

President's Message

Let me first wish our members a happy Persian New Year, in the hope that 1390 will bring health and good fortune to all of you and especially to our friends and colleagues in Iran whose life and work conditions have, if anything, only become more difficult since last year.

We are looking back on a successful ASPS participation in the MESA meeting in San Diego in November of last year. We were represented with two panels; the first was titled "In Transition: Cross Roads, Frontiers, and Historical Memory in Late Antique Iranian Studies." This panel, which was organized by Ghazzal Dabiri, continued the momentum of the sub-discipline of Late Antique Iran generated at the Boston convention of 2009. I would like to thank Ghazzal for putting the panel together, as well as Parvaneh Pourshariati for serving as the discussant. The second panel, organized by Jo-Ann Gross and co-sponsored by the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS) was titled "Shrines and Archaeological Sites, Sacred Ecology and Religious Identity in the Pamirs." Many thanks to Jo-Ann for organizing this panel.

I would like to offer a final word of thanks to Arthur Dudney for revamping and improving the website.

I would next like to express my profound regrets—and excuses—about the postponement of the Hyderabad conference. Unforeseen logistical issues and organizational problems having to do with new management made it impossible to hold the meeting at the Henry Martyn Institute in Hyderabad. I spent much time and energy trying to reschedule the convention at a different location and at some point in the spring, and even communicated with colleagues in India about a possible relocation to Delhi or Srinagar, Kashmir. In the end, though, none of these efforts bore fruit. It has thus been decided to postpone the conference to early to mid January, 2012.

The most likely new venue will be the centrally located campus of Osmania University in Hyderabad. I am still awaiting full confirmation about this location. As soon as we receive this confirmation, including exact dates, I will be in touch with those whose abstracts have been selected for presentation.

During the ASPS business meeting at the MESA convention in San Diego last November, the membership unanimously approved an amendment to our bylaws to the effect that

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A. The following officers shall have ex-officio status on the board:

1. Newsletter editor
2. Editor of the *Journal of Persianate Studies*
3. Major program directors

B. Ex-officio board members shall have the right to attend all board meetings

C. Ex-officio members shall have full voting rights

D. The number of nomination committee members be reduced to three from the current five

These changes will now be added to the bylaws.

During this meeting, it was also suggested to institute a life-time membership. This suggestion has since been approved by the Board. The dues have been set at \$1,500.



News from the Journal Editor

Current issue

[JPS 3.2 \(2010\)](#) contains:

- Sholeh A. Quinn, Through the looking Glass: Kingly Virtues in Safavid and Mughal Historiography
- Sulhiniso Rahmatullaeva, Samarqand's Rigestan and its Architectural Meanings
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- Touraj Daryaee, The Fall of the Sassanian Empire to the Arab Muslims: From *Two Centuries of Silence to Decline and Fall of the Sasanian Empire: the Partho-Sasanian Confederacy and the Arab Conquest of Iran*
- Alexander V. Akopyan, A Survey of Russian Works on Persianate History and Culture, 2006-2010

ASPS welcomes papers from members and other scholars for the *Journal of Persianate Studies*. Please send your submissions to: [Saïd Amir Arjomand](mailto:said.arjomand@stonybrook.edu), Editor-in-Chief at said.arjomand@stonybrook.edu.

Elections

ASPS would like to express deep thanks to its outgoing board members, Shahzad Bashir, Roja Fazaeli, Mirjam Kunkler, and Parvaneh Pourshariati.

The continuing members of the Board of Directors (BOD) in one capacity or another are:

Said Amir-Arjomand
 Habib Borjian
 Houchang Chehabi
 Elton Daniel
 Jo-Ann Gross
 Ranin Kazemi (as our student member)
 Rudi Mathee
 Sunil Sharma

These colleagues will continue serving on the BOD and therefore ensure continuity. Ghazzal Dabiri will also continue to function as our Newsletter editor.

