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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI
Ph.D., Sociology (1986)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
M.U.P., Urban and Regional Planning (1980)

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran
M.S., Architecture (with distinction, 1973)

CURRENT POSITION

Mount Mercy University
Professor of Sociology
Faculty Development Director
Coordinator, Sociology and International Studies Programs

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Mount Mercy University
Professor, Department of Sociology (1997-present with tenure).
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology (1994-1997).

University of Dubuque
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology (1990-1994, with tenure).
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (1986-1990).

Michigan State University
Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology (1983-1986).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Summer Faculty Scholarship, Mount Mercy University, archival research and writing the manuscript “*Architecture and Social Justice: Designing Public and Private Spaces to Serve the Common Good*” (2016).

Summer Faculty Scholarship, Mount Mercy University, archival research and writing the manuscript “*A Walled Academic Urban Fortress: Using Neoliberal Urban Policies to Re-design and Maintain Chicago’s Hyde Park Neighborhood*” (2015).

Summer Faculty Scholarship, Mount Mercy University, archival research and writing the manuscript “*Caught between Local and Global: Greater Cairo’s Urban Development in the New Millennium*” (2013).

Summer Faculty Scholarship, Mount Mercy University, archival and field research in northeastern Iran, “Red Snake: The Great ancient Wall of Gorgan,” Golestan Province, northeastern Iran (2012).

Visiting Scholar & Resident Fellow, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa (winter and spring 2012, sabbatical leave).

Summer Faculty Scholarship, Mount Mercy University, archival and field research in northern England, “the Roman Hadrian’s Wall,” Northern England (2011).

Nominated by the Provost for *the Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize* in recognition of scholarly contributions to racial, ethnic, and/or religious relations, Brandeis University (April 2010).

Dr. Thomas Feld Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence in the Core Curriculum, Mount Mercy University (2008-2010).

Summer Faculty Scholarship, Mount Mercy University, archival and field research in Berlin, Germany, “the Berlin Wall: Past and present,” Berlin, Germany (2010).

Summer Faculty Scholarship, Mount Mercy University, archival and field research along the U.S.-Mexican border in California and Arizona, “Colonial Domination, Artificial Boundaries and Disruption of Life for Migrant Workers along the U.S.-Mexican Border” (2009).

Research fellow and grant recipient, University of South Carolina, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute. Institute title: African American History as Public History, South Carolina as a Case Study (2007).

Grant recipient, National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC), Portz Fund. The grant supported teaching a new Honors seminar titled “City As Text; Sociology of Cedar Rapids” (2003-2004).

Research fellow and grant recipient, Dartmouth College, National Institute of Health (NIH) Summer Institute for College Faculty. Institute title: Teaching the Ethical, Legal, and Social implications of the Human Genome Project (2003).

Research fellow and grant recipient, University of Chicago, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute. Institute Title: Islamic Legitimation (2002).

Visiting scholar, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa (2002, sabbatical leave).

Research fellow and grant recipient, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Seminar for College Teachers. Seminar title: Issues on Contemporary Immigration (1995).

Visiting Scholar, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, the University of Iowa (1993-1994 academic year, sabbatical leave).

Grant recipient, the U.S. Department of Education, Funds for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education (FIPSE). Title: Students Helping Older People: A Service-Learning Experience for the Dubuque Community. Grant amount: \$107,688 (1991-1993).

Iowa Governor's Excellence in Community Service Award, the 1992 Governor's Conference on Aging, Des Moines, Iowa (1992).

Fellow, the International Faculty Development Seminar in Vietnam, sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange, New York: New York (1992).

Faculty leader, Representing and leading a ten-member faculty delegation to the People's Republic of China, visiting various cities from Beijing to Xian (1991).

Visiting guest lecturer, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, Tianjin, Peoples' Republic of China (1989).

Fellow, the Wye Faculty Seminar sponsored by the Aspen Institute, Chestertown, Maryland (1988).

Nominated twice for the "*Excellence-in-Teaching Award*," College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan (1984 and 1985).

