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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1985 **University of California at Los Angeles**, Cultural Anthropology

C.A.S. 1977 **Harvard University**, Graduate School of Education. Human Development.
Focus: Family and social change in cross-cultural perspective

M.A. 1975 **Northeastern University**. Cultural Anthropology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2011-2012 **Visiting Fellow, Center for International and Regional Studies**, Georgetown University's
School for Foreign Service, Doha, Qatar

2005-2006 **Research Fellow & Visiting Associate Professor (Colorado Scholar)**, Women's Studies
In Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University

2005- **Associate Professor**, Boston University, Department of Anthropology

2001-2010 **Director of Women's Studies Program (WGS)**, Boston University

2000 **Chair, Short-Listed**. International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM);
University of Amsterdam. Netherlands

1993-2004 **Assistant Professor**. Boston University, Department of Anthropology

1997-1998 **Director of Women's Studies Program**, Boston University

1990-91 **Assistant Professor**, New York University, Department of Anthropology

1988 **Lecturer**. University of Massachusetts at Boston (Fall Semester)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2008 - Harvard Divinity School, Women's Studies in Religion Program
Admission and advisory board of the Women's Studies in Religion Program

2008-2011 Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), Board of Directors
Elected by the international members' vote

2007-2008 Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Culture Online Editor (resigned in the summer of
2008 due to upcoming sabbatical)

7-8/2006 UNDP, UNESCO, Kabul University & Ministry of Women's Affairs in Afghanistan.
Conducted feasibility study to establish Gender Studies Institute at Kabul University

3-7/1989 United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Consultant,
Prepared an ethnographic report on Iranian Baluch refugees in Pakistan

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2011-2012 Visiting Fellow, Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University's
School for Foreign Service, Doha, Qatar

2008-09 Jeffery Henderson Senior Research Fellowship in the Humanities

2007-2010 UNESCO/UNITWIN Chair, Awarded jointly with Dr. Brenda McSweeney

2005-06 Research Fellowship, Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School

2003-2005 Humanities Foundation Grant, Boston University (Women's Studies Program)

2002-03 Fulbright Postdoctoral Grant for Uzbekistan (Unable to utilize)

2001-02 Fulbright Postdoctoral Grant for Pakistan (Postponed due to 9/11)

2000-01 Fulbright Postdoctoral Grant for Pakistan (Declined due to starting directorship at the WSP)

1997-98 American Institute of Pakistan Studies, postdoctoral grant for research in Pakistan, Two months

1996 Iranian Senior Fellowship, Oxford University, St. Antony's College, Hilary Term,

1994 Humanities Foundation Grant, Boston University (A joint project with Dr. Robert Hefner)

1993 Eleanor B. Leacock Award, Second Prize, Honorable Mention for article on

- "Obedience Versus, Autonomy: Women and Fundamentalism in Iran and Pakistan"
- 1991-92 American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Postdoctoral grant,
1990 The Fundamentalism Project University of Chicago, Funded by McArthur Foundation,
One month grant for fieldwork in Pakistan
- 1989-90 Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Ismaili Studies (half a semester),
1986-87 Postdoctoral Fellow, Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women,
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
- 1989 Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan, January - June
- 1987-88 Social Science Research Council, Postdoctoral grant for India
- 1985-86 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
- 1982 Social Science Research Council (write up grant),
- 1980-81 Social Science Research Council, Dissertation grant
- 1978-79 University of California at Los Angeles, Department of Anthropology, Summer grant
- 1975-76 Harvard University, scholarship for graduate work

FIELD WORK

- 2011-12 Comparative ethnographic study of the dynamics of veiling, modernity, and state policies to engineer social change in Iran and Qatar
- 2008- 09 On Sabbatical, Tehran, Iran. Conducted fieldwork on Gender and Development in Garmsar. Iran
Continued with documentary productions on gender, religion & politics
- 7-8/2006 Conducted fieldwork at Kabul University for establishing Gender Studies Institute, interviewed
and video-taped states' officials, university professors & students regarding the topic, Kabul, Afghanistan
- 6-8/2005 Conducted ethnographic fieldwork and video-taped presidential election, summer 2005
- 6-8/2004 Interviewed and video-taped several woman MPs from the 6th parliament (2000-04) regarding issues
of women's political participation and political leadership, Tehran, Iran.
- 5-7/2001 Interviewed and videotaped six women presidential candidates and solicited commentaries
for a video documentary on Iranian Presidential election. **Video distributed by Films for Humanities
& Sciences** (<http://ffh.films.com/search.aspx?q=Shahla+Haeri>).
- 7-8/00 Collected data on temporary marriage in Tehran for an updated version of my book,
Law of Desire: Temporary Marriage in Shi'i Iran (4th printing 2006).
- 6/ 1998 Interviewed educated, urban professional middle class Pakistani women, Karachi, 1-14.
- 12/97-1/98 Follow up research in Pakistan, collecting life history of professional Pakistani women.
- 1996 Research on judiciary changes and personal law, with a focus on divorce, Tehran, Iran, April - May
- 1994 Research on women and feminist non-governmental organizations, Tehran, Iran, Summer
- 1991-93 Research on the tension between law, religion, and women among urban professional Pakistani women.
- 1990 Research on the impact of "fundamentalism" on family in Pakistan, interviewed members of the
Jamaat Islami Party, and other prominent political leaders. Funded by The Fundamentalism Project,
University of Chicago, funded by MacArthur Foundation. March 6 - April 4
- 1989 Ethnographic research on the Iranian Baluch refugees in Karachi, Pakistan. March, May- July
- 1989-90 Archival/ethnographic research on the concept of devotion to the Imam among the Shi'is in the Indo-
Pakistan Subcontinent, September - February

- 1987-88 Archival Research in major libraries in Karachi and Lahore in Pakistan, and Aligarh, Lucknow, and Patna in India. Focused on Sunni Muslim jurists' interpretations of property, marriage contracts, custody of children, and reciprocal marital obligations
- 1981-82 Doctoral research on the contract of permanent and temporary marriage. Visited cities of Qom, Mashhad, Kashan and Teheran, and interviewed religious leaders of various ranks, as well as men and women who had utilized temporary marriage
- 1978 Preliminary research in Qom on the institution of temporary marriage, Summer of "discontent," leading to Iranian revolution of 1979.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Books