The members with terms expiring in one capacity or another include:

Rudi Mathee (as President)
 Shahzad Bashir (BOD)
 Roja Fazaeli (BOD)
 Mirjam Kunkler (BOD)
 Parvaneh Pourshariati (BOD)

Ballots for the election of the four ASPS members will be sent out electronically to the board of directors by May 15, 2011. **We ask all to submit votes within one week to the newsletter editor, Ghazzal Dabiri (gd2287@columbia.edu)**

Colleagues who have accepted our invitation to run, or re-run include:

Vahe Boyajian
 Snjezana Buzov
 Stephen Dale
 Larry Potter
 Sunil Sharma

Colleagues who have accepted to run for President include:

Habib Borjian
 Parvaneh Pourshariati

Below are the biographies of the aforementioned candidates who kindly agreed to serve if elected.

For the office of President:

Habib Borjian

Habib Borjian is Senior Assistant Editor of Encyclopaedia Iranica. He received his academic training in the fields of engineering (Northeastern Univ., Columbia Univ.) and humanities (Columbia Univ., Tehran Univ., Yerevan State Univ.) and has taught and published in both fields. His research interests in Iranian include dialectology, historical geography, and Central Asia and the Caucasus, with a current focus on endangered languages. As the Secretary-Treasurer of ASPS since 2006, he played a central role in organizing the Biennial Conventions in Tbilisi and Lahore. He has been the Associate Editor of *Journal of Persianate Studies* since 2009. During all these years he has been engaged in the operation of ASPS not only in the U.S. but also in conjunction with its branch offices in Iran, Tajikistan, Armenia, Georgia, and South Asia.

Parvaneh Pourshariati

Parvaneh Pourshariati is Associate Professor of Islamic and Iranian Studies in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC) at the Ohio State University. Currently the Chair of Graduate Studies program and the Coordinator of the Islamic Studies program in NELC, she has courtesy appointments in the department of History at OSU and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (CMRS) at the university, where she teaches regularly. Born in Tehran, where she completed her primary and secondary education, Pourshariati received her BA in sociology from New York University and her M. Phil. and PhD. degrees in history from Columbia University. With a sub-specialty in the “Eastern Question” and the European-Middle Eastern relations in the modern period, Pourshariati’s research focuses on the social and cultural history of the Middle East, the Caucasus, Iran and Central Asia, in the late antique and medieval periods. Her general interests lie in cross-cultural and economic interconnections between the Mediterranean world, the Fertile Crescent and Arabia, and the Iranian *oikoumene* from the ancient to the early modern period of history. Greco-Iranian and Roman, Irano-Judica, Perso-Islamica and Turko-Iranian worlds are part and parcel of this interest. Pourshariati is a member of *Mondes iraniens et indiens* of the CNRS in Paris, the *Institut für Iranistik, Freie Universität Berlin*, Board of Directors of the Association for the Study of the Persianate Societies (ASPS), as well as the editorial board of the Persian journal, *Iran Nameh*. Currently at work on a number of book projects, including the sequel to her *Decline and Fall of the Sasanian Empire* (I.B. Tauris in 2008, reprint, 2009), Pourshariati’s research has been supported by the *Social Science*

Research Council (SSRC), the *American Association for University Women (AAUW)* the *American Numismatic Society (ANS)*, and the *American Institute of Iranian Studies*, among others. Closely collaborating with colleagues in Europe and the Middle East, her articles have appeared in various scholarly journals of the field. Pourshariati was instrumental in establishing the annual *Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award* through the *Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA)* in memory of her father, the late Houshang Pourshariati.

