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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Washington, College of Arts and Sciences, Seattle, Washington

Associate Professor, Department of Law, Societies, and Justice (previously “Program,”), 2009-present
Director, Middle East Center, Jackson School for International Studies, 2015-present
Graduate Program Coordinator, Middle East Studies MA Program, Jackson School, 2015-present
Assistant Professor, Law, Societies, and Justice Program and Anthropology, 2002-2009
· Adjunct Appointments: School of Law, 2009-present
Department of Anthropology, 2009-present
Program in Comparative Religion, 2009-present
Department of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, 2002-present
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, 2002-present

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

Visiting Fellow and Associate Professor, Center for Law and Public Affairs, 2011-2012

New York University, New York, New York

Center Fellow, International Center for Advanced Study, New York University, 2005-2006

EDUCATION

Stanford University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Stanford, California

Doctor of Philosophy, Cultural and Social Anthropology, 2002

- Dissertation: *At the Juncture of Islam & Republic: Socio-Legal Constructions of Women’s Rights in Iran*

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctorate *cum laude*, 1993

- Administrative Law Journal
- Institute of Transnational Law, Université Libre de Bruxelles; Brussels, Belgium, Summer 1991
- International Human Rights Clinic, 1992-93

University of Colorado, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Boulder, Colorado

Bachelor of Arts *cum laude*, May 1990

- Double major in French Literature and English Literature
- Honor’s Thesis: *Play Within the Play in Hamlet, The Tempest, and Midsummer Night’s Dream*
- Université de Bordeaux III, Talence, France, 1988-89

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- (under review) *Mercy’s Law: Victims’ Rights and Forgiveness in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- *The Politics of Women’s Rights in Iran*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- (under review) “The Law Knows No Shame: On Robert Redfield’s ‘Primitive Law’ and the Persistence of Honor in Contemporary Societies,” *American Anthropologist*.
- “On Not Saving the Muslim Women (and Men),” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies*,

Special Forum: "Trump's Presidency and Middle East Women's Studies" 13(3): 479-482, November 2017, <http://jmews.org/special-forum-trumps-presidency-middle-east-womens-studies/>.

- "Framing Rights: Women and Family Law in Pre- and Post-Revolutionary Iran," *New Middle Eastern Studies* Vol. 5: 1-18 (2015). <http://www.brismes.ac.uk/nmes/archives/1415>.
- "When Blood Has Spilled: Gender, Honor, and Compensation in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning," *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 35(2): 307-325, November 2012, <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1555-2934.2012.01205.x>.
- "Whence the Law: Politics of 'Women's Rights,' Regime Change and the Vestiges of Reform in the Islamic Republic of Iran," *Radical History Review* 101: 42-58, Spring 2008, <https://doi.org/10.1525/can.2006.21.4.570>.
- "The Measure of Mercy: Islamic Justice, Sovereign Power, and Human Rights in Iran," *Cultural Anthropology* 21(4): 570-602, November 2006, <https://doi.org/10.1525/can.2006.21.4.570>.
- "Islamico-civil 'rights talk': women, subjectivity, and law in Iranian family court," *American Ethnologist* 33(2): 191-209, May 2006, <https://doi.org/10.1525/ae.2006.33.2.191>.
- "Doing the 'Rights' Thing: Methods and Challenges of Fieldwork in Iran," *Iranian Studies* 37(4): 675-684, December 2004, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/figure/10.1080/0021086042000324215?scroll=top&needAccess=true>

Chapters in Peer-reviewed Volumes

- (in press) "Subjecting the State to Seeing: Charity, Security, and Faith in Iran's Theocratic Republic," in *Governing Gifts: Faith, Charity, and the Security State*. Erica C. James, ed., Santa Fe, New Mexico: SAR Press, (forthcoming 2019).
- "Righteous Injuries: Victim's Rights and Offender's Suffering in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning" in *Injury and Injustice: Cultural Practices of Harm and Redress*. A. Bloom, D. Engel, and M. McCann, eds., London: Cambridge University Press, 2018. Pp. 96-114.
- "Evidence, Certainty, and Doubt: Judge's Knowledge in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning," in *Truth, Intentionality and Evidence: Anthropological Approaches to Crime and Tort*. Yazid Ben-Hounet and Deborah Puccio-Den, eds., London: Routledge Press, 2017. Pp. 28-45.
- "Women and Criminal Law in Post-Khomeini Iran," in *Social Change in Post-Khomeini Iran*. Mahmood Monshipouri, ed., London: Hurst Publishers, 2016. Pp. 91-112.
- "Crime and Reconciliation: Women's Peace Initiatives in the Islamic Republic of Iran," in *Women and Peace in the Islamic World: Gender, Agency and Influence*. Yasmin Saikia and Chad Haines, eds. London: I.B. Tauris, 2014. Pp. 224-245.
- "Les pratiques sociales et légales du pardon dans le système judiciaire iranien," in *Justice, Religion, Réconciliation*. Yazid Ben Hounet, Sandrine Lefranc & Deborah Puccio-Den, eds. Paris: Editions L'Harmattan. Collection « La religion en question », 2014. Pp. 83-94.
- "Khomeini's Legacy on Women's Rights and Roles in the Islamic Republic of Iran," in *A Critical Introduction to Khomeini*. Arshin Adib-Moghaddam, ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014. Pp. 239-255.
- "From Status to Rights: The Shifting Dimensions of Women's Affairs and Family Law in Iran." In *Feminist Activism, Women's Rights and Legal Reform*, Mulki Al-Sharmani, ed. London: ZED Books, 2014. Pp. 125-150.
- "Human Rights By Any Other Name." In *Iran Confronting 21st Century Challenges: In Honour*

of Mohammad-Reza Djalili. H.E. Chehabi, Farhad Khosrowkhavar, and Clement Therme, eds., Los Angeles, CA: Mazda, 2013. Pp. 79-95.

