

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., Yale University
M.A., 1965, New School for Social Research, New York
B.S., 1963, University of Michigan

Academic Positions Held

2007- Professor of Political Science, Boston College
2007- Research Professor of Psychology, Boston College
2007- Chair, International Studies Academic Advisory Board, Boston College
2002- Codirector, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Program, Boston College
1986-2007 Professor of Cultural Psychology, Boston College
1996 (Spring term) Senior Fellow, St. Antony's College, Oxford University
1988- Research Fellow, Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1984 (Summer) Lester Martin Fellow, Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1981-82 Visiting Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
1976-77 Visiting Associate Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Sociology, Princeton University
1975-76 Lecturer in Sociology, University of Tehran
1971-86 Associate Professor of Psychology, Boston College
1969-71 Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Southern California
1968-69 Assistant Professor of Psychology, Yale University and Connecticut College

Positions Held in Professional Associations

2004-05 President, Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA)
2003-06 Board Member, Society for Cross-Cultural Research
2000- Member, Advisory Board, Institute on Religion & World Affairs, Boston University
2007- Member, Editorial Board, *Transaction/Society Magazine*
2007- Member, Advisory Editorial Board, *World Book Encyclopedia*
2002-03 Member, Task Force on Public Diplomacy, Council on Foreign Relations, New York
2000-02 Member, Board of Directors, Middle East Studies Association of North America
1998-99 President, International Society for Iranian Studies
1994-96 Member, Governing Council, International Society for Political Psychology
1994- Member, Editorial Board, *Iran-Nameh*
1984-92 Advisory Editor, *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*
1983-87 Member, Editorial Board, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*
1982- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Iranian Studies*
1981-85 Member, Task Force on Social Stratification in the Middle East, Social Science Research Council
1976-82 Member, Joint Committee on the Near & the Middle East, Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies
1976-77 Member, International Panel of Experts on Social Indicators, UNESCO
1974-76 Director, UNDP Project on Social Indicators for Iran
1974-75 Member, Study Panel on the Middle East, Commission on Critical Choices for Americans ("The Rockefeller Commission")
1968-82 Editor, *Journal of Iranian Studies*

Membership in Professional Associations

Middle East Studies Association (Fellow), American Political Science Association, International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, Society for Cross-Cultural Research, International Society for Iranian Studies, International Studies Association

Current Research Interests

Martyrdom and political culture of the Middle East; democratization and civil society in the Middle East; conceptions of equality & social justice; comparative study of religion, ethnicity, and political culture in the Middle East and Southwest Asia; U.S.-Iranian Relations.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (SINCE 1975)

Books

- Myths about the Powerless: Contesting Social Inequalities* (coedited with M. B. Lykes, R. Liem, and M. Morris). Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1996.
- The New Geopolitics of Central Asia and Its Borderlands* (coedited with M. Weiner). Indianapolis: Indiana University Press (and London: Tauris Publishers), 1994.
- Iranian Cultural Identity*. (Guest Editor, *Iran Nameh*, Summer 1994) [in Persian].
- The Politics of Social Transformation in Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan* (edited with M. Weiner). Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 1994.
- On Culture and Politics* (with S. Meskoob). Paris: Khavaran Publications, 1994 [in Persian].
- The State, Religion, and Ethnic Politics* (coedited with M. Weiner). Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 1986.
- Social Stratification in the Middle East and North Africa: A Bibliographic Survey*. London and New York: Mansell Publishing Co., 1984.
- Social Indicators for Iran* (with A. Ashraf). Tehran: United Nations Development Program and the Plan Organization, 1978. 484 pp. [in Persian].