For the Board of Directors

Vahe Boyajian:

Dr. Vahe Boyajian graduated from the Department of Iranian Studies at the Yerevan State University in 2001. He defended his postgraduate thesis on Baluchi dialectology and worked at the same Department as an Associate Professor. He taught several courses on Baluchi ethno-linguistics both at the BA and MA levels. In 2002, he was a visiting scholar at the Department of Anthropology at Boston University with a research topic on Baluch tribal communities in Iran. Currently he is a PhD researcher at the Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland. His research deals with the social and inter-tribal relations in Sarhadd region of Iranian Baluchistan. Since 2000, Dr. Boyajian has been conducting field-research in Baluchi inhabited areas of South Eastern Iran.

Snjezana Buzov:

Professor Snjezana Buzov is Assistant professor of Ottoman and Islamic studies in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at the Ohio State University, Columbus. She received her B.A. from the University of Sarajevo’s Department of Oriental Studies, where she studied Turkish,

Arabic and Persian. Her M.A. was in Ottoman History at the University of Zagreb (Croatia). Her Ph.D. was in Islamic History from the University of Chicago's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. In addition to Ottoman history, her areas of specialization include the Islamic civilization of the middle period (1200-1700), and nomads and pastoral peoples of the Middle East and Central Asia.

Most of Professor Buzov's research experience has been in the rich manuscript collections of Bosnia, especially those of Sarajevo. In addition to extensive manuscript collections in Ottoman Turkish and Arabic, in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Balkans are a region with a long tradition of studying classical works of Persian literature, a phenomenon that can be observed in the large number of manuscripts in Persian currently held in the Oriental Institute of Sarajevo. Unknown to many, we know that already in 16th century in the regional center of Mostar, some 40 miles from the Adriatic coast, a madrasa was established with the program of studying Rumi's *Mesnevi*. Similarly in Sarajevo, the tradition was established of reading the *Mesnevi* in formal circles led by *mesnevikhans*. The appreciation of Persian literature, and the Persianate aspects of the Bosnian culture, as well as significant research and educational activities at the University of Sarajevo and other research institutions has, for many years, defined Snjezana contact with the Persianate culture. During her work at the Oriental Institute in Sarajevo, Snjezana had the opportunity of learning from scholars and colleagues who received their degrees at Tehran University, and studied and conducted their research in Iran and Tajikistan. Dr. Buzov hopes to finally engage her long-time interests in the Persianate culture by establishing structural contacts between colleagues from ASPS and the many colleagues in the Balkans with primary interest in the Persianate culture. One of the primary ways she hopes to do

this is through organizing one of first meetings of ASPS in Sarajevo, with the hope of introducing the ASPS members to the Persianate heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Professor Buzov's research has thus far been supported by the Fulbright Hays Fellowship (2000), the National Endowment for the Humanities NEH Summer (2005) and the ACLS Conference grant (2007) in Sarajevo as well as the Ministry of Education project grant for Bosnia and Herzegovina, from 1990 through 1992.

Stephen Dale:

Professor Stephen F. Dale is a scholar of South Asian and Islamic history. Trained at the University of California at Berkeley, he studied South Asian history with Eugene F. Irschick and Thomas Metcalf and Middle Eastern History with Hamid Algar, Ira Lapidus and John M. Smith Jr. His dissertation and first book, published by Clarendon Press, dealt with the Muslim community of Kerala, southwest India, the oldest Muslim community in South Asia. Subsequently he studied the commercial diaspora of Indian merchants who traded in Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran and Russia during the early modern period and more recently wrote a biography of the founder of the Timurid- Mughal Empire in South Asia. His most recent book is a comparative study of the Ottoman, Safavid and Mughal empires. Stephen Dale is currently writing a book on the Greco-Islamic historian Ibn Khaldun, and acting as the South Asian editor for the *Encyclopaedia of Islam*.

