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**ACADEMIC  
POSITIONS**

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Fall 2022 - Present  
Department of Anthropology and Sociology  
Kalamazoo College

Visiting Assistant Professor, January-July 2022,  
Kalamazoo College

**EDUCATION**

Brandeis University

Ph.D., Sociocultural Anthropology, August 2022

Dissertation: *On the Margins of Humanity: Humanitarianism, Displacement, and the Politics of Recognition among Displaced Yezidis*

Committee: Janet McIntosh (Chair), Elizabeth Ferry, Pascal Menoret

Brandeis University

Master of Arts in Anthropology, August 2017

University of Tehran

Master of Arts in Anthropology, August 2012

University of Tehran

Bachelor of Arts in Iranian Classical Music, August 2009

**PUBLICATION**

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*On the Margins of Humanity: Humanitarianism, Displacement, and the Politics of Recognition among Displaced Yezidis* (under advanced contract with Indiana University Press for the book series, *Worlds in Crisis: Refugees, Asylum, and Forced Migration*.)

“History of Anthropological Theory” in *The Handbook of Social Sciences*, 2011, Saad Publication, Tehran. Iran

**WORKING PAPERS**

“A Humanitarian Prison: The Political Economy of Humanitarian Temporality” (Under Review by *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*).

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

Displacement, Cosmopolitanism, and the Temporality of Fear

**PUBLIC WRITING**

*Hopeful Waiting: The Search for Missing Yezidis Eight Years After the Genocide*, August 2022, (A report based on research conducted on behalf of International Organization for Migration, and Yazda Global Organization),

“‘Strangers in their own land’: Iraqi Yazidis and their Plight, 7 years on from Genocide,” December 2021, The Conversation.

“Mapping Iraq’s Electoral Evolution,” October 2021, Brandeis Now.

## **AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

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AWARDS	Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, May 2021 Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Brandeis University.  Robert A. Manners Prize, Brandeis University, May 2022 (Recognizing a significant piece of scholarly writing by a doctoral student in anthropology)
Research Grants	Mandel Center for the Humanities, Brandeis University, 2022 The Connected PhD Grant, Brandeis University, 2022 GSAS Summer Dissertation Writing Grants, Brandeis University, 2021 Professional Development Fellowship, Brandeis University, 2020 The Connected PhD Grant, Brandeis University, 2020 Provost Dissertation Fellowship, Brandeis University, 2019 Mellon Dissertation Research Grants, Brandeis University, 2019 Anthropology Department Research Fund, Brandeis University, 2019 Crown Center for Middle East Studies Travel Grant, Brandeis University, 2018  Anthropology Department Research Fund, Brandeis University, 2018
FELLOWSHIP	Crown Center for Middle East Studies Doctoral Fellowship, 2015-2021

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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INVITED TALKS	“Humanitarianism and Compassionate Racism,” in the workshop of Race and Racism, Comparatively, University of Michigan, November 2022.  “Humanitarianism and Politics of Recognition among Yezidis in Kurdistan Region,” Brandeis Anthropology Research Seminar, Brandeis University, 2020  Refugee Narratives and Humanitarian Governmentality,” The Evaluation Center, Western Michigan University, 2020.  “Yezidis in Iraq, Minorities and Postcolonial Nation-States,” The Iran Circle, Harvard University, 2019.
CONFERENCE PAPERS	“Humanitarianism, Religion, and Sectarian Prerogative,” Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association, November 2022 (accepted)  “Muharram Rituals and Affective Hegemony in Iran.” The Gramsci in the Middle East and North Africa, London School of Economics, (May 2022)

“A Humanitarian Prison; on Humanitarian Temporality and Politics of Nothingness” Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association. Baltimore, Maryland. 2021 (November 2021)

“Negotiating Victimhood; Displaced Yezidis and Politics of Belonging in Post-ISIS Iraq” Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association, Montreal (October 2021)

“Humanitarian, Religion, and Institutionalization of Difference in Iraqi Kurdistan,” Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association, 2020.

“Anthropology of Dastgâhi Music of Iran”. The First National Conference of Anthropology and Culture. University of Yazd, Iran, 2012.

“The Process of Commodification of Iranian Music,” The First Conference of Anthropology and Art, Isfahan University of Art, Isfahan, Iran, 2010.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **INSTRUCTOR**

Kalamazoo College

Saving Humanity: Ethics and Politics of Humanitarianism (Winter 2022)

Immigration and Exile (Spring 2022)

In Pursuit of Justice: Human Rights in Global Perspective (Fall 2022)

Introduction to Society and Culture (Winter & Spring 2022)

### **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Brandeis University

Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)

Anthropology of Religion (Fall 2018)

Psychological Anthropology (Spring 2017)

Culture and Mental Illness (Spring 2016)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Anthropological Association

Middle East Studies Association

## **SKILLS**

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**COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS** Atlas T.I, ArcGIS (Pro and Desktop), ArcGIS online. QGIS.

### **LANGUAGE**

English: Fluent

Farsi: Fluent

French: written and verbal proficiency

Kurdish (Sorani): written and verbal proficiency

Modern Standard Arabic- Advanced Reading Knowledge