- 2013-14 *Law of Desire: Temporary Marriage in Shi'i Iran*. New Edition Syracuse University Press,
- 2002 *No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women*, Syracuse; Syracuse University Press (Reprinted 2004)
- 2004 *No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women*, Karachi, Oxford University Press, Karachi (slightly revised edition)
- 1989 *Law of Desire: Temporary Marriage in Shi'i Iran*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, USA; Co-published with I.B. Tauris in England (Fourth printing 2006)
- 1994 *Al-Mut'a: Zavaj-ul Movaqqat 'indal Shi'a*, (Arabic Translation of *Law of Desire*), Publishers, Beirut, Lebanon, (13th printing 2010 <http://www.all-prints.com/book.php?id=305>)
- 1993 *Mohabbat Ka Qanun*, (Urdu Translation of *Law of Desire*, Qomi Digest, March 1993, Lahore, Pakistan
- 1997 *Modernity & Women in Iran* (in Persian), Guest editor for *Iran Nameh: A Persian Journal of Iranian Studies*, Vol. 15, No.3, Summer

Book in Progress

- Anthropology of Sexuality and Marriage in Iran*. Lit Verlag Publishers (contract pending)
- From Bilqis to Benazir: Muslim Women's Path to Political Power*

Monographs (unpublished)

- 2006 *Gender Studies Institute: A Proposal*, Kabul, Afghanistan
- 2003 *Contested Terrains: Gender Justice and Citizenship in South Asia*, Paper commissioned by International Development Resource Center (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada; Printed at the Another Side of India: Gender, Culture and Development. Edited by Brenda Gael McSweeney (2008 blog <http://www.catunescomujer.org/globalnetwork/publications.html>)
- 1990 *Ritual of Mourning: Devotion to the Imam Among the Shi'is in the Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent*, London: Institute of Ismaili Studies
- 1989 *The Baluch Report*. Geneva, United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees, Technical Support System

Articles (peer reviewed)

- (Pending) "From Bilqis to Benazir: Muslim Women & Challenge of Authority."
- 2013 "No End in Sight: Politics, Paradox and Gender Policies in Iran." *Boston University Law Review*. Vol. 93. No. 3 (May 2013), 1049 - 1062
- 2009 "Sacred Canopy: Love and Sex under the Veil." In *Journal of the International Society for Iranian Studies*, V.14, No. 1, pp.113-126, February
- 2007 "Resiliency & Posttraumatic Recovery in Cultural and Political Contexts: Pakistani Women's Strategies for Survival." In *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*, 14(1&2): 2007, 287-304
- 2006 "Iran's Invisible Candidates," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*. Winter 91-95
- 2003 "'Muslim Women' in the Mirror of the Other." (in Persian). In *Zanan Monthly Magazine*. V.12, No.100
- 2002 "Sacred Canopy: Love & Sex Under the Veil," (Persian Translation) in *Iran Nameh: A Persian Journal of Iranian Studies*, Vol. XIX, No.3, pp. 337-47, Summer
- 2001 "Subliminal Sex in Iranian Cinema." *Anthropology News*, March
- 1996 "Fundamentalism & Women's Rights in Iran & Pakistan" (in Persian), *Iran Nameh*, Vol.XIV, No.1, Winter
- 1995 "Of Feminism & Fundamentalism in Iran and Pakistan," *Contention: Debates in Society, Culture, & Sciences*, Vol.4, No.3, Spring, pp. 129-149
- 1993 "Land of Paradoxes," *The Friday Times*, Lahore, Pakistan, July 22-28, pp.14-15 (used pseudonym)
- 1992 "Temporary Marriage and the State in Iran: An Islamic Discourse on Female Sexuality," *Social Research: An International Quarterly of the Social Sciences*, Vol.59, No.1, Spring, pp.201-23
- 1988 "Poetic Performance in Aligarh, India," (in Persian). *Par*, 38: 10-12, 46-47
- 1987 "Ma'sumih" (short story in Persian), *Nimeye Digar*, London, No.5, Winter pp.70-75
- 1986 "Ambivalence Toward Women In Islamic Law and Ideology," *The Middle East Annual*, Vol.5, pp.45-67
- 1986 "Power of Ambiguity: Cultural Improvisations on the Theme of Temporary Marriage," *Iranian Studies*, Vol.19, No.2, pp.123-154

Book chapters

- 2013 "Patriarchy, Power, & Paradox: Dreaming Gender Equality & Development in South Asia, 2060" Co-authored with Brenda McSweeney. *South Asia 2060: A Pardee Center Project*, Boston University. Anthem press, pp. 270-276.
- 2010 "Fascination with 'Difference': Democratizing Anthropology, Conducting Fieldwork among Equals." In *Pakistani Women: Multiple Locations and Competing Narratives*, Edited by Sadaf Ahmad, Oxford University Press (Karachi)
- 2010 "Epilogue." In Zekiye Eglar's, *Economic Life of a Punjabi Village*. Edited posthumously by Beena

Sarwar, forward by Mary Catherine Bateson, Oxford University Press (Karachi)

- 2009 "Women, Religion, and Political Agency in Iran." In *Contemporary Iran: Economy, Society, Politics*. Edited by Ali Gheissari, Oxford University Press, pp.125-149.
- 2007 "Resiliency & Posttraumatic Recovery in Cultural and Political Contexts: Pakistani Women's Strategies for Survival." Reprinted in *Sources and Expressions of Resiliency in Trauma Survivors: Ecological Theory, Multicultural Practice*. Edited by Mary R. Harvey & Pratyusha Tummala-Narra. 2007, 287-304
- 2004 "Obedience versus Autonomy: Women and Fundamentalism in Iran and Pakistan," Reprinted in *The Globalization Reader*, Edited by Frank J. Lechner & John Boli. Second Edition. Blackwell Publishing, pp. 348-56
- 2000 "Temporary Marriage & the State in Iran: An Islamic Discourse on Female Sexuality," Reprinted in *Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies*. Ed. By Pinar Ilkcaracan, Istanbul, Turkey: A Publication of Women for Women's Human Rights – New Ways, 343-62.
- 1999 "Women's Body, Nation's Honor: Rape in Pakistan," *Hermeneutics and Honor: Negotiating Female Public Space in Islamicate Societies*. Ed. By S. Afsaruddin, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 55-69 (slightly revised version of Politics of Dishonor, below)
- 1996 "Mut'a: Regulating Sexuality and Gender Relations in Postrevolutionary Iran," *Islamic Legal Interpretation: Muftis and Their Fatwas, A Casebook*, eds. M. Khalid Masud, David Powers, and Brinkley Messick., Cambridge: Harvard University Press, pp.251-61
- 1995 "Politics of Dishonor: Rape and Power in Pakistan," *Faith & Freedom: Women's Human Rights in the Muslim World*, ed. M. Afkhami, London: I.B. Tauris, pp.161-174
- 1994 "An Islamic Discourse on Female Sexuality: Temporary Marriage in Postrevolutionary Iran," *In the Eye of the Storm: Women in Postrevolutionary Iran*, eds. M. Afkhami and E. Friedl, Syracuse: Syracuse University Press (slightly revised version of Temporary Marriage and State in Iran, above), pp.98-114
- 1993 "Women & Temporary Marriage" (Translated in Urdu), in *Women: Past & Present*, ed. Kishwar Naheed, Sang-i Mill Publications: Lahore, Pakistan, pp.321-337
- 1991 "A Brief History of Anthropology of Women in Iran," (in Persian) in *The Second Proceedings for Iranian Women Studies Foundation*, 2: 46-68, Summer
- 1993 "Obedience versus Autonomy: Women and Fundamentalism in Iran and Pakistan," *Fundamentalism and Society: Reclaiming the Sciences, the Family, and Education*. eds. M.E. Marty and R.S. Appleby, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp.181-213
- 1990 "Divorce in Contemporary Iran: A Male Prerogative in Self-Will," *Islamic Family Law*, eds. C. Mallat and J. Connors. London: Graham and Trotman, pp.55-67
- 1983 "The Institution of Mut'a Marriage in Iran: A Formal and Historical Perspective," *Women and Revolution in Iran*, ed. G. Nashat, Westview Press, pp.231-51
- 1980 "Women, Law and Social Change in Iran," *Women in Contemporary Muslim Societies*, ed. J.I. Smith, Lewisburg: Bucknell University Press, pp.209-234