Certificate in Teaching Sociology, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University (1984).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

(Mount Mercy University, 1994-present; University of Dubuque, 1986-1994):

Director, Faculty Development (2014-present)

Coordinator, Sociology Program (2009-present)

Coordinator, International Studies Program (2009-present)

Chair, Department of Sociology (1986-1994 and 1999-2009)

Chair, Social Sciences Division (1999-2000 and 2007-2008)

Director, Honors Program (2002-2004)

President, Iowa Sociological Association (1988-89 and 1997-1998)

President-elect, Iowa Sociological Association (1987-1988 and 1996-1997)

Project Director, Student Community Service Program. The project was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education (FIPSE). Grant amount: \$104,000 (1991-1993).

Project Director, "The Role of the Church in Rural Communities in the Midwest." Funded by the Pew Charitable Trust, the project was an interpretive survey of people's perception of an effective church leadership for social change in rural communities of Minnesota, Wisconsin,

Illinois and Iowa. The completed report was published and distributed among church members (1989-1991).

COMMITTEES SERVED

Faculty Development Committee (Chair, 2014-present)
Faculty Development Committee (2005-present)
Promotion & Tenure Committee (2012-2014)
Chair, Search Committee for the Assistant to the President for Mission Integration (2009)
Faculty Grievance Committee (2006-2007)
Department of Education's Student Screening Committee (two terms), the Trustees' Leadership Grant Committee, Teacher Education Advisory Committee, and Education Division (2005-2007)
Enrollment Management Committee, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology (chair, 2004-2005 and 2001-2002)
Faculty Task Force to revise the new Faculty Manual (co-chair, 2001-2002)
Academic Council (division representative, 1999-2000)
Chair, Social Action Committee, the Midwest Sociological Society (1998-2000)
Campus Aesthetic Committee & Cultural Affairs Committee (two terms)
Curriculum Committee (Chair, 1989-1992)
Admissions Committee (1988-1991)
Educational Policies Committee (1987-1993 and 1995-1997)
Library Committee (1989-1990)
Editor, The Iowa Sociologist (official newsletter of the Iowa Sociological Association), 1988-1989.
Faculty Representative, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. The Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$30,000 for a select group of students who have been nominated by faculty representatives nationwide (2002- 2005).
Founder and Faculty Adviser, Student Honors Council (2003); the *Social Thinkers* student group (2000-2003); the *Peace and Justice Forum* (1995-2000); and the Student Chapter of the *Amnesty International* (1989-1993).
Grant Proposal Reviewer for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). U.S. Department of Education (1994-1995).
Group Leader, leading a ten-member University of Dubuque faculty delegation to the People's Republic of China (1991).
Member, Board of Directors of the Higher Education Consortium for Urban affairs (1990-1993).
Officer At-Large, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA). A nonprofit organization of eighteen Upper Midwest colleges and universities, HECUA provided off-campus experiential learning programs for undergraduates in Scandinavia, Latin America and the Minneapolis-St. Paul area (1991-1993).

SPECIALIZED COURSES TAUGHT

City as Text: Sociology of Cedar Rapids (Honors seminar/ experiential learning)
City as Text: Sociology of Katrina, New Orleans
City as Text: Sociology of Dubuque (experiential learning/urban sociology)
Cultural Anthropology (traditional & online)
Ethnic Iowans
Global Race and Ethnic Relations
Inequality by Design: Political Economy of the Built Environment (Honors seminar)
Islam and Politics

Methods of Social Research

Research Methods for Criminal Justice (graduate course, taught in both traditional and online formats)

Senior Seminar

Social & Ethical Implications of the Human Genome Project (Honors seminar)

Social Movements and Revolutions

Social Inequalities

Sociological Theories

Special topics: Race and Crime—Criminal Justice (graduate course, taught in both traditional and online formats)

Urban Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Chaichian, Mohammad. 2015. *Empires and Walls: Globalization, Migration, and Colonial Control*. Chicago: Haymarket books (paperback edition).

