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Curriculum Vitae

Education

New York University May 2026

Master of Arts, Near Eastern Studies

The University of Texas at Austin May 2023

Bachelor of Arts, Quadruple major in Honors Middle Eastern Studies, International Relations and Global Studies, Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, and History
Minors in Persian and Religious Studies

Awards and Grants

2025 Gallatin Global Human Rights Fellowship, NYU

2024 Davis-Putter Scholarship Foundation

2024 32-Point Merit Scholarship, NYU

2023 Dean's Distinguished Graduate Nominee, UT Austin

2023 Honorable Mention for Liberal Arts Honors Thesis Award for Humanities, UT Austin

2022 Women Engaging Globally Scholarship, Indiana University Bloomington

2021 Dean's Honor List Summa cum Laude, UT Austin

2020 - 2023 Undergraduate University Honors, Six consecutive semesters

2020 UT Grant, Full Tuition Scholarship

Research Experience

Research Assistant, San Francisco State University Oct 2023 - Feb 2024

- Worked on *Teaching Palestine: Pedagogical Praxis and the Indivisibility of Justice* under the supervision of Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi, Senior Scholar and Director of Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies.
- Research on topics including Palestinian studies, anti-colonial resistance, settle colonialism, and gender/sexuality.

Research Consultant, Women for Weapons Trade Transparency Apr 2021 - Feb 2023

- Sponsored program by the Center for International Policy.
- Focused and published material on the United States' lack of transparency in its military operations in Yemen, Syria, and Afghanistan.

- Research included outreach to individuals with experiences connected to the international weapons trade.

Research Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin Jan 2021 - May 2021

- Worked under the supervision of Dr. Babak Tabarraee on subtitling and translating the movie *The Beehive* (1975) as part of a larger archiving project, creating a collection of English subtitled pre-Islamic Revolution *Film-Farsi* movies.

Research Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin Jan 2021 - May 2021

- Worked under the direct supervision of Dr. Faegheh Shirazi and conducted research on Ritual Textiles of Muslim Societies for Dr. Shirazi's latest book: *Islamicate Textiles: Fashion, Fabric, and Ritual*. (ISBN-10: 1350291234)

Work Experience

Graduate Assistant, New York University Aug 2024 - Present

- Managing social media platforms, contributing to the creation of newsletters, and assisting in developing faculty syllabi at the Hagop Kevorkian Center of Near Eastern Studies.

Financial Aid Coordinator II, The University of Texas at Austin Mar 2024 - July 2024

- Ensured Title IV compliance through daily and weekly report running, automated processes, and financial aid processing, including eligibility verification, awarding funds, maintaining policies, and providing informational support within the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.
- NASFAA Credentials: Cost of Attendance (COA), Student Eligibility, Need Analysis, Application Process, SAP Verification, and Professional Judgement.

Instructional Designer, Apple July 2023 - Dec 2023

- Designed learning experiences including eLearning, classroom, virtual classroom, and conducting content reviews with SMEs and stakeholders.

Product Specialist, Apple Sep 2021 - July 2023

- Maintained agility with Apple products and software, creating complete solutions for Customer Relationship Management.

Digital Publications Writer, Middle East Institute May 2022 - Oct 2022

- Edited and produced original research and analysis, convening roundtables and public events, and working to advance understanding of the complexities of regional policy.

Digital Publications Editor, Middle East Institute

Jan 2022 - May 2022

- Helped to manage the editorial output from MEI's think tank, the Center for Policy Research and Analysis, including articles, papers, books, and, in conjunction with the communications department, multimedia content like podcasts and videos.

Economic Empowerment Intern, International Rescue Committee

Jan 2021 - July 2021

- Researched and identified programs and resources that enable refugees to meet clients' long-term educational, employment, and life goals. Input client information in a database and assist with tracking and provide translation and interpretation when necessary.

Academic Papers

Honors Thesis Title: *Rewinding the Cassette: A Look into the Revolutionary Music Production of Iran. From Siahkal of the Caspian, Mountains of Kurdistan, and Iranian Student Movement Abroad.*

Capstone in History Title: *Bounded by Faith and Rationale: On the Religious Philosophy of Scientific Explorations of the Islamic Abbasid Caliphate and the Roman Catholic Counter Reformation Era.*

Capstone in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures Title: *Laughing Through War: Masoud Dehnamaki's Propaganda Machine.*

Publications

“Syria Continues to Suffer as a Battleground for Proxy Warfare,” in *Inkstick Media*. (February 2023)

“The Culture of Protest Arts in the Green Movement and the Uprising for Mahsa Jina Amini,” in *Texas ScholarWorks, The University of Texas at Austin Libraries*. (November 2022)

“Europe's Efforts to Hold Iranian Officials Accountable for their Crimes,” in *Middle*

East Institute. (August 2022)

“Canada-Iran Soccer Row Highlights the Ongoing Fight Over Flight 752” in *Middle East Institute*. (June 2022)

“Cultural Warfare: Balkanization, Turbo-Folk, and the Croatian Response to Serbian Nationalism.” in *Texas ScholarWorks, The University of Texas at Austin Libraries*. (May 2022)

Languages

Fluent/Native: Persian, English, Russian, Georgian

Professional Working Proficiency: Sorani Kurdish and French

Elementary Knowledge: Arabic

Relevant coursework:

PRS 601C—Intensive Persian I, Credit by Exam

PRS 611C—Intensive Persian II, Credit by Exam

PRS 329—Readings on Gender and Sexuality

PRS 329—Iranian Cinema

PRS 329—Veiling Culture

PRS 329—Media and Migration in Iran

PRS 329—Graphic Design Print in Iran

CEUS-T 198—Introductory to Kurdish I

CEUS-T 199—Introductory to Kurdish II

Professional Development

2024 Mentee, Iranian American Women’s Foundation, NY Chapter