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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Experienced educator, field researcher, and analyst with subject matter expertise in Iran, Afghanistan, Central Asia, political identity, informal institutions, local leadership, borders, ethnographic methods, and gender. Background includes intensive research on Iranian culture and politics as well as six years on and off on the border of Tajikistan and Afghanistan studying how local leaders and organizations impact border and state stability as well as drug, human, weapons, and gemstone trafficking. Successful and effective teaching experience includes Department of Defense, Department of State, graduate and undergraduate students, overseas and in the United States.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science **2013**
Rutgers University

Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Women and Politics
Specialization: Iran, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Identity, and Political Ethnography

Dissertation: *All Institutionalization is Local: Border (In)Security and the Case of Tajik/Afghan Badakhshan*
Dissertation explores the importance of local leaders and local identity groups to the stability of a state's border and ultimately, the stability of the state.

M.A. International Relations **2008**
San Francisco State University

Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*
Thesis: *Myth Objectives: The Social Construct of Narrative Influence in Iran*

B.A. Theatre **1989**
New York University

Thesis: *Bertolt Brecht and the Berliner Ensemble: Theatre of Resistance in Translation*

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Academic Books and Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts in Process

The Afghan Central Asia Borderlands: The State and Local Leaders Central Asian Studies Series, Routledge, 2016.
Nominated for an International Studies Association ENMISA (Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration) Distinguished Book Award (2016). Released in paperback in 2018.

Local Governance at The Periphery: Informal Organizations in Tajik/Afghan Badakhshan University of Michigan Press, (forthcoming).

The Blind Man and the Elephant: Seven Conceptual Essays on Iran, under review with Oxford and contract offered from Lexington Press - (Seventy-five percent completed).

The Iranian Way of War, contracted with Lexington Press.

Peer-Reviewed Chapters and Journal Articles

“Civil Society in an Uncivil State: Tajik/Afghan Badakhshan” *Columbia Journal of International Affairs*, 2018

“Local Governance in Khatlon, Tajikistan” in Marlene Laruelle (ed.), *Tajikistan on the Move: Approaches*,

Fieldworks, Topics Rowman and Littlefield (2018).

Jennifer Murtazashvili, Anastasia Shesterinina, Suzanne Levi-Sanchez, Timothy Blauvelt & Jesse Driscoll, "Warlords and coalition politics in post-Soviet states, *Caucasus Survey* Spring, 2018 <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23761199.2018.1450053?scroll=top&needAccess=true>

"New Social Media and Global Resistance," in Laura Shepard (ed.), *Gender Matters: A Feminist Introduction to International Relations*, Routledge, 2015, pp. 389-401, co-authored with Sophie Toupin.

"Borderlands of Badakhshan: Cooperation and Security" in K. Warikoo and Khojamahmad Umarov (eds.), *Tajikistan in the 21st Century*, Pentagon Press, 2015, pp. 267-280.

"Public Diplomacy in an Interdependent World," in Anna Cornelia Beyer (ed.), *International Relations – Students Perspectives*, vol. 4, Winter, 2008, pp. 73-84.

"Veiled Threats: Modifications in Hijab Laws as Indicators of Perceived Imperialism in Iran" *WIIS Words*, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, August, 2007, p. 13.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Afghan-Central Asia Borderland: The State and Local Leaders* by John Heathershaw in *Central Asia Survey* February, 2018 <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02634937.2018.1433189>

Review of *Gendering Borders Studies*, Jane Aaron, Henrice Altink, and Chris Weedon (eds.), 2010 in *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, (forthcoming).

Review of *Derailing Democracy in Afghanistan*, Noah Coburn and Ann Larson, Columbia University Press, 2014, *Muslim World Journal*, (forthcoming).

Reports

"Social, Economic, and Gender Dynamics in Nine Districts of Khatlon Province, Tajikistan," Report for USAID funded by University of Illinois, 2015.

"The 2012 and 2014 Conflicts in Khorog, Tajikistan" IREX Individual Advanced Research Projects Paper, July 2014.

"Ruling, Rules, and Rulers in Afghan Badakhshan," Report for American Institute for Afghan Studies, Richards Fellowship

"Badakhshan: Drugs and Powerbrokers," IREX Report for Transnational Crime and Trafficking Workshop, 2012.