Lawrence Potter:

Lawrence G. Potter has been Deputy Director of Gulf/2000, a major research and documentation project on the Persian Gulf states, since 1994. He has taught courses on the history of Iran, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf at Columbia University since 1996, and is presently Adjunct Associate Professor of International Affairs. A graduate of Tufts College, he received an M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and a Ph.D. in History (1992) from Columbia University with a thesis on the Kart dynasty in post-Mongol Herat. He taught English in Shiraz and Isfahan for four years before the revolution. From 1984 to 1992 he was Senior Editor at the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonpartisan organization devoted to world affairs education for the general public, and currently serves on the FPA's Editorial Advisory Committee. He edited *The Persian Gulf in History* (Palgrave, 2009) and co-edited (with Gary Sick) three earlier books on the Persian Gulf. A recent article is "The consolidation of Iran's frontier on the Persian Gulf in the nineteenth century," in *War and Peace in Qajar Persia: Implications Past and Present*, ed. Roxane Farmanfarmanian (London: Routledge, 2008). In 2011-2012 he will be a Visiting Fellow at the Georgetown School of Foreign Service

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Sunil Sharma:

Professor Sunil Sharma, Ph.D., Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, University of Chicago (1999) is Associate Professor of Persianate & Comparative Literature in the Department of Modern Languages & Comparative Literature, Boston University. His areas of research are Persian and Urdu literature, travel writing, and translation studies. His publications include two monographs (Persian Poetry at the Indian Frontier: Masud Sad Salman of Lahore; Amir Khusraw: Poet of Sultans and Sufis), an edited volume (Necklace of the Pleiades: 24 Essays on Persian Literature, Culture and Religion, with Franklin Lewis), a co-authored book (Atiya's Journeys: A Muslim Woman from Colonial Bombay to Edwardian Britain, with Siobhan Lambert-Hurley) and volume of translations (In the Bazaar of Love: The Selected Poetry of Amir Khusrau, with Paul Losensky), as well as a number of essays and articles. He has co-curated several exhibitions at Harvard University on Persian art and literature, most recently for the Shahnama millennium.

CERF

We are pleased to announce the January
2011 CERF Award Recipients

Malika Abduvasieva, Institute of Oriental Studies and Written Heritage, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan. \$1200 to support the publication of *Gender Issues and Professional Education in Persianate Societies: Contemporary Tajikistan and Iran*.

Nargis Jomevna Khojaeva, Institute for History, Archaeology and Ethnography, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Tajikistan. \$1500 grant to support archival research in St. Petersburg Russia for the book project, *Avestan Geography*.

Bahadir Kazakov, Islamic Manuscript Department, Bukharan State Museum, Bukhara, Uzbekistan. \$1500 to support the publication of the book, *Mazars of Bukhara*

**CENTRAL EURASIA
RESEARCH FUND (CERF)
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Deadline January 15, 2012
(Please note revised guidelines)**

CERF grants support original research leading to the publication of a book or monograph concerning Persianate culture by individual scholars from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Northwest China. Grants do not exceed US \$1500 and provide funding for the following: publication costs for a book or monograph, technical equipment necessary for specific research projects, such as computers, printers, scanners, voice recorders, or digital cameras; travel expenses for archival research that will

directly result in an original book or monograph. The deadline for receipt of electronic submissions is January 15th of each year. Awards are announced on March 1st. The award period is for one year.

CERF does not support the publication of periodical articles. The publication of previously published works, including translations from English, will be considered only in exceptional circumstances when the applicant can demonstrate a critical need for such a work. Applications for projects based on original archival or field research and those leading to the publication of previously unpublished manuscripts, lithographs, documentary sources or material culture are strongly encouraged.

Eligibility

A minimum degree equivalent to a B.A. Grantees may only reapply for a CERF Grant after five years from the receipt of a previous CERF award.

