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EDUCATION

University of California

- "The Qur' an and Human Rights of Sexual Minorities", in *The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community of Iran: Examining Human Rights from Religious, Social, Legal and Cultural Perspectives*, International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, 2015.
- "Ayatollah Khomeini's Theory of Government", in *Politics and Culture in Contemporary Iran: Challenging the Status Quo*, Abbas Milani and Larry Diamond, Eds., Lynne Rienner Publishes, Inc. 2015.
- "Boredom as a mystical experience", *Andisheh Pouya* 3 (16) 1393 [June 2014], pp. 57-59, Tehran, Iran.
- "Religion within the Limits of Civility: Civil Legitimacy of the Laws of Shari'ah", Jarass, 30
 May 2014:
 http://www.rahesabz.net/story/83075/
- "Critical Traditionalism in the Realm of Religion: A Theory on the Logic of Reform in

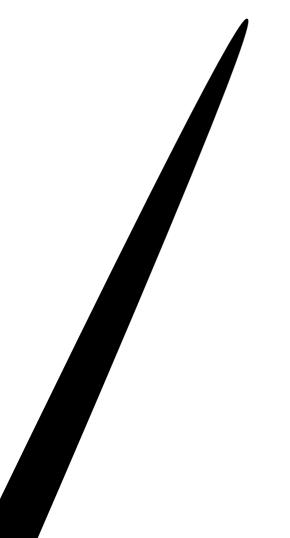
"Non-Violence Movement", Interview with Tehran Review, March 18, 2011:
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- "Alvin Plantinga's Evolutionary Argument against Naturalism", Personal Website, Fall 2003.
- "Rationality and Religious Belief: A New Understanding of the Theory of *Fetrah* in *Shi'at* Theology", *Naghd-va-*

- "Literature and Realist Account of Mystical Experience", Presented at Moravian College, in Fourth Faculty Luncheon, September 5, 2013.
- "Islamic Mysticism and Modern Art: An Introduction to A Theology of Hope", UCL-London's Global University, August 2012
- "Mysticism and Environmental Ethics", Iranian Cultural Society of America (Shabahang), Co-Sponsored by University of Pennsylvania's Middle East Center, Rosemont College, 1 March, 2013
- "Islam and Government: Iran's Experience", Noor Cultural Center, York University, Montreal, Canada: http://www.noorculturalcentre.ca/?p=7591
- "The Virtue of Forgiveness in Personal and Political life", presented at the Center for Near Eastern Studies at UCLA, January 2012.
- "Reform of Political Ethos in Islam", presented at the American Academy of Religion Conference (AAR), November 2011.
- Presiding a Wildcard Session, Discussion with Abdul Karim Soroush on Revelation, Reform, and Secularism. At American Academy of Religion Conference (AAR), November 2011.
- "Islam, Secularism, and a Moral Argument for Mutual-Respect Conception of Toleration", at the conference of Secularism, Islam, and Democracy: Constitutional Tensions and Accommodations, Boston College, October 2011.
- "Islam and the Question of Toleration Based on Mutual Respect: The Challenge of Recognizing Baha'i Faith", at the Conference on Intellectual Othering and the Baha'l Question in Iran, University of Toronto, Canada July 2011.
- A Panelist on "A Panel Discussion on Democracy and the Rights of Ethnic Minorities in Iran: Federalism or Centralism?" George Washington University, April 9, 2011. (A report of this panel is published on RoozOnLine by Roya Maliki: http://www.roozonline.com/persian/news/newsitem/archive/2011/april/16/article/abd1a2cdea.html)
- "Toleration as the Right to Be/Do Wrong: Analysis and Justification", presented at Faculty Luncheon, Moravian College, Feb. 17, 2011.

- "Moderate Muslims in Iran and the Challenge of Human rights", The 5th international conference of Asian scholars, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 2007.
- "New Strategies to Re-understand Sexuality and Homosexuality in the Context of Modern Islamic Thought", Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, November, 2005 (also available at my personal website).
- "Modern Islamic Theology and Human Rights", The Middle Eastern Institute, Columbia University, June 1999.
- "Islam and Modernity: Philosophical Challenges", International Conference for Religious Dialogue, Cyprus, May 1999.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Departments of Religion and Philosophy, Moravian College, PA Since Fall 2009 to present- Asociate Professor

Department of Philosophy, California State University, San Bernardino 2007- 2009

Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara 2006- 2007 Course Instructor

The Persian Journal of Theological and Philosophical Studies, Tehran, Iran 1992-2001, Member of Editorial Board.