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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1991 Ph.D. in History and Near East Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor,
(Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award).
Dissertation Chairs: Ronald G. Suny (History) and K. Allin Luther (Near East Studies).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS: MONOGRAPHS

2022 (forthcoming) *Mollā Nasreddin: The Making of a Modern Trickster, 1906-1911*, by Janet Afary and Kamran Afary. 400 pp text and 320 graphics. Edinburgh: Edinburgh UP.

2009 *Sexual Politics in Modern Iran*. Cambridge University Press. 442 pages. Winner of the British Society for Middle East Studies-British-Kuwait Friendship Society Prize.

2005 *Foucault and the Iranian Revolution: Gender and the Seductions of Islamism*, by Janet Afary and Kevin B. Anderson. University of Chicago Press. 312 pp. Winner of Latifeh Yarshater Award: Best Book in Iranian Women's Studies-Persian Heritage Foundation.

Turkish edition: *Foucault ve İran Devrimi: Toplumsal Cinsiyet ve İslamcılığın Ayartmaları*, translated by Mehmet Dogan (Istanbul: Bogaziçi Üniversitesi Yayinevi, 2012).

Portuguese edition: *Foucault e a Revolução Iraniana: As Relações de Gênero e as Seduções do Islamismo*, translated by Fabio Faria (Sao Paulo: É Realizações Editora, 2011).

1996. *The Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906-11: Grassroots Democracy, Social Democracy, and the Origins of Feminism*. New York: Columbia University Press. XXI+448 pp.

Revised and Expanded Persian Edition: Enqilab-e Mashruteh-ye Iran, 2d ed. Tehran: Bisotoun Press, 2000. 570 pp. Winner of Dehkhoda Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Iranian Studies (Germany)

BOOKS: TRANSLATIONS

2021 *Charand o Parand: Revolutionary Satire from Iran, 1907-1909*. Written by Ali Akbar Dehkhoda. Translated and co-edited by Janet Afary and John R. Perry with commentary and analysis. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016. 335 pages. Honorable Mention: The Lois Roth Persian Translation Prize.

EDITED BOOKS AND VOLUMES

2021 Janet Afary and Josilyn Faust, eds. *Iranian Romance in the Digital Age: From Arranged Marriage to White Marriage*. London: Bloomsbury Press. 250 pp.

2013 Janet Afary. Guest Editor. *A Re-Examination of Iran's Constitution and its Implications for the Future*. Special issue of *Rahavard: A Persian Journal of Iranian Studies*.

2009 Janet Afary. Guest Editor. *Women and Gender Politics in Contemporary Iran*. Special issue of *Iranian Studies* (Winter 2009).

2006 Patsy Schweickart, Berenice Carroll, Janet Afary, eds. *Feminism, Peace, and War*. Special issue of *NWSA Journal* 18, No. 3 (Fall 2006).

2001 Janet Afary and Reza Afshari, eds. *Non-Muslim Communities in Iran. Iran Nameh* 19, Nos. 1-2 (Winter and Spring) (Persian).

2000 Janet Afary, M. Alibakhshian and M. Fatoorehchi, eds. *A Look at Women and Gender in the Iranian Constitutional Revolution*. Chicago: The Historical Society of Iranian Women.

1994 Janet Afary, ed. *Women in the 19th Century Qajar Period and the Constitutional Revolution. Nimeye-Digar*. Barnard College, Columbia University. (Persian).

1992 Janet Afary (General Editor) and Hasan Javadi, Manijeh Marashi, Simin Shekarloo, eds. *Disciplining of Women and Vices of Men*. Chicago: Historical Society of Iranian Women.

REFEREED ARTICLES

2019 "Performance of Justice in Qajar Society." *International Journal of Humanities of Tarbiyat Modarres University, Tehran* 26 (1): 73-94.

2019 "Mollā Nasreddin and the Creative Cauldron of Transcaucasia." With Kamran Afary. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. Around 17,000 words. September 2019. DOI: 10.1080/13530194.2019.1659130

2018 "Iran's 1907 Constitution and its Sources: A Critical Comparison." With Eric Massie. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 46: 3 (2018). Around 11,000 words. DOI: 10.1080/13530194.2018.1425607. 26 pages.