_____. 2014. *Empires and Walls: Globalization, Migration, and Colonial Control*. Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill (hardcover edition).

_____. 2009. *Town and Country in the Middle East: Iran and Egypt in the Transition to Globalization*. New York: Lexington Books.

_____. 2006. *White Racism on the Western Urban Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa 1800-2000*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press.

_____. 1991. *Exemplary Leadership in the Rural Church: A Survey of Protestant Congregations in the Midwest*. Published and distributed among members of four Protestant denominations in the Midwest, Dubuque: the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (Funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts).

Book Chapters:

Chaichian, Mohammad. 2010. "Dismantling the Defensive Wall of the Colonized: The Veil and the French Law on Secularity and Conspicuous Religious Symbols in Schools," in Richard Dello Buono and David Fasenfest (eds), *Social Change, Resistance, and Social Practices*, Leiden and Boston: Brill.

_____. 2008. "Getting Settled in the Heartland: Community Formation among First- and Second-Generation Iranians in Iowa City, Iowa," in Richard C. Jones (Ed.), *Immigrants Outside Megalopolis: Ethnic Transformation in the Heartland*. Lexington Books.

Articles:

Chaichian, Mohammad. 2016. "A Walled Academic Urban Fortress: Using Neoliberal Urban Policies to Re-design and Maintain Chicago's Hyde Park Neighborhood." *International Journal of Urban and Extra-urban Studies* (forthcoming).

_____. 2016. "Cairo as a World City? Caught Between Local and Global," *Journal of International Affairs Online* (under review).

_____. 2012. "The New Phase of Globalization and Brain Drain: Migration of Educated and Skilled Iranians to the United States," *International Journal of Social Economics*, 39 (1- 2): 18-38.

_____. 2005. "They Had a Dream: Failure of a Plan for Racial Diversity in Dubuque, Iowa," *Proteus*, 22(1): 28-36.

- _____. 2003. "Structural Impediments of the Civil Society Project in Iran: National and Global Dimensions," *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 44(1), 18-49.
- _____. 1999. "Postmodernism and the Illusion of Establishing a Civil Society in Iran," *Mehregan*, 7(4), (in Persian).
- _____. 1998. "Baku Notes," *Par*, no.147 (spring), 36-40(in Persian).
- _____. 1997. "First Generation Iranians and the Question of Cultural Identity: The Case of Iowa," *International Migration Review*, 31(3), 612-627.
- _____. 1997. "Dependent Urbanization in Iran: Tehran's Uneven Development," *Mehregan*, 6(3), 139-149 (in Persian).
- _____. 1994. "The Development of Small Business and Petty Commodity Production in the People's Republic of China," *Asian Profile*, 22(4).
- _____. 1993. "Social Stratification and Housing Provision for College Faculty in China: Two Case Studies," *Michigan Sociological Review*, 7:10-27.
- _____. 1993. "Iranians in Exile and the Question of Cultural Identity," *Science and Society*, 108:5-12 (in Persian).
- _____. 1991. "Urban Public Housing in China: The Case of Tianjin," *Habitat International*, 15(1):127-140.
- _____. 1989. "Urban Political Economy and Experiential Learning: Teaching the Course 'Sociology of Dubuque'," *Teaching Sociology*, 17(1): 56-63, January.
- _____. 1988. "The Effects of World Capitalist Economy on Urbanization In Egypt: 1800-1970," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 20(1): 23-43.
- Chaichian, Mohammad et al. 1986. "Getting People Started: Teaching Assistant Workshop for Sociology Graduate Students at Michigan State University", *Teaching Sociology*, 14:168-175, July (with W. Ewens, G. Macheski and N. Backus).
- Backus, Nancy et al. 1986. "Recognizing Teaching Competence: A Certification Program in Teaching Sociology for Graduate Students," *Teaching Sociology*, 14:176-80, July (with M. Chaichian, W. Ewens and G. Macheski).