Encyclopedia & Dictionary Entries

- 2005 "Mot'a," in Encyclopedia Iranica, July
- 2004 "Temporary Marriage," Encyclopedia of the Qur'an, ed. Jane D. McAuliffe. Brill
- 1997 "Divorce," Dictionary of Anthropology, ed. Thomas J. Barfield, Blackwell, 1997, pp.126-27
- 1995 "Mut'ah," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, ed. John L. Esposito, New York: Oxford University Press, Vol.3, pp.21-213
- 1995 "Social Reform in the Middle East," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, ed. John L. Esposito, New York: Oxford University Press, Vol.4, pp. 335-339

Books & Film Reviews

- 2011 Conceptualizing Iranian Anthropology: Past and Present Perspectives, edited by Shahnaz R. Najmabadi (Berghahn Books); reviewed for *Anthropology of the Middle East*, Vol.6, No.1, Spring 2011, 103-112.
- 2005 The Ladies Room by Mahnaz Afzali (Color 2003, 55 minutes).
Iranian Journey by Maysoon Pachachi (Color, 2003, 54 minutes).
Women Like Us by Persheng Sadegh-Vaziri (Color, 2003, 60 minutes).
Reviewed for Journal for Middle East Women's Studies, Vol.1 (2): 157-162
- 2003 *Inside Iran: Women's Lives* (Jane Howard), Women's Review of Books, April, pp10-11
- 2001 *Boundaries of Faith: Geographical Perspectives on Religious Fundamentalism*, (Roger W. Stump), Religious Studies Review. V.27, No.2, April, pp.147-48
- 1996 *The Vanguard of the Islamic Revolution: The Jama'at-i Islami of Pakistan*, (Seyyed Vali Reza Nasr), Muslim World, V.LXXXVI, No.3-4, pp.378-383
- 1996 *Pious Passion: The Emergence of Modern Fundamentalism in the United States and Iran*, (Martin Riesebrodt), International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, pp.116-18
- 1995 *Marriage on Trial: A Study of Islamic Family Law*, (Ziba Mir-Hosseini), International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, V.27 August 1995:350-52, pp.350-52.
- 1993 *A Persian Requiem*, (Simin Danishvar), *Digest of Middle East Studies*, Vol.2, No.2, Spring, pp.4-6
- 1990 *Women of Deh Koh: Lives in an Iranian Village*, (Erika Friedl), *Iranian Studies*, Vol.24, No.1-4, pp.94-95

MEDIA PRODUCTION

Video Documentary

- 2008 **The Choice Program:** Explore the Past, Shape the Future History and Current Issues for the Classroom. Videotaped for a segment on *Iranian women, for Iran Through the Looking Glass: History, Reform, and Revolution*, http://www.choices.edu/resources/scholars_Haeri.php_cr_May_6
You Tube segments: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdZDSFJl-SA>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPpEu72EosU&feature=related>
- 2002 **Mrs. President: Women & Political Leadership in Iran. Producer & Director**, (46 min.) On women presidential candidates in Iran, summer 2001.
Distributed in the United States, Canada, and Worldwide by the **Films for Humanities & Sciences** (<http://ffh.films.com/search.aspx?q=Shahla+Haeri>).

VIDEO SCREENING OF *MRS. PRESIDENT: WOMEN & POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN IRAN*

(Partial listings, Personal Appearance)

- 2013 * - Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. May 19
- 2013 * - Boston University, Persian Students Club. February 28.
- 2012 * - Intimate Lens-Festival of Ethnographic film / Intimate Lens: Festival of Visual Ethnography - Second Edition, Caserta, Italy, December 6-9

- 2012 * - Rutgers University, Iranian Film Festival; Between Screen & Street: Ways of Seeing Women & Gender in Post-Revolutionary Iran. November 29
- 2009 * - Women 2 Women, Lesley University, Cambridge, MA, August 3,
- 2008 * - Bangor Foreign Policy Forum, A Forum for Dialogue Among Citizens, Foreign Policy Experts and Educators. Bangor, ME, January 28,
- 2008 * - Muslim Film Festival, Boston University, March 08
- 2008 * - International conference on Visual Anthropology of Iran, Edinburgh, Scotland June 12-16.
- 2007 * - The Nobel Women's Initiative's First International Conference: Women Redefining Peace in The Middle East & Beyond: Galway, Ireland, May 28-30
 - * - College of Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, April 12
 - * - Middlebury College, Vermont, April 4
- 2006 * - University of Pennsylvania, Middle East Center, November 30
 - * - Lafayette University, Allentown, PA, November 2
 - * - Denver, Colorado, April 20
 - * - Brown University, Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, April 15
 - * - Tufts University, March 15
 - * - Tehran University, Dept. of Sociology, January 16
- 2005 * - Harvard Divinity School, November 9
 - * - Roger Williams University, November 12
 - * - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, September 23
- 2005 * - Westfield State College, March 21
- 2004 * - Swarthmore College, PA, February 17
- 2003 * - University of Southern New Hampshire, June 23
 - * - University of California at Davis, May 5
 - * - Islamic Legal Studies, Harvard University, April 9
 - * - Syracuse University, Maxwell School, February 17
 - * - University of Michigan, Dearborn, February 10
- 2002 * - Harvard University, Divinity School, December 5
 - * - Film Fest, Middle Eastern Studies Association, Washington DC, November 23-26
 - * - Tufts University, Medford, November 20
 - * - Food for Thought, Boston University, November 19
 - * - Department of Anthropology, Boston University, November 14
 - * - Department of Anthropology, Brown University, November 7
 - * - Third Women's Film Festival, Tehran, Iran, July 28
 - * - Film Fest, Society for Iranian Studies, Washington DC, May 25
 - * - Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, March 30