- “Contesting Governance: Authority, Protest, and Rights Talk in Post-Republican Iran.” In *Comparative Authoritarianisms: Syria and Iran*. Steven Heydemann and Reinoud Leenders, eds. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2012. Pp. 127-142.
- “What a focus on ‘family’ means in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” In *Family Law in Islam: Divorce, Marriage and Women in the Muslim World*. Maaïke Voorhoeve, ed., London: I.B. Tauris, 2012. Pp. 51-76.
- “Iran.” In *Case Studies in Comparative Politics*, David J. Samuels, ed. New York: Pearson Press, 2012. Pp. 407-447.
- “*Khoon Reekht: Tahlelee Jeni az Kayfar va Mojazaat dar Iran*” (Blood Has Spilled: A Gendered Analysis of Crime and Punishment in Iran), S. Shahshahani, trans. *Farhang va Ensan (Culture and Being)*, Tehran, Iran, 5(2): 103-122, Fall 2009/Winter 2010.
- “Refusing Mercy: The Hunger Strike Controversy as a Challenge to the State’s Monopoly on Violence in Iran.” In *Policing and Prisons in the Middle East*. Laleh Khalili and Jillian Schwedler, eds. New York: Columbia University Press, 2010. Pp. 263-277.

Law Journal

- “Redress: Rights and Other Remedies, A Comment on David Engel’s Article on Rights Consciousness,” *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* 19 (2): 493-503, Summer 2012.

Encyclopedia Essay

- (in press) “Courts.” In *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology: Anthropology Beyond Text*. Hilary Callan, ed., New York: Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, (forthcoming 2018).

Book Review Essays

- (in press) Matthew S. Erie, *China and Islam: The Prophet, the Party, and the Law*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016, *Law and Society Review*, (forthcoming 2018).
- Orkideh Behrouzan, *Prozak Diaries: Psychiatry and Generational Memory in Iran*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2016, *Iranian Studies*, Summer 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00210862.2018.1502055>.
- Marion H. Katz, *Women in the Mosque: A History of Legal Thought and Social Practice*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2014, *Journal of the Society for Contemporary Thought and Islamicate World*. September 10, 2015 <http://sctiw.org/sctiwreviewarchives/archives/705>.

Public Scholarship: Invited Commentary, Essay, and Advisory

- (in press) “Psychiatry in the Vernacular: The Cultural Life of Clinical Code,” *Somatosphere, Book Forum*, Orkideh Behrouzan’s *Prozak Diaries*, 2018.
- “Methods as Politics and the Anthropology of Change in Iran,” *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 120(1): 150-51, March 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.12996>.
- Advisory on the “Presidential Executive Order 13769: Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States,” Middle East Center, University of Washington, February 2, 2017.
- “Forbearance Advocacy and Criminal Sanctioning in Iran,” *The Foreign Policy Centre, Iran Human Rights Review, Women and Human Rights Issue*, October 2016,

http://www.ihrr.org/ihrr_article/women-en_forbearance-advocacy-and-criminal-sanctioning-in-iran/.

- “Postscript to ‘When Blood Has Spilled: Gender, Honor, and Compensation in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning,’” *Political and Legal Anthropology Review Online*, June 2015, <http://www.polaronline.org/virtual-issues/promise-and-pathos-of-law/postscripts-2/>.
- “Interview with Arzoo Osanloo about ‘The Measure of Mercy.’” *Curated Collections, Cultural Anthropology Online*, December 14, 2014, http://www.culanth.org/curated_collections/19-everyday-islam/discussions/22-interview-with-arzoo-osanloo-about-the-measure-of-mercy.
- Guest Editor, *Zannegaar Journal*, Issue 11, “Law, Culture, and Gender,” March 2013, (in English and Persian), <http://zannegaar.net/about-en>.
- “On Agamben’s Zone of Indistinction in post-Soviet Russia: A Response to Alexei Yurchak,” *Current Anthropology* 49(2): 218-219, April 2008.

