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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. Iranian Studies**, Shahid Beheshty University 2016-2022  
Thesis: A Study on Manichaean Fictional Motifs  
Advisor: Prof. Zohre Zarshenas

**M.A. Iranian Studies**, Shahid Beheshty University 2011-2014  
Thesis: “Exploring the Manichaean parables in Persian prose, until Mongol invasion”  
Advisor: Prof. Zohre Zarshenas  
\* Fourth place in the Second Conference of Iranian Studies Theses (FIFTAW).

**B.A. Persian Language and Literature**, University of Tehran 2005- 2010

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journal Publication*

“Manichaean Parables in Persian Prose Texts”, with M. Shokri-Foumeshi, *Literary Research* 50, 2015 [2016], pp. 23-56. [in Persian]

“Gardīzī’s Historical Perspective and Historiography in Zayn al-Akhbār”, *Irānshenāsi, Student Journal on Iranian Studies, The University of Tehran*, Vol. II, No. 2, Summer 2020. [in Persian]

“Some Reflections of the Iranian Manichaean fictional elements on the Folkloric Iranian Literature”, with Z. Zarshenas, *Culture and Folk Literature*, Vol. 9, No. 42, January – February 2022, pp. 289-314. [in Persian]

“The seed of light in the hands of the conscious farmer; A review of two Parthian parables about agriculture”, with Z. Zarshenas, *Zabānshenākht (Language Studies)*, February 2022. [in Persian]

“The Concept of Family in Manichean beliefs and stories”, at First Iranian National Congress of Iranology, Tehran, <https://civilica.com/doc/2056541>. [in Persian]

### *Other Persian Papers*

“Honoring of abd’Imajid arfaee” in *A Quarterly on Book Review and Cultural- Social Affairs* 36, 2012.

“Wernner sundermann”, with A. Kazemi, in *Fravahr* 455, 2012.

“History of Persepolis Fortification Tablets” in *A Quarterly on Book Review and Cultural-Social Affairs* 40, 2013.

“Issues in history teaching”, in *ketab-e-mah-e- Tarikh* 193, 2014.

### ***Translations***

“101 ways to teach children social skills: a ready-to-use, reproducible activity book”, Shapiro, Lawrence E, Chakse, Tehran, 2017.

“Harold Walter Bailey; From Agriculture to Linguistics”, Sheldon, John, *Irānshenāsi Student Journal on Iranian Studies*, The University of Tehran, Vol. II, No. 3, Autumn 2020.

“Angels, Prophets, Rabbis, and Kings from the Stories of the Jewish people”, Patterson, José, Cheshmeh, Tehran, Forthcoming.

### ***Book***

“Azendestān; A Survey on Manichaean fictional literature”, Barsam, Tehran, 2023.

## **CONFERENCES**

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“Manichean Parables in Persian Prose (focusing on their representation in *Kalila wa Demna*)”, *Symposia Iranica's the Second Biennial Graduate Conference on Iranian Studies*, April 2015, Cambridge. Accepted abstract (not presented by the author)

“Some reflections of the Iranian Manichean writings on the folkloric Persian literature: a comparative study on the parables at the 9th Conference of the International Association of Manichaean Studies, 11-16 September 2017, Turin.

“Manichaeism as Imperial Zoroastrianism's Imagined Other,” at *The Iranian World in Late Antiquity*, 18-19 September 2017, Paris.

“Zindīq, an Epithet for Imagined Other to both Imperial Zoroastrianism and Islam,” at *The Sacred in Conflict Disagreements between and within Religions*, 28-30 June 2018, Budapest.

“The Concept of Family in Manichean beliefs and stories”, at *First Iranian National Congress of Iranology*, 9 May 2024, Tehran.

“The role of Caravanserai in spreading Religions along the Silk Road”, for presentation at the *Conference: Modern Principles of Preservation of Cultural Heritage Objects*, Samarkand State University of Architecture and Construction, Smarkand, Uzbekistan, 26 May, 2025.

"Ancient Wisdom, Green Future: How Early Faiths Honoured Nature" for presentation at the Conference: The Development Logic and Technological Innovation of the Green Economy, The Expo Centre, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 19 June, 2025.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES**

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### ***Teaching***

Extensive experience teaching Literature, History, and Social Studies at elementary and high school levels (2006-2021)

Assistant Professor at 'Silk Road' University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage (2024- )

### ***Professional Engagement***

Member of the Board of Directors of the Iranian Studies Scientific Association of Iran  
Member of the editorial board of the Historical and Literary Iranian Studies International Journal [in Persian]  
Member of the editorial board of the Journal of Iran and Iranian Studies [in Persian]

## **Certificates**

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Tolimo Certificate of English Language, The Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of I.R. Iran, The National Organisation for Educational Testing.

Persian Teaching to Non-Persian Training course, Education and Research Saadi Foundation.

Top student among postgraduate students in 2011, Shahid Beheshti University Talent Office

Specialised short-term training course, from narrative to discourse: semiotic challenges of literary text, Institute of Humanities and Cultural Studies, Ministry of Science, Research and Technology.

Teacher induction courses, Mahdavi Human Resources Training Center.

ICDL Profile Certificate, CEO, ICDL, Iran Foundation

## **LANGUAGES**

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**Persian:** Native Language.

**English:** Advanced Reading and Writing skills, Intermediate High Listening and Speaking skills.

**Arabic:** Advanced Reading skills, Intermediate Writing skills.

**Turkish:** Novice Mid Speaking skills.

**Middle Persian:** Intermediate High in Language, Intermediate Low in Script.

**Sogdian:** Intermediate Mid in Language.

**Manichaean Script:** Novice Mid.