*- Women's Studies Program, Boston University, March 13

Taboo: Produced by National Geographic

- 2003 Provided commentary for the episode on **Justice**
- 2002 Provided commentary for the episode on **Marriage and Sexuality**
- 2001 **"A History of Future,"** CNN, regarding globalization, religion and gender relations in Muslim societies, New York, October 7.
- 1999 **"Arabic Hour,"** Cable Television, Interviewed by Professor Elaine Hagopian regarding issues on women, politics, Law and religion in Iran and Pakistan, Boston, MA, May 15
- 1995 **"Covered: The Hijab in Cairo,"** Commentator on the issue of veiling among women in the Middle East, Dir. T. Kamal-Eldin, Minneapolis, MN
- 1991 **CBS, Fundamentalism,** One of the three participants on religion and Fundamentalism among the three Abrahamic religions.

TV & Radio

(partial listings)

- 2009 VOA (Voice of America, Pakistan); interviewed on Muslim women students in the US, September 11.
- 2007 BBC radio on temporary marriage, June 2
- 2003 Interviewed by Voice of America, Urdu Program, on my book on Pakistan, December 17.
- 2003 Interviewed by WBUI's host of Tahrir, Barbara Nimri Aziz about Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner, Shirin Ebadi, October 14
- 2003 Voice of America, on Immigrants to the United States, Washington, DC, January 23
- 2003 Vice of Asia, on my book on Pakistan, Washington, DC, January 23
- 1998- Voice of America, Iran and Middle East, February 5, on Iranian and Pakistani women
- 1997 WBUR, Connection, With Richard Gordon, May 27, on Iranian Election
- 1996- BBC World Service, Trevor Bonds, on recent pronouncements on temporary marriage in Iran, 3/19
- 1996- Voice of America, S. Asia, Kent Klein, on Lahore High Court's decision to uphold a woman's right to arrange her own marriage, March 19
- 1993 - Regular contributor to Radio France International (Persian Section)
- 1996 Austrian Broadcasting Service, On Women in the Muslim World, Vienna, Austria, March 27
- 1995 New England Cable News, On Women's Conference in Beijing, September 12
- 1995 Islam: Faith & Power, Interviewed by Roger Hardy, BBC World Service, April 1995
- 1992 Glory & Power: Fundamentalism Project, National Public Radio (Participant in the final segment of the multi-media Fundamentalism Project, University of Chicago), June 21
- 1991 Australia: Late Night Live, (Telephone interview)
- 1989 BBC, Interviewed on the Women's Hour; and BBC's Persian broadcasting, March

Interviews & Newspapers

- 2008 Interviewed on Pakistan's history and Benazir Bhutto's assassination, *Zanan*, a monthly feminist magazine, Tehran, Iran. January
- 2006 Sarmayeh, Daily Iranian Newspaper, interviewed by Prof. Nasser Fakouhi, Chair of Anthropology Dept. at Tehran University on Women and Power
- 2003 DAWN, Daily Newspaper, Karachi, Pakistan. "Shahla Haeri: Changing Perceptions," February 22.
- 2004 Interviewed by Laila Kazmi for <http://www.jazbah.org/intshahla.php>
- 2001 *Zanan*, Women's monthly magazine, on the state's revival of temporary marriage discourse in Iran, July 27, Tehran.
- 2000 *Zanan*, Women's monthly magazine, on marriage and divorce laws and the status of women in Iran, Tehran, August 2
- 1998 The News, Daily Newspaper, on Women, State, and Society in Iran, Pakistan, February 5
- 1996 Der Standard, Daily Newspaper, On my book & research in Iran, Vienna, Austria, March 28, pp.1-2
- 1995 Boston Herald, Daily Newspaper, On Pakistan, Boston, March 9, 1995:10
- 1993 Atlanta Constitution, On Muslim women and veiling
- 1991 The Friday Times, Lahore, Pakistan

EDITORIAL & ADVISORY BOARDS

- 2008 - Advisory Board, Harvard Divinity School, Women's Studies in Religion Program
- 2008-2011 Board of Directors, Middle East Studies Association, Elected by the international members' vote.
- 2009- International Advisory Council, Center for the Study of Gender and Culture in Lahore, Pakistan
- 2007-08 Online Editor, Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Culture (resigned in the summer of 2008 due to upcoming sabbatical)
- 2007-10 Board Member, Women in Sciences and Engineering (WISE), Boston University
- 2006-09 Board of Director, Graduate Consortium of Women's Studies
- 2006- Advisor, Nobel Women's Initiative: United for Peace and Justice
- 2002- Associate Editor, Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East
- 2002-06 Board Member, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies
- 1999- Board Member, The Latifeh Yarshater Memorial Book Award
- 1997-98 Nominating Committee, Middle Eastern Studies Association
- 1996-2000 Institute for Women's Studies (International Faculty), Lahore, Pakistan
- 1996- Human Rights Education Workshop, Sisterhood is Global (Advisory Council)
- 1993-96 Digest of Middle East Studies (International Advisory Board)
- 1994-97 Women's Study's Program (Advisory Board), Boston University
- 1994 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award Committee in the Social Sciences (Selection Committee), Middle Eastern Studies Association
- 1993-2001 Critique: Journal of Critical Studies of Iran and the Middle East (Advisory Board)
- 1993-94 Committee for the Study of Women & Gender in the Middle East & Islamic Societies, Harvard University (Steering Committee)
- 1991- Women's Center at Foundation for Iranian Studies, Bethesda, MD (Advisor)
- 1990- New England Council for the Middle East Studies
- 1990-2000 Nimeye Digar, A Persian language feminist quarterly, Editorial Board
- 1988-89 Society for Iranian Studies, Council Member
- 1986 Faculty Associate. Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
- 1985-90 International Women's Anthropology Conference (IWAC), Inc. (Member-at-Large)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Middle Eastern Studies Association
American Anthropological Association
Association of Political and Legal Anthropology
Association for Middle East Women's Studies
Applied Socioeconomic Research (ASR), Pakistan
Foundation for Iranian Studies
International Society for Iranian Studies

LANGUAGE SKILL

Fluent in English and Persian; Conversant with Urdu; Reading knowledge of Arabic

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

(Partial listing)

- 2013 "From Bilqis to Benazir: Muslim Women and Challenge of Authority," Paper presented at the Conference on Gender of the State and Politics in the Middle East. Northeastern University, MA. October 24-25.
- 2013 Panelist and Moderator, The Faithful Scribe: A Story of Islam, Pakistan, Family, & War, by Shahan Mufti. Boston Book Fair. Boston Public Library. October 19.