Book Reviews:

- Chaichian, Mohammad. 2000. *Iranian Cities: Formation and Development*, by Masoud Kheirabadi(2000). *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis*, 19(1).
- _____. 1994. *Precapitalist Iran: A Theoretical History*, by Abbas Vali (1993). *CIRA Newsletter* (Center for Iranian Research and Analysis), 9(1).
- _____. 1993. *Sociology in Iran*, by Ali Akbar Mahdi (1992). *CIRA Newsletter* (Center for Iranian Research and Analysis), 8(1-2):6-9.
- _____. 1991. *Iran and the World: Continuity in a Revolutionary Decade*, by Shireen T. Hunter (1990). *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 25:82-83.

Non-Refereed Journal and Newspaper Articles:

- Chaichian, Mohammad. 2016. "A Wall Won't Stop Migration," *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, September 28, retrieved from <http://www.thegazette.com/subject/opinion/guest-columnists/a-wall-wont-stop-migration-globalization-20160928>
- _____. 1991. "On the Unity of Experiential Learning and Liberating Education," *Experiential Education*, 16(1).
- _____. 1991. "Who Pays for U.S. Role in the Gulf?" *Dubuque Telegraph Herald*, January 11, P.4.
- _____. 1989. "Reflections on China," *Julien's Journal*, 14(8): 28-38, September.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Architecture and Social Justice: Designing Public and Private Spaces to Serve the Common Good.” Paper accepted for presentation at the Seventh International Conference on the Constructed Environment, Krakow, Poland (scheduled, May 2017).

“A Walled Academic Urban Fortress: Using Neoliberal Urban Policies to Re-design and Maintain Chicago’s Hyde Park Neighborhood.” paper to be presented at the 6th International Conference on Urban and Extra-Urban Studies—Spaces and Flows, Chicago, IL (October 2015).

“The Intrinsic Logic and Architecture of ‘Offensive’ Imperial Border Walls and Barriers; A Comparative Analysis.” Paper presented at the 9th annual International conference on Sociology, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece (May 2015).

“Theoretical Tenability of Postmodern Imperial formations: In Search of an Explanation.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY (August 2013).

“Contested Memorial Landscapes and Collective Memory: the Case of South Carolina State House Grounds,” International Conference of Spaces and Flows, Florence, Italy (November 2011).

“Continuing Significance of Diversity: Globalization and the Need for a Paradigm Shift in Teaching Ethnic Studies,” the National Collegiate Honors Conference, Phoenix, in Arizona (October 2011).

“The Continuing Significance of Ethnic Studies Programs in the Context of a Global Political Economy,” The Future of Ethnic Studies Academic Summit, Iowa state University, Ames, Iowa (February 2011).

“Contested Ideological Urban Landscapes: The Case of Potsdamer Platz in Berlin, Germany,” The Spaces and Flows International Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, California (December 2010).

“Colonial Domination, Artificial Boundaries and Disruption of Life for Migrant Workers along the U.S.-Mexican Border,” International Journal of Arts & Sciences (IJAS) conference, Aix-en-Provence, France (2010).

“Globalization and Brain Drain: Migration of Educated and Skilled Iranians to the United States.” Trans-Atlantic Perspectives on International Migration: Cross Border Impacts, Border Security, and Socio-political Responses, University of Texas, San Antonio (2010).

“Building Defensive Ideological Walls against Globalization: The Male Elite and Imposition of the Veil in Post-Revolution Iran.” The 1st Global Conference on Ethics, Politics, and Aesthetics. Salzburg, Austria (2009).

“Dismantling the Defensive Wall of the Colonized: The Veil and the French Law on Secularity and Conspicuous Religious Symbols in Schools.” The Critical Sociology Session cosponsored by the American Sociological Association’s Marxist Section and the Society for the Study of Social Problems’ Global Division, Boston, MA (2008).

"Politics of Racial Segregation: The South Carolina State House Grounds as a Case Study." Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada (2008).

"Teaching the Ethical, legal and Social Implications of the Human Genome Project." American Association of Philosophy Teachers, 16th Biennial International Workshop/Conference on Teaching Philosophy. Washington, PA (with Professor Joe Givvin, Mount Mercy University, 2006).