Reprint/Translation

- Miara litości: sprawiedliwość islamska, władza suwerenna i prawa człowieka w Iranie (The Measure of Mercy: Islamic Justice, Sovereign Power, and Human Rights in Iran). Trans. Marek Pawlak. Reprinted in, *Tematy z Szewskiej (Topics from Szewska Street): Journal of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology*, University of Wrocław, 1(4): 53-71, May 2010.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Society of Scholars, Simpson Center for Humanities, University of Washington, 2015 – 2016.
- Colloquium Award, Simpson Center for Humanities, University of Washington, July 2013 – 2014.
- Social Sciences Advisory Council, Research Award, Fetzer Institute, July 2012 – July 2014.
- Fellowship, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University, September 2011 – June 2012.
- Center for Global Studies, Course Development Grant, University of Washington, summer 2010.
- Royalty Research Fund Award, University of Washington, May 2010 – August 2010.
- Royalty Research Scholar’s Award, University of Washington, summer 2009.
- Mortar Board Undergraduate Honor’s Society, Excellence in Teaching Award, 2008.
- Schwartz Endowment, Office of Global Affairs, University of Washington, Travel Award, fall 2007.
- 4x4 Teaching Fellowship Award, University of Washington, 2006-07.
- Jackson School, International Studies, Course Development Grant, University of Washington, 2007.
- Center Fellowship, International Center for Advanced Study, New York University, 2005-06.
- Society of Scholars, Simpson Center for Humanities, University of Washington, 2005-06 (declined).
- Marc Lindenberg Center Mobility Grant, University of Washington, summer 2005.
- Curriculum Transformation Project Award, Dean’s Office, University of Washington, 2003-04.
- Geballe Dissertation Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, 2001-2002.
- Dept. of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University, Mellon Dissertation Grant, 2000-1.
- Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, O’bie Shultz Fellowship, fall 2000.
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Stanford University, Graduate Research Opportunity Grant for Doctoral Research in Tehran, Iran, 1999.
- Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University, Mellon Grant for Doctoral Research, Tehran, Iran, 1998-1999.
- Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, Mellon Bridge Grant, summer 1998.
- Law and Society Association, Graduate Student Conference Bursary, spring 1998.

- International Area Studies/Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley, spring 1998.
- Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, Pre-dissertation Grant, California, summer 1997.
- Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, Pre-dissertation Grant, Pakistan, summer 1996.
- Department of Anthropology, Stanford University/Mellon, Graduate Fellowship, 1995-98.
- American University, Washington College of Law, Dean's Fellowship in Gender and Law, 1991-92.

INVITED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

Individual Lectures and Keynotes

Moral Striving and the Care of Others: Forgiveness Work in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Department of Anthropology and the Watson Institute, Brown University, February 22, 2018.

The Gender of Forbearance: Women's Roles in Peacemaking in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Women and Gender Studies, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration, Seattle University, February 8, 2018.

Waiting on Forbearance: The Slow Work of Forbearance Activism in Iran (and Methodological Reflections), International Studies Institute, University of New Mexico, November 6, 2017.

Embodied Forbearance: Mercy and Mediation in Iranian Criminal Law, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, October 24, 2017.

When Mercy Seasons Justice: Revelation and Reform in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, March 6, 2017.

Making Room for Forgiveness: A Look at Iran's Victim-Centered Approach to Criminal Justice, Center for South Asian and Middle East Studies, University of Illinois, November 11, 2016.

Mercy's Enduring Logic: What Refugees and Criminals Have in Common, West Coast Law and Society Retreat (Plenary), University of California, Irvine, School of Law, February 26, 2016.

Preserving Right, Forgiving Wrong: Legal Enactments of Mercy in Iranian Criminal Sanctions, Council on Middle East Studies, Yale University, February 19, 2016.

Mediating Mercy: Stirring Faith in Forgiveness, Kevorkian Center and Iranian Studies, New York University, February 18, 2016.

The Art of Forgiveness in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Islamic Studies Program, University of Michigan, February 12, 2015.

Forgiveness in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning: Women's Rights and Politics in Iran, Muslim Studies Program, Michigan State University, November 5, 2014.

Le raisonnement du juge: les nouveaux développements du code pénal en Iran, Laboratoire d'Anthropologie sociale, CNRS/EHESS, Collège de France, Paris, France, November 12, 2012.

Questioning Liberalisms: Women's Rights and Politics in Iran, Centre for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, September 28, 2012.

From Status to Rights: The Shifting Dimensions of Women's Activism in Iranian Family Law Reform, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, September 26, 2012.

The Islamic Mandate of Forgiveness in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Oslo, Norway, September 25, 2012.

Humanity and Forgiveness in Islamic Criminal Sanctioning in Iran, Program in Law and Public Affairs,

- Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 16, 2012.
- 'Don't Ask Just the Devil': Human Rights and Forgiveness in Iran*, Keynote Speaker, Human Rights in Islam Colloquium, Duke University, February 24, 2011.
- The Politics of Family Protection and the Instrumentalization of "Women's Rights" in Iran*, Loyola University of Chicago, November 11, 2010.
- Calling the French President's Wife a "Prostitute": The Global Politics of Protecting Iranian Women*, Department of Anthropology, Brown University, November 4, 2010.
- Questioning Liberalisms: Women's Rights and Politics in Iran*, Comparative Politics, American University in Paris, Paris, France, April 19, 2010.
- Reflections on Sanctioning in Islamic Criminal Law in Iran*, Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, December 7, 2009.
- Negahi be qavanin-e mojarat-e Eslami dar Iran (A Look at the Laws of Criminal Punishment in Iran)*, Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, December 6, 2009.
- Advocacy in Post-Republican Iran: Or, How Iran's Newly Authoritarian Regime Engenders a New Politics of Rights Talk*, Keynote Speaker, Translegality: Law and Literature Association of Australia and Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand Joint Conference, Griffith Law School, Brisbane, Australia, December 5, 2009.
- Republicanizing Islam: Gender, Power and Law in Iran*, Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 9, 2009.
- The Non-State Pardon: Islamic criminal sanctioning and the mandate of forgiveness in Iran*, University of Puget Sound, April 24, 2008.
- La Notion de "pardon" dans la justice Islamique (The notion of "pardon" in Islamic Justice)*, French Institute for Iranian Studies in Iran, Tehran, Iran, November 14, 2007.
- The Mischievous Gaze: "Women's Rights" as Exhibition at the Brink of War with Iran*, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, October 15, 2007.
- Forging a Rift: Discourse and Politics in Iranian Human Rights*, Middle East Studies, University of Arizona, November 2, 2006.
- Human Rights in Iran: The Politics and Prose of a Discursive Space*, International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University, April 21, 2006.
- There Are No Ladies Here: Women's Rights, Regime Change and the Vestiges of Reform in the Islamic Republic of Iran*, Middle East Studies, Yale University, April 12, 2006.
- The Measure of Mercy: Islamic Justice, Sovereign Power and Human Rights in Iran*, International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University, October 21, 2005.
- Women and Civil Society in Contemporary Iran*, Near East Center, Cornell University, April 7, 2005.