Articles and Chapters in Edited Books

- “Forty Years On: A Note by the Founding Editor,” *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (2007), pp. 1-4.
- “That’s Not Fair’: Similarities and Differences in Distributive Justice Reasoning between American and Filipino Children” (With A. S. Carson), *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology* (in press).
- “Middle Eastern Studies and the Politics of Intimidation,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 25, No. 3 (2005), 519-21.
- “Iran’s Tortuous Path Toward ‘Islamic Liberalism’” (with A. Ashraf), *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (Winter 2001), pp. 237-256.
- “Urban Elites and Social Mobility in the 19th-Century Shiraz” (with A. Ashraf). *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, Vol. IX (1999).
- “Dialogue, Diversity, and the Common Good,” *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*, No. 13 (Spring 1998), pp. 25-26.
- “Psychology, the Distant Other, and the Dialectics of Change in Non-Western Societies.” In M. B. Lykes et al., eds., *Myths about the Powerless: Contesting Social Inequalities*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1996.
- “Faltering Legitimacy: The Ruling Clerics and Civil Society in Contemporary Iran,” *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*, Vol. 8, No. 4 (1995), pp. 563-578.
- “Iran’s Revolutionary Impasse: Political Factionalism and Societal Resistance in Iran” *Middle East Report*, Vol. 24, No. 6 (1994), pp. 2-8.

- "Cultural Schizophrenia and the One-Hundred-Year Struggle with the West," *Iran Nameh*, Vol. 11, No. 4 (Fall 1993), pp. 705-709.
- "Classes, Social" [a series of three articles on social classes in Iran from the medieval period to the Islamic Revolution in *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, written in collaboration with A. Ashraf], 1991-92.
- "Iran's Revolution Reappraised," *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 10, No. 2 (April 1988), pp. 1041-47.
- "Social Psychological Approaches to Political Development." In Myron Weiner and Samuel P. Huntington, eds., *Understanding Political Development*. Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1987. Pp. 281-316.
- "The State, Classes and Modes of Mobilization in the Revolution in Iran" (with A. Ashraf), *State, Culture and Society*, Vol. 1, No. 3 (Spring 1985), pp. 3-40.
- "The Iranian Agony: Human Rights and the Plight of Intellectuals," *Commonweal*, February 24, 1983.
- "Shanty-Town Dwellers of Tehran: An Ethnographic Study of a Migrant Family," *Alefba*, New Series, Vol. 3 (Summer 1983) [in Persian].
- "Iran." Main article in *World Book Encyclopedia*, 1984 Edition (revised every three or four years since).
- "Policies and Strategies of Land Reform in Iran." Chapter in *Land Reform: Some Asian Experiences* (with A. Ashraf). Kuala Lumpur: Asian and Pacific Development Administration, United Nations, 1980.
- "Iranian 'National Character': A Critique of Some Western Perspectives." Chapter in *Psychological Dimensions of Near Eastern Studies*. Edited by L. Carl Brown and Norman Itzkowitz. Princeton, N. J.: The Darwin Press (Princeton Studies on the Near East), 1977. Pp. 210-239.
- "Iran: The Making of a Regional Power." Chapter in *The Middle East: Oil, Conflict & Hope*. Edited by A. L. Udovitch. Lexington, Mass.: D. C. Heath and Co., (Critical Choices for Americans, Vol. X), 1976. Pp. 463-505.
- "Role Playing and Its Associated Problems of Inference" (with S. Movahedi), *American Psychologist*, Vol. 30, No. 10 (1975), pp. 1016-1018.
- "Interpersonal Dynamics in a Simulated Prison: A Methodological Analysis" (with S. Movahedi), *American Psychologist*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (1975), pp. 152-160.

