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### **Education**

Indiana University, Bloomington,  
PhD: Anthropology (Sociocultural), 2009 – Present  
Minor: Dept. of Central Eurasian Studies (Iranian Studies)  
**Dissertation:** *A Historical Ethnography of Qizilbash: State, Nationalism, and a Shi'a Minority in Kabul: 1880-1978*

California State University, Fullerton  
Master of Arts: History (Modern Period)  
**Thesis:** *Reasons for the Failure of Modernization in Afghanistan, 1919-1933*

University of California, Santa Barbara  
Bachelor of Arts: Middle Eastern & Environmental Studies (Double Major)  
**Senior Project:** *Safavid Decline and Rise of the Afghans, 1694-1722*

### **Award**

Educational Opportunity Award, University of California, Santa Barbara  
History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta (Theta Pi Chapter), 2008  
Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the Central Asia Program, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, “Field Development Workshop,” Nov. 2012  
David C. Skomp Fellowship, Indiana University, Summer 2013  
American Council on Teaching Foreign Languages, Arizona State University, “The OPI Assessment Workshop,” April 2014  
Travel Award, Islamic Studies Program, University of Louisville, April 2015  
Flagship Teacher Training, University of Arizona, “Innovative Technologies for Advanced Language and Cultural Learning”, May 2015

### **Specialization**

**Areas:** Middle East and South-Central Asian Societies and Culture, with emphasis on modern Iran, Afghanistan, Social Hierarchies, Tradition and Modernity, Shi'a Studies  
**Topical Interest:** Modernity and Social Transformation, Minorities and State Formation, Historical Anthropology, History of Anthropological Thought, and Research Methods

### **Research Method**

Primary Sources, Archives, and Fieldwork in Kabul, California, Indiana, and Toronto

### **Language**

Persian/Farsi-Dari (native), Tajiki (intermediate), Pashto (novice), and Arabic (novice)

### **Teaching**

*Associate Instructor*, Indiana University

Anthropology of the Middle East (Summer 2016)  
Peoples, Histories and Politics of Modern Iran and Afghanistan (Spring 2016)  
Language & Culture. L200, Fall 2015 & Spring 2013  
Ecology & Society. E101, Fall 2012  
Persian Language. T551/T552, Summer 2012-2015 & Fall 2010-Spr 2012  
The Polyglot. IU Newsletter, 2014, “A Summer of Persian” (Students Recognition)  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~swseel2/ThePoliglot/summer14/whatdidyoulearn.shtml#persian>

## **Research Jobs**

*Graduate Assistant*, Islamic Studies Program, Indiana University, 2014-2015  
*Research Assistant*, Center on American and Global Securities, Indiana University, 2010-11

## **Publications:**

### **Article**

*The Tenor of Soviet-Afghanistan Relations, 1919-1953: An Anthropological Perspective*  
Special Issue of *Central Asian Survey* (Submitted, Winter 2016)

### **Bibliography**

*Afghan-American Bibliography Project*. Eds. Solaiman Fazel and John Baden (in progress)  
*Shi'a Sources in Afghanistan* (in progress)

### **Review**

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies  
*A Global Middle East: Mobility, Materiality and Culture in the Modern Age, 1880-1940*. Liat Kozma, Cyrus Schayech and Avner Wishnitzer, Eds. May 2015  
<http://www.brismes.ac.uk/nmes/archives/1401>

Anthropology Book Forum, founded by the American Anthropological Association  
*Hajj: Global Interactions through Pilgrimage*. Mols Luitgard and Marjo Buitelaar, Eds. Oct. 2015  
[http://www.anthropology-news.com/?post\\_type=book-review](http://www.anthropology-news.com/?post_type=book-review)

### **Op-ed**

Informed Comments: Thoughts on the Middle East, History and Religion, Apr 6, 2015  
"The War in Yemen is Political and Ecological: Forget Sunnism and Shiism"  
<http://www.juancole.com/2015/04/political-ecological-shiites.html>

Informed Comments: Thoughts on the Middle East, History and Religion, Mar 31, 2015  
"Lynching Farkhunda: Rebirth of Gender Equality and Accountability in Afghanistan?"  
<http://www.juancole.com/2015/03/farkhunda-accountability-afghanistan.html#>

### **TV Guest**

"Social Problems in Post-Taliban Kabul," Ariana International Television, Irvine California, Mariam Arsala, April 2010

"Social Trends in Post-Soviet War Afghanistan," Ariana International Television, Irvine California, Mariam Arsala, June 2009

### **Conference**

"Familiar Strange," 114<sup>th</sup> AAA Annual Meeting, Denver CO. Nov. 18-22, 2015

"Kabul: Hidden Ethnohistory of Moghul's Palace Gardens," American Society for Ethnohistory, Las Vegas, Nov. 4-8, 2015

"Approaches to Translation: Persian Poems and Prose," Solaiman Fazel, SWSEEL, Indiana University, July 24, 2015

