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### EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D.</b> in Islamic Studies McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies	2020-Present
<b>Ph.D.</b> in Persian Language and Literature University of Tehran	2014-2020
<b>M.A.</b> in Persian Language and Literature University of Tehran	2012-2014
<b>B.Sc.</b> in Civil Engineering Karaj Azad University	2007-2012

### TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCES

<b>Course Lecturer in Persian language</b> Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University	2022-2023
<b>Teaching Assistant for Persian language</b> Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University	2020-2021
<b>Lecturer in Persian literature</b> Department of Literature and Humanities, University of Tehran	2015-2017, 2019-2020
<b>Teaching Fellow</b> Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University	2018-2019
<b>Instructor of Persian Calligraphy Workshop</b> Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University	2017-2018
<b>Instructor of Persian literature and history of Iran</b> Payām-e Mellat High School	2008-2009
<b>Tutor</b> Teaching Persian and Arabic languages to bilingual students	2008-2017

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

<b>Research Assistant</b> The project “Truth in Islamic Philosophy and Literature” The University of Auckland, collaboration with Dr. Elham Bahman-Teymouri	2022
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<b>Research Assistant</b> McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies, Proofread the complete English translation of Sohrāb Sepehrī's poems, Published as <i>The Eight Books</i> , Brill (2019), by Profs. Shabani-Jadidi and Keshavmurthy	2021
<b>Visiting Scholar</b> Yale University, Department of Religious Studies, Supervised by Prof. Gerhard Böwering	2017-2019
<b>Research Associate of The Ghani Collection at Yale</b> Yale University, Yale Iranian History Internet Archive (YIHA), Supervised by Prof. Abbas Amanat	2017-2019
<b>Lexicographer</b> Academy of Persian Language and Literature, Member of compiling group of <i>Farhang-i Jāme'-i Zabān-i Fārsi</i> , volume 2	2015-2017
<b>Columnist</b> Haft-e Sobh Newspaper, Writing about the roots of Persian proverbs in a weekly column <i>Adabīyāt-e 'Awām</i>	2014-2017

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

- *Among our Shaykh's Karāmāt... Abū Sa'īd Abū'l-Khayr and his Karāmāt Narratives*. Under the contract with Ney Publication. (Forthcoming, Spring 2024)
- [Laṭāyif al-Ma'navī min Haqāyiq al-Masnavī](#), Abd al-Laṭīf Abbāsī Gujarāti. Edited, annotated, and introduced by Behzad Borhan, Tehran: Intishārāt-i Maḥmūd Afshār and Sukhan, 2017.

### Peer-Reviewed Article

- Borhan, Behzad; Hajian-nezhad, Alireza. "A constructivist explanation for the contrast between Nirvānā and Fanā." *Persian Literature (Adab-i Fārsi, Journal of Faculty of Literature and Humanities, University of Tehran)*, no. 23, 2019, p. 21-41.
- Borhan, Behzad. "Zinā of the Eye or Gaze of the Eye? A suggestion for editing a verse in the Maṣnavi of Rumi." *Persian Language and Literature*, no. 22, 2020, p. 36-46.
- Borhan, Behzad. "Analysis of ambiguous phrases in the *Tārīkh-i Jahān-Gushā of Juwainī*." *Kohan Nāmeḥ-yi Adab-i Pārsī*, no. 03, 2016, p.103-118.
- Borhan, Behzad. "Some new facts about Abd al-Laṭīf Abbāsī Gujarāti's life." *Subcontinent*, vol. 04, no. 04, 2015, p. 221-235.

### Peer-Reviewed Book Review

- *Persianate Selves: Memories of Place and Origin Before Nationalism*, Mana Kia (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press 2021, xxiv + 312 pp.) in *Iranian Studies Journal*, 2022.
- *Sinews of war and trade: Shipping and Capitalism in the Arabian Peninsula*, by Laleh Khalili (London: Verso 2020, 386 pp.) in *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 2021.

### Working Papers and Projects

- IHIA (The Islamic Hagiography Internet Archive) The archival research project that aims to provide a comprehensive online database for Islamic hagiographic literature.

- “Bodies in Islamic Hagiography,” a Chapter in Brill’s *Handbook of Sufi Studies (HSUF): Sufism and the Body*
- “I Am the Truth: The Ideological Fantasies in Planning Theory and Practice,” Co-Authored with Elham Bahman-Teymouri, a chapter in *Ideological Fantasies in Planning Theory and Practice*, under review with Taylor and Francis.
- “Islamic Miracles in the Eyes of Religious Others,” under Review with Taylor and Francis’s *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*.

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “*You Wrote This Poem, Shared Pain, Twitter Trend, and an Overnight Anthem Called Barāye*,” presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> European Conference of Iranian Studies, Leiden University, August 2023.
- “*The Evolution of Karāmāt Narratives in Sufi literature*,” presented at MESA 2022, Denver, Colorado, December 2022.
- “*Among our Shaykh’s Karāmāt... Abū Sa‘īd Abū’l-Khayr and his Karāmāt Narratives*,” invited talk in Persian Circle, University of Chicago, November 2022.
- “*A Narrative of Karāmāt or a Karāmāt of Narrative?*” presented at the Iranian Studies Conference (AIS 2022), Salamanca, Spain, August-September 2022.
- “*From Chords to Words: Pedagogical Benefits of Intertwining Persian Literature with Persian Traditional Music*,” presented at the 3rd International Conference on Teaching Persian Language and Literature, University of Cambridge, December 2021.
- “*Narratives of Karāmāt in the Sufi Literature*,” invited talk at Khārazmī University, Tehran, Iran. March 2019.
- “*The Ghāsem-e Ghani Collection in Sterling Library at Yale*,” invited talk at The National Library of Iran, Tehran, Iran. September 2018.
- “*Ghāsem-e Ghani and His Qājāric Documents*,” invited talk at University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran, October 2018.
- “*Mystical Hermeneutics: The Dialectic of Mystical Experiences and the Qur’ān*,” presented at The Eighth International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, University of California at Berkeley. April 2018.

## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES

- President, McGill Institute of Islamic Studies Student Council (MISSC) 2022-2023
- Chair, MISSC Graduate Student Symposium, 2023
- Co-organizer with Prof. Prashant Keshavmurthy, The Persianate Studies Colloquium Lecture Series at McGill’s Institute of Islamic Studies, 2021-present
- Committee Member, The McGill Graduate Funding Working Group, 2022-2023
- Committee Member, The McGill PGSS Library Improvement Fund, 2022-2023
- Volunteer English Language Instructor, Afghan Women's Center of Montréal, 2022

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATIONS

- McGill’s Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Awards (GREAT Awards), Fall 2022.

- Association of Iranian Studies (AIS) Travel Grant, 2022.
- McGill's Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Awards (GREAT Awards), Summer 2022.
- Winner of 3MT (Three-minute Thesis) Competition at the University of Tehran, 2019.
- Finalist of The National Library of Iran's festival on Manuscripts: *Hāmiyān-i Nosakh-i Khatī*, for *Laṭāyif al-Ma'navī min Haqāyiq al-Masnavī*, 2018.
- University of Tehran Fellowship Award for research leave, 2017.
- Winner of the best student book of the year from The Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of Iran for *Laṭāyif al-Ma'navī min Haqāyiq al-Masnavī*, 2017.
- Certificated editor in Persian Language from Cultural Institute of Shahr-i Kitāb.
- Certificated film critic from University of Tehran Cinema Center.
- Certificated English translator from Khāne-ye Ketāb-e Iran.
- Certificated Persian calligrapher in *Nasta'liq* from Association of Calligraphers of Iran.