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1. EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 1976 (modern European history), The University of North Carolina (minor fields: Middle Eastern history and political science); dissertation: "France, Syria, and Lebanon: the Treaties of 1936," Herbert L. Bodman, Jr., director, Samuel R. Williamson, reader.
- M.A., 1968, (international relations), The American University, Washington, D.C.: thesis: "A Study of Kurdish Nationalism and Its Effect on United States Foreign Policy," Abdul Aziz Said, director, Harry N. Howard, reader.
- A.B., 1964 (government), Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.
- Diploma, 1960, The Community School, Tehran, Iran.

2. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Boise State University, 1973- .
Professor of History, 1986- .
Chair, BSU Faculty Senate Steering Committee, 1998-1999.
Director of Graduate Studies, 1992-1997.
Academic Site Director and Professor, Northwest Interinstitutional Consortium on Studies Abroad, London, England, Spring 1994.
Academic Site Director and Professor, Northwest Interinstitutional Consortium on Studies Abroad, Avignon, France, Spring 1989.
Associate Professor of History, 1979-1986.
BSU Faculty Senate Chair, 1982-1984.
Assistant Professor of History, 1976-1979.
Instructor in History, 1973-1976.
- The University of North Carolina, 1967-1973.
Waddell Fellow, 1971-1972.
Graduate Assistant, 1970-1972.
Part-time Instructor in Modern Civilization, 1967-1970.
- Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., Instructor in History, 1965-1967.

3. SELECTED PUBLISHED WORKS

- "Imperial Power and Dictatorship: Britain and the Rise of Reza Shah, 1921-1926," in *Politics of Modern Iran* [Critical Issues in Modern Politics], Ali Ansari, editor, London: Routledge, forthcoming.
- "Dr. Jordan of Tehran: American, Christian, Teacher," *Jordan's Way: Writings by and on Samuel Jordan*, Thomas Ricks, editor, Cambridge, MA: Ty Aur Press, in press.

- Review of *American Evangelicals in Egypt; Missionary Encounters in an Age of Empire* by Heather J. Sharkey, Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2008, *Journal of Presbyterian History*, in press.
- "Dr. Jordan," *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, 2009.
- "God is in the details: Historical context of the Iranian Nuclear crisis," Idaho Humanities Newsletter, X: 3 (Fall 2006), 1-8.
- Review of *Mohammad Mossadeq and the 1953 Coup in Iran*, edited by Mark J. Gasiorowski and Malcolm Byrne, Syracuse, New York, USA: Syracuse University Press, 2004, *Iranian Studies*, 39:1 (March 2006), 150-154.
- Review of Stephen Kinzer, *All The Shah's Men: An American Coup and The Roots of Middle Eastern Terror*, Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley and Sons, 2003, *Iranian Studies* (in press).
- "Riza Shah's 1927-28 Abrogation of Capitulations," *The Making of Modern Iran, 1921-1942: State and Society under Riza Shah*, Stephanie Cronin, editor, (London: Routledge, 2003), pp. 81-98.
- "Onward Christian Soldiers: Presbyterian Missionaries and the Ambiguous Origins of American Relations with Iran," *Altruism and Imperialism: Western Cultural and Religious Missions in the Middle East*, edited by Eleanor H. Tejerian and Reeva Spector Simon, New York: Columbia University, Middle East Institute, 2002), pp. 236-252.
- Review of *Great Britain & Reza Shah; The Plunder of Iran, 1921-1941*, by Mohammad Gholi Majd (Gainesville, Florida: University of Florida Press, 2001), *The Middle East Journal* (Washington, D.C.), 56:2 (Spring 2002), pp. 339-340.
- "American Presbyterian Missionaries at Urmia during the Great War," *La perse et la grande guerre*, Oliver Bast, editor (Tehran: Institut Francais de Recherche en Iran, 2002), pp. 353-372.
- "A Presbyterian Vocation to Reform Gender Relations in Iran: The Career of Annie Stocking Boyce," *Women, Religion, and Culture in Iran*, Sarah Ansari and Vanessa Martin, editors (London: Curzon Press, in association with The Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, 2002), pp. 51-69.
- "American Presbyterian Missionaries at Urmia during the Great War," *Journal of the Assyrian Academic Society*, Vol. XII, no. 1 (1998), pp. 6-27 (preissued from *La perse et la grande guerre* by permission of editor Oliver Bast).
- "The Presbyterian Who Introduced Soccer to Iran," *Presbyterian Outlook*, August 3-10, 1998.
- "Render Therefore unto Caesar That Which is Caesar's: American Presbyterian Educators and Reza Shah," *Iranian Studies*, volume 26, numbers 3-4, (Summer/Fall 1993), pp. 337-56.
- "The Rise of Reza Khan, in John Foran, editor, *Social Movements in Iran: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994), pp. 44-77.
- "A Panacea for the Ills of the Country: American Presbyterian Education in Inter-War Iran," *Iranian Studies*, volume 26, numbers 1-2 (Winter/Spring 1993), pp. 119-137.
- "Presbyterian Missionary Women in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Iran", translated into Persian by Manijeh Badiozamani, *Nimeye-Digar; Persian Language Feminist Journal*, 17 (Winter 1993), 38-63.

