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## **EDUCATION**

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**Boston University**, Boston, MA

**Ph.D. Political Science**, 2019–present (expected May 2025)

First Qualifying Exam: **Political Theory**

Second Qualifying Exam: **American Politics**

Dissertation: “The City, Man, and Religion: Alfarabi’s Islamic Political Philosophy”

Committee: David DiPasquale (Boston College), Taylor Boas, Nasser Behnegar (Boston College), Judith Swanson

**Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary

**M.A. Political Science**, (Awarded Merit), 2017–2018

Advanced Certificate in the History of Political Thought

Thesis: Eschatology and Community in the Radical Reformation

**Radboud University**, Nijmegen, Netherlands

**M.A. Philosophy**, 2015–2017

Primary Field: **Political Philosophy**

Thesis: Hobbes’s Theory of the State

**Qom University**, Qom, Iran

**M.A. Philosophy**, 2010–2013

Primary Field: **Moral Philosophy**

Thesis: Hannah Arendt on the Problem of Evil

**Shahid Rajaee University**, Tehran, Iran

**B.A. Architecture**, 2007–2009

**Zabol University**, Zabol, Iran

**A.A. Architecture**, 2005–2007

## TEACHING and RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- **Primary Field:**  
Classical, medieval, and modern political philosophy; contemporary political theory, Islamic and Persian political thought, comparative political theory, religion and politics, political ideologies
- **Secondary Field:**  
American politics, American political thought, civil rights and liberties, the Supreme Court

## PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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- **Making Islam Safe for Politics: Alfarabi's Account of Religion in the *Book of Religion***  
Final draft ready to submit
- **Alfarabi's Greco-Persian Political Philosophy**  
In progress

## CONFERENCES

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### Paper Presentations

- “Making Islam Safe for Politics: Alfarabi's Account of Religion in the *Book of Religion*”  
Stanford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, February 2024 (Palo Alto, CA)
- “Man and the Ruler in Alfarabi's *Political Regime*”  
Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 2023
- “Man and the Ruler in Alfarabi's *Political Regime*”  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2023 (Los Angeles, CA)

### Discussant

- Panel: “Justice and Inequality: Democracy and Great Powers” (Philadelphia, PA)  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2024 (Philadelphia, PA)

### Organizer

- Assembled a panel on Alfarabi's political philosophy (with Greg McBrayer) at NPSA, November 2023, (Boston, MA)  
Panelist: Alexander I. Orwin, Robert L'Arrivee, Leo Moradi, Mohammad Amin Nayeypour, Firooz Jafari, James G. Mellon

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor of Record, Department of Political Science, Boston University

- Introduction to American Politics, Summer 2024  
Designed the syllabus and sole instructor

**Writing Fellow and Tutor, Core Curriculum, Boston University**

- Academic Writing in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Taught 12 workshops as sole instructor, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
- Core Social Science II: “Unmaking” the Modern World: The Psychology, Politics, and Economics of the Self, Spring 2024
- Core Social Science I: Making the Modern World: Progress, Politics, and Economics, Fall 2023
- Core Humanities I: Ancient Worlds, Fall 2023
- Core Humanities II: The Way: Antiquity and the Medieval World, Spring 2023
- Core Humanities I: Ancient Worlds, Fall 2022  
Delivered a seminar on “Plato’s *Republic*”

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Boston University**

- Media and Politics in the United States, Spring 2022
- Civil Liberties in America, Fall 2021
- Introduction to Political Theory, Spring 2021 (in person and online due to Covid)  
Taught three discussion sections weekly
- Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2020 (online due to Covid)  
Taught three discussion sections weekly

**Grader, Department of Philosophy, Boston University**

- Philosophy and Politics, Spring 2021

**TEACHING TRAINING**

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**American Political Science Association**

- Teaching and Learning Programs  
Facilitating Respectful Conversations in the Political Science Classroom, August 2024 (by Zoom)

**Boston University**

- Core Curriculum  
Designing and teaching writing workshops, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
- Center for Teaching and Writing  
Accurate, Equitable, and Nimble Grading, Spring 2023  
Linguistically Responsive Writing Instruction, Spring 2023  
Using Metacognition to Increase Student Community and Learning, Fall 2022
- Department of Political Science  
Professional Development Seminars on teaching techniques, Spring 2022

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

- Teaching at Teaching Intensive Institutions Conference  
Panels on time management and designing syllabus, September 2022

## AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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- APSA Graduate Student Member Support Grant, September 2023
- APSA Travel Grant, September 2023
- Core Junior Writing Fellowship, Core Curriculum, Boston University, Boston, MA  
Fall 2022 & Spring 2023, Fall 2023 & Spring 2024
- Institute for Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston, MA  
Fellow at Colloquium on Religion and Communal Interaction, 2020-2021
- The Salvatori Center Fellowship at Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA  
One-week workshop on *Natural Right and History*, June 2020 (by Zoom)
- Institute for Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston, MA  
Ten-week fellowship for graduate research, Summer 2020
- Master's Scholarship, CEU, Budapest, Hungary  
One-year graduate funding, 2017-2018
- Master's Scholarship, Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands  
Two-year graduate funding, 2015-2017

## LANGUAGES and LANGUAGE TRAINING

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| • English (fluent) | • Ancient Greek: Two courses at Boston University, 2020-21      |
| • Arabic (reading) | • Latin: Two courses at Central European University, 2017-18    |
| • Persian (native) | • French: Three courses at Central European University, 2017-18 |

## MEMBERSHIPS

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American Political Science Association  
Northeastern Political Science Association  
Eric Voegelin Society

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request.