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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

PhD in Political Science, 2013-2018

Smith College, Northampton, MA

Diploma in American Studies, 2009-2010

(Thesis: American Interests in the 1953 Coup in Iran)

Fulbright Scholar, August 2008 – May 2009

Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

Tehran University, Iran

MA in Philosophy, June 2006

(Thesis: Active Intellect in the Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas compared with Muslim Philosophers)

Tehran University, Iran

BA in Philosophy, May 2003

WORK EXPERIENCE

Blogger, October 2010 – 2014

www.padsokhan.com

- Compose articles and analyses in dialogue with the current Middle-Eastern politics and contemporary intellectual discussions in Iran

Freelance Writer

- BBC Persian,
- Radio Zamaneh,
- Rooz Online,
- JARAS (Jonbesh-e Rah-e Sabz)

Research Scholar

Smith College, Department of American Studies, *September 2011- December 2012*

- Working with newly-admitted exchange students to the Diploma in American Studies to navigate them throughout the one-year study and experience at Smith College and Five College area

Research Fellow

Nonviolent Initiative for Democracy, *July 2012 – 2014*

- Researching nonviolent resistances in the level of theory and practice
- Translating and providing reports of the events and writings about nonviolent resistance and conflict resolution from English to Persian and vice versa

Five College Center for the Study of World Languages, Amherst, MA

Persian Instructor, August 2008 – Present

- Instruct up to 12 students each semester in beginning to advanced levels; provide individualized instruction and group conversation skills in a unique student-centered, proficiency-oriented program
- I have written *Persian Manuals* levels 1 through 4 as the materials to be used to teach Persian for the student throughout Five College Inc.
- Design detailed syllabi, education materials and activities to facilitate independent language learning
- Conduct placement exams and final evaluations
- Develop and produce over 50 grammar videos for the Center's online language resources which are available on YouTube and the Five College Language Center website
- Developed the project Culture Talk, a collection of filmed interviews in Farsi about Iranian life and culture, available on Five College Language Center website
- Wrote and edited transcriptions and English translations of all interviews

Jahad Daneshgahi, Tehran University, Iran

History of Philosophy Teacher, August 2004 – May 2005

- Developed and taught course materials for ancient and modern Western Philosophy and Islamic philosophy

Awards

- Awarded Dissertation Fieldwork Grant funding my research in Afghanistan by University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Awarded the Summer Research and Writing Grant for Summer 2017 by Department of Political Science
- Awarded full scholarship for the one-week-long workshop at the ICNC Summer Institute at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (formerly called the Fletcher Summer Institute). This is a training workshop for the leading professional education program in the world focusing on the advanced, interdisciplinary study of civil resistance
- Awarded full scholarship for attending the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) at Syracuse University

LANGUAGES

- Native speaker of Persian
- Fluent in English
- Fluent in Arabic
- Elementary Turkish