Assessment of the Aga Khan Foundation's Drug Demand Reduction Program, 2012.

Fieldwork report for UCLA, funded by International Narcotics and Law Enforcement at Department of State, on Counternarcotics Policy in Counterinsurgency (2012).

Assessment of the EU/United Nations Development Program Border Management Project in Badakhshan, 2011.

Newspapers (SELECTED)

"The Corridor of Power," *The Lowy Institute*, October 28, 2018. Listed in the "Best of The Interpreter's Forgotten Corners of the World." Additional article on the subject requested in February 2019 by The Low Institute.

Interviewed by Politico August 21, 2017 for “Trump's new Afghan strategy rings all too familiar in longest war” by Wesley Morgan and Bryan Bender.

“What Do We Do About Iran?” *San Francisco Chronicle*, January 11, 2010.

“Iranian Women's Rights Regress as Rift With West Heats Up” (with Dr. Sophie Clavier), *San Francisco Chronicle*, August 25, 2007, C-3. (Translated into Persian and reprinted in *Iran dar Jahan*, daily newspaper in Iran).

“School Choice is but a Pipe Dream,” *The San Francisco Chronicle*, May 23, 2000, p. A-25.

“Saved by the Arts,” *The San Francisco Chronicle*, September 10, 2000, p. ED-9.

“Community Park Going to the Dogs,” *The San Francisco Examiner*, May 26, 2000, p. C-1.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of National Security Affairs **2017-Present**
United States Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Adjunct Professor **2016-2017**
San Francisco State University

Conceived course curriculum for fully on-line course on “Covert Political Warfare and Terrorism” for the Department of International Relations. Designed first online course in this subject for SFSU. Created all metrics for testing and assessing effectiveness of materials within course platform. Used experimental technology to deliver a dynamic online learning environment including using live feeds, video, online group video interaction, and dynamic presentation software for a class of sixty students from the fields of Criminal Justice and International Relations. Certified as a course across entire California State University system.

Central Asia Course Chair **2014-2016**
Foreign Service Institute
United States Department of State
Arlington, Virginia

Course Instructor for Foreign Service Officers, civil servants, and various US government agency personnel. My courses include: Introduction to Central Asia; Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan; and Turkmenistan and other Central Asian countries. For these courses I am responsible for designing all course curricula, assessments, lectures, and for organizing guest lecturers including think tank specialists, professors, diplomats, United States government specialists, and local experts from the Central Asian countries.

Visiting Scholar **2013-2014**
Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Authored three proposals for funding, wrote two chapters for edited volumes, garnered a book contract from Routledge and began negotiations with University of Michigan Press regarding an advance contract for a second academic monograph. Presented to an audience of faculty, staff, and students on dissertation research and fieldwork. Created a map (with the head of GIS at Princeton) of Khorog, Tajikistan as a base map for my ongoing fieldwork. Co-designed thermal-electric solar cook stove for Wakhi women in Afghanistan with wifi receptor and logging of carbon credits in cell phones as income-generating mechanisms. Met with Wakhi women to discuss usage along the Wakhan Corridor and do preliminary training. Continued studying Persian and Persian poetry as well as Zoroastrianism, particularly as it pertained to Badakhshan, Afghanistan.

Research Scholar **2013-2015**

**University of Illinois contract with USAID Farm Advisory Services Tajikistan
Khatlon, Tajikistan**

Conducted an assessment of the political, social, and economic networks in Khatlon province for a \$9 million USAID Farm Advisory Services Tajikistan project in order to develop a baseline for implementing an agricultural extension program. Additionally, I conducted research on how *Mahallas* (local governance in neighborhoods) interact with the state and citizens including the power and social networks, leaders, traditional family structures, and customs/norms and provided guidance on how to effectively implement and spread information efficiently throughout the zones of influence.

**Visiting Lecturer on Research Design and Methodology
International Alert
Dushanbe, Tajikistan**

2015

Presented lectures to Tajik Academics, journalists, and civil society leaders on research design and methodology. Employed practical applications of materials combined with ongoing research projects among the students. Course taught in English, Russian, and Tajik.