- "Imperial Power and Dictatorship: Britain and the Rise of Reza Shah, 1921-1926," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 24 (November 1992), 639-64.
- "Imperial Power and Dictatorship: Britain and the Rise of Reza Shah, 1921-1926," *translated into Persian and republished without my knowledge in Negah-e-Nou* (Tehran), 15 (August 1993), 84-124.
- "Harbingers of Change: Presbyterian Women in Iran, 1883-1949," *American Presbyterians: Journal of Presbyterian History*, 70: 3 (Fall 1992), 173-86.
- "Presbyterian Missionaries and American Relations with Pahlavi Iran," *The Iranian Journal of International Affairs*, 1989, 71-86. [This essay was published in Tehran; the text was taken from a paper I delivered at the December 1987 meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, DC.]
- "The Iranian Revolution: A Response to Change," *Rendezvous*, XXIII: 2 (1988), 99-110.
- "Blood, Power, and Hypocrisy: The Murder of Robert Imbrie and American Relations with Pahlavi Iran, 1924," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 18 (1986), 275-292.

4. HONORS (FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS)

- Idaho State Board of Education faculty research grant, 1997-1998, project: "Marching as to War: Presbyterian Missionaries and the Origins of American Relations with Iran."
- Holocaust Educational Foundation, course development grant, 1993-1994.
- Idaho Humanities Council Research Fellowship, 1992-1993, project: "British Missionaries and Iranian Disorder, 1914-1919."
- Idaho State Board of Education faculty research grant, 1990-1991, project: "American Involvement in Iran, 1834-1941."
- National Endowment for the Humanities Travel to Collections grant, 1990-1991, project: "The US, the UK, and Early Pahlavi Iran: British Government Records."
- Boise State University faculty research grant, 1990-1991, project: "Great Britain, Iran, and the Emergence of Reza Pahlavi: The Record of the British Foreign Office."
- Boise State University faculty research grant, 1988-1989, project: "American Relations with Early Pahlavi Iran; The First Millspaugh Mission, 1922-1927: Evidence from British Foreign Office Archives."
- National Endowment for the Humanities Travel to Collections grant, 1987, project: "History of the Iranian Missions of the American Presbyterian Church."
- Boise State University faculty research grant, 1987-1988, project: "American Relations with Iran: the Presbyterian Missionaries."
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, "Insights into Ottoman Statecraft," Norman Itzkowitz, director, Department of Oriental Studies, Princeton University, summer 1987, project: "Americans and Iran: the Princeton Connection."
- National Endowment for the Humanities Travel to Collections grant, 1986, project: "History of the Iranian Missions of the American Presbyterian Church."
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers, "The Organizational Dimensions of American Foreign Policy," Charles E. Neu, director, Brown University, summer 1986, project: "American Missionaries and Iran."

Joseph J. Malone fellowship program, The National Council for United States-Arab Relations, to explore contemporary issues regarding Egypt, the Arab world, and Islam, at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, Summer 1985.

Waddell Fellowship, to support dissertation writing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1971-72.

5. SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

"Inculcate Tehran: Opening a Dialog of Civilizations in the Shadow of God and the Alborz," *Alborz: An International Conference*, Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, University of California, Irvine, 10 October 2009.

"Bring Three Dozen Footballs: Sam Jordan and The American College of Tehran," Idaho Council for History Education Conference, Boise, Idaho, 2 October 2009.

"Islam: A View from the West," Department of Energy, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 8 September 2008.

"Islam in Our Imagination: Orientalist Myths and Human Realities," Idaho Council on History Education Conference, Boise, Idaho, 2 October 2008.

"Should the US Withdraw from Iraq?," Treasure Valley Iraq War Symposium, Garden City, Idaho, 13 January 2008.

"Islam: A View from The West," Friends for Learning, Idaho Falls, Civic Auditorium, 5 November 2007.

"Are Iran and The US at A Tipping Point?," Idaho Council for History Education, Boise, ID, 5 October 2007

"God is in the Details: Historical Context of US-Iranian Relations," University of Utah, Midway, Utah, 12 June 2007.

"Ye Shall Know The Truth, And The Truth Will Make You Free: Presbyterian Missionaries and Iran," invited presentation, conference on Christian Missionaries in the Middle East: Re-Thinking Colonial Encounters, North Carolina State University, 5 May 2007.

"The Great Satan' Versus `The Great Evil'; A History of the American-Iranian Relationship," Post Falls Public Library (for the Idaho Humanities Council), Post Falls, Idaho, 26 April 2007.

"Iran and the US: A Vexed Relationship," International Connections, Boise State University, 19 April 2007.

"The Devil is in the Details: US-Iranian Relations before the Current Nuclear Crisis," Idaho Council for History Education, Boise, Idaho, 6 October 2006.

"Between Iraq And A Hard Place: The United States In Iranian History," Food For Thought, Boise State University, 27 September 2006.

"Britain and America in Iran, circa 1890-1960: Contradictory Intentions, Unintended Consequences," invited lecture, International Conference on The Iranian Constitutional Movement, Center for Persian Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 22 September 2006.

"The Eagle and the **Other** Lion: Evolution of Anglo-American Relations Regarding Iran, circa 1911-1953," Sixth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 3 August 2006.

- "God Is In The Details: Historical Context of The Iranian Nuclear Crisis," Boise Public Library, 31 May 2006.
- "America and Britain in Iran: Rivals or Collaborators?," Pacific Northwest Regional Middle East Seminar, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, 29 April 2006.
- "The United States and Iran," The College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho (for the Idaho Humanities Council), 15 March 2006.
- "Exploring Origins of the `War on Terror,'" Priest River, Idaho (for the Idaho Humanities Council), 8 October 2005.
- "Revisiting A Riot: The Murder of US Consul Robert Imbrie, Tehran, 18 July 1924," University of Manchester (England), 20 April 2005 (invited lecture, in the series, "The `Crowd' in modern Iranian History: Expressions and Representations of Spontaneous Unrest in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Iran").
- "From Confrontation to Collaboration: Anglo-American Relations and Iran, 1911-1953," Middle Eastern History Seminar, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 8 November 2004.
- "The United States and the Middle East," keynote address, Idaho Council for the Social Studies, McCall, ID, 2 October 2003.
- "The US and the ME," invited presentation, Idaho Conference for History Teaching, Boise, Idaho, 3 October 2002.
- "American Relations with Iran before the Cold War," Greater Pacific Northwest Regional Middle East Seminar, University of Washington, 4 May 2002.
- "Reconsidering the Coup of 3 Esfand [21 February 1921] after Eighty Years: British and American Attitudes and Reza Pahlavi's Rise to the Throne," invited participant, international conference on "Various Aspects of the Coup of 3 Esfand," Iranian Institute for Contemporary Historical Studies, Tehran, Iran, 21-22 February 2001.
- "Presbyterian Missionaries in Iran: American Imperialists or Altruists?," "Religion and Society in Qajar Iran," Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Bristol University, Bristol, UK, 3-7 September 2000.
- "Onward Christian Soldiers: Presbyterian Missionaries and the Ambiguous Origins of American Relations with Iran," invited participant, seminar on "Altruism and Imperialism: Western Religious and Cultural Missions to the Middle East," sponsored by Columbia University and the American University of Beirut, Rockefeller Study Center, Bellagio, Italy, 28 August – 1 September 2000.
- "American Missionaries in Iran: Altruists or Imperialists?," Idaho History Conference, Boise, Idaho, 18 March 2000.
- "Uncivil Society: Missionaries and the Dilemma of American Relations with Iran," Greater Pacific Northwest Middle East Seminar, Seattle, Washington, 26 February 2000.
- "American Missionaries, The Question of National Consciousness, and The Great War in Western Azerbaijan," Middle East Studies Association of North America [MESA], Washington, D.C., 20 November 1999.
- "Riza Shah's Abrogation of Capitulations: Fulfillment of National Aspirations or Grasp for Total Power?," "Iran Under Riza Pahlavi 1921-1941: New Perspectives on State and Society," School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 25 June 1999.
- "Reza Shah, Foreign Interests, and the End of Capitulations in Iran," MESA, Chicago, IL, December 1998.

