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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

### **San Francisco State University:**

- Professor of Philosophy, 2013-Present.
- Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2008-2013.
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2003-8.

### **Johns Hopkins University:**

- Center for Research in Culture & Literature Postdoctoral Fellow, 2001-02.
- Mellon Scholar, 1999-2001

## EDUCATION:

**Ph.D., University of Virginia (1999).**

**M.A., University of Pittsburgh (1993).**

**B.A., Bucknell University (1986).**

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

- **Islamic Philosophy, Early Heidegger, Analytic Neo-Hegelians.**
- **Ethics (Meta-Ethics, Virtue Ethics, and Kantian Ethics), Epistemology & the Myth of the Given, and Intentionality of the Sensory.**

## LANGUAGES:

Fluent in **English and Persian.** Reading knowledge of **Ancient Greek, Arabic, & German.**

## PUBLICATIONS:

### **BOOKS:**

- *Avicenna and the Myth of the Given*, in progress.
- *Alfarabi: Reconciling Philosophy and Prophecy*, Islamic Texts Society's Scholars-and-Sages-of-Islam Series, edited by Muhammad Rustom, forthcoming.

## PUBLICATIONS (CONT'D):

- **Editor of the Section on the Islamic Philosophical Tradition** in *Traditions of Philosophy in the Middle Ages: A Multi-Cultural Sourcebook*, Gen. Ed. Bruce Foltz, Bloombury, 2017.
- ***Reason Unbound: On Spiritual Practice in Islamic Peripatetic Philosophy***, SUNY Press, 2011.

## BOOK CHAPTERS:

- **“Nasir Khusraw and the Poetics of Enlightenment.”** *Pearls of Persia: The Philosophical Poetry of Nasir-i Khusraw*, I. P. Tauris, October 2012.
- **“Charity and the Good Life: On Islamic Prophetic Ethics,”** *Crisis, Call, and Leadership in the Abrahamic Traditions*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2009.
- **“Is ‘Islamic’ Philosophy Islamic?”** *Voices of Islam*, vol. 5, Praeger, 2007.
- **“The Sublime Visions of Philosophy: Fundamental Ontology and the Imaginal World (‘Ālam al-mithāl).”** *Islamic Philosophy and Occidental Phenomenology on the Perennial Issue of Microcosm and Macrocosm*, Springer, July 2006.  
- Translated (in part) into Persian by Rahim Qassemian for *Hamshahry*, 2007.
- **“Unveiling the Hidden: On the Meditations of Descartes & al-Ghazzali.”** *The Passions of the Soul: A Dialogue Between Phenomenology and Islamic Philosophy*, Kluwer, 2003.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- **“Prophetic Philosophy as a Way of Life: On Imagination and Religious Law is Abrahamic Peripateticism.”** *The Maghreb Review*, 40:3: 2015.
- **“Précis of *Reason Unbound*.”** *Comparative Philosophy*, 3:2: 2012.
- **“Reply to Commentators.”** *Comparative Philosophy*, 3:2: 2012.
- **“Hegel and the Divinity of Light in Zoroastrianism and Islamic Phenomenology.”** *The Classical Bulletin*, 83:2: 2007.
- **“Islam, Liberalism, and Democracy.”** *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*, 21: 2006.
- **“Avicenna on Education in Philosophy and Art.”** Co-authored with Anita Silvers. *Arts Education Policy Review*, 107:2: 2005.
- **“Interpreting Political Violence in Islamic Philosophy.”** *Polylog: Forum for Intercultural Philosophy* 5: 2004.  
- Translated into German by Michael Schemmerling for *Polylog*.  
- Translated into Spanish by Mery Castillo-Amigo for *Polylog*.  
- Translated into Persian by Manouchehr Dinparast for *Kheradnameh*, 15: 2007.

## **PUBLICATIONS (CONT'D):**

- **“Who Is Nietzsche’s Zarathustra? Philosophy, Morality, & the Persians.”** *New Nietzsche Studies*, 3:1/2: 1999.

### **ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE:**

- **“Hegel on Iran.”** *Encyclopedia Iranica*, 2003. Available at <http://www.iranica.com/articlenavigation/index.html> (Search “Hegel”)

### **BOOK REVIEWS:**

- **“Review of Peter Park’s *Africa, Asia, and the History of Philosophy: Racism in the Formation of the Philosophical Canon.*”** *Journal of the Society for Contemporary Thought and the Islamicate World*, March 2015.
- **“Review of Salman Bashier’s *The Story of Islamic Philosophy.*”** *IJMES*, August 2012.
- **“Review of Muhsin Mahdi’s *Alfarabi and the Foundation of Islamic Political Philosophy.*”** *Speculum*, April 2003.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- **“Intentionality, Politics, and Religion.”** Iranian Association for Philosophy of Religion’s 4th International Conference for the Philosophy of Religion, January 2016.
- **“Intentionality and the Natural Sciences.”** Iranian Institute of Philosophy, January 2016.
- **“Avicenna on the Intentionality of the Sensory.”** Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions, University of Denver, June 2015.
- **“Imagination and Law in Abrahamic Theories of Prophecy.”** *What Has Athens to Do with Jerusalem? Dialogue between Philosophy and Theology in the 21st Century*, Berkeley Dominican Colloquium, July 2014.
- **“Alfarabi on Intentionality.”** Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions, Marquette University, June 2014.
- **Comments on “You Are What You Think You Are.”** American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2013.
- **“Philosophy in Society.”** *Free to Universalize or Bound by Culture? Philosophy in a Multicultural Context*, University of California at Santa Cruz, October 2012.
- **“Skepticism and Prophecy in Medieval Islamic Thought and Early Modern Philosophy.”** Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions, Marquette University, June 2012.

## PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D):

- **Author-Meets-Critics:** Mohammad Azadpur, *Reason Unbound: On Spiritual Practice in Islamic Peripatetic Philosophy*. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2012
- **“On Reason Unbound.”** Iranian Institute of Philosophy and the Iranian Society of Philosophy, December 2011.
- **“Alfarabi on Ethics as a Preparation for Philosophical Sciences.”** Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions, University of Denver, June 2011.
- **“The Politics of Imagination in Abrahamic Theories of Prophecy.”** Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions, Marquette University, June 2010.
- **“Comparative Philosophy as Phenomenology.”** Bay Area “Comparative Philosophy” Conference, San Jose State University, April 2009.
- **“Aesthetics as Spiritual Practice.”** California College of the Arts, November 12, 2008.
- **“The Politics of the Sublime: Imagination and Islamic Philosophical Hermeneutics.”** Eighth Biennial Radical Philosophy Association Conference, November 7, 2008.
- **“How to Read Islamic Philosophy.”** San Jose State University Philosophy Colloquium, December 2007.
- **“Two Analytic Approaches to Heidegger’s Phenomenology: Hubert Dreyfus and John McDowell.”** Iranian Institute of Philosophy, June 2007.
- **“Predestination and Free Choice in Islamic Theology.”** *Towards a Contemporary Muslim Theology of World Religions*, Al-Akhawayn University, Morocco, June 2007.
- **“Islam, Liberalism, and Democracy.”** Scriptural Reasoning, American Academy of Religion, November 2005.
- **“Nasir Khusraw and the Poetics of Enlightenment.”** *The Philosophical Poetry of Nasir Khusraw*, Iran Heritage Foundation, Institute for Ismaili Studies, and the School of Oriental and African Studies – the University of London, September 2005.
- **“Avicenna and the Aristotelian Conception of the Soul.”** 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Western Canadian Philosophical Association, October 2004.
- **“Hegel on Pre-Islamic and Islamic Persia.”** Second Mulla Sadra World Congress, Tehran, May 2004
- **“Avicenna, Aquinas, and the Epistemology of Transcendence.”** 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Philosophy and the Turkish Foundation for Arts and Sciences, August 2003.
- **“Metaphilosophy, Ontology, and Allegory: An Essay in Islamic/Western Comparative Philosophy.”** *Engaging Traditions: Ontologies in Practice*, UVA, September 2002.

## **HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS:**

- **Sabbatical Leave (competitive selection)**, SFSU, Fall 2011.
- **Early Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor**, SFSU, Fall 2008.
- **Presidential Award for Professional Development of Faculty**, SFSU, Fall 2007.
- **CSU Summer Stipend Award**, SFSU, 2004 & 2007.
- **CRCL Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Johns Hopkins University, 2001-02.
- **Mellon Scholar Fellowship**, Johns Hopkins University, 1999-2001.
- **Dupont Dissertation Fellowship**, University of Virginia, 1997-98.
- **President's Fellowship**, University of Virginia, 1994-97.
- **Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, University of Pittsburgh, 1992.

## **SERVICE:**

- **Chair of Philosophy Department's Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Committee**, since Fall 2008.
- **Philosophy Department's Hiring Committee**, since Fall 2004.
- **Advisor for Majors in Philosophy & Religion**, since Spring 2004.
- **Faculty in Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) at SFSU**, since Fall 2003.
- **Affiliated Faculty in Persian Studies at SFSU**, since Fall 2011.
- **College of Humanities Representative to the Academic Senate**, 2010-16. **Chair of Strategic Issues Committee**, 2015-16. **Member of the Executive Committee**, 2015-16, **Strategic Issues Committee**, 2014-15, **Academic Policy Committee**, 2013-14, and **Curriculum Review and Approval Committee**, 2010-13.
- **Member of American Philosophical Association's (APA) Programming Committee, Pacific Division**, 2006-08.
- **Affiliated with the Iranian Institute of Philosophy**, November-December 2002, January 2003, June 2007, December 2011.
- **Philosophy and Philosophy & Religion Programs Review Committee**, 2006-07.
- **Assistant Chair of the Philosophy Department**, July 2006-August 2007.
- **Elected Member of Dean Sherwin's Administrative Review Committee**, Spring 2007.
- **Chair of Arab-Islamic Search Committee, College of Ethnic Studies**, Spring 2006.
- **Founding member and participant in the interfaith Scriptural Reasoning Group**, Sponsored by the Princeton Theological Seminary, December and May 2003-2006.