**Lecturer
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey**

2011; 2015

Taught courses on *Introduction to International Relations* and *Strategies in International Relations*. These hybrid courses focused on the main theoretical schools within the field of international relations in half on-line and half classroom intensive summer format. The students had to work in teams on projects as well as write and present a comprehensive research paper on a topic of their choice. Given an exemplary evaluation for course development and execution by the Rutgers University Education Department of On-line and Hybrid Learning.

**Visiting Scholar
Department of African, Middle Eastern, and South Asian Languages and Literature
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey**

2015-2017

Created three maps in coordination with Department of Geography for book based on fieldwork using a combination of cartographic techniques and QGIS. Designed course curriculum for hybrid course on strategy in international relations that was accepted by the Department of Education and On-line Learning as a new course offering at Rutgers. Developed a course on Ta'ziyeh (ritual theatre in Iran). Studied intensive Persian grammar. Began work on a book focusing on the history and historiography of Shughnan Afghanistan/Tajikistan with a Shughni scholar based on one of the chapters in my dissertation and one of the scholars research materials. Developed book proposal for second research monograph contracted with University of Michigan Press.

**Visiting Lecturer on Research Design and Methodology
Khorog English Preparatory Program
Institute for Ismaili Studies, Graduate Certificate Program
Khorog, Tajikistan**

2010-11; 2013-14

Presented lectures to university students to prepare them for PhD or graduate programs requiring intensive research. Topics included how to design a research project, how to conduct the fieldwork/research to answer a particular puzzle, and finally, how to analyze the data. Course taught in Tajik and English.

**Lecturer, Agha Khan Foundation Lycee
2013**

Taught concepts in political science and critical thinking in Tajik and English to Pamiri high school students.

Adjunct Professor
Montclair State University
Montclair, New Jersey

2012

Taught a course on *International Organizations* to advanced undergraduates focusing on the role, history, and structures of inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, multi-national corporations, transnational activism, and transnational criminal and terrorist organizations.

Field Researcher
University of California Los Angeles
Badakhshan, Afghanistan; Dushanbe and Gorno-Badakhshan, Tajikistan

2009-2011

Served as field researcher for a project on counternarcotics strategy in counterinsurgency in Afghanistan for principal investigator Mark Kleiman, Professor of Public Policy, University of California, Los Angeles. With funding provided by United States Department of State's International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau our team combined a game theoretic and quantitative methodology with fieldwork to provide the State Department with a comprehensive analysis of the challenges for the United States government in Afghanistan on issues related to counternarcotics strategy in counterinsurgency.

Guest Lecturer
Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
Khorog, Tajikistan

2011

Taught a course on *Fieldwork in Dangerous and Sensitive Locations*. Aided in a workshop designed to train local experts on how to conduct research along the border between Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Course instruction included traditional workshops and field labs, such as a team training exercise at a cross-border bazaar to gather data. Course taught in both Tajik and English.

Research/Teaching Assistant
San Francisco State University
San Francisco, CA

2007-2008

Engaged in research on Iran, the nuclear issue, and cultural norms with Associate Dean and Professor Sophie Clavier for an NSF funded project developing new cognitive linguistic technology in several languages. Also assisted Professor Clavier with her *Introduction to Global Affairs* course that had 120 advanced undergraduate students.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant
Cesvi (Italian NGO)
Dushanbe, Khatlon, and Panjikent, Tajikistan

2015-2016

Responsible for co-designing the research proposal for the formative research and Medical Research Council of South Africa's Ethics Review Board in Tajikistan. This project is part of an international pilot program involving eleven countries with the aim of reducing violence against women and girls (VAWG). As one of the largest humanitarian organizations in Italy, Cesvi (which means development and cooperation) is implementing a three-year project funded by What Works, a consortium of the UK government, the Medical Research Council of South Africa, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Consultant
The Aga Khan Foundation
Badakhshan and Kabul, Afghanistan

2011 –2012

Assessed and redesigned the Aga Khan Foundation's Drug Demand Reduction Program for three districts in Afghanistan – Zebok, Ishkashem, and the Wakhan Corridor. Visited over thirty villages, spoke with village elders, *shura* councils, drug control representatives, health care workers, people addicted to opium and heroin, border

commanders, government officials, and NGO/INGO representatives. Wrote seven detailed case studies on drug demand reduction, governance, and methods to improve the existing program.