"Getting Settled in the Heartland: Community Formation and Settlement Patterns of First- and Second Generation Iranians in Iowa City, Iowa." The 101st annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, Canada (2006).

"Structural Obstacles for the Establishment of Civil Society in Iran." The 2002 NEH Institute at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (2002).

"The Feasibility of the Civil Society Project in Iran: National and Global Dimensions." The 19th annual meeting of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis, Toronto, Canada (2001).

Chair and Session organizer, *"Labor Activism on Campuses,"* The Midwest Sociological Society, Saint Louis, MO (2001).

"The Color of Our Skin: Is There Prejudice and Discrimination against Second Generation Iranians?" Iranian-American Cultural Association of Washington D.C., Georgetown University (1999).

Chair and Session Organizer, *"Social Action in the Midwest,"* The Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN (1999).

"The Effects of Cultural Dependency on Shaping the Direction of International Migration." 14th World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, Canada (1998).

Chair and Session Organizer, *"Social Action in the Midwest,"* the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, Kansas City, MO (1998).

Chair and Session Organizer, *"Second Generation Iranian Immigrants,"* Center for Iranian Research and Analysis annual meeting (CIRA), Coventry, England (1996).

"First Generation Iranians and the Question of Cultural Identity." Annual meeting of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis, Columbus, Ohio (1995).

Guest discussant, *"Acculturation of Iranians in Exile: Issues and Perspectives."* The annual meeting of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania (1994).

Guest discussant, *"Urbanization, Population Movement and Social Change."* The annual meeting of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania (1994).

"Development of Small Businesses in the Post-Reform China." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami, Florida (1993).

"*Social Stratification and Housing Provision for College Faculty in the People's Republic of China.*" The Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, Missouri (1992).

"*Iranians in Exile and the Question of Cultural Identity.*" Annual meeting of the Iranian Cultural Society, Washington D.C. (1992) (in Persian).

Guest Chair and Organizer for a panel entitled "*Industrial Restructuring as Social Transformation.*" Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, Iowa (1991).

Workshop Coordinator and Guest Lecturer, "*The Crisis in the Middle East and the Gulf War.*" The Keystone Council for Social Studies annual conference, Elkader, Iowa (1991).

"*Economic Restructuring and Changes in the Occupational Structure of Dubuque, Iowa: 1980-1989.*" The Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, Iowa (1991).

"*Urban Public Housing and Recent Reform Policies in China: The Case of Tianjin.*" The American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C. (1990).

Chair and Discussant for a session entitled "*The Social Impact of Economic Changes Within the World Capitalist Economy.*" Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois (1990).

Panelist, "*Teaching Sociology in the Liberal Arts Colleges.*" The joint meeting of the North-central Sociological Association and Southern Sociological Society, Louisville, Kentucky (1990).

Co-Chair and Discussant for a thematic session entitled "*The Human Consequences of Economic Restructuring.*" Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, Missouri (1989).

"*The Political Economy of Town and Country in 19th Century Iran.*" The Middle East Studies Association, Los Angeles, California (1988).

Program Chair, annual meeting of the Iowa Sociological Association, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa (1988).

"*Urban Political Economy and Experiential Learning: Sociology of Dubuque.*" National Society for Internships and Experiential Education, Smugglers' Notch, Vermont (1987).

"*Modes of Production and the Question of the State Power in Iran, 1900-1960.*" The Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois (1987).

"*Uneven Capitalist Development and Spatial Concentration of Economic Activities in the Periphery: the Case of Cairo, Egypt.*" The African Studies Association, Madison, Wisconsin (1986).

"*A Teacher Certification Program for Sociology Graduate Students.*" The American Sociological Association, New York, New York (with William Ewens, Nancy Backus, and Ginger Macheski, 1986).

"*Modes of Production and the Question of the State Power: a Sociological Model for Historical Analysis of the Periphery.*" The North Central Sociological Association, Toledo, Ohio (1986).

