**Alyeh Mehin Jafarabadi**

Curriculum Vitae, Fall 2017

**Education:**

* PhD student in the University of Arizona, School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies
* Fulbright Language Teacher Assistant, University of Arizona (2015)
* Non-Degree student at the University of Arizona (2015)
* Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA), Action English Language Training LTD., Leeds, UK (2014)
* **MA** in Muslim Civilizations, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilization, AKU, ISMC, London, UK (2014)

**Dissertation Topic:**

* A Generational Look at Changing Perceptions of the Self and Identity of Iranian Woman
* **MPhil offer** for Wolfson College, Cambridge University, UK (2011) (not attended due to visa issues).
* **PhD offer** (conditional on TOEFL), together with COT scholarship for Cambridge University, UK (2010).
* **Attended MA courses of Teaching Persian as a Second Language,** Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (FUM), Mashhad, Iran (2007-2009).
* **Attended PhD courses in General Linguistics in Persian,** Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (FUM), Mashhad, Iran (2005-2007).
* **M.A. in TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)**, University of Isfahan (UI), Isfahan, Iran, (2002-2004).

**Dissertation Topic:**

Perfectionism and Foreign Language Learning: The Relationship between the Language Learners' Perfectionist Tendencies and Their Second Language Oral Performances.

* **B.A. in English Language and Literature**, [Ferdowsi University of Mashhad](http://www.um.ac.ir/) (FUM), Mashhad, Iran (1998-2002).
* **Diploma Major in Science and Biology**, Imam Hussein High School, Mashhad, Iran, (1994-1998).

**Conference Papers:**

* “Shirin Neshat in the Frame of Orientalism: To Whom Do We Pose?” Accepted in the Middle Eastern and North African Studies Association (MESA) 51st Conference, November 2017, Washington DC, United States
* “Pottery of Nishapur: Hunches on Lifestyle” in 17th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Tucson, Arizona
* “The Influence of Turkish Soap Operas on Middle Class Working Women of Mashhad” in the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 50th Conference, November 2016, Boston, United States
* “Gender Differences in ESL Oral Performance in Segregated Schools of Iran”. Accepted in the International Conference on Gender and Education: Critical Issues, Policy and Practice, 28-30 May 2015 – Bloomington, IN, United States
* “Changing Women Role Models in Post-Khomeini Iran: Women’s Social Activities vs. Ideology of the Regime”. Accepted in “Muslim Women’s Activism Conference”, Derby University, UK, 26 June 2014
* “Feminine Power in Arabian Nights: discourses of power in female characters and their male counterparts”. Accepted in “Arabian Nights: Contact of Conflict", 45th Annual Convention Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 3-6 April 2014
* “The Study of Persian Literature Archaic Expressions among the New Generation of Students”. Accepted in the 7th European Conference of Iranian Studies, Krakow, Poland, 2011.
* “Persian Slang Words for the New Comers: a study on the new branches of slang in Persian as a Second Language”. Yerevan, Armenia, 2011.
* “Reading Fluency and Gender: The relationship between the learners’ speed and comprehension and gender” with Akbar Afghari, PhD. Accepted in Second Conference of Learning, Tehran University, Tehran, 2009.
* “Reading Comprehension and Background Knowledge: The relationship between knowledge of lexicon and content on better comprehension in children” with Mohammad Dawari, MA. Accepted in the 2nd Research Day Conferences, Tehren University, Tehran, Iran, December, 2004.
* “A Study of Persian Slang Words and Expressions” with Sarah Azimi, MA. Accepted at the 3rd Research Day Conferences, Isfahan University, Isfahan, Iran, December, 2003.
* “Vocabulary in Elementary School: A study on learning strategies of Persian students between ages of 9 and 10 in reading English vocabulary” with Sarah Azimi, MA. Accepted at the 4th Research Day Conferences, Isfahan University, Isfahan, Iran, December, 2003.

**Departmental Talks:**

* “Iranian Kids’ Drawings: Mirror to Revolution, War, and Social Change” in College of Education, April 2017, University of Arizona

**Publications:**

* *“*Identity Formation and Negotiation of Freedom in Segregated and Coeducational Language Schools in Iran” in proceedings of the International Conference on Gender and Education: Critical Issues, Policy and Practice, 28-30 May 2015 – Bloomington, IN, United States

**Workshops:**

* “Four-Day Leadership Program”, Institute of Study of Muslim Civilizations, Aga Khan University, London, UK, (2013)

**Honors and Awards:**

* Awarded UA Roshan Institute Research Grant, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Arizona (2015)
* Awarded Fulbright Language Assistant Scholarship, (2015)
* Awarded full scholarship for two years masters studies in ISMC, AKU, London (2012-14)
* Awarded COT scholarship for MPhil in Cambridge University, starting at October 2010
* Ranked 1st place in 2nd “Festival of Student Press” for Prospect, Tehran, Iran (2001)
* Ranked 1st place in 1st “Festival of Student Press” in Short Story, Tehran, Iran (2000)

**Job Experiences:**

* ESL teacher in Mahan Language College, Mashhad, Iran (2014-2015)
* ESL teacher in Action English Language Training, Leeds, UK (Volunteer) (2014-now)
* Teacher of English in Iran Language Institute, Branch of Mashhad, Iran (2004-2012)
* Translator of Chelsea International House (2011-now)
* Translator of Abrang Photography Site and Festivals (2005- Now)
* Lecturer at Payam Nour University Of Mashhad, Mashhad, Iran (2005-2008)
  + - The following courses are already covered:
    - Phonetics and Phonology
* Teacher of Persian as the language of Schooling, UNHCR, Mashhad, Iran (Spring and Summer, 2009)
* Teacher of French as a Foreign Language, Niveau debutant, Ferdowsi Language School, Mashhad, Iran (2008-2010)
* Lecturer at Azad University of Gonabad, Gonebad, Iran (fall, 2005).
* Teacher of English in Iran Language Institute, Branch of Isfahan, Iran (2003-2004).
* Teacher of English in Kowsar Language School, Isfahan, Iran (fall, 2002).
* Supervisor of Ferdowsi Language Institute, Mashhad, Iran (Spring& Summer, 2002).
* Coordinator of Kids' Dept. Simin (Hafez) Language Classes, Mashhad, Iran (Summer, 2001).
* Children's teacher of English in Simin (Hafez) Language Classes, Mashhad, Iran (2000-2001).
* Supervisor of The Student Science Committee English Classes held in English Dept., Faculty of Letters and Humanities, FUM, Mashhad, Iran.(2001-2002).
* Editor In Chief of Prospect, The Student Magazine of English Dept., Faculty of Letters and Humanities, FUM, Mashhad, Iran (1999- 2002).
* Founder of the Student Science Committee, English Dept., Faculty of Letters and Humanities, FUM, Mashhad, Iran (1999).
* Manager of the Student Science Committee, English Dept., Faculty of Letters and Humanities, FUM, Mashhad, Iran (1999-2000).
* Translator of Khabarsazan, the First Science for All Magazine in Iran (1999).
* Interviewer of The First Translation Conference in Iran, English Dept., Faculty of Letters and Humanities, FUM, Mashhad, Iran (1999).
* Translator and Interpreter of Farrokhi Trade and Travel Company (1998).

**Languages:**

* **Persian**: Native.
* **English**: Native-Like (internet based TOEFL, 2013 :109)
* **Turkish**: Advanced Level
* **French**: High Intermediate Level (DELF B1, 2006: 60)
* **Arabic**: Advanced (R) Elementary (W, S, L)