- 2013 “Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood.” Muslim Journeys: Points of View, A reading and discussion in American Libraries. Led an afternoon workshop on Marjane Satrapi’s Persepolis. Hingham, MA, September 28
- 2013 “Revisiting Temporary Marriage in Iran.” Talk given at International Law Firm. Tehran, Iran. July 26
- 2013 “Women and Political Leadership in Iran,” Paper presented at Portland State University, Oregon, May 19
- 2013 “Invitation to Proper Sex: Temporary Marriage, State and Society in Iran.” Paper presented at Dept. of Anthropology, Boston University, March 22.
- 2013 “Invitation to ‘Proper’ Sex: Temporary Marriage, State and Society in Iran.” Paper presented at the Religion Fellow Seminar. Boston University. February 4.
- 2012 “No End in Sight: Paradox, Politics, and Gender Policies in Iran.” Paper presented at the Conference on Evaluating the Claims about “The End of Men”: Legal and Other Perspectives. Boston University Law School, October 12-13
- 2012 “From Bilqis to Benazir: Muslim Women and Challenge of Authority,” Keynote Address, Conference on *Women in Iran, Center for Middle East Studies, Lund University, Swedish Research Institute*, Istanbul, Turkey, June 5-6.
- 2012 “The Queen of Sheba and Challenge of Authority.” Paper presented at the Symposium on the *Ruling Queens: Power, Politics, and Patronage in History and Imagination*. Boston University. April 23.
- 2012 “The Queen of Sheba: Judeo-Islamic Perspectives.” Paper presented at the Conference on *Judeo-Islamic Relations: Women’s Contributions to Love and Peace*. Westfield State University, MA, April 18.
- 2012 “Imagining Biographies of the Queen of Sheba.” Paper presented at the Symposium on *Alternative Biographies in the Middle East and South Asia: The Porous Boundaries of a Genre*. Department of Middle East and South Asian Languages and Cultures. University of Virginia at Charlottesville. April 16.
- 2012 “From Bilqis to Benazir: Muslim Women and Challenge of Authority,” Paper presented at Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS), Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Services, Doha, Qatar, February 26.
- 2011 “From Bilqis to Benazir: A Queen, A Sultan, and a Prime Minister, Women and Political Leadership in the Muslim World,” talk given at the Religion Fellow Seminar. Boston University, December 5.
- 2011 “From Bilqis to Benazir: A Queen, A Sultan, and a Prime Minister, Women and Political Leadership in the Muslim World,” Paper presented at Iranian Studies Initiative Lecture, University of California at Santa Barbara, October 21
- 2011 “From Bilqis to Benazir: A Queen, A Sultan, and a Prime Minister, Women and Political Leadership in the Muslim World,” Paper presented at Muslim Women and the Challenge of Authority lecture series. Boston University, October 13.
- 2011 “From Bilqis to Benazir: A Queen, A Sultan, and a Prime Minister,” Paper presented at the conference on Gender Representation and Identity in the Middle East, Boston University, September 24

- 2011 "Lives of Women Professionals in Pakistan: Advancements, Adversities, Activities." Paper given at the Harvard Divinity School, Women's Studies in Religion Program, Denver, Colorado. Mary 15
- 2011 "Benazir Bhutto: A Documentary." Talk and Commentary on life and leadership of Benazir Bhutto, Lavine Civic Forum, April 19
- 2010 "Marriage Contract: An Ideological & Conceptual Language," paper presented at *Contending Modernities: Catholic, Muslim, and Secular*. The inaugural panel: Women, Family, and Society in Islam and Catholicism: Moving Forward. November 19, New York City.
- 2010 "Women, Religion, and State in Iran," Power point presentation at the Women's Guild, Boston University, Nov. 4
- 2010 "Association of Women Bee Keepers of Garmsar, Iran: A Case in Micro Financing," Presented at the Middle East Gender & Economic Symposium II: Translating Research into Action, October 16-19. Organized by the World Bank, Gleacher Center, University of Chicago
- 2010 "Contended Modernities: Catholic, Muslim and Secular," Notre Dame University, Indiana. June 9-10
- 2010 "New Ministries of Women in Islam." Moderator. National Leadership Conference, Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School. January 29-31.
- 2009 "Afghan Star." Provided commentary on the movie, "Afghan Star." December 1.
- 2009 "State of Affairs; Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan." Boston University, October 28.
- 2009 "On Iranian Election of June 12, 2009," Talk and Power point presentation at Boston University, "CAS Café" October 7.
- 2009 "Women and Political Power in Iran." Key note address to *The Association of the Friends of Persian Culture* The 19th Annual Conference 9/3-7
- 2009 "How to Write a Research Proposal," Invited presentation at the Multidisciplinary Seminar & Workshop on Research Proposal. Organized by UNESCO, Shahid Beheshti University, Ministry of Housing and City Development, and Association of Consulting Engineers. January 1-2, Tehran.
- 2008 "Religion, Politics, and Women in Iran." Sponsored by the School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA) and Women in the Curriculum/Women's Studies, University of Maine, Orono, ME. January 27,
- 2008 Benazir Bhutto, Paradox of women and Power in Pakistan, Panel on The Pakistan Crises, Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University, January 3
- 2008 Panel discussion, "Through the Glass Ceiling Softly: Afghan Women," Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center, Boston University, January 28
- 2008 "Crafting Local Democracy: Women, Religion and politics in Iran," Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center, Boston University, February 14
- 2008 "Women, Religion, and Politics: Crafting Grassroots Democracy in Iran," School of Theology, Boston University, March 08
- 2008 "Sacred Canopy: Love and Sex Under the Veil," International conference on Visual Anthropology of Iran, Edinburgh, Scotland June 12-16.
- 2007 Moderator, organizer and presenter at The Nobel Women's Initiative's First International Conference: Women Redefining Peace in The Middle East & Beyond. May 28-30