PhD Research Intern 2011
Northern Afghanistan Border Management Project
United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
Badakhshan, Afghanistan; Dushanbe and Khorog, Tajikistan

Assessed the EU/UNDP border infrastructural development program in Dushanbe, Tajikistan and Badakhshan, Afghanistan. Interviewed border commanders, police, border guards and military, customs officers, and other border personnel. Wrote a detailed report documenting the strengths and weaknesses of the EU/UNDP Northern Afghanistan infrastructural development program in Badakhshan. Wrote speeches and presentations for visiting EU diplomats as part of the internship.

Field Intern 2010
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
Dushanbe and Gorno-Badakhshan, Tajikistan

For the OSCE Border Management Program, documented and provided situational awareness and assistance for workshops training Tajik Customs officers in counternarcotics and anti-trafficking techniques. Wrote situational awareness report and gave briefs on ongoing situation in the region. Worked on the border at Shughnan, Ishkashem, and Murgab (Kulma Pass).

Research Associate 2008-2009
American-Iranian Council
Princeton, New Jersey

Engaged in research related to American/Iranian politics, particularly focusing on the nuclear issue with the goal of quelling ongoing tensions between the two countries. The council facilitated workshops and meetings between US Senators, Representatives, other officials, Iranian representatives, journalists, and scholars in order to create open channels for communication between the two countries.

Journeyman Union Stage Electrician 1993-2000
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 16
The San Francisco Symphony, Opera, and Ballet
San Francisco, CA

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- **IREX Individual Advanced Research Projects Fellowship (2013-2014).** This fellowship funded nine months of fieldwork in Gorno-Badakhshan, Tajikistan. Fieldwork focused on the importance of local leaders and organizations to border and state stability.
- **Richards Fellow, American Institute for Afghan Studies, Boston University (2013-2014).** This fellowship provided travel funding for two months of fieldwork in Afghan Badakhshan focusing on the importance of local leaders and organizations to border and state stability.
- **IREX Award for Workshop on Transnational Crime in Eurasia at the Woodrow Wilson Center (2012).** Presented on the drug trade and the border of Afghanistan and Tajikistan in Badakhshan.
- **Rutgers Special Studies Award for ECPR Methodologies Workshop in Vienna (2012).** This award provided funding to attend a workshop on interpretive and qualitative methodologies with some of the current world experts in these subjects.
- **Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Alumni Grant for Farsi, Dari, and Tajik (2012).** Worked with an Iranian woman on a video in Farsi focusing on Persian baked goods. Created a small

booklet comparing English and Persian idioms. Compared linguistic differences between Farsi, Dari, and Tajik.

- **Rutgers Hybrid-Teaching Award (2011).** This award funded the development of a hybrid, on-line/in-class at Rutgers for *Introduction to International Relations*. This class was the first of its kind at Rutgers and received an exemplary review, identifying it as a model for future courses of its kind.
- **Rutgers Research Award, Dissertation Fieldwork, Department of Political Science (2011).** Funding for dissertation fieldwork in Tajikistan on border security.
- **University of Delaware Title VIII Award (2010-2011).** Funding for research on border institutions and security on the borders of Afghanistan/Tajikistan and Iran/Azerbaijan.
- **University of California Los Angeles Research Grant (2009-2011).** Conducted fieldwork on counternarcotics in counterinsurgency in Northern Afghanistan.
- **Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship for Intermediate Persian Dushanbe, Tajikistan (2009).**
- **Mina Houtan Foundation Scholarship in Iranian Studies (2008 and 2009).** Competitive grant awarded for the advancement of the understanding of Iranian culture and language in scholarship.
- **Rutgers University Graduate Fellowship (2008-2011).** Funded three years of study at Rutgers during PhD.
- **Distinguished Student Award, SFSU (2008).** Chosen by unanimous vote of the professors in field as the top graduating MA student in the program.
- **San Francisco State University Dean's Award (2008).** Selected by the Dean of the school as a top scholar in all MA programs.
- **Tisch School of the Arts Scholarship (1986-1989).** Only student in program awarded a full scholarship at the top program for theatre in the US at the time.
- **Lillian Gish Award (1988).** Selected by a committee of theatre professionals for an award funding studies at NYU. Highly competitive with only one award granted.
- **New York University Scholarship (1985-1989).**