Recent Conference Presentations & Invited Talks (Selected List):

- "Martyrdom in the Political Cultures of Iran and the Middle East." Series of four invited lectures at the University of Maryland, March 5-10, 2007.
- "Spiritual Capital and Political Development in the Middle East," Paper presented at the conference on "Spiritual Capital and Political Development," Pew Research Center, Washington, DC, June 27, 2006.
- "Human Rights and U.S. Policy in the Middle East," Invited Lecture at Harvard Law School, April 25, 2006.
- "The Politics of Martyrdom in Iran and the Middle East." Invited Lecture, Columbia University, February 7, 2006.
- "Sacrificing the Self and Others in the Way of God." Presidential Address, Middle East Studies Association in North America (MESA) Annual Meetings, Washington, DC, November 17-21, 2005.
- "The Coming Crisis in U.S.-Iranian Relations." Paper presented at an invitational conference on "Iran: Domestic Change and Regional Challenges," the Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego, September 29-30, 2005.
- "U.S. Foreign Policy & Iran's Nuclear Program." Invited Talk at Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, September 14, 2005.
- "Aspects of Self-Construal and Identity in Persian Culture." Paper presented at an invitational conference on Private Lives and Public Spaces, Saint Antony's College, Oxford University, July 7-10, 2005.
- "The Democratization Movement in Iran--Time for a Requiescat?" Emile Bustani Lecture, M.I.T., September 21, 2004.
- "Psychology's New Encounter with Evil." Invited paper presented at the Plenary Symposium of 15th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society, Atlanta, May 29 - June 1, 2003

- “Iran: What Remains of the Islamic Revolution?” Invited talk at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, November 7, 2002.
- “Norms of Distributive Justice and Conceptions of Equality: A U.S.-Philippines Comparison” (with Alison C. Carson). Paper submitted for presentation at the Thirty-First Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, February 20-24, 2002.
- “Attitudes toward the Elderly: A U.S.-China Comparison” (with Tricia H. Sung). Poster presented at Convention of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Toronto, June 2002.
- “Postrevolutionary Iran: Ideological Disunity as a Democratic Virtue.” Invited lecture, Humanities Series, Boston University, April 25, 2002.
- “Prospects for Liberal Democracy in Iran.” Invited Lecture, cosponsored by the Departments of History, Political Science, and Asian Studies, University of Utah, March 28, 2002.
- “Religion and Political Violence in the Middle East.” Invited talk at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, February 4, 2002.
- “Norms of Distributive Justice and Attitudes toward the Care of the Elderly” (with Tricia H. Sung). Paper presented at the 109th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, August, 2001.
- “What is Fair? A Comparison between Filipino and American Children’s Distributive Justice Reasoning” (with Alison C. Carson). Paper presented at the Society for Cross-Cultural Research meeting in San Diego, Feb. 20-22. 2001.
- “Reflections on Islamic Fundamentalism.” Invited lecture at the conference, “After September 11th: Paths to Peace, Justice, and Security,” cosponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the Peace and Justice Studies Program at Tufts University, December 7-8, 2001.
- “Justice and Fairness as Bases of Intergroup Conflict: Social Psychological Perspectives.” Invited talk at Program in International Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Harvard University, November 6, 2000.
- “Islam and the Quest for Civil Society.” Invited paper at the Conference on “Ethical Pluralism, Civil Society, and Political Culture,” organized by the Ethikon Institute, held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, January 15-17, 1999.
- “Iran: Islamic State and Civil Society.” Invited Joseph Sterlitz Annual Lecture in Middle Eastern Studies, Tel Aviv University, April 18, 1999.
- “Social Indicators of ‘State Failure’ in the Muslim Countries.” Invited paper presented at the conference on Predicting State Failures, Joint Project of University of California, Berkeley & University of Maryland, Washington, DC, July 16, 1999.
- “Cultural Dimensions of Occupational Prestige Ranking.” Paper presented at the 14th Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, Bellingham, Washington, August 6, 1998.
- “Challenges and Prospects for a Civil Society in Postrevolutionary Iran.” Invited Lecture at the Center for Behavioral Research, American University in Beirut, Beirut, March 3, 1998.
- “Conceptions of Equality and Social Policy Preferences” (with W. Ryan). Paper presented at the Twentieth Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Krakow, Poland, July 21-24, 1997.