2018 "Critical Theory, Authoritarianism, and the Politics of Lipstick from the Weimar Republic to the Contemporary Middle East." With Roger Friedland. *Critical Research on Religion* 6 (3): 243-268.

2017 "The Rhetoric and Performance of the Trickster Nasreddin." With Kamran Afary. *Iran Namag* 2:1 (Spring 2017): 2-28.

2017 "Digital Romance: The Sources of Facebook Love in the Muslim World." With Roger Friedland and Ramina Sotoudeh. *Media, Culture, and Society* 39:3 (Fall 2016):429-439.

2016 "Love in the Middle East: The Contradictions of Romance in the Facebook World." Roger Friedland, Janet Afary, Paolo Gardinali, and C. Naslund. *Critical Research on Religion* 4:3(Fall 2016):229-258.

2016 "Ali Akbar Dehkhodā: Literary Accomplishments and Religious Reforms of *Sur-e Esrāfil*" *Iran Nameh* 2: 1 (Spring 2016): 6-27.

2015 "Foundations for Religious Reform in the First Pahlavi Era," *Iran Nameh* Vol. 3: 30 (Fall 2015): 64-87.

2013 "The Place of Shi'i Clerics in the First Iranian Constitution." *Critical Research on Religion* Vol. 1:3 (December 2013): 327-346.

2009 "The Sexual Economy of the Islamic Republic," *Iranian Studies* 42, No. 1 (February): 5-26): 5- 26.

2005 "Civil Liberties and the Making of Iran's First Constitution," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 25, No. 2, pp. 341-359.

2004 (With Kevin B. Anderson) "The Seductions of Islamism: Revisiting Foucault and the Iranian Revolution," *New Politics* (Summer): 113-122.

2004 "Seeking a Feminist Politics for the Middle East After September 11," *Frontier: A Journal of Women's Studies* 25, no. 1 (Winter): 128-137.

2004 "The Human Rights of Middle Eastern & Muslim Women: A Project for the 21st Century," *Human Rights Quarterly* 26, no. 1 (February 2004): 106-125.

2003 "Shi'ite Narratives of Karbala, Christian Rites of Penitence: Michel Foucault and the Culture of the Iranian Revolution, 1978-79," *Radical History Review*, no. 86 (Spring): 7-36.

2001 “Portraits of Two Islamist Women: Escape from Freedom or From Tradition?” *Critique: Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East*, No. 19 (Fall): 47-77.

1997 “The War Against Feminism in the Name of the Almighty: Making Sense of Gender and Muslim Fundamentalism,” *New Left Review* 224 (July-August): 89-110.

1996 “Steering Between Scylla and Charybdis: Shifting Gender Roles in 20th Century Iran,” *National Women’s Studies Association Journal* 8, no. 1 (Spring): 28-49.

1995 “The Contentious Historiography of the Gilan Republic in Iran: A Critical Exploration,” *Journal of Iranian Studies* 28, nos. 1-2 (Winter/Spring): 3-24.

1991 “Peasant Rebellions of the Caspian Region During the Iranian Constitutional Revolution: 1906- 09.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 23, no. 2: 137-161

1989 “On the Origins of Feminism in Early Twentieth-Century Iran,” *Journal of Women’s History* 1, no. 2: 65-87.

Many of these articles and book chapters have appeared in multiple foreign translations and on-line publications.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2019 “New Religious Thinkers: Crossing the Rubicon of Islamic Law and Venturing into Human Rights” in *Çağdaş İnan Düşüncesi* (Contemporary Iranian Thought), edited by Lutfi Sunar (Ankara: Yurt Dışı Türkler Başkanlığı), December 2019. Around 9400 words.

2015 “Eshq dar Mesr, Torkiyeh, va Iran: Moshâhedât va Vâqe’iyat-ha” *Iranian Women’s Studies* Vol. 25 (2014): 69-81.

2010 “New Sources for the Study of Women and Gender in the Late Qajar Period,” with Mansoureh Ettehadieh, Elham Malekzadeh, and Maryam Ameli, in *Contesting Archives: Historians Develop Methodologies for Finding Women in the Sources*, ed. Nupur Chaudhuri, Sherry L. Katz, and Mary Elizabeth Perry. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

2002 “From Outcasts to Citizens: Jews in Qājār Iran,” in Houman Sarshar, ed., *Esther’s Children: A Portrait of Iranian Jews*. Los Angeles: Mazda Press, 2002: 137-174.