"*The Effects of World Capitalist Economy on Urbanization in the Periphery: A Comparative Analysis of Peripheral Urbanization in Iran and Egypt, 1800-1970.*" Joint-meetings of the Middle East Studies Association and African Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (1985).

"*Urbanization in Egypt.*" Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan (March).

"*Is Teaching Sociology Different from Teaching in Other Fields?*" Michigan Sociological Association, East Lansing, Michigan (1984).

"*The Political Economy of Urbanization in Egypt.*" African Studies Association, Los Angeles, California (1984).

"*Socio-economic and Political Roots of the 20th Century Architecture: A Synthesis.*" The North Central Sociological Association, Indianapolis, Indiana (1984).

"*Peripheral Capitalism and Radicalization of Islamic Ideology in Iran.*" The North Central Sociological Association, Indianapolis, Indiana (1984).

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

Invited guest Lecturer, "*The Intrinsic Logic and Architecture of Border Walls and Barriers: A Comparative Analysis.*" The lecture is part of the Fall Faculty Series on Immigration, Mount Mercy University (September 2016).

Invited Guest Lecturer, "*Down the Memory Lane: My 1992 Personal Journey in Post-War Vietnam.*" The lecture is part of the "Legacies of the Vietnam War" fall faculty series, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the end of Vietnam conflict, Mount Mercy University (October 2015).

Invited Speaker, "*The Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (the "Wall"): a Profound American Landscape of Collective Memory.*" The talk given at the open house ceremony on the occasion of displaying the traveling replica of the memorial wall on campus, Mount Mercy University (September 2015).

Invited Guest Lecturer, "*Revisiting the Berlin Wall and Post-Wall Berlin,*" Met-Wick Retirement Community (March 2014).

Invited Guest Lecturer, "*Iranian Americans in Atlanta: Facing the Challenges of Local, National and Global Citizenship,*" the Professional Organization of Iranian-Americans (POOIA), Atlanta, Georgia (October 2013).

Design and facilitation of a three-hour workshop on *Diversity Issues*, the Diversity Task Force, Mount Mercy University (January 2013).

Invited Guest Lecturer, "*Caught Between Local and Global: Greater Cairo's Urban Development in the New Millennium,*" Urban Change in Iran Conference, organized and sponsored by the University College of London (UCL), London, England (November 2012).

Lecturer, “*Revisiting the Berlin Wall*,” Faculty Forum, Mount Mercy University (November 2012).

Lecturer, “*The New Phase of globalization and Brain Drain: Migration of Educated and Skilled Iranians to the United States*,” Faculty Forum, Mount Mercy University (October 2011)

Invited guest lecturer, “*Real Iran: A Look beyond the Nuclear Weapons Fuss*,” the Unitarian Universalist Society, Iowa City, Iowa (October 2010).

Guest lecturer, “*Racial Segregation in Rural South Carolina and Urban Iowa: Past Meets Present*.” A statewide presentation in five Iowa communities of Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Keokuk, Ottumwa and Waterloo sponsored by *Humanities Iowa* and organized by the *African American Museum and historical Center of Iowa* (January-May, 2010).

Workshop leader and facilitator: “In Search of a Solution for the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict,” Sabeel Conference, University of Northern Iowa (2009).

Lecture and book reading, “Town and Country in the Middle East: Iran and Egypt in the Transition to Globalization.” Faculty Forum, Mount Mercy University (2009).

Guest lecturer: “Post-Election Iran: Anatomy of a Crisis,” Women for Peace, Cedar Rapids (2009).

Guest lecturer, “Is There a Solution for the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict?,” Mount Mercy University, Undergraduate Scholars Day (2009).

Feld Chair lecture, “Diversity and Human Rights: Moving from Tolerance to Acceptance and Beyond,” Mount Mercy University (2009).

Workshop leader and facilitator: “Individual Biographies and the Presidential Election: Trajectories of Social Class, Race and Gender.” Faculty workshop at Mount Mercy University (2008).