- 2007 "Religion, Women, and Political Agency in Iran," Paper presented at the conference on Women in the Middle East: Contemporary Assessment. Rice University, Texas 22 May
- 2007 "Religion, Women and Political Agency in Iran," Talk and Power Point presentation at the Annual Meeting of Human Resources Policy Institute, School of Management, Boston University, May 17
- 2007 "Women and Political Leadership in Iran," Talk given at College of Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. April 12
- 2007 "Contradictions of Women's Empowerment in Pakistan," Talk given at the conference, Contested Spaces, Competing Narratives: Toward Human Rights and Democracy in Pakistan, Harvard University. April 6-7
- 2007 "Religion, Politics and Women in Iran: Edging Toward Democracy?" Talk given at Middlebury College, VT, April 3
- 2007 "Muslim Women Finding their Voices," Talk given at African-American Studies, Boston University February 20
- 2007 Moderated panel on Institutions, power, and democratic Practices at the conference on Past and Future of Reform in Iran, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, Feb 5-7
- 2006 Discussant and Moderator for Pakistan Roundtable, "Shrinking Spaces: The Struggle for Human Rights & Democracy in Pakistan," Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, December 5
- 2006 "Religion, Women, and the State in Iran: Edging Toward Democracy?" Talk and Screening of video documentary, "Mrs. President." University of Pennsylvania, Middle East Center, November 30
- 2006 "Women and Political Leadership in Iran," Talk and Screening of video documentary, "Mrs. President." Lafayette University, Allentown, PA, November 2-3
- 2006 "Pakistani Professional Women," Talk and slide presentation at Nashr-e Tarikh-e Iran (Iran History Publishers). July 8
- 2006 "No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women," Paper presented at Pak- Millennium Conference, "Celebrating Pakistani Women: Their Lives and Struggle," April 29
- 2006 "Diversity: What is Higher Education's Obligation to Address Inequality in a Pluralistic World," Paper presented at Symposia in Honor of the Inauguration of Dr. Robert A. Brown, 10th President of Boston University, April 28
- 2006 "Women and Political Leadership in Iran," Talk and Screening of video documentary, "Mrs. President." Denver, Colorado. Organized by The Harvard Women's Studies in Religion Program Colorado Steering Committee, April 20.
- 2006 Discussant, & Advisor to Shirin Ebadi, Iranian Nobel laureate for Peace 2003, Preliminary conference to launch Nobel Women's Initiative, Los Angeles, April 9-12
- 2006 "Religion, Politics, and Women in Iran: Edging toward Democracy? Paper presented at Suffolk University Conference on Women and Islam: Complexities and Diversities," February 23
- 2006 "Professional Women In Pakistan," Talk and Power Point presentation, Center for Publishing Iranian History Books, Tehran, Iran. July 7
- 2006 "Muslim Women?," Talk given at "Promoting Dialogue between Islam and the West: Perspectives on Religion, Gender and Diplomacy" Holy Cross College, January 30

- 2006 "Iranian women: Review of ethnographies done outside of Iran," and screening of video documentary "Mrs. President: Women and Political Leadership in Iran." Workshop held for the faculty and graduate students and other invited scholars. Tehran University, Dept. of Sociology, January 16
- 2006 "Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Method," talk given at Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran, Iran. January 9
- 2005 "Muslim Women from Iran and Pakistan," Talk and power point presentation given at Primary Source. Watertown, MA December 2
- 2005 "Women and Politics in Iran," Talk given at Roger Williams University, November 11
- 2005 "Religion, Politics, and Women: Edging Toward Democracy?" Paper presented at the Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School, October 18
- 2005 "Religion, Politics, and Women: Edging Toward Democracy?" Paper presented at the conference on Iraq-Iran Face the Future, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, September 26 (AM)
Participated in a town-hall open forum on the same topic, September 26 (PM)
- 2005 "Women, Law, and Gender Dynamic in the Muslim World." Talk given at the Salem Award for Human Rights and Justice, Salem, MA. April 4.
- 2005 "Fascination with Difference: Democratizing Anthropology, Conducting Fieldwork Among Equals." Paper Presented at The Second Annual Social Theory Forum. April 6-7, University of Massachusetts Boston
- 2005 "Women, Islam, and Mysticism: Prospects for Spiritualism and Social Change." Ministry and Multiculturalism: An Interfaith Dialogue: Women of the World 2005, Shaw Center, Boston University, 13 April
- 2005 "Women, Religion and Politics in Iran: Edging Toward Democracy?" Paper presented at the Conference on Women of Iraq and Iran: Visionaries for Peace in the 21st Century. Westfield State College, Westfield, MA, April 14-17
- 2005 Moderator, Conference on Muslim Women of the 21st Century. Boston University, April 23
- 2005 Translator and Interpreter for Shirin Ebadi, Noble Peace Prize Winner, 2003. Westfield State College, May 2
- 2004 "Women's Perspectives from Pakistan and Iran: Searching for Modernity in an Age of Militarization." Talk given at Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C. December 9
- 2004 "Lives of Professional Pakistani Women," talk given at the South Asian Society, Yale University, New Haven, October 28
- 2004 "Legacy of Injustice: Gender Justice, Governance, and Citizenship." Paper presented at One Day Conference: Priority Goals for Women in the 21st Century. Women and Public Policy Program. At John F. School of Government, Harvard University. May 4.
- 2004 "Professional Pakistani Women," Pakistan Day of Learning, Rockefeller Foundation, New York City, February 24.
- 2004 "Gender, Islam, & Power," talk given at Swarthmore College, February 17.

- 2003 “Contested Terrains: Gender Justice and Citizenship in South Asia,” Paper presented at the conference on Gender Justice, Citizenship, and Entitlement, International Development Research Center, Ottawa, Canada, November 13-14.
- 2003 “Mrs. President: Women & Political Leadership in Iran,” Talk and Screening of Video Documentary Asia Society, New York City, November 6
- 2003 “Family and Temporary Marriage in Iran,” Talk given at University of Virginia, Charlottesville, October 26.
- 2003 “Women and Political Leadership in Iran,” Paper presented at 4th Annual Conference on Central Eurasian Studies Society, Harvard University, Cambridge, October 5
- 2003 Moderator and Chair for the panel on Central Asian Women: History and Current Issues, 4th Annual Conference on Central Eurasian Studies Society, Harvard University, Cambridge, October 4
- 2003 “No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women,” Talk and discussion at University of California at Davis, Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series, May 5
- 2003 “Women & Political Leadership in Iran,” Paper presented at the 2003 Warburg Conference on Modern Women and Ancient Faiths: The Complex Quest for Equality in Christianity, Islam and Judaism, Simons College, Boston, MA May 2
- 2003 “Illusion of Association: Tension between Law and Culture in Iran and Pakistan,” Paper presented at the Fifth Annual Gender & Law Conference: Laws, Institutions and Gender Equality at World Bank, Washington DC, March 18-19
- 2003 “Workshop on Middle East Youth Culture,” Participant in three panels on the subject, Watson Institute, Brown University, February 27-28 – March 1
- 2003 “No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women,” Presentation and Book signing at Barnes and Noble, Kenmore Square, Beacon St., February 20
- 2003 “No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women,” conducted a seminar on my book with graduate students of Professor Susan Wadley, Syracuse University, February 17
- 2003 “Against the Grain: Making Professional Pakistani Women Visible,” Paper presented at University of Michigan, Dearborn, February 10
- 2003 “Status of Women in Islam,” talk given at Helen Day Art Center, Vermont, January 31
- 2003 “No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women,” Presentation, discussion, and book signing, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC, January 23
- 2002 “Mrs. President,” Discussion on my video documentary and Book, Brown University, Providence, RI, November 7
- 2002 “Mrs. President,” Discussion of women and politics in Iran, Food for Thought, Boston University, November 19
- 2002 “American Imagining of Iranians in the United States,” talk given at the Symposium on Iranian Immigrants in the United States, Iranian Association of Boston, November 16-17.
- 2002 “Muslim women and the problematic of veil and veiling,” talk given at Commonwealth School, Boston, MA, May 9