- "Capitulations in Late Qajar Iran as Viewed from American Sources," Second Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, Bethesda, Maryland, 23 May 1998.
- "US-Iranian Relations," Boise Committee on Foreign Relations, 18 November 1997.
- "Toward a Garden-Spot in the Kingdom of God: Annie Stocking Boyce and an American Presbyterian Campaign to Advance the Freedom of Iranian Women, 1906-1941," Conference on "Gender and Society in the Muslim World Since 1800," Royal Holloway College, University of London, July 4, 1997.
- "American Presbyterian Missionaries at Urmia during the Great War," invited participant, International Round Table on "Persia and the Great War," sponsored by L'institut français de recherche en Iran and the Iranian Institute for Political and International Studies, Tehran, 3 March 1997 (conference proceedings forthcoming).
- "Missionaries, Education, and Social Change in Iran, 1834-1941," MESA, Providence, RI, November 1996.
- "The American Mission and the Great War in Iranian Azerbaijan: Piercing the Wall of Separation," European Middle East Studies Association, Aix-en-Provence, France, July 4, 1996.
- "Twentieth Century Iran" and "Presbyterian Missionaries in Pahlavi Iran," invited lectures, Henry Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 12, 1995.
- "Good Works and Death: American Missionaries and World War I in Iran," MESA, Research Triangle Park, NC, November 12, 1993.
- "Missionaries and the Disintegration of Iran During Late Qajar Times," Northwest Regional Seminar on the Middle East, Portland, OR, May 1, 1993.
- "Massacre, 1919: American Missionaries and the Disintegration of Iran," Idaho Historical Conference, Boise, ID, October 3, 1992.
- "What We Should Know about the Middle East," Idaho Council for the Social Studies, Boise, ID, October 1, 1992.
- "Fostering American-Style Change: Missionary Women in Iran," MESA, Washington, DC, November 26, 1991.
- "Foreign Involvement in the Rise of Reza Khan," MESA, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 18, 1989.
- "American Presbyterian Education in Inter-war Iran," MESA, Los Angeles, CA, November 1988.
- "Presbyterians and Pahlavi Persia: Pride, Prejudice, and Power," American Historical Association, Washington, DC, December 30, 1987.
- "The Iranian Revolution Reconsidered: Religious Leadership and Iranian Responses to Change," Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 15, 1987.
- "The United States and Iran: Yesterday and Today," invited lecture, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, December 4, 1986.
- "Islamic Revival: Medieval or Modern?" Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, Boise, ID, March 15, 1986.
- "Current Issues in the Middle East," MESA, New Orleans, LA, November 23, 1985.

6. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Middle East Studies Association of North America.

Middle East Outreach Council (President, 1998-2000; Director, 2000-03).

British Society for Middle East Studies (Fellow).

Society for Iranian Studies.

Conference on Iranian Research and Analysis.

Association for the Study of Persianate Societies

American Historical Association.

Middle East Institute.

Pacific Northwest Regional Middle East Seminar.

Idaho Historical Conference.

Idaho Council for History Education