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## Education

2010: M.A. Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

*Thesis: The Haft Paykar: Love, Color, and the Universe*

2008: Center of Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA) Fellow, American University in Cairo

2007: M.A. Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago

*Thesis: The Social Man in Weblogestan: A Reading of Mohammad Ali Abtahi*

2006: Certificate in Advanced Persian, Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad, India

2004: B.A. History and Italian, University of Colorado at Boulder

*Thesis: Le Regine Lussuriose: l'amore, la lussuria, ed il potere nei commentari della Divina Commedia*

2000: High School Diploma from D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High, Colorado

## Research Interests

Comparative literature; philosophy and poetry; the medieval epic poem; modern prose fiction and poetry; translation studies

## Languages

English (native)

Arabic (advanced)

Persian (advanced)

Italian (conversant, reading knowledge)

French (two years' study)

## Employment

### *University of Chicago*

Arabic bibliographer, Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, 2009–present

Archivist, Oriental Institute Research Archives, University of Chicago, 2005–07

## Teaching

### *University of Chicago*

Instructor, Colloquial Egyptian Arabic, Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies, 2011–present

Teaching Assistant, Modern Arabic Literature, Academic Year 2011–12

Teaching Assistant, Elementary Persian, Fall 2009

Teaching Assistant, Elementary Arabic, Academic Year 2006–07

## Works

### *Published Works*

“*That melodious linguist*”: *Birds in Medieval Christian and Islamic Cosmography*. In: *Constructing the Medieval and Early Modern across Disciplines, Selected Proceedings of the Newberry Center for Renaissance Studies 2011 Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference*. <http://www.newberry.org/renaissance/conf-inst/2011Proceedings.pdf>

### *Student Papers*

2011: Sekandar Immortal: To Be a World-Conqueror in Firdawsī’s *Shāhnāmah*

2011: The Dragon and the Storm: The Saracen anti-knight in *Orlando furioso* and *Gerusalemme liberata*

2010: Sacred Nostalgia: A gloss, translation, and commentary on a selection of poems by ‘Umar ibn al-Fāriḍ

2009: ‘I shall love you against my will’: The allure of the past and poetic subreading in Petrarch

2008: Two Lonely Men: The Morality of Vittorio de Sica and Abbas Kiarostami

2006: *Marmulak*: Art Cinema, Iranian Cinema, National Cinema

## Conference and Seminar Presentations

[Middle East Studies Association](#), Washington DC, 2011: “If Death is Just, What is Injustice?": Illicit Rage in “Sohrab and Rostam” and “The Knight’s Tale”

[American Oriental Society](#), Chicago, 2011: Sekandar Immortal: To Be a World-Conqueror in Firdawsī’s *Shāhnāmah*  
[Center for Renaissance Studies Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference](#), Chicago, 2011: “That melodious linguist”: *Birds in Medieval Christian and Islamic Cosmography*

[Middle East Studies Association](#), Boston, 2010: *The Haft Paykar*: Love, Color, and the Universe

[Animals and Animality](#), Kingston, Ontario, 2010: Metaphor, Catalyst, and Brother: Writing Animals in Arabic Literature

[Islam and the Media](#), Boulder, Colorado, 2010: The Social Man in Weblogestan: A Reading of Mohammad Ali Abtahi

[Middle East History and Theory Conference](#), Chicago, 2009: *The Haft Paykar*: Love, Color, and the Universe

[Middle East History and Theory Conference](#), Chicago, 2006: *Marmulak*: Art Cinema, Iranian Cinema, National Cinema

## Professional Activities

Coordinator of the Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference, 2010–2011 (<http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/mehat/>)

Coordinator of the University of Chicago Arabic Circle, 2006–07 and 2008–2010 (<http://lucian.uchicago.edu/blogs/arabiccircle/>)

## Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

FLAS (Arabic), Academic year 2009–10

Houtan Scholarship Foundation Recipient, 2008

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad Fellow, 2007-08

Houtan Scholarship Foundation Recipient, 2006

FLAS (Arabic), Academic Year 2006-07

FLAS (Persian), Summer 2006

International House Fellow, University of Chicago, 2005

Graduation with Distinction, University of Colorado, 2004

Member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 2003

Dean's List, University of Colorado, 2000-2004

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