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DEGREES:

1992 Ph.D. (Sociology), University of California, Los Angeles
1984 M.A. (Sociology), University of California, Los Angeles
1982 M.A. (Sociology), San Diego State University
1980 B.S. (Business Administration), California State University, Chico

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2010-present Professor of Sociology, City College and Graduate Center,
City University of New York
2008-2013 Founding Deputy Director, Master of Arts Program in Middle Eastern Studies,
Graduate Center, City University of New York
2001-2013 Founding Co-Director, Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center,
Graduate Center, City University of New York
2000-2009 Associate Professor of Sociology, City College and Graduate Center,
City University of New York
1995-1999 Assistant Professor of Sociology, City College, City University of New York
1998 Appointed to the Doctoral Faculty in Sociology, Graduate Center, City

University of New York

1998 Appointed to the Graduate Faculty in Liberal Studies, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Spring 1997 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, New York University

Summer 1996-1999 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

1993-1995 Visiting Scholar, Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

1992-1993 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Social Science Research, University of California, Los Angeles

1991-1995 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

COURSES TAUGHT:

Undergraduate

Introductory Sociology
Sociological Research Methods
Occupations and Professions
Immigration
Comparative Immigration
Race and Ethnic Relations
Middle Eastern Immigrants in the U.S.
Sociology of the Middle East and North Africa
Contemporary Conflicts: the Middle East

Graduate

Middle Eastern Diasporas
Introduction to International Studies: Middle East Links to 9/11
Sociology Proseminar
Immigrant Cities in the U.S.
Critical Issues in International Studies
Middle Eastern Diaspora Communities in the U.S. (taught at NYU)

AWARDS:

- 2010 Honorable Mention (runner up) for the Thomas and Znaniecki award for the best book (*Backlash 9/11: Middle Eastern and Muslim Americans Respond*), International Migration Section, American Sociological Association.
- 1999-2000 Wegman Brothers Professorship for most outstanding junior faculty member at the City College, \$5000.
- 1998 Outstanding Professor and Researcher, Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- 1997 Winner of the Thomas and Znaniecki award for the best book (*Ethnic Los Angeles*), International Migration Section, American Sociological Association.

GRANTS:

Extramural

- 2012-2013 "Iranian Americans: A Detailed Demographic and Socioeconomic Profile." American Institute for Iranian Studies, \$7,000.
- 2012-2013 "Asian American and Middle Eastern American Panethnicity: A Cross-Historical Comparative Analysis." Institute of American Cultures, UCLA, \$4,000. Principal Co-Investigator with Paul Ong.
- 2012-2013 "MEARO Project: Further Development and Dissemination." Aramco Services Company, \$10,000.
- 2009-2011 "Broadening the Boundaries of Middle Eastern Studies at CUNY." Title VI: International Studies and Foreign Languages, U.S. Department of Education, \$178,996. Principal Co-Investigator with Beth Baron.
- 2005-2007 "Expanding the Study of the Middle East and its Diasporas at the City University of New York." Title VI: International Studies and Foreign Languages, U.S. Department of Education, \$191,715. Principal Co-Investigator with Beth Baron.
- 2001-2003 "Employment Trajectories of the Middle Class Second Generation: Iranians in California." Institute of Labor Employment, University of California, \$12,000. Principal Co-Investigator with Georges Sabagh.
- 2001-2002 "How Support Organizations Respond to Crises: Middle Eastern and South Asian American Organizations in the Aftermath of September 11." National Science Foundation, \$60,000. Principal Co-Investigator with

Anny Bakalian.

- 2000-2002 To establish a "Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center" at the Graduate Center, CUNY. Ford Foundation, \$135,000. Principal Co-Investigator with Beth Baron.
- 1993-1995 "Immigrant and Native Engineers in California." Sloan Foundation, \$100,000. Principal Co-Investigator with Roger Waldinger.
- 1993-1994 "Ethnic Los Angeles." Russell Sage and Mellon Foundations, \$105,000. Principal Co-Investigator with Roger Waldinger.
- 1986-1989 "Emergent Ethnicity: Iranian Immigrant Communities." National Science Foundation, \$208,000. Project Director. Georges Sabagh and Ivan Light, Principal Co-Investigators.

