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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	Lecturer, Nursing College (Tehran)
1980-1984	High School Teacher (Tehran)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

2009	(Ed.), <i>The Expansion of Prophetic Experience: Essays on Historicity, Contingency and Plurality in Religion</i> by Abdulkarim Soroush. (Trans.) Nilou Mobasser. Boston & Leiden: Brill, 2008, (400 pp.)
2001	<i>Islam, Democracy and Religious Modernism in Iran (1953-2000) From Bazargan to Soroush</i> Leiden and Boston: E.J. Brill, 2001. (201 pp.)
2006-2007	<i>Islam, Demokracy va Nawgarai Dini dar Iran: Az Bazargan ta Soroush</i> (Persian translation of the above title by: Jalil Parvin), 2 nd and 3 rd Prints, Tehran: Gaam-e Naw, 2006-2007.
2004	<i>Islam, Demokracy va Nawgarai Dini dar Iran: Az Bazargan ta Soroush</i> (Persian translation of the above by: Jalil Parvin), Tehran: Gaam-e Naw, 2004, 302pp.
2004	<i>Az Bazargan ta Soroush: Islam va Modernism-e Mazhabi dar Iran</i>

(Another Persian translation of the above title by: Saeedeh Soryani), Tehran: Behzad Publications, 2004, 214pp.

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Articles:

- 2009 "A Neo-Rationalist Approach to Islam," An introductory chapter in *The Expansion of Prophetic Experience: Essays on Historicity, Contingency and Plurality in Religion* by Abdolkarim Soroush. Brill, 2008, (pp. x-xlvi).
- Forthcoming "Bazargan, Mahdi" *Encyclopaedia of Islam* (3rd ed.)
- 2006 "Shi`ism," *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*. Thomas Riggs (ed.), New York: Thomson Gale, 2006, Vol. 1 , (pp. 380-389).
- 2006 "Iran," *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*. Thomas Riggs (ed.), New York: Thomson Gale, 2006, Vol. 2 , (pp. 497-505).
- 1998,2000 "The Pir-Murid Relationship in the Thought of `Ayn al-Qudat Hamadani" in *Consciousness and Reality: Studies in Memory of Toshihiko Izutsu*. Edited by S. Jalaludin Ashtiyani and others. Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten, 1998. Reprinted by E.J.Brill, 2000.

Refereed Journal Articles:

- Forthcoming "Islam and Democracy: A New Paradigm of Compatibility," *The Journal of Philosophy, Culture and Tradition* (25 pages article)
- 2004 "The Emergence and Development of Religious Intellectualism in Iran," *Historical Reflections*, Vol.30, No.3, Fall 2004, (pp.469-490).
- 2003 "Religious and Political Discourse in Iran: Moving Toward Post-Fundamentalism" *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, Vol. IX, Issue 2, Winter/Spring 2003, (pp.243-254).
- 2001 Abdolkarim Soroush: New "Revival of Religious Sciences," *Newsletter of International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World* (Leiden), No. 8, Sept. 2001, p. 21.
- 1991 "Ayatollah S. Hasan Mudarris' Conflict with Riza Shah," *Al-Tawhid* Vol. VIII, No. 3, April, 1991, (pp. 142-198).

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," *Madreseh*, 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)

- 2007 “Islamic Liberation Theology: A Comparison of Ali Shari`ati/Iran and Sayyid Qutb/Egypt”, Paper presented at the International Conference: “Shari`ati: Past, Present, Future,” Hosseinieh Irshad Institute, June 2007, Tehran, (Invited)
- 2006 “Neo-Rationalism: a Balanced Point in the Contemporary Islamic Thought”, paper presented at the conference on “Intellectualism in Post-Revolutionary Iran,” Isfahan University, December 2006, Isfahan, (Invited)
- 2004 “Religious Democratic Government: Theological Foundations and Impediments”. Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (Washington D.C.) and Ferdowsi University (Iran), International Conference on “Religion and Democracy”, December, 1-3, 2004, Tehran, (Invited)
- 2004 “Maximalism vs. Minimalism: Religious Discourse in Post-Revolutionary Iran”
Princeton University, Institute of International and Transregional Studies, Annual Lecture Series, April 27, 2004, Princeton University, (Invited)
- 2003 “The Role of Religious Intellectualism in the Politics of a Changing Iran”. Stanford University, Hoover Institution, International Conference on “The Politics and Governance in a Changing Iran”, November 21, 2003, Stanford University (Invited)
- 2003 “Islam and Democracy: A New Paradigm of Compatibility”.
The Canadian Jacques Maritain Association of Philosophy, The Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, Halifax, May 31-June 1, 2003 (Invited)
- 2002 "Women Accidentally Different? Women's Rights Drawn on Abdolkarim Soroush's Theories of Religion".
The International Conference of the Society of Iranian Studies (SIS) and American Inst. of Iranian Studies, Washington DC, May 24-26, 2002 .
- 2002 “The Expansion of Prophetic Experience: Reflections on Abdolkarim Soroush's Views.”
International Conference on “Authority in Contemporary Shi`ism”. Inst. For the Study of Islam in the Modern Times (ISIM), University of Leiden, Feb. 28 - March 1, 2002. (Invited)
- 2001 “Islamizing Democracy vs. Democratizing Islam”.
Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, April 12, 2001 (Invited)

