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 Queen's University  
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**EDUCATION:**

- Ph.D. 1997 McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies  
 Field of Specialization: Modern Developments in Islam/Iran  
 Dissertation: Islam, Democracy and Religious Modernism in Iran  
 Supervisors: Prof. Charles J. Adams, Prof. Hermann Landolt
- M.A. 1989 McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies  
 Field of Specialization: Modern Developments in Islam/Iran  
 Thesis: Ayatollah Sayyed Hasan Mudarris (1870-1938)  
 Supervisor: Professor Charles J. Adams
- M.A. 1984-1987 Tarbiyat Mudarris University, Tehran  
 Field of Specialization: Linguistics and English Language  
 Teaching  
 All course works done, no thesis
- B.A. 1980 (Honours) Damavand College, Tehran  
 Concentration: Comparative History of Culture

Other Professional  
 Training

Queen's University, Employment Equity Training, 2005  
 Bahonar Teacher Training College, Educational  
 Administration, 1983, Tehran

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2006-Present Queen's University, Associate Professor, Dept. of  
 Religious Studies
- 2002-2006 Queen's University, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Religious  
 Studies
- 2000-2002 Harvard University, Post-doctoral Fellow, Centre for  
 Middle Eastern Studies

2000-2002	Queen's University, SSHRCC Post-doctoral, Rank: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies (taught for two semesters)
2002 (Winter Semester)	University of Virginia (Charlottesville), Visiting Lecturer, Dept. of Religious Studies
1998-2000	University of Alberta, Full-time Lecturer, Dept. of Comparative Literature and Religious Studies
1991-1998	McGill University, Graduate Lecturer, Inst. of Islamic Studies (teaching Persian Language Courses)
1998	McGill University, Co-Lecturer, Faculty of Religious Studies
1985-1987	Research Associate, McGill Inst. of Islamic Studies, Tehran Branch
1986-1987	Lecturer, Azad University (Tehran)
1986-1987	



### In Persian

- 2007 “Reinvigorating Religion in the Modern Time,” *Noqteḥ*. Tehran, February 2007, (pp. 2-5).
- 2006 “Fazlur Rahman: a Moderate Reformist and an Ethical Revivalist,” *Madreseḥ*, Vol. 2, No. 4, (pp. 81-85).
- 2004 “Abdolkarim Soroush va Ihya-e `Ulumi Digar,” *Naqed* (Critique), Vol. 1, No. 2, Spring 2004, pp. (187-195), (Persian Translation by Mahmoud Isma`ilnia)

### Book Reviews in Refereed Journals

- Forthcoming “*Making Islam Democratic: Social Movements and the Post-Islamist Turn*,” by Asef Bayat. In: *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (Duke University Press Journal).
- 1995 Review Article on: *The Science of Mystic Lights; Qutb al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī and the Illuminationist Tradition in Islamic Philosophy* (John Walbridge. Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard University Press, 1992) Translation from French into Persian, from *Bulletin Critique des Annales Islamologiques*, Vol. 11.  
In: *Iranshenasi: A Journal of Iranian Studies* (New York), Vol. VI, No. 4, Winter, 1995, pp. 873-876.
- 1993 Review Article on: *Trends and Issues in Contemporary Arab Thought* (Issa J. Boullata. Albany: SUNY Press, 1990) In: *Kiyan* (Tehran), Vol. III, No. 12, June, 1993, pp.38-39.

### Work in Progress:

- The Theology of Reformed Islam (new research project)
- “Dogmatism, Innovation and Heresy in Islamic Intellectual Tradition”

### PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2007 “Women, Shari`ah and Hermeneutics”, Paper presented at the “Symposium on Women in the Islamic World,” Teachers Training University, Feb., 2007, Tehran, (Invited)
- 2007 “Religious Fundamentalisms and Modernity”, Lecture at the Institute for Epistemological Studies, May 2007, Tehran, (Invited)



- 2001 “Religious Intellectuals: Inviting Secularism or Appropriating  
Modernity?”  
The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of Center for Iranian Research  
and Analysis (CIRA), Univ. of Toronto, April 28-29, 2001
- 1999 “New Voices in Contemporary Islamic Thought; Abdolkarim Soroush  
(Iran) and M. Sa`id al-`Ashmawi (Egypt)”.

- 2003 “Religious Issues in Contemporary Iran”. Queen’s University,  
Religion/Theology Colloquium, October, 2003
- 2003-2005 “On Religion and Politics in Iranian Culture”, Queen’s Iranian  
Student Association
- 2001 “Historical Roots of Islamic Fundamentalism”. Conference: “Peace,

“The Canadian Council of Muslim Women and its Efforts at Promoting Civic Participation.” Melissa Dawn Croft (MA, Religious Studies), (Completed)

- 2006-2007  
“The Five Challenges: Shari`ah Responds to Bioethics.”  
Ahmed Adel Saleh (MA, Religious Studies), (Completed)
- 2003-2004  
“Jama`at Islami: Islamic Fundamentalism in Pakistan.”  
Nada Zaydi (MA, Religious Studies), (Incomplete)
- 2002-2003  
“From Kemalism to Secularism and Beyond? The Evolution of Religio-political Interaction in Turkey.” Bronwen Jones (MA, Religious Studies), (Completed)

**External Advisor and Committee Member**

- 2005, “Split Affinities? Arab Women between Feminist and Nationalist Discourses.” Dana Olwan (Ph.D. dissertation, Department of English)



- Reviewer of SSHRCC Standard Research Grant Application (2009)
- Reviewer for Oxford University Press (2000).
- Reviewer for the *International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES)*
- Referee Member for the Journal; *Conversations in Religion and Culture*
- Making external funding arrangements for establishing new Persian Language courses at Univ. of Alberta
- Conference Organizing at Queen's University and Univ. of Alberta
- Participating in wider-community educational forums and colloquiums
- Commenting on certain pertinent issues in public media

### **Grants:**

- The ATS, Lilly Faculty Fellowship (2010-2011) amount of \$ 30,000 (USD).
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRCC) Post-doctoral Fellowship (2000-2002)
- Queen's University Travel Awards (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:** Persian, English, Arabic, French (working knowledge)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

International Society for Iranian Studies (ISIS)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (CIRA)