2001 “Rising from the Ashes: Feminism and Human Rights in Iran, 1997- 2001,” in *Review of the Iranian Women’s Feminist Studies and Movements in the Past Two Decades and its Future Outlook [Bonyad-i Pazuheshhayi-Zanan]*, ed. Golnaz Amin (July): 194-219. Boston: Iranian Women’s Studies Foundation Publications. (Persian).

1998 “Armenian Social Democrats, the Democrat Party, and *Iran-i Naw: A Secret Camaraderie*,” in *Iran and Iranian Studies*, ed. Kambiz Eslami, 238-56. Princeton: Zagros Press, 1998.

1994. “Social Democracy and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906-11,” in *A Century of Revolution: Social Movements in Iran*, ed. John Foran, 21-43. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994.

1992 “The Debate on Women’s Liberation in the Iranian Constitutional Revolution: 1906-1911,” in *Expanding the Boundaries of Women’s History: Essays on Women in the Third World*, ed. Cheryl Johnson-Odim and Margaret Strobel, 101-21. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

SERIES EDITOR

(With Claudia Yaghoobi) *Sex, Family, and Culture in the Middle East Book Series* with Bloomsbury Press, London. This innovative series explores the connections and influences impacting ideas about marriage, sexuality and the family throughout history in the MENA region, and until the present time. Individual volumes consider the ancient, early Islamic, early modern and contemporary periods to investigate how traditions and practices have evolved and interacted across time and countries.

AWARDS/HONORS/GRANTS (SELECTED)

- 2016 Emrani-Gramian Foundation, Grant for Iranian Studies Initiative. \$100,000
- 2016 The Lois Roth Persian Translation Prize. Honorable Mention for *Charand o Parand*. New Haven: Yale UP 2016.
- 2010 British Society for Middle East Studies (British-Kuwait Friendship Society Prize), Best Scholarly Work in English on the Middle East Published in the U.K. for *Sexual Politics in Modern Iran*. Cambridge UP, 2009 (\$5000).
- 2010 (with John Perry). Farhang Foundation Grant for translation of Ali Akbar Dehkhoda’s *Charand-o Parand* (\$22,000)
- 2008-2009 Keddie-Balzan Fellow, UCLA Department of History
- 2007 Finalist, Carnegie Scholars Program. Carnegie Foundation.
- 2006 Latifeh Yarshater Award: Best Book in Iranian Women’s Studies (Persian Heritage Foundation) for *Foucault and the Iranian Revolution, 2005* (\$3000).
- 2006 Dehkhoda Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Iranian Studies (Germany)
- 2006 University Faculty Scholar Purdue University. Award and 5-year Stipend

- 2006 President, International Society for Iranian Studies (now Association for Iranian Studies) (2004-2006)
- 2005 President, Association for Middle East Women's Studies, AMEWS (2004-2005)
- 2004-2005 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) year-long Fellowship
- 2004-2005 American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS) year-long Fellowship (declined)
- 2003 SOROS Foundation - Republic of Georgia. Republic of Azerbaijan. Visiting Scholars Program.
- 2003 Center for Humanistic Studies, one semester Fellowship
- 2003 President, Coordinating Council for Women in History (CCWH-AHA, 2001-2003)
- 2002 American Council for International Education (ACTRA/ACCELS). Visiting Scholars Program
- 2001 Rockefeller Center Seminar: Women & Gender in the Middle East, Bellagio, Italy, August.
- 2000 IREX Foundation. The Republic of Georgia. Visiting Scholars Program
- 1999 Book Recognition. *Iran Times*, (Washington, D.C.) *The Iranian Constitutional Revolution* selected as one of the most informative books of the 20th century on modern Iran.
- 1998 Center for Humanistic Studies, one-semester Fellowship
- 1997 Purdue University Research Foundation Grant
- 1994 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend
- 1991 Horace H. Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Citation plus award of \$500 (selected out of 600 dissertations that year)
- 1991 Best Dissertation of the Year, Foundation for Iranian Studies Washington, D.C. Citation plus award of \$1000.