodies Conference at the American University of Cairo in Cairo, Egypt 12/03
- “Passionate Uprisings: The Dual Lives of Iranian Youth” presented at “Let’s Talk About Sex” Roundtable at Columbia University in New York, NY 04/03
- “Practicing the Practicum” presented at the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia, PA 11/02

### **Selected MEDIA INTERVIEWS and COMMENTARY**

- CNN International 02/09
- CBS “Bay Sunday” 01/09
- La Repubblica 01/09
- Progressive Pulse Radio 12/08

The Onion	12/08
BBC Radio	11/08
The Financial Times	11/08
The Los Angeles Times	11/08
The Australian	11/08
The Nation	11/08
The Chronicle of Higher Education	10/08
Publishers Weekly	10/08
CBS News Sacramento	09/08
KPFA Radio	07/08

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### PROFESSIONAL WORK

Member, Committee on Academic Freedom, Middle East Studies Assoc	09/14-present
Secretary, Association for Middle East Anthropology	08/13-present
Editor, Wiley Encyclopedia of Sexuality	08/13-present
Board Member, Political Research Associates	10/08-present
Editorial Board Member, <i>Culture, Health and Sexuality</i>	04/08-present
Advisory Board Member; Millennium Time Capsule Project	1/08-present
Consultant/Reviewer, International Women's Health Coalition	7/07-present
Editor, Rahavard Iranian Journal	9/06-present
Ad-hoc reviewer, International Journal of Women's Middle East Studies	7/07-present
Consultant, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	11/02-present

### COMMITTEE WORK

Director, Pacific Basin Institute	2015 - present
Chair, Anthropology Department	2012 – present
Member, Faculty Personnel Committee	2016-present
Member, Work-Family Committee	2012-present
Chair, Women's Commission	2012
Member, Academic Committee on Computing	9/08-05/09
Member, Research Committee	7/07-05/09
Member, Gender and Women's Studies Steering Committee	9/06-present
Mentor, Farsi Table, Oldenborg Language Center	9/06-present
Member, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Columbia University	9/02-5/06
Member, Diversity Committee, Columbia University	9/02-5/06
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- Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
- Love, Labor and the Law
- Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies

- Conceptual Foundations of International Politics
- Medical Anthropology
- Methods in Anthropological Inquiry
- Applied Anthropology
- Sexuality and Sexual Politics of the Modern Middle East
- International Health and Economic Development
- Introduction to Sociomedical Sciences
- Women's Health