The Measure of Mercy: Human Rights in Iran, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, December 8, 2003.

Women's rights and new legal formations in Iran, Law and Society, Green College, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, October 30, 2003.

Islamico-civil "rights-talk": Iranian Women and politico-legal mobilization in family court, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, March 10, 2003.

(Re) Visiting Islam's Republic: Personal Reflections on Women's Rights in Iran, Keynote Address, 29th Annual Western Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, April 13, 2002.

At the Juncture of Islam and Republic: Socio-Legal Implications for Women's Rights in Iran, Comparative Law and Society Studies Center, University of Washington, November 26, 2001.

Revealing Liberal Islam: Conditions for Women's Rights in Iran, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, November 15, 2001.

Colloquia and Symposiums

Not One Word More: Non-Democratic Agendas and the Antinomies of Rule in Iran, Democratic Agendas, Center for Global Culture and Communication, Northwestern University, April 21, 2017.

The Place of Forgiveness in Iranian Civil Society, Ethnography of Iran: Past and Present, Princeton University, October 3, 2015.

Righteous Injuries: Victim's Rights and Offender's Suffering in Iran's Islamic Criminal Sanctioning, Injury as Cultural Practice, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, September 6, 2014.

Judicial Discretion and 'Forgiveness Reasoning' in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Islam and Forgiveness: Reflections on Justice and Conflict Resolution in Muslim Contexts, University of Washington, February 7, 2014.

Crime and Forgiveness in Tehran's Criminal Court, Fetzer Institute Global Gathering, Assisi, Italy, September 21, 2012.

Les Pratiques Sociales et Légales du Pardon Privé des Sanctions Criminelles dans le Système Judiciaire Iranien, Colloque de Justice, Religion, & Réconciliation, Association Française de Sciences Sociales des Religions, CNRS, Paris, February 6, 2012.

Crime and Reconciliation: Women's Peace Initiatives in the Islamic republic of Iran, Women, Islam and Peacebuilding Conference, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, March 11, 2011.

"Human Rights" By Any Other Name, Iran Confronting 21st Century Challenges, Bilingual Colloquium in Honor of Professor Mohammad Djalili, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, June 18-19, 2010.

Doing the 'Cultural Work': Women's Scriptural Reading Groups in Iran, Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Annual Symposium, Wesleyan University, October 10, 2008.

When Blood Has Been Spilled: Gendered Logics of Criminal Sanctioning in Iranian Islamic Law. Gender and Politics of 'Traditional' Muslim Practices, Pembroke Center, Brown University, March 7, 2008.

Whence the Law: Politics of 'Women's Rights,' Regime Change and the Vestiges of Reform in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Symposium: The State of Middle East Studies, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University, May 17, 2007.

Righting Wrongs: Liberal Strategies for Pre-empting War in Iran and Beyond, Project for Critical Asian Studies and Simpson Center for the Humanities UW, February 22, 2005.

Workshops

Righteous Injuries: Victim's Rights and Offender's Suffering in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, October 25, 2017.

Affective Judgment: Sentimental Reasoning and Judicial Discretion, Islamic Studies Program, University of Michigan, February 13, 2015.

Arriving at Truth: Judge's Knowledge in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Workshop on Truth, Intentionality and Evidence, Centre Jacques-Berque pour les Études en Sciences Humaines et Sociales, CNRS, Rabat, Morocco, January 28-30, 2015.

Women and Law in Post-Revolutionary Iran, Working Group on Social Change in Post-Khomeini Iran, Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Doha, Qatar, October 20-1, 2012 and March 16-17, 2013.

Law and Social Sciences Workshop/National Science Foundation, Interdisciplinarity in Law and Society Studies, Kent Law School, Chicago, May 25-6, 2011.

Experts and Evidence in Asylum: Collision or Collusion of Law and Anthropology, Workshop on History, Law, and Practice of Asylum, Columbia University, February 11, 2011.

Authority, Protest, and Rights Talk in Post-republic Iran, Workshop on Authoritarianisms, Regime Resilience and State-Society Relations: Comparing Political Change in Syria and Iran, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 27-29, 2010.

Gendering State-Building, Islam, and Republic in Iran, Workshop on Gender, Sexuality & Formations of the State Question of "the Islamicate" Across Turkish-Persian Landscapes, Department of Anthropology and Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 30-May 1, 2010.

Advocacy in Post-Republican Iran: How Iran's Newly Authoritarian Regime Engenders a New Politics of Rights Talk: Workshop on Law against the State, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany, April 14-16, 2010.

From Status to Rights: The Shifting Dimensions of Women's Affairs and Family Law in Iran, Workshop on Islamic Family Law, Oslo Coalition for Freedom of Religion & Belief, Cairo, Egypt, January 8-10, 2010.