Lecture and book reading, “White Racism on the Western Urban Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa.” Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa (2008).

Lecture and book reading, “White Racism on the Western Urban Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa.” Des Moines Public Library, Des Moines, Iowa (2008).

Lecture and book reading, “White Racism on the Western Urban Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa.” Fort Dodge Public Library, Fort Dodge, Iowa (2008).

Workshop leader and facilitator: “Individual Biographies and the Presidential Election: Trajectories of Social Class, Race and Gender.” 21st National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE), Orlando, Florida (2008).

Lecture, “Getting Settled in the Heartland: Community Formation and Settlement Patterns of First- and Second Generation Iranians in Iowa City, Iowa.” The 2008 Iowa Studies Forum, DMACC, Des Moines, Iowa (2008).

Invited guest lecturer, "Good Muslims and Bad Muslims since 9/11," 9th annual Crossing Borders Convocation, the University of Iowa (2008).

Lecture and book reading, "White Racism on the Western Urban Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa." Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa (2008).

Lecturer: "Architecture of Racial Segregation in South Carolina: Past and Present," Faculty forum series, Mount Mercy University (2008).

Invited guest lecturer: "Architecture of Racial Segregation in South Carolina: Past and Present," Statewide lecture series organized by the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa, Clark College, Dubuque, Iowa (2008).

Invited guest lecturer: "Architecture of Racial Segregation in South Carolina: Past and Present," Statewide lecture series organized by the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa (2007).

Invited guest lecturer: "Architecture of Racial Segregation in South Carolina: Past and Present," Statewide lecture series organized by the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa, Davenport, Iowa (2007).

Lecture, "Getting Settled in the Heartland: Community Formation among First- and Second Generation Iranians in Iowa City, Iowa." Faculty Forum, Mount Mercy University (2007).

Invited guest lecturer, "Economic Prospects for Cedar Rapids." Chamber of Commerce: Small Business Interest Group, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2007).

Invited guest panelist, "America's future in the Middle East" a month-long series organized by the UNA-USA, Churches United and several other organizations in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2006).

Invited guest lecturer, "White Racism on the Western Urban Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa." Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa (2006).

Invited guest lecturer, "Historical Significance of Muslim Religious Networks in the Post-Cold War Era." The panel was part of a month-long, four-part program entitled "What is America's Role in the Middle East?" and sponsored by the UNA-USA, Churches United and several other organizations in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2006).

Lecture and book reading, "White Racism on the Western Urban Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa." Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2006).

Invited guest lecturer, "White Racism on the Western Urban Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa." African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2006).

Invited guest lecturer, "Negative Portrayal of Islam in the West: 'Clash of Civilizations' or Western Colonial Domination?" a two-day workshop organized and sponsored by the Senior Center, Iowa City, Iowa (2006).

Invited guest panelist, "On Diversity and Multiculturalism," Ethical Perspectives on the News, a local television program broadcast (2006).

Faculty workshop co-leader and facilitator, “College Campus as Text,” a week-long workshop for Mount Mercy University faculty and staff using theoretical tenets of “urban political economy” and ‘city as text’ to explore the manifestations of social status/hierarchy, culture and religion in the built environment (2006).

Invited guest lecturer, “Colonial Domination and Emergence of ‘Bad Muslims,’ or How the West Invented Radical Islam.” Peoples’ Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2006).

Invited guest lecturer, “Historical Roots of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict,” a two-day lecture series organized and sponsored by the Senior Center, Iowa City, Iowa (2005).

Invited guest lecturer, “Israel, Palestine, and the U.S. Elections,” Panel sponsored by People for Justice in Palestine, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa (2004).

Keynote speaker, “Student Success.” Founders’ Day Convocation, Mount Mercy University (2004).

Invited guest lecturer, “Is Riverboat Gambling a Good medicine for Cedar Rapids’ Economic Recovery?” Peoples’ Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2003).

Invited guest panelist, “Palestine’s Future: Road Map for Peace or Capitulation?” Daylong Teach-in on the aftermath of war on Iraq, the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa (2003).