- 2002 "Political Terror: Women's Body, Nation's Honor," Paper presented at the Symposium on Terrorism and Mental Health: Clinician and Patient Responses from Patriotism to World Community, The Twenty-Fifth Annual Erich Lindemann Memorial Lecture, The Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, April 26.
- 2002 Iran: Another Look. Chair of the panel on "Prospects for Political Change in Iran." The Center for International Relations at Boston University, April 23
- 2002 "Who Speaks for Islam," Discussant, Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Boston University, April 10.
- 2002 "Sacred Canopy: Love & Sex Under the Veil." Paper presented at Johns Hopkins University, March 30
- 2002 In the Mirror of the Other: Making Professional Pakistani Women Visible," Paper presented at the Conference on Afghanistan and Beyond: Women's Activism in Times of War." Five College Women's Studies Research Center, the Weissman Center for Leadership at Mount Holyoke College, Amherst, MA. March 7-8
- 2002 In the Mirror of the Other: Making Professional Muslim Women Visible." Paper presented at Department of Psychiatry at the Cambridge Health Alliance. Cambridge Hospital/Harvard Medical School. January 29
- 2001 "Women & Political Leadership in Iran," Paper presented at Purdue University, Sears Series. November 12.
- 2001 "Women's Voices for Peace," organizer & moderator, Boston University. October 4.
- 2001 "The 'Unveiling' of Professional Pakistani Women," Paper presented at Tufts University, Medford, MA, April 25
- 2001 Iran's Presidential Election: What Will It Mean for U.S. Policy. Moderator for Panel on "Iranian Interest Groups: How Important, how Influential?" National Defense University. Washington, D.C., April 20
- 2001 "The 'Unveiling' of Professional Pakistani Women," Paper presented at Amherst College. April 18
- 2001 "Sacred Canopy: Love & Sex Under the Veil," Paper presented at the Conference on "Women in Iranian Cinema." University of Virginia at Charlottesville, March 30 – April 2.
- 2001 "Subliminal Sex in Iranian Cinema," talk given at Food for Thought, Boston University, March 13
- 2001 "The 'Unveiling' of Professional Pakistani Women," Paper presented at Wilson Center, Washington . D.C. January 26
- 2000 "Custom or Religion: The 'Crime' of Being a Widow." Paper presented at the Pakistan Millennium Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA, September 30.
- 2000 "Challenges of Temporary Marriage and Sexuality in Iran." Talk given at the Office of Guft-o-gu Magazine (Dialogue On Culture and society), Tehran, Iran. August 8.
- 2000 "Fieldwork in Uncommon Place: Temporary Marriage in Iran," Paper presented at the Society for Iranian Studies Biannual meeting, Washington DC, May 26
- 1999 "Story of a 'Bad' Woman: Defiance and Dishonor in Pakistan," Paper presented at Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, April 30
- 1999 "Story of a 'Bad' Woman: Defiance and Dishonor in Pakistan," Paper presented at the Conference on Writing Lives, Charlottesville, VA, April 22-24

- 1999 "Violence Against Women in Pakistan," Talk given at LaTertulia, Humanities Foundation, Boston University, February 24
- 1999 "Who is a 'Muslim Woman?' In the Mirror of the Other," Talk given at Food for Thought, Boston University, February 23
- 1998 "Masquerading Rites of Passage: Fictive Marriage in Iran," Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6.
- 1998 "Women, Islam and Ecology," Chair and Discussant, Conference on Islam and Ecology, Harvard University, May 8-11
- 1998 "Women as Agent of Social Change," Paper presented at the Conference on Economic & Social Development in Pakistan, MIT, March 7
- 1997 "Framing Sexuality in Muslim Societies: Marriage as Contract," Paper presented at the Workshop on Marriage Contract in Islam, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School, May 30-31
- 1997 "Identity, Sexuality and Subjectivity," Paper presented at the Institute of Women's Studies, Lahore, Pakistan, March 28-31
- 1997 "The Awakening of Women in Iran and Pakistan" (in Persian)Talk given at the Iranian Cultural Society of South Florida, March 8
- 1997 "Religion & Ecology: Forging an Ethic Across Traditions," Moderator for Panel on Islam, Boston Research Center for the 21st Century, Cambridge, MA, February 21-22
- 1996 "Divine Asymmetry: Divorce in The Islamic Republic of Iran," Paper read at the American Anthropological Associations, San Francisco, CA November 21-24
- 1996 "Aspects of Iranian Women's Lives," Chair & Discussant, Annual Conference of Middle Eastern Studies, Providence, RI, November 22
- 1996 "Sexuality, Identity Construction and Religion," The Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics, Chicago, November 8
- 1996 "Women's Leadership in Developing Countries," Paper presented at Massachusetts Conference on Women: Bringing Beijing Home, Boston, MA, September 28
- 1996 "On Men, Women, and Communication," Talk given in Persian at Imam Sadigh University, Tehran Iran, May 15
- 1996 "Modernity and Islam: Relationship between State and Women in Iran," Paper presented at Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna, Austria, March 28
- 1996 "Framing Sexuality in the Context of Modern Islamic Society: Temporary Marriage in Iran," Paper Presented at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK. March 7
- 1996 "Modernity & Sexuality: Temporary Marriage in Contemporary Iran," Paper presented at the Middle East Center, St. Antony's College (Jointly sponsored by the Center for Cross-Cultural Research on Women), Oxford University, UK. February 27
- 1996 "Islamic Feminism: The Case of Iran," Discussant, Middle East Conference, London University (Birkbeck College), UK, February 10