In the Absence of Proof: Sworn Oaths in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning, Islamic Legal Reasoning

Conference, University of Washington, School of Law, June 5, 2009.

Women and Islamico-civil rights talk in Iran, "Who's Afraid of Sharia?" Workshop on Center for the Critical Analysis of Social Difference, Columbia University, October 3, 2008.

Human rights, rule of law, civil society: old words, new times, West Coast Law & Society Retreat, Oakland, CA, March 12, 2005.

Conference Papers

Caching Honor: Re-reading Redfield's 'Primitive Law.' American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., December 2, 2017.

Merciful Discretions: Legal Consciousness and Moral Affects. Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, June 23, 2017.

Willing Mercy: Bureaucratic Frames of Forgiveness in Iran. American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 20, 2015.

Equity over Equality: Debating Gender Justice and Humanity in Iran. American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 5, 2014.

Sentiment and Justice in Iranian criminal sanctioning: Making the case for forbearance. American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 21, 2013.

Politics and Discourse in Iranian Family Law Reforms 2007 – Present. American Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 7, 2012.

Subjectivities and State Formations in Post-revolutionary Iran. Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 1, 2011.

The Role of 'Woman' and the Meaning of 'Family' in Post-Republican Iran. World Conference on Middle East Studies, Bi-Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, July 21, 2010.

Reconciling or Litigating: Dealing with Iran's Post-election State. Justice for Iran Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands, March 19 -20, 2010.

Advocacy in an Age of Regime Change: A New Politics of 'Rights Talk' in Iran. Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 22, 2009.

Legal Mobilization and Women's Rights in Post-Election Iran. West Coast Law and Society Retreat, Stanford University School of Law, Stanford, CA, October 16-17, 2009.

Policing Humanity: Sovereignty, Law and Hunger Strikes in Iran. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Berlin, Germany, July 24-30, 2007.

Refusing Mercy: Challenging the State's Monopoly on Violence in Iran. Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 20, 2006.

Refusing to Live in the Service of Life: Challenging the State's Monopoly on Legitimate Violence in Iran, American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 3, 2005.

The Pardon Power in the U.S. and Iran: Subjects and Sovereigns in Comparative Perspective, Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, June 4, 2005.

Women Lawyers in Iran: At the Vanguard of Reform, International Sociological Association, Working Group on the Legal Profession, Ile de Berder, France, July 2, 2004.

The Modern State, Sovereign Authority and Human Rights: What is the Measure of Mercy? Society for Cultural Anthropology, Portland, OR, April 30, 2004.

Iran's Islamico-civil courts, hybridized subjectivity and new understandings of Justice, Human Rights from the Bottom-Up Conference, University of Washington, April 2, 2004.

Rethinking the 'Clash': rights-talk in post-revolutionary Iran, American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 23, 2003.

Performing Rights, Transforming Identity, Women's Rights Practice in Tehran's Family Court, American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 30, 2001.

Islamic Human Rights: Romancing and Resisting Human Rights in Iran, MacArthur Consortium Gender in an International Context Workshop, University of Minnesota, November 3, 2001.

Performing Identity: Shifting Discourses of Women's Rights in Iran, American Ethnological Society Conference, Montréal, Canada, May 5, 2001.

Practicing Mercy: The 'Eventing' of Islamic Human Rights in Iran, American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2000.

Public Presentations

Forum on Refugees, Asylum Law, and the Executive Order, Amnesty International, UW Chapter, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, February 28, 2017.

Teaching Iran, Roundtable on Teaching the Middle East on Campus, Jackson School for International Studies, Seattle, WA, May 7, 2015.

Forgiveness in Criminal Sanctioning in Iran, The Religious Society of Friends, University Friends Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 26, 2015.

Politics and Rights in a Modern Islamic Republic, Search for Meaning Book Festival, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, February 15, 2014.

Findings on Forgiveness in Iranian Criminal Court, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, MI, February 27, 2013.

Rights and non-Rights: Women's lives in Iran, House of Literature, Oslo, Norway, September 26, 2012.

Debating Islamic Republic (still): Liberalization and Authoritarianism in the post-2009 era, World Affairs Council, Olympia, Washington, January 20, 2011.

Iran, Women and Geopolitical Conflict, Stroum Jewish Community Center, Mercer Island, Washington, October 28, 2009.

Legacy of Iran's 2009 Presidential Election, Organizer and Moderator, University of Washington, Middle East Center, October 3, 2009.

Iran, Women and Human Rights, Voices Education Project: Workshop on Iran, Seattle, October 3, 2009.

Critical Understandings of Women's Rights in Iran, Revolution Books, Seattle, July 18, 2009.

Career Paths in Human Rights: From Lawyer to Scholar (and Back), Faculty Spotlight, Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity, Ethnic Cultural Center, University of Washington, May 21, 2009.

Discussing 'The Politics of Women's Rights in Iran,' Washington Talking Book and Braille Library, May 20, 2009 (radio program recorded for statewide broadcast).

Contemporary Issues in Iranian Women's Rights, Keynote Address, Northwest International Education Association, Bothell, Washington, May 15, 2009.

Writing Women's Rights in Iran, Elliot Bay Bookstore, Seattle, Washington, April 29, 2009.

Modern Iran: The Future of the Past, Panel Discussant, University of Washington, April 2, 2009.

The Women's Rights in Iran, South Puget Sound Community College, Olympia, WA, January 22, 2009.

The Politics of Women's Rights in Iran, The Fieldston School, New York, November 13, 2008.