Intramural

- 2013 Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) Fellowship for Doctoral Research Assistance, Graduate Center, CUNY, \$10,000.
- 2012 Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) Fellowship for Doctoral Research Assistance, Graduate Center, CUNY, \$4,000.
- 2011-2012 "The 'Terror Decade': A Reevaluation of Impacted Communities." PSC-CUNY, \$3,500.
- 2010-2011 "9/11/11: Assessing the Impact on Middle Eastern and Muslim Americans." PSC-CUNY, \$3,500.
- 2009-2010 "Middle Eastern/Muslim Political Participation in the U.S. Presidential Elections." PSC-CUNY, \$3,516.
- 2007-2008 "Transnationalism and Sending Country: A Case Study." PSC-CUNY, \$3,625.
- 2006-2007 "The Socio-Political Role of the Iranian Diaspora." PSC-CUNY, \$2,723.
- 2005-2006 "Comparing Transnationalism and Diaspora: A Case Study of Iranians." PSC-CUNY, \$2,927.
- 2004-2005 "Competing Roles of Ethnic Organizations in America: Balancing Domestic and Foreign Policy Goals," PSC-CUNY, \$3,563.
- 2002-2004 "Backlash from Terrorist Attacks on the US against Middle Eastern and

South Asian Americans.” PSC-CUNY, \$6,877.

- 2002-2003 MEMEAC was subcontracted by The September 11 Digital Archive, American Social History Project/Center for Media and Learning, The Graduate Center, CUNY to collect 75 interviews from Muslim and Arab New Yorkers (in kind).
- 2002-2003 “Effects of 9/11 on Middle Eastern American Philanthropy.” Center for the Study of Philanthropy, The Graduate Center, CUNY, \$20,000.
- 2001-2002 “Limits of Transnationalism among Exiles.” PSC-CUNY, \$3,610.
- 1999-2001 “Children of Immigrant Professionals and Entrepreneurs: A Case Study.” PSC-CUNY, \$9,700.
- 1999-2001 “The Middle East and its Diasporas.” Faculty Development Seminar, CUNY, \$16,000. Principal Co-Investigator with Beth Baron.
- 1998-1999 “Asian, black, Hispanic, and white Engineers in New York.” PSC-CUNY, \$6,038.
- 1998-1999 “Rethinking Area Studies: The Middle East and North Africa.” New Visions, CUNY, \$8,500. Principal Co-Investigator with Beth Baron.
- 1997-1998 “Ethnicity and Ethnic Economy: Iranians in Los Angeles.” PSC-CUNY, \$2,654.
- 1996-1997 “Asian and Native White Engineers in California.” PSC-CUNY, \$7,000.

ARTICLE, BOOK, AND PROPOSAL REVIEWER:

American Sociological Review
Social Problems
International Migration Review
Sociological Perspectives
Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
Identities
Ethnicities
Research in Political Sociology
 National Science Foundation
 Austrian Science Foundation
 Russell Sage
 Amsterdam University Press

Temple University Press
 University of Michigan Press
 United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 2013 Steering Committee Member, Mini-Conference on International Migration, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, August 9, 2013.
- 2013 Co-Creator, with Philip Kasinitz, of “Migration and Global Cities,” a new track in the Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) at the CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2012 Mentor to Dr. Tamar Zurabishvili, Tbilisi State University Center for Social Sciences, Georgia. Open Society Foundations Faculty Development Fellow based at the Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2011 Co-Founder, Middle Eastern American Resources Online
 (<http://www.memeac.net>)
- 2011 Invited Participant. “Briefing for Middle Eastern and North African Ancestry Community on 2010 Census and American Community Survey.” Ethnicity and Ancestry Branch, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau.
- 2002- present Board of Advisors, “Census Information Center (CIC)” Program of the US Census Bureau, Arab American Institute, Washington, D.C.
- 2001- present Associate, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego.
- 2004-2005 Consultant and Nominator, Carnegie Scholars Program on Islam and Muslim Communities.
- 1999-2002 Council Member, Section on International Migration, American Sociological Association.
- 1999-2002 Consultant, “Religion and Immigrant Incorporation in New York.” International Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Citizenship, New School University, Grant from the Pew Charitable Trust.
- 1998 Guest Editor, Special issue on “Iranians in America,” Iranian Studies.