- 1995 "Negotiating Desire: Temporary Marriage in Contemporary Iran," Paper presented at Harvard University, Social Anthropology Seminar Series, Cambridge, MA, December 18
- 1995 "Temporary Marriage (Mut'a) in Contemporary Iran," Paper presented at Boston University, Food for Thought Series, Boston, MA, November 21
- 1995 "Gender and the Sacred in Islam," Paper presented at the Conference on Engendering American Catholic Studies, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, September 29 - October 1
- 1995 "Politics of Dishonor: Rape and Power in Pakistan," Paper presented at a Symposium on Shifting Boundaries of Gender Categories in South Asia and the Middle East, Charlottesville, VA, March 3 -April 1
- 1995 "Politics of Dishonor: Rape and Power in Pakistan," Paper presented at Harvard University, Study of Gender in the Middle East, Cambridge, MA, April 21
- 1995 "Politics of Dishonor: Rape and Power in Pakistan," Paper presented at Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, February 23
- 1994 "Politics of Dishonor: Rape and Power in Pakistan," Paper presented at Twenty-Eight Annual Meeting of Middle Eastern Association Studies, Phoenix, AZ, November 19-22
- 1994 "Politics of Dishonor: Rape and Politics in Pakistan," Paper presented at Religion, Culture, and Women's Human Rights in the Muslim World, Washington, DC, September 9-10
- 1994 "Reflections on Fieldwork in Iran and Pakistan," Talk given in Persian at Shahid Behishti University, Tehran, Iran, July 14
- 1994 "Living Their Lives: Women Engaging Fundamentalism in Iran and Pakistan," Paper presented at the Conference on Comparative Fundamentalisms, University of California at Los Angeles, April 22-24
- 1994 "Obedience Versus Autonomy: Women and Fundamentalism in Iran and Pakistan," Paper presented at University of California at San Diego, CA, April 25
- 1994 "Women and Fundamentalism in Iran and Pakistan," Paper presented at The Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 13
- 1993 "Islamic Discourse on Sexuality," Paper presented at the Conference on Life and Politics in the Middle East, Hamline University, St.Paul, MN February 26-27
- 1993 "Marriage Contracts in Iran," Talk given at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan, June
- 1992 The Glory & The Power: an International Forum on Fundamentalism, in collaboration with the William Benton Broadcast Project of the University of Chicago, a two-hour radio special to culminate the program of the public radio and television series of "The Glory and The Power." Moderated by John Hockenberry, Talk of the Nation, National Public Radio, Chicago, June 21
- 1991 "Temporary Marriage in Contemporary Iran," Paper presented at the United States Educational Foundation, Asian Study Group, Islamabad, Pakistan, December 10
- 1991 Consultation of Jews, Christians and Muslims, Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, June 27-28
- 1991 "Contested Sexuality: Temporary Marriage in Iran," Paper presented at Colloquium on Women in Religion and Society at Annenberg Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA, May 6-7
- 1991 "Negotiating Order: Male-Female Relationship in Public Space in Iran," Paper presented at the Colloquium

- on Women and Development at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 3 - 4
- 1991 "Marriage and Sexuality in Iran Today," Talk given at Colgate University, April 3
- 1991 "Middle Eastern Images of the Gulf War: Personal Reflections," Paper presented at New York Academy of Sciences, March 28
- 1990 "Reflections in the Field," Talk given at the Faculty Seminar, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, NY, NY, December 5
- 1990 "Women and Islamic Revolution: A Decade Later," Paper presented at the Conference on Iran: A Decade After the Revolution, Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, NJ, October 26
- 1989 "Family and Interpersonal Relationships," Team Meeting for The Fundamentalism Project, London UK, August 8-9
- 1989 "Fundamentalism Consolidated: Women's Lives in Iran and Pakistan," Paper presented at the Conference on Remaking the World: Fundamentalist Impact, University of Chicago, Sponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Chicago, IL, October 30-31 & November 1
- 1989 "The Interpretation of Misfortune in Cross-Cultural Perspective," Paper presented at Iranian Women's Studies: Works in Progress, A Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA November 11
- 1989 "Divorce: A Male Prerogative in Self-Will," Paper presented at the Conference on Islamic Family Law: State, Identity and Minority Rights, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), U of London, UK, May 18-19
- 1989 "Global Fundamentalism: A Group Discussion," Conference on Remaking the World: Fundamentalism Impact, The American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, MA, May 7-8
- 1988 "Institute of Temporary Marriage in Iran," Paper presented at Khudabakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, India, February 16
- 1987 "Poetic Transgression: Feminist Discourse in Contemporary Persian Poetry," Paper presented at the Conference on Forugh Farrokhzad (1935-1967) Twenty Years Later, Austin, TX, February 12-15
- 1986 "Ambivalence Toward Women In Islamic Law and Ideology," Paper presented at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Boston, MA, November 20-23
- 1986 "Women's Voices: A Bibliographic Reference in English and Persian," Paper presented at the Middle East Librarian Association, Boston, MA, November 20
- 1984 "Power of Ambiguity: Cultural Improvisations on the Theme of Temporary Marriage," Paper presented at Symposium on National Cultures and International Communications, Sponsored by Werner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Berkeley Springs, WV, June 5-9
- 1983 "Structural Constraints and Practical Considerations: Uses of Mut'a/Sigheh Marriage in Iran," Paper presented at the Conference on Family, Law and Change in the Middle East, Sponsored by the Subcommittee on Law and Social Structure of the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East, Tuxedo, NY, October 27-29
- 1983 "Women, Religion, and Social Change," International Working Conference on Women, Religion, and Social Change, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA June 12-18
- 1982 "Uses of Sigheh Marriage in Iran: Personal, Cultural, and Legal Manipulations," Paper presented at the

Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 3-6

- 1981 "Iranian Women: Past and Present," Paper presented at the Conference on Muslim Women in the Middle East: Faces of Reality, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Middle Eastern Studies, New York University, NY, May 16
- 1981 "Legal Status of Women in Developing Countries," Organized & Chaired, Women & International Development: Joint Harvard/MIT Group, Center for International Studies, MIT, April 16
- 1976 "Law, Women, and Social Change in Iran," Paper presented at the Society for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 12
- 1975 "Law, Women, and Social Change," Paper presented at the Eight Annual Convention of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, Chicago, IL, October 17-19
- 1975 "Law, Religion and Women in Iran," Paper presented at the Workshop on the Role and Status of Women in Contemporary Muslim Countries, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 19
- 1974 "Legal Status of Women in Iran," Paper presented at the Eight Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Boston, MA 26-29