Contemporary Refugee Issues, Master Teachers Institute, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, July 11, 2008.

Geopolitics and Women's Rights in Iran, Teachers as Scholars Seminar, Seattle Arts & Lectures with Simpson Center for the Humanities, February 9 & March 2, 2008.

Young Global Leaders' Summit on US-Iran Relations and Islam, Moderator, Americans for Informed Democracy, Seattle University, February 12, 2008.

Media Coverage and the US and Iranian Relations, Iranian-American Community Alliance, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, January 31, 2008.

Representing Others: Iran and its complicated relationship with the West, Edmonds Community College, Global Futures Series, Seattle, WA, January 23, 2008.

What do Women's Rights in Iran have to do with the War on Terror? Americans for Informed Democracy, Seattle, WA, October 20, 2007.

Teaching Race, Gender, Ethnicity in Transnational Perspective, National Women's Studies Association Conference, Oakland, CA, June 18, 2006.

The Conditions of Women's Rights in Iran: Politics, Discourse, and Practice, New Approaches in Middle East Scholarship, NYU Community College Teachers Workshop, New York, April 8, 2006.

The Discourse of "Women's Rights": Examining Women's Empowerment Movements in Iran, Community College Masters Teachers Institute, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, July 8, 2005.

The State and Women's Rights in Iran, Edmonds Community College, Edmonds, WA, February 18, 2004.

The Body and the Soul: Women in Muslim Societies and the Politics of Intervention, Women and Military Intervention, AAUW, Northwest Regional Meeting, Seattle, WA, October 11, 2003.

Women in Iran's Emerging Civil Society, Iran and the U.S.: Dilemmas and Prospects since the fall of Saddam Hussein, MEC, JSIS, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, June 11, 2003.

Women's rights and status in postcolonial societies, North Seattle Community College, May 22, 2003.

Regional perspective: Iraq, Iran and Syria in the aftermath of war, JSIS, Beyond Baghdad, May 13, 2003.

At the Juncture of Islam and Republic: Possibilities for Women, Gender and Islam, JSIS, December 5, 2002.

Iranian Women & Discourses of Rights, Women's Voices in Muslim Law and Society, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, March 7, 2002.

Emerging Spaces of Empowerment: Locating Iranian Women's Rights-Talk, In Visible Crisis: Health and Human Rights in Middle East, Stanford University, February 10, 2002.

Women's Rights in Iran: Some Considerations for Asylum Officers, San Francisco Asylum Office, San Francisco, March 6, 2001.

Women's Legal and Social Rights in U.S. and Iran: Commonalities and Differences, Women's Qur'anic meeting, Tehran, Iran, November 1999 (in Persian).

Other media

Radio Interview: KUOW 94.9, The Conversation, Seattle, WA June 18, 2009.

Radio Interview: KUOW 94.9, The Conversation, Seattle, WA June 16, 2009.

Radio Interview: ORF Austrian National Radio, April 4, 2009.

CONFERENCE, ROUNDTABLE, AND LECTURE SERIES ORGANIZER

Voices in the Middle East, Middle East Center, University of Washington, fall 2015-present. (Yearly speaker series featuring original and innovative scholarship on the Middle East and North Africa).

Migrations Within the Middle East and North Africa, Middle East Center, University of Washington, February 23, 2017. (As Center director, organized roundtable featuring scholars and experts on the region addressing migrations, displacements within the region).

Persian Gulf Past and Present, Middle East Center, University of Washington, November 4, 2015. (As Center director, organized roundtable discussion on history and politics of the regions, including its borders, resources, conflicts, and collaborations).

Islam and Forgiveness: Reflections on Justice and Conflict Resolution in Muslim Contexts, Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington, February 6-7, 2014. (Sole organizer of symposium featuring world renowned experts on conflict resolution in diverse Muslim societies).

Iranian Futures: Reflections on 25 Years of Islamic Republic, Middle East Center, University of Washington, 2004-2005. (Sole organizer of lecture series featuring internationally renowned scholars of Iranian studies).

Human Rights from the 'Bottom-Up' Lecture Series and Conference, LSJ/CLASS, University of Washington, 2003-4. (Co-organizer, featuring internationally renowned human rights activists).

COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Reconciliation: The Politics of Forgiveness in a Global Age, LSJ 426 (enrollment 25)
Law, Societies and Justice and School for International Studies, University of Washington

- Systematically analyze international system and mechanisms for reconciliation at transnational level. Consider occidental moral philosophies and secular human rights system, alongside local knowledge and non-Western value systems.

Engendering the Global War in Terror, LSJ 490/ANTH 490/SIS 490 (enrollment 30)
Anthropology, Law, Societies and Justice, and School for International Studies, University of Washington

- Focus on disparate impact of war and state security apparatuses on lives of women and children. Explore distinct impact of the “global war on terror” (GWOT) on women and gender relations, with a specific emphasis on the impact of the GWOT on the lives of people living in the Middle East and North Africa region and of people of Middle Eastern descent living elsewhere.

Women's Rights and Politics in Muslim Societies, LSJ 421/ANTH 498 (enrollment 25)
Anthropology & Law, Societies and Justice, University of Washington

- Focus on women's political and legal status in Muslim-majority societies, with emphasis on lived experiences. Unpack stereotypes of women in Muslim societies. Readings focus on local settings and examine conditions, political, economic, social and historical, through which women perceive their roles, rights, and identities. Engage with feminist and post-colonial theories, and theories of the state. Explore debates on human rights and women's rights.

Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice, LSJ 321/ANTH 323 (enrollment 100-125)
Anthropology & Law, Societies and Justice, University of Washington

- Approach key human rights issues with aim of gaining deeper understanding of the meaning and practices of topics in human rights. Examine historical and theoretical foundations of human rights, institutions that make up the international and regional human rights systems, analyze complexities, including legal, social, economic, historical, and political, surrounding specific questions in human rights. Students are introduced to relevant topical issues such as nation-state sovereignty, crimes against humanity, genocide and ethnic cleansing, torture, and enforcement mechanisms. Consider, also, "culture" as an indicator of human rights variance.

Seeking Refuge: Perspectives on Asylum-Seekers and Refugees, LSJ 425/ANTH 497 (enrollment 25)
Anthropology & Law, Societies and Justice, University of Washington

- Examine the creation, production and proliferation of law and legal categories relating to the status of refugees and asylum-seekers in the U.S and abroad. Course integrates anthropological perspectives on law's ability to create meaning in the examination of the deeper implications of asylum and refugee law in American society and beyond. Case studies shed light on disparately impacted groups, such as women and children.

Culture and Rights: Exploring Meanings and Practices of Human Rights, ANTH 150 (enrollment 25)
Anthropology, University of Washington

- Approach two complex issues within the human rights context: culture and rights. With the aim of gaining a deeper understanding of the meanings and practices of human rights, this course focuses on examining the complexity of culture and the rights-based concept of “human rights” in evaluating social, legal, political, and economic questions in the world. Topics include nation-state sovereignty, crimes against humanity, genocide and ethnic cleansing, torture, gender-based violence, humanitarian intervention, and enforcement mechanisms.

Arab and American Identities in Tension and Cooperation, CHID 471 Study Abroad Dialogue Course
Exploration Seminar in Cyprus, Program in Comparative History of Ideas, University of Washington

- Gain better understanding of "American" and "Arab" identities while living in formerly divided Cypriot village. Discussions introduce students to a range of perspectives. Cyprus, historically a meeting place for political summits serves as the location for students for the University of Washington and The American University of Cairo to engage in dialogue, share ideas, and confront perceptions. Use variety of texts to critically examine how ideas of national, ethnic and other forms of identity inform and are informed by constructions of "the other," history, and memory in current conflicts. Discussions seek to consider new approaches for communication, empathy, healing and reconciliation.

Graduate

Humanitarianism: the politics of sacred life, LSJ 510A (enrollment 15)
Law, Societies, and Justice, University of Washington

- Seminar considers why we care about the suffering of others. Asks when do we decide to extend compassion to those living precarious lives? Explores ethical principles and institutions that guide these commitments. Takes anthropological and socio-legal approaches to understanding humanitarianism as an "ethic of kindness" that guides social, political, and moral debate around addressing the suffering of people far-away and bearing little resemblance to us. Readings examine which lives the international community sees as worthy of saving, and why. Begins with an examination of the political and anthropological theories underlying social concern with suffering. Considers historical foundations and legal instruments of international humanitarian action and explores contemporary acts of humanitarianism in different upheavals, crises, and conflict situations. Focus on politics remains throughout.

Gender and Law in Muslim-Majority Societies, LSJ 510A (enrollment 15)
Law, Societies, and Justice, University of Washington

- Seminar considers social realities of gender and law in Muslim-majority states. Readings examine post-colonial state-building as process contributing to contemporary articulations of Islam and gender roles and to building a coherent past in dialogue with modernity. Main questions of the course include: What are some of the different ways post-colonial states in Muslim majority societies have taken shape? How are gender and law implicated in these processes? While we are interested in understanding the complexities of gender and law in Muslim-majority societies, in this seminar, we also question how such knowledge is produced. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, the course challenges positivist assumptions about categories such as gender, law, and family, while taking critical view of how scholars write, research, and approach these subjects as research topics in Muslim-majority societies.

Law and Society in Muslim Contexts, LSJ 510 (enrollment 15)
Law, Societies, and Justice, University of Washington

- Seminar brings insights from socio-legal studies to the study of Islamic law and society. Uses post-structuralist theories to trace meanings of 'shari'a' referred to as 'Islamic law' and 'umma' or 'Muslim community' in Muslim contexts. Considers socio-legal issues in Muslim-majority states by exploring state structures and civil institutions, especially juridical, which include 'fiqh' or 'Islamic jurisprudence,' hybrid legal systems, and operations of Islamic laws. Primary aim is to unpack political, cultural and economic logics underlying regulatory systems to gain understanding of how Islamic principles (shari'a) are translated into law (qanun) through civil codes, how they operate legally and socially in Muslim-majority societies. Readings examine post-colonial state-building, integration of Islamic principles, family and personal status laws, and criminal sanctioning. Also considers jurisprudential debates among religious scholars, who, are called upon to offer guidance on new issues with which Muslim communities are faced, such as human rights, death penalty, and gender equality.

Critical Reflections on Production of Knowledge in Middle East Studies, ANTH 569 (enrollment 6)
Anthropology, University of Washington

- Seminar casts critical eye on the production of knowledge on and about the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Drawing from anthropological tools for critique, we will focus on discerning how colonial and western histories, writings, and policies have shaped our understandings of the MENA region. In doing so, we will be questioning the apparently static nature of various topics and categories that we take for granted, such as modernity, Islamic law and practice, religious revival, gender relations, and the role of women. In addition, we will shed light on new approaches to the study of the region, particularly with regard to nationalism, Muslim diasporic communities, and the politics of rights.