Selection

Awards are made once a year. An ASPS evaluation committee reviews applications. Every effort is made to provide regional balance in the distribution of grants based on:

- Importance of the topic
- Academic merit and originality of the proposed project
- Demonstrated career commitment to the field
- Feasibility of the project
- Potential impact of the research
- Adequate academic and professional experience of the candidate

Application

CERF candidates must submit a typed electronic application in MS Word format by January 15th to the Director of the CERF Committee, Dr. Jo-Ann

A. Background Information

- Name and address, e-mail address, fax number
- Place and date of birth
- Citizenship
- Name and address of institutional affiliation or employer
- Research field or discipline
- Educational background, including highest degree obtained

B. Research Proposal

- Title of research project
- Description of project (1-2 typewritten pages). The description should include:
 - Theme
 - Purpose
 - Methodology
 - Potential impact and importance of the publication
 - Language of publication

C. Budget (included detailed account of specific expenses)

Please keep a copy of the application requirements for your records and check off each category prior to application submission. Incomplete applications will be invalidated.

Award and Final Report

Grant recipients must submit a written report and two copies of any publication resulting from the award within two months of the award completion period. The report must include the following: name of project and objectives; extent to which the objectives were met; impact of project; receipts of all expenses.

Final reports, including receipts of all expenses, must be remitted at the end of the project period in order for the CERF to meet its own internal accounting requirements that ensure CERF's continued operation.

Announcements

The College of Art and Design, The University of the Punjab will publish a the first issue of a new journal, "Jamal: A Journal of Art and Design", during the month of May 2011. It will include articles on art history, music, and architecture of Pakistan, selected and edited by HEC Visiting Scholar Dr. Barbara Schmitz and Head of Ph.D. Program Dr. Shaukat Mahmud. This will be the first scholarly journal in Pakistan solely devoted to the arts; the journal will be of 4 x8 format with colour illustrations. It will include some ten articles by professors and students at Punjab University as well as ones by professors and students from other universities.

Member News and Publications

Colin Mitchell (ed.), *New Perspectives on Safavid Iran: Society and Empire*, Iranian Studies Series (London: Routledge, 2011). This is a festschrift to honour Roger Savory, Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto.

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The Shadow of God and the Hidden Imam, which had been out of print for well over ten years, has now been reissued in a paperback edition. Review copies may be obtained from Liz Fischer at the University of Chicago Press.

Arjomand, Said. *The Shadow of God and the Hidden Imam: Religion, Political Order, and Societal Change in Shi'ite Iran from the Beginning to 1890* (Publications of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2010.

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The New Cambridge History of Islam appeared in November 2010. It contains two chapters by ASPSPast-President, **Said Arjomand**:

“Legitimacy and Political Organisation: Caliphs, Kings and Regimes,” in vol. 4 (R. Irwin, ed.; M. Cook, ed.-in-chief), pp. 225-73, offering a sketch of the first systematic historical typology of Muslim regimes;
 and
 “Islamic Resurgence and Its Aftermaths,” in vol. 6 (R. Heffner, ed.; M. Cook, ed.-in-chief), pp. 173-197.

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I.B.Tauris is pleased to announce that *Sasanian Persia: The Rise and Fall of an Empire* by **Touraj Daryaee** is one of three winners of this year's [British-Kuwait Friendship Society Prize in Middle Eastern Studies](#). The prize is awarded by the [British Society for Middle Eastern Studies](#) (BRISMES) and was announced at a ceremony on Monday. Declaring the book "a masterpiece" the judges of the prize commented that it is "a very fine book indeed" and "offers a timely counterpart to Eurocentricity which has distorted the study of antiquity...[in] an extremely erudite book...the author wears his learning lightly, showing an enviable ability to distinguish the wood from the trees and write in a reader friendly manner".

L. Marlowe, ed., *The Rhetoric of Biography: Narrating Lives in Persianate Societies*. Ilex Foundation, Boston, and Center for Hellenic Studies Trustees for Harvard University, Washington D.C.; distributed by Harvard University Press, 2011.

