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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018- Lecturer (full-time)
Social Sciences Collegiate Division & Divinity School
University of Chicago
- 2016-18 Lecturer (part-time)
Anthropology Department & Divinity School
University of Chicago

EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology
University of California, Irvine
- 2010 M.A., Cultural Anthropology
University of California, Irvine
- 2006 B.Sc., Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
University of California, Berkeley

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

- 2007- Patent Agent (Certified to prosecute patent applications in the U.S.)

BOOK IN PREPARATION

The Conditional Gift: Organ Sales and Islamic Governmentality in Iran

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Review of *Coming of Age in Iran: Poverty and the Struggle for Dignity* (Manata Hashemi)
International Journal of Middle East Studies (forthcoming)
- 2019 Policy-Oriented Fatwas and the Unsettled Morality of Kidney Sales
Science and the Human Person, Contending Modernities research initiative, University of Notre Dame
<https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/unsettledmorality/>
- 2013 Money Bodies (with Bill Maurer)
Body/State, edited by Angus Cameron, Jen Dickinson, and Nicole Smith, Ashgate

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

- Kidney Sales, Policy, and Islamic Law: Rethinking the Anthropology of the Fatwa
Revising for resubmission to *American Ethnologist*
- Operable Entrepreneurs: Middle-Class Aspirations, Welfare, and the Medical Imaginary of Kidney Sellers in Iran
In preparation for submission to *Cultural Anthropology*
- Exchanging Remedies: Kidney Sales Beyond the Commodity Frame
In preparation for submission to *American Anthropologist*

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2013 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- 2012 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
National Science Foundation
- 2011 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
Wenner-Gren Foundation
- 2010 Research Award
UC Irvine Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate:

Self, Culture, and Society I-III (2018-present)

Graduate/Undergraduate:

Islamic Jurisprudence, Reason, and the State (2020)
Islam, Welfare, and Neoliberalism (2017, 2019)
Bodies, Gifts, and Commodities (2018, 2019)
Anthropology of Public Policy (2018)
Islam and Biomedicine (2016)

THESIS ADVISING

- 2020 A Critique of “Islam and the Cultural Imperative”
Ali Daoud Smith, MDiv Thesis, University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2020 Unequal Sovereignties and “Equal” Rights
Yasmeen Azam, MA Thesis, Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS (SELECTION)

- 2019 Conditional Gifts and Trading Remedies, Kidney Sales Beyond the Commodity Frame
American Anthropological Association Annual Conference (November)
- 2019 Exchanging Remedies: Kidney Sales Beyond the Commodity Frame
Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting (March)
- 2018 Dissecting the Ethics of Organ Donation: Paid Kidney Giving in Iran
Invited presentation, Intensive workshop of the Initiative on Islam and Medicine, University of Chicago (September)
- 2017 Of Fatwas and Citadels: Islamic Law, Expertise, and Kidney Sales in Iran
Monday Seminar, Anthropology Department, University of Chicago (March)
- 2016 Ruses of a Lizard: Emergent Ethics and Bureaucratic Tactics in Iran’s Kidney Selling Policy
Invited session, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference (November)
- 2016 Of Fatwas and Citadels: Islamic Law, Expertise, and Kidney Sales in Iran
Invited presentation, Islam and Regimes of Evidence conference, University of Chicago (April)
- 2015 The Moral Landscape of Buying and Selling Kidneys
Invited presentation, Intensive workshop of the Initiative on Islam and Medicine, University of Chicago (June)
- 2015 The Making of Shi’a Fatwas on Transplantation and Organ Selling
Invited presentation, Intensive workshop of the Initiative on Islam and Medicine, University of Chicago (June)

- 2014 Lived Experiences of Islamic Bioethics in Muslim Societies
Invited presentation, Intensive workshop of the Initiative on Islam and Medicine, University of Chicago (August)
- 2014 The Interplay between Muslim Organ Donation Attitudes and Fatawa: Commentaries on the Interdisciplinary Nature and Epistemological Challenges of “Islamic” Bioethics (with Aasim Padela)
Third Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion (March)
- 2013 Sacred Knowledges and Expert Opinions: The Making of Fatwas on Kidney Sales in Iran
Iranian Studies Junior Scholars Research Workshop, Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University (May)
- 2013 Sacred Knowledges and Expert Opinions: The Making of Fatwas on Kidney Sales in Iran
Annual Duke-UNC Graduate Islamic Studies Conference (February)
- 2012 Sacred Knowledges, Expert Opinions: Medicine, Jurisprudence, and the Authorization of Kidney Sales in Iran
Invited session, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference (November)
- 2011 Anthropological Perspectives on the Fatwa
University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran (January) (in Persian)
- 2011 Qualitative Research Methods
Invited workshop, University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran (September-October) (in Persian)
- 2010 A Critical Discussion of an Alternative Method for Kidney Donation: The Iranian Model
Conference on Organ Transplantation, UC Berkeley (May)
- 2009 Popular Ethics in the Iranian Model for Kidney Transplants
American Anthropological Association Annual Conference (December)

ACADEMIC PUBLISHING SERVICE

Journal Reviewer:

Journal of Religion, Journal of Islamic Ethics

LANGUAGES

Persian: Native

Classical Arabic: Intermediate Reading