- 2001 “Religious Intellectuals: Inviting Secularism or Appropriating
Modernity?”
The 19th 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)”.
American Academy of Religion (AAR), Boston, November 1999
- 1998 “Religious Intellectualism in Post-Revolutionary Iran: Issues and
Challenges”. The international Conference of the Society of Iranian
Studies (SIS) and American Inst. of Iranian Studies. Washington DC.,
May 22-24, 1998.
- 1995 “Is Islam Compatible with Democracy?”
Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington, DC, Dec., 1995.
- 1993 “The Mediator Figure in `Ayn al-Quddat Hamadani’s Philosophy”.
International Conference on “Global and Multicultural Dimension of
Ancient and Medieval Philosophy,” Binghamton University, New York,
Oct. 1993
- 1990 “Ayatullah S. Hasan. Mudarris’ Conflict with Riza Shah”.
33rd International Conference of Asian and North African Studies
(ICANAS), University of Toronto, August, 1990

Conference Organizing:

- 2001 “Peace, Militancy and Islamic Sources: Reflections on September 11”
The Conference included: a Keynote Speech, Three other presentations,
and a Panel Discussion, Queen’s University, Canada, October, 15, 2001
- 1998 “Modern Interpretations of Islam: Essentials and Accidentals of Religion”
Three-day lecture series hosted by University of Alberta, November, 1998

Other Presentations, Interviews, etc.

- 2008 “Women in Islam”. St Lawrence College, Kingston, Ontario, March, 2005
- 2005 “Islam and Modernity”. Free Queen’s, February, 2005

- 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,
Militancy and Islamic Sources: Reflections on September
11”, Queen’s Univ., Oct., 15, 2001
- 2000 “Survey of Islamic Political Thought”. Institute of Islamic Education,
Calgary, April, 2000
- 2005 Interviewed on: The new Pope and Muslim leaders, *Ottawa Citizen*, April,
9, 2005
- 2004 Quoted on process of democratization in the Middle East. *The Christian
Science Monitor*, Dec. 16, 2004
- 2002 Interview, live discussion with two other scholars on: Religion, Theocracy
and Democracy, Interfaith Radio, N.Y, Sep. 2002

COURSES TAUGHT

- Religion and Politics in Iran (Jan. 2009) (Graduate, upper undergraduate)
- Religious Fundamentalisms (Graduate)
- Religion and Modernity (Graduate)
- Islam and Democracy (Graduate-upper undergraduate)
- Islam in the Modern World (Graduate-upper undergraduate)
- Contemporary Islamic Movements (Graduate-upper undergraduate)
- Islamic Tradition (Undergraduate)
- Modern Political History of Islam (Graduate-upper undergraduate)
- Contemporary Issues in Religion (Undergraduate)
- Women in World Religions (Undergraduate)
- Introduction to Religions of the World (Undergraduate)
- Persian Language and Literature (Graduate-undergraduate)

GRADUATE SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION

Supervising

- 2007-2008

“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)

Examining

- 2005, Second Reader, “Resistance, Complicity, and Transcendence: A Postcolonial Study of Vivekananda’s Mission in the West.” Catherine Rolfsen (MA, Religious Studies)
- 2002, Second Reader, “Nationalism and Gender: a Feminist Psychoanalytic Study of Hindu Women’s Identity in Postcolonial India.” Erin K. Gallagher’s (MA, Religious Studies)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Member of Senate, Queen’s University
- Member of Senate Operational Review Committee
- Member of Religious Studies Graduate Studies Committee
- Member of Religious Studies Curriculum Committee
- Member of Queen’s Theological College Research Ethics Board
- Member of Queen’s Theological College Space Planning Committee
- Supervising TAs for several courses at Queen’s University, University of Virginia, and University of Alberta
- Graduate Studies Admission Committee (Univ. of Virginia)
- Religious Studies Faculty (Univ. of Alberta)

- 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)