Peter B. Golden, Professor Emeritus of History, Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies and currently Director of the Program in Middle Eastern Studies (Rutgers University) has published two books:

1. *Turks and Khazars. Origins, Institutions, and Interactions in Pre-Mongol Eurasia*, Variorum Collected Studies Series (Ashgate Publishers, 2010) which appeared in November, 2010)

2. *Central Asia in World History* in the series *The New Oxford World History* (Oxford-New York: Oxford University Press, 2011) which appeared in February, 2011.

Rudi Matthee has published the following two articles:

1. The Imaginary Realm: Europe's Enlightenment Image of Early Modern Iran." *Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 30:3 (2010): 449-462.

2. "From the Battlefield to the Harem: Did Women's Seclusion Increase from Early to Late Safavid Times?," in Colin P. Mitchell, ed., *New Perspectives on Safavid Iran: Empire and Society* (London and New York: Routledge, 2011), pp. 97-120.

Workshops, Forums, and Conferences

Cambridge Central Asia Forum, An interdisciplinary research centre that brings together scholars from arts and humanities, social, natural and biological sciences to conduct research and to study and aid development in Central Asia.

It also serves as a coordinating body for research in reference to the Central Asia Region, Afghanistan and the Caucasus. The Forum sees the promotion of bilateral academic relations between the region and the UK as part of its primary purpose. This implies gathering and disseminating information about existing activities both within the region and in the UK, and making this information accessible to a wider population.

<http://www.cambridge-centralasia.org/>

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: Thursday, March 10, 2011

Inter-Asian Connections III: Hong Kong (June 6-8, 2012)

The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS) at the University of Hong Kong, the National University of Singapore (NUS), and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (the Organizers) are pleased to announce an open call for proposals from faculty members

at accredited universities and colleges in any world region to organize and direct one of four thematic workshops at a 3-day international conference entitled:

"Inter-Asian Connections III." Following on successful conferences held in Dubai in February 2008 and Singapore in December 2010, this conference will be held in Hong Kong in June 2012. The conference aims to showcase innovative research from across the social sciences and related disciplines on themes of particular relevance to Asia, re-conceptualized as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia, South Asia and Southeast Asia, to East Asia.

Proposals are invited from faculty interested in organizing and directing a workshop on one of the following four themes:

- 1) **New Politics of Inequality**
- 2) **Globalizing Asia**
- 3) **Security and Insecurity**
- 4) **Old Histories, New Geographies**

Each workshop should have two directors (with different institutional affiliations and preferably representing different disciplines) and if selected will be expected to help recruit and choose 10 international workshop participants (senior and junior scholars, graduate students, other researchers) competitively from across relevant disciplines in the social sciences and related fields.

The full text of the call for proposals, along with information on the application process and eligibility can be found on the program's website (<http://www.ssrc.org/programs/interasia-program/>). For additional inquiries, please contact interasia@ssrc.org.

ASPS is sponsoring panels on Late Antique Iranian Studies at the MESA annual conference which will be held December 1-4 2011 in Washington, D.C. These panels continue the ground breaking four panel session at the 2009 MESA meeting and organized by Parvaneh Purshariati. The panels for the 2011 conference are co-organized by Sarah Bowen-Savant, Parvaneh Pourshariati, and Ghazzal Dabiri.

Employment & Fellowship Opportunities

Roshan Professorship for Persian Language and Culture (Assistant/ Associate Professor) Vacancy # 11642

California State University, Fresno is one of 23 campuses in the California State University System. The University's mission is to offer high quality educational opportunities to qualified students at the bachelor's and master's levels, and in certain applied disciplines at the doctoral level. The current enrollment is approximately 20,000 students with diverse and culturally rich backgrounds. The University serves the San Joaquin Valley while maintaining deep involvement with the state, nation, and world. California State University, Fresno promotes student learning and community engagement through faculty scholarship and service learning opportunities in collaboration with community organizations, education, industry, business and government. The university was one of the first US Colleges and Universities to be selected by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for its new Community Engagement Classification. Metropolitan Fresno, with a multi-ethnic population of over 600,000, is located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley on the western edge of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. The campus is within easy driving distance of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks, the Monterey Peninsula, Lake Tahoe, beaches, sailing, lakes, and numerous ski resorts. Fresno boasts one of the most

markets in California and offers a wide array of locally grown fruits and produce.