INVITED WORKSHOPS AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Speaker, Book Talk on my upcoming book, *Informal Organizations in Tajik/Afghan Badakhshan*, forthcoming with University of Michigan Press at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies and the Central Asia Program, George Washington University, Fall 2019.
- Invited Guest Lecturer on Culture and Leadership for "Ideas About Leadership: Theoretical, Historical, and Personal," Harvard University (November 7, 2018).
- Invited Speaker, "Iran: Global Hotspots," AFROTC, University of Kentucky (December, 2018).
- Panelist, Women, Peace, and Security: Promoting Global Leadership Conference for panel, "Ideas Worth Considering," Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island (May-June 2018).

- Invited Speaker, presented paper entitled, “*Siphoning Security in Tajik/Afghan Badakhshan*” for panel entitled, Authoritarianism, The State, and Security Challenges in Eurasia, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, NYC (May 2018).
- Invited Guest Speaker for conference entitled, “Future Generation of Scholars on Afghanistan,” for the American Institute for Afghan Studies Association and the Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Columbia University, NYC (February 2018). Presented Paper, “The Role of Informal Organizations in Tajik/Afghan Badakhshan.”
- Invited Speaker, Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, “Author-Critic Forum: Jesse Driscoll’s *Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States*,” (October, 2017) organized for publication in *Caucasus Survey*.
- Chair, “Narratives of IR,” International Studies Association – North East (2017).
- Chair, “Gender Violence in Central Asia,” Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, NYC (April 2017).
- Chair, “The Uyghur Diaspora and China” Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, NYC (May 2018).
- Co-Organizer, Roundtable, *Measuring and Method*, Innovative Panel, International Studies Association Convention (2016).
- “Civil Society in an Uncivil State: The Case of Tajikistan,” co-author, Don Van Atta, Central Eurasian Studies Association Convention (2016).
- Invited Speaker, workshop on Tajikistan organized by the Central Asia Program at George Washington University and the Swedish Institution for International Affairs in Stockholm. Proceedings to be published in edited volume by Rowman and Littlefield (2016).
- Discussant “Domestic Order and Foreign Policy in Eurasia,” Association for the Study of Nationalism Convention (2015).
- “Borderlands of Badakhshan: The Paradox of Formalization,” American Political Science Association Convention (2013).
- “Emerging Technologies in a Chaotic World” co-author, Ryan Integlia (Nanophotonic Physicist), International Studies Association Convention (2013)
- Invited Presenter, “Emerging Technologies in a Chaotic World,” co-author, Ryan Integlia, NSF-Funded Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Virtual Conference (2013).
- Organizer, Roundtable, “Fieldwork in Dangerous and Sensitive Locations,” International Studies Association Convention (2013).
- Invited Guest Speaker, “Tajikistan in the 21st Century,” Jawarhal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2012).
- Invited Speaker, “Marriages, Movements, and Bodies: Women in Iran,” International Society for Iranian Studies Convention, Istanbul (2012).
- Invited Speaker, Iranian Women’s Historical Society, Tehran, Iran (2012) (unable to attend due to diplomatic and funding issues related to Iran/US relations).

- “Border (In) Security: The Case of Badakhshan,” International Studies Association Convention, North East Chapter (2010).
- Invited Speaker, “Myths of Nations, Myths of States, Does Using Folktales Seal One’s Fate: The Story of Iran and the U.S. and the Story of Their Stories,” International Society for Iranian Studies Convention (2010).
- Islam and Civil Society, Witherspoon Institute, Princeton (2010).
- Invited panel chair, Middle East Studies Association (2009).
- “International Gossip: Talk is not Cheap,” International Studies Association Convention (2009).
- “Conducting the Rhetorical Orchestra in Iran,” Midwest Political Science Association Convention (2009).
- “Iran: Mythical Influence in Social Constructions,” International Society for Iranian Studies Convention (2008).
- Interpretive and Qualitative Methodologies Graduate Student Workshop, International Studies Association Convention, North East (2008).
- “Iran: On the Nuclear Question-Norm Adherence and the International System,” International Studies Association Convention (2008).
- “Myth Objectives: The Social Construct of Narrative Influence in Iran,” International Studies Association Convention (2008).
- “Iranian Myth and the Social Construct of Narrative Influence,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2008).
- “Norm Adherence and the International System: The Case of Iran,” International Studies Association, West (2007).
- “Myth Objectives: Weaponized Rhetoric for Mass Mobilization in Iran,” International Studies Association, West (2007).