Modernity and Anthropological Critiques, ANTH 567 (core graduate seminar; enrollment 12)
Anthropology, University of Washington

- Seminar explores key concepts in modernity, building on previous core courses, to make sense of how anthropologists employ social theories of modernity, both in their field research and data collection and in their ethnographic writings. Focus on the formation of the triad – state, property and self – defined and refined since the European Enlightenment, and through which our contemporary worldviews are shaped, including the academy, the disciplines, anthropology, and how we study ‘others’ and ourselves. In addition, encounter critiques of modernity as a structured social order, a ‘meta-narrative,’ and a singular epistemology.

Law, Liberalism and Modernity, ANTH 533 (graduate seminar; enrollment 15)
Anthropology, University of Washington

- Seminar examines relationship between law, culture and power in contemporary societies. Students grapple with modern liberal law through post-structuralist interventions, including feminist and critical race theories, which consider human subjectivity, agency and identity. Explore how law in society plays a constitutive and productive role, not just a repressive or coercive one. Consider relationship between liberal law and the body, possessive individualism and discourses of rights.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Science Foundation

Law and Social Science Division, Regular Panel, Panelist, 2011-2013
Cultural Anthropology Division, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Panelist, 2008-2010

American Anthropological Association

Middle East Section, Book Award Committee, 2016-2017
Executive Board (*elected*), Middle East Section, 2010-2013
Program Chair, MES Invited Panels, 2012-2013
Co-Chair, Graduate Student Paper Prize, 2011-12

Law and Society Association

Herbert Jacob Book Prize Committee, 2018
Governance Committee, 2016-present
Board of Trustees (*elected*), 2014-2017
Membership Sub-Committee, 2015
International Activities Committee, 2012-2014
International Scholarship Prize Committee, 2011-2012

Middle East Studies Association

Task Force on Civil and Human Rights, 2017-
Albert Hourani, Middle East Studies, Book Award Committee, 2016
Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award Committee, 2012

International Society for Iranian Studies

Program Committee, 2015-16

Journals, Editorial Boards

Law and Society Review, Editorial Advisory Board, 2016 - present

Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Editorial Board, 2015 - present

Journal of Middle East Women's Studies, Editorial Board, 2014 - present

Journal of Developing World Women: Justice, Law & Health, Editorial Board, 2013 - present

Journal of Legal Anthropology, Editorial Board, 2006 – present

Other Advisory Boards

Member, Board of Advisors, *Zannegaar*, Institute of War and Peace Reporting, 2013 - present

Faculty Advisor, Fetzer Institute, Advisory Council on the Social Sciences 2011 – 2013

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Association for Iranian Studies

Association for Middle East Women's Studies

International Society for Islamic Legal Studies

Law and Society Association

Middle East Studies Association

NATIONAL PEER REVIEWER

Reviewer for journals, including *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Anthropology of the Middle East*, *Comparative Studies of South Asia and the Middle East*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Current Anthropology*, *Feminist Economics*, *International Journal of Crime, Law, and Social Change*, *Journal of Islamic Law and Society*, *Journal of Law and Religion*, *Journal of Legal Anthropology*, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, *Law and Society Review*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Muslim World Journal of Human Rights*, *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, *Revue des Mondes Musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, and others.

Reviewer for Publishers, including: *Cambridge University Press*, *I.B. Tauris*, *Princeton University Press*, *Stanford University Press*, *University of Pennsylvania Press*, *University of Washington Press*, and others.

PROPOSAL REVIEWER

American Councils for International Education

National Science Foundation

Fetzer Institute

LANGUAGE FLUENCY

English, native speaker

French, fluent in writing, reading and speaking

Persian, fluent in speaking, proficient in reading and writing

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Admitted in Maryland

RELEVANT LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Van Der Hout & Brigagliano, Attorney

San Francisco, CA, 9/97 - 12/98, 4/00 - 9/01

- Immigration and Asylum and Refugee practice. Prepared and filed applications in support of asylum-seekers or persons in removal proceedings before U.S. Immigration Court. Processed asylum claims from all over the world, with specialized practice in Iranian, Afghan, and Fijian-South Asian women and men.

Wasserman, Mancini & Chang, Attorney

Washington, D.C., 3/94 - 8/95

- Immigration and Asylum and Refugee practice. Represented clients in immigration matters. Prepared business, nonimmigrant and immigrant visa applications. Prepared employment certification applications and adjustment of status applications for both U.S. and consular processing. Represented asylum-seekers and others in deportation hearings in U.S. Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals. Filed immigration related complaints in U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals. Extensive experience in multi-cultural client counseling.

International Human Rights Law Clinic of American University, Student Attorney

Washington, D.C., 8/92 - 5/93

- Represented refugees in their claims for asylum. Extensive client counseling and negotiating with government agencies. Wrote client statements, pre-hearing and appellate briefs. Filed motions and litigated in U.S. Immigration Court. Human rights lobbying included writing and filing petitions before Congressional sub-committee on labor violations by various countries; writing and filing petition to Congress comparing U.S. law with Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; writing and filing petition with Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for D.C. statehood.

United States Immigration Court, Law Clerk to Judge John F. Gossart, Jr.

Baltimore, MD, Summer 1992

- Researched deportation and exclusion cases, drafted opinions in alien-smuggling case and asylum cases. Revised court's local rules and drafted the court's pleading format.