- Available for Academic Year: 2011/2012.
- Fresno State has been recognized in the Community Engagement classification by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- Fresno State has been recognized as a Hispanic-serving institution.
- Faculty members gain a clear path to tenure through the University's Probationary Plan Process.
- Salary placement depends upon academic preparation and professional experience. In some circumstances, exceptional faculty may be considered for appointment at a higher rank.
- Part of a University-wide World Cultures and Globalization Cohort 2010

Position Characteristics: The successful candidate will be expected to develop and lead the Persian Language and Culture Studies program; teach beginning, intermediate and advanced courses in Persian language and culture; contribute and provide leadership to the newly established interdisciplinary Middle East Studies program; develop and enhance appropriate curricular offerings; supervise and assist student research; conduct independent research; present public lectures; serve on department, college, and university committees; engage in community service and outreach; interact with faculty and students in related fields. This position is part of a University-wide cohort hiring initiative in the area of World Cultures and Globalization, and as such there are unique opportunities for the successful candidate to pursue integrative research efforts, collaborative projects, and shared program/course developments within this cohort. The successful candidate is also expected to have an area of expertise in one of the disciplines in the arts and humanities and will hold a tenure-track assignment in the relevant department. Area of expertise may include but is not limited to the arts, linguistics, art history, literature, comparative

studies, ethnomusicology, cultural anthropology, or history. The successful candidate may be called upon to teach in a distance education mode and will be encouraged to develop web-enhanced or web-based instruction. Outcomes assessment and service learning are important components of the university curriculum. The successful candidate will be expected to work cooperatively with faculty and staff in the program, department, and college.

Academic Preparation: An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Iranian or Middle East Studies or in a related field in the arts and humanities.

Teaching Or Other Experience: Candidates must be able to demonstrate excellence in teaching and research; strong commitment to undergraduate teaching and active participation in the life and development of the Persian Language and Culture and the Middle East Studies programs; and outreach to the community. A distinguished record of publication, research or creative accomplishments in the candidate's area of expertise is desirable. Native or native-like fluency in Persian is required.

Equal Employment Opportunity: California State University, Fresno is committed to maintaining and implementing employment policies and procedures in compliance with applicable state and federal equal employment opportunity laws and regulations. Executive Order 883 prohibits discrimination and Executive Order 927 prohibits harassment on the basis of protected status: race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex (including gender identity, per HR 2004-12), sexual orientation, marital status,

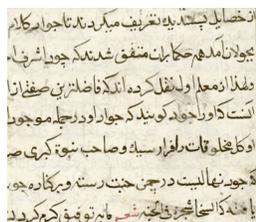
pregnancy, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition and covered veteran status.

Retaliation against individuals for complaining about proscribed conduct, opposing such conduct, or participating in an investigation or proceeding involving such conduct is prohibited by both executive orders. Further, California State University, Fresno's statement of commitment to equal employment opportunity principles is also found in the various collective bargaining agreements.

Application Instructions: Complete an online application and attach 1) a letter of application which outlines your interests in teaching and research as well as your vision for the role and future of Persian Language and Culture program; 2) Curriculum Vita; 3) a representative publication to e-Recruit; and 4) supply a list of at least three referents names and contact information, these names should be different from your reference letters. The online application is available at <http://jobs.csufresno.edu>. In addition to the online application, send three letters of recommendation (dated within the last 12 months), official transcripts and any relevant materials that cannot be uploaded to the following address (Please note that materials will not be returned): Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, Chair, California State University, Fresno; 5245 N. Backer Ave, PB96, Fresno CA 93740.

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