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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

On the Margins of Humanity: Humanitarianism, Displacement, and the Politics of Recognition among Displaced Yezidis (under advance 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: Displaced Yezidis and the Temporality of Encampment” (Under Review by an anthropology journal).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Displacement, Cosmopolitanism, and the Temporality of Fear (to be completed in January 2023)

**POLICY PAPERS &
PUBLIC WRITING**

Forthcoming: “Iraqi Yazidis in a Post-ISIS Iraq: New Struggles, Old Dilemmas,” Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Middle East Brief (expected to be published by December 15, 2022)

The Unknown Fate of Missing Yazidis: 8 Years on and Still Waiting, September 2022, (A report based on research conducted on behalf of International Organization for Migration (IOM), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), 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

AWARDS	Robert A. Manners Prize, Brandeis University, May 2022 (Recognizing a significant piece of scholarly writing by a doctoral student in anthropology) Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, May 2021 Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Brandeis University.
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

INVITED TALKS	(Moderator) The Pedagogy Workshop of Race and Racism Comparatively, University of Michigan, 2022. Yazidis in Iraq, <i>Common Threads</i> , NPR (WVGR). 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	“Being a Minority, Becoming Cosmopolitans: Internal Displacement and Ambivalence of Belonging,” Annual Meeting of SEPAD (Sectarianism, Proxies and De-Sectarianization Project), Lancaster University (Accepted – Dec 2022)

“Humanitarianism, Religion, and Sectarian Prerogative,” Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association, November 2022 (Nov 2022)

“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

INSTRUCTOR	<p><u>Kalamazoo College</u></p> <p>Saving Humanity: Ethics and Politics of Humanitarianism (Winter 2022)</p> <p>Immigration and Exile (Spring 2022)</p> <p>In Pursuit of Justice: Human Rights in Global Perspective (Fall 2022)</p> <p>Introduction to Society and Culture (Winter & Spring 2022)</p>
TEACHING ASSISTANT	<p><u>Brandeis University</u></p> <p>Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)</p> <p>Anthropology of Religion (Fall 2018)</p> <p>Psychological Anthropology (Spring 2017)</p> <p>Culture and Mental Illness (Spring 2016)</p>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Middle East Studies Association

SKILLS

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS	Atlas T.I, ArcGIS (Pro and Desktop, Online). QGIS.
LANGUAGE	English: Fluent; Farsi: Fluent; French: written and verbal proficiency; Kurdish (Sorani): written and verbal proficiency; Modern Standard Arabic: Advanced Reading Knowledge

References

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