"Using New Technologies in the Language and Culture Classroom," B. Braley, D. Tungaraza, and S. Fazel, Indiana University, June 26, 2015

"Islamic Modernities: Time and Space," The Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Louisville, April 16-17, 2015

- “The Practical Authority of the Imams and their Representatives,” Shi’a Symposium, The University of Chicago, April 3-4, 2015
- “Unfamiliar in a Familiar City: native anthropologist returns to Kabul after two Decades.” Islamic Studies Program Brown Bag Talks, Indiana University, March 9, 2015
- “Bridging Traditional Divides: Reimagining Your Role in Academic Life,” Indiana University 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Preparing Future Faculty Conference. Jan. 30, 2015
- “Peoples and Cultures of Afghanistan” Training for Alion Sciences and Technology, Islamic Studies Program, Indiana University, Feb 4, 2015
- “A Guide to doing archival research in Kabul, Afghanistan.” Association of Central Eurasian Students (ACES), Graduate Students Brown Bag Talks, Indiana University, Oct. 15, 2014
- “What is the Americanist Paradigm of Sociocultural Anthropology?” Kabul University, August 18, 2014 (In Farsi-Dari)
- “Central Asian Languages and Linguistics,” Indiana University, May 16-17, 2014
- “Afghanistan: Rebuilding Fragmented Social Institutions,” Indiana Univ., Apr 17-20, 2014
- “Mapping the Landscapes of Islamic Studies Conference,” Islamic Studies Program, Indiana University, Oct 31 – Nov 2, 2014
- “Afghanistan: Power and Structural Marginalization,” Crossing Boundaries: Merging Eurasian Insights with the Study of Afghanistan, at George Washington University November 1-4 2012
- “Beyond the Sunni-Shiite Conflict: A Workshop on the Ottomans and the Safavids in the Early Modern Era.” Department of History, Indiana University, Oct. 24-25, 2014
- “Ethnohistory at 60: Looking Forward, Reflecting Back.” Indianapolis, Oct. 8-12, 2014
- “How Hip is Your Teaching?” Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET), Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Indiana University, Sept 19, 2014
- 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> Annual ACES Conferences, Indiana University, March 2012-33
- “Afghanistan: A Closer Look at Nadir Khan's Reign, 1929-1933.” Twelfth Annual CESS Conference, September 15-18, 2011, Ohio State University.
- “Mardan-e Khosh-bakht” a poem by Partaw Naderi, Middle Eastern Poetries, Indiana University, April 14, 2011
- “Women in Afghanistan” Afghanistan Student Association, Indiana Univ., April 4, 2011.
- “Wasef Bakhtari, and the Influence of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Persian Literary Style, *Sapke-e Naw Shir'i Nima*, in Afghanistan,” 18<sup>th</sup> Annual ACES Conference, Indiana Univ., Mar. 4, 2011.

“Brief History of U.S. – Iran Relations.” Lawrence North High School, AP Government Class, Indiana University, Dec. 6, 2011.

Eleventh Annual CESS Conference, Michigan State University, September 2011

“Yusuf Khass Hajib: *Kutadgu Bilig*, Islamic Mirror for the Prince,” International Conference on Turks and Islam, Indiana University, Sept. 11-12, 2010

“Brief Survey of Afghanistan: History, Politics and Culture.” International Studies Center, Indiana University, March 18, 2010.

“Rage against the System: the Dilemma of Internet Freedom in Iran.” 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ACES Conference, Indiana University, March 6, 2010.

**Events Organized** Anthropology Graduate Student Association Symposium, Indiana University, Mar, 2015

“Mapping the Landscapes of Islamic Studies Conference,” Islamic Studies Program, Indiana University, Oct 31 – Nov 2, 2014

“In Praise of the ‘Tatar’ Tsar Boris Gudonov,” Ron Sela, Indiana University, June 2014

“A Glimpse into Persian History and Culture, Narges Nematullahi, Indiana University, July 2014

“Iranian Cinema” A film series, Paul Losensky, Indiana University, Fall 2011

**Leadership** Cofounder and President of Afghan-American Studies, 2014-Present  
VP of Communication, Anthropology Graduate Student Assoc., Indiana Uni., 2014-15

**Affiliation** Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan (ASA)  
Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University (ASKU)  
Afghanistan National Archives (ANA)  
American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
American Society for Ethnohistory (ASE)  
American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS)  
International Society for Iranian Studies (ISIS)  
Journal of Persianate Studies  
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)  
National Museum of Afghanistan (NMA)  
The University of Chicago, Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT)

**Software** SPSS, Endnote, Visio, Microsoft Project, and Microsoft Office Suite

**Volunteer** Cutters Soccer Club, Head Coach for U8 Team, 2013-Present  
Bloomington Montessori School, “10 Volunteer Hours of Service,” 2013-Present  
Hoosiers Court Nursery School, “Parent Participation,” 2011-13

**Hobby** Completed the 26.2 Mile, Los Angeles Marathon, XVIII, 5K Runs/Walks