Invited guest panelist, “the State of the American Economy,” the Political Science Club, Mount Mercy University (2003).

Invited guest panelist, Ethical Perspectives in the News, a local television program broadcast (2003).

Keynote speaker, “Race Relations in Iowa: new Challenges in the New Millennium.” The Cedar Rapids NAACP Chapter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2003).

Invited guest panelist, The Emerging Leaders Program, Mount Mercy University (2003).

Guest panelist, “Understanding State Terrorism,” a forum organized by the Linn County United Nations Association, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2002).

Guest lecturer, “How not to learn From Las Vegas: A Critique of Postmodern Architecture.” Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2001).

Guest lecturer, “Post-Revolutionary Iran.” Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2000).

Guest lecturer, “Tracing the Common Roots: Islam and Christianity.” The Cedar Rapids Business Executive Association, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2000).

Guest lecturer, “Islam: Origins, principles and Varieties.” First Presbyterian Church (Adult Education Program), Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2000).

Guest lecturer, Great Decisions Series, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Council. Topic: "Ethnic Conflicts and the Future of the Central Asian States." University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa (1993).

Guest panelist, "Racial Tensions in Dubuque." A fact-finding conference organized by the Iowa Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Dubuque, Iowa (1992).

Guest panelist, "Changing Work Force 2000." A workshop organized by the Dubuque City Hall for the city's management team, Dubuque, Iowa (1992).

Guest lecturer, "Coping with Racism in Dubuque." Center for Peace and Justice, Platteville, Wisconsin (1991).

Co-organizer for a tri-college forum on peace and justice in the Middle East entitled "the Current Peace Talks and the Conditions for a Just and Lasting Peace between Palestinians and Israel." University of Dubuque (1991).

Program organizer for a debate entitled "Capital Punishment: National and Global Issues." The Amnesty International Chapter, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa (1991).

Guest speaker, "the Persian Gulf Crisis and Prospects for Peace." Town meeting in Galena, Illinois (1991).

Guest lecturer, Great Decisions Series, Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Council. Topic: "Third World Arms Bazaar- Disaster for Sale." University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa (1990).

Guest panelist, "Race Relations in Dubuque and Iowa" (a two-part program on the roots of racism). Community Access Television, Dubuque, Iowa (1989).

Lecturer, Great Decision Series, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Council. Topic: "Egypt and the United States: Uneasy Relations." University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa (1987).

Workshop coordinator for the Dubuque Community Housing Resource Board entitled "A Study in Racial and Ethnic Interactions in the Real Estate Profession." University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa (1987).

Guest panelist for the Dubuque radio station in a program entitled "the Pulse of Dubuque." Topics included the Iran-Contra connection, the Palestinian question and the Democracy Movement in the People's Republic of China (1986-1989).

Guest panelist, "Islam and the Contemporary Muslim World." Sponsored by the American Institute of Islamic Affairs. Topic: "Radicalization of Islamic Ideology." University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa (1986).

Guest lecturer, the 1985 Summer Institute for Curriculum Improvement in International Development Studies, Center for the Advanced Study of International Development, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan (1985).

Coordinator, the 14th Annual Sociology Teaching 1985 Assistant Workshop, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University (1985).

Panelist, mini-workshop on Teaching Critical Thinking, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan (1985).

Coordinator, the 12th Annual Sociology Teaching Assistant Workshop, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University (1983).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Designer, Architect and Executive Planner for several private planning firms in Tehran, Iran. designed and executed building of residential units/complexes, factories and educational facilities (1974-1978).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Political Economy of the World System (ASA section)
Eastern Sociological Association
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TRAVEL

Traveled extensively in the United States (including Puerto Rico), Canada, Mexico, Iran, Asia (Hong Kong, Japan, the People's Republic of China, Thailand, and Vietnam), and Europe (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, and former Yugoslavia).

LANGUAGES

Farsi (Persian) (fluent, spoken and written)
Azeri (Turkish) (fluent, spoken)
French (limited proficiency)

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