COMPANIES

Co-Founder of American-Iranian Business Council

2015

After the passage of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the mission of this company was to develop business and trade relationships with Iran, the EU, UK, and the US..

Co-Founder of Fieldwork International Group

2013

Group of field researchers engaged in analysis and on-the-ground data collection in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, North Africa, and Central Asia.

Co-Founder of Cognivent

2012

The mission of our company is to introduce technology for sustainable development to rejuvenate communities, industries and society for the greater good.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Member of the Governing Council of ISA, North East, 2010-present
- Committee Member Yale Ferguson Book Award for the International Studies Association (2018-2019)

- Committee Member of the Distinguished Scholar Award for the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Studies Section of ISA (ENMISA) (2017-2018)
- Committee Member of the Best Section Paper Award for ENMISA (2016-2017)
- Quality Online Learning and Teaching Ambassador, San Francisco State University, 2016-present
- Board of Directors, (em)Power Energy Group Foundation, 2012-2014
- Academic Peer Reviewer, *International Studies Quarterly*, Present
- Academic Peer Reviewer, *European Journal of International Relations*, 2013-present
- Academic Peer Reviewer, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 2013-present
- Graduate Student Representative for Cluster Hire Committee, Rutgers University, 2010
- Student Representative, Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section of ISA, 2008-2010
- West Coast Student Board member, Women in International Security, 2008-2009

OTHER SERVICE

- For the US Naval War College, my service includes:
 - Developed and taught highly successful NWC Elective, “The Iranian Way of War,” (Winter 2018-2019; Fall 2019-2010)
 - Co-teaching NWC Elective in Spring 2020, “The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.”
 - Curriculum Committee for the Department of National Security Affairs (2019)
 - Mid-Term Committee for the Department of NSA (2019)
 - Hiring committee for two post-doctoral positions in Department of NSA (2018)
 - Command Climate Committee, Naval War College (2017-2018)
- From 2007-2016 briefed numerous members of agencies and branches of the United States Government on issues related to Iran, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, non-state actors, and Central Asia, including (but not limited to):
 - US Department of State, INR (REA and TNC), INL, Bureau of South and Central Asia Affairs
 - Members of the House and Senate and their staffs
 - Embassy Officials including Ambassadors and former Ambassadors
 - DIA
 - DoD
 - CIA
 - USAID
- Briefed US academics, consultants, military contractors, aid and development workers, and others on Tajikistan and Afghanistan prior to conducting fieldwork in these countries.

LANGUAGES

- Intermediate Persian, Tajik, Dari (reading, writing, speaking)
- Conversant in German/Intermediate in reading
- Beginner proficiency in Shughni

MEMBERSHIPS

- International Society for Iranian Studies
- Association for the Study of Nationalities
- Central Eurasian Studies Society
- American Anthropological Association
- International Studies Association and ISA-Northeast
- Journeyman Stage Electrician, Intl Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Union, Local 16

TRAINING

- Working on Certification in ArcGIS (Esri).
- Working on Certification in Python (Udemy).
- Quality Online Learning and Teaching Certificate (2017)
- California State University Course Match Certified (2017)
- San Francisco State University Preventing Sexual Violence Certified (2016)
- Cyber Security Awareness Training Certificate, United States Department of State (2015)
- Applying the Quality Matters Rubric Workshop for Online Course Curriculum Development Certificate, Quality Matters (2015)
- Trained in Atlas.ti and Interpretive Methodologies, European Consortium for Political Research (2012)
- United Nations Advanced Security Certificate (2011)
- United Nations Basic Security Certificate (2011)
- CPR and First Aid Certificate (2009; 2011; 2015)
- Human Subjects Certification for International Research, Institutional Review Board (2010)
- Advanced Persian Translation Course (2010)
- Academic German Translation Course (2011)
- Critical Language Scholarship, U.S. Department of State, Intermediate Persian (2009)
- Journeyman Stage Electrician
- Union Mediation training
- NRA Basic Rifle and Pistol Certified