- 1996-2003 Editorial board member, Sociological Perspectives.
- 1996-1998 Consultant, “Studies of Immigrants in the Science and High Technology Industries in California.” Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, UCLA, Grant from the Sloan Foundation.
- 1996 Co-Chair, “Immigrant Cities” working group, International Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Citizenship, The New School University.
- 1995 Seminar Associate, Iranian Studies, Columbia University.
- 1993-1995 Steering committee and nominations committee member, Section on International Migration, American Sociological Association.
- 1986 Founding member, Immigration Research Program, UCLA.
- 1985-1986 Founding member and editor, JUSUR: The UCLA Journal of Middle Eastern Studies.

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS

- 2009 Backlash 9/11: Middle Eastern and Muslim Americans Respond. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press (co-author with Anny Bakalian).
- 1996 Ethnic Los Angeles. New York: Russell Sage (co-editor with R. Waldinger).
- Chapter 1: “The Making of a Multicultural Metropolis” (co-author with R. Waldinger),
 Chapter 3: “Population Change: Immigration and Ethnic Transformation” (co-author with G. Sabagh),
 Chapter 12: “Middle Easterners: A New Kind of Immigrant” (first author with C. Der-Martirosian and G. Sabagh).

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming "The Persian Paradox: Language Use and Preference among Iranian Americans."
The International Journal of Sociology of Language. (first author with M. Moeini Meybodi).

- Forthcoming "Immigration and Ethnic Studies" in *Iranian Studies in America: Looking Back, Looking Ahead*. Edited by Erica Ehrenburg and Franklin Lewis. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns (first author with D. Strumbos).
- 2013 "Host Hostility and Nativism." Pp. 189-201 in *The Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies*. Edited by Steven J. Gold and Stephanie Nawyn, Oxford, UK: Routledge (first author with A. Bakalian and S. Salman).
- 2013 "Middle Eastern and North African Immigrants." Pp. 1135-1144 in *Immigrants in American History: Arrival, Adaptation, and Integration*. Edited by Elliott Barkan. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO (first author with A. Bakalian).
- 2011 "Mobilization." Pp. 90-117 in *Arab and Muslim American Civil Rights and Identity: A Selection of Scholarly Writings from the Decade after 9/11*. Washington, D.C.: American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee Research Institute. Reprinted from *Backlash 9/11* (Chapter 7).
- 2011 "Middle Eastern and Muslim Americans Since 9/11." *Sociological Forum* 26 (3): 714-728 (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2011 "Success(ion): Second-Generation Iranian Americans." *Iranian Studies* 44 (1): 3-24 (first author with D. Douglas).
- 2008 (appeared) "Muslim American Mobilization." *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*. 14: 7-43 (2005) (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2008 "Post-9/11 Government Initiatives in Comparative and Historical Perspectives." Pp. 246-266 in *From Arrival to Incorporation: Migrants to the U.S. in a Global Era*. Edited by Elliot Barkan, Hasia Diner, and Alan Kraut. New York: New York University Press (first author with A. Bakalian).
- 2008 "Middle Eastern Americans: Missing Pieces in the American Mosaic." *Perspectives: The Newsletter of the Middle East Outreach Council*, pp. 1, 4-9 (co-author).
- 2007 "Middle East and North Africa." Pp. 518-533 in *The New Americans*. Edited by Mary Waters, Reed Ueda and Helen Marrow. Cambridge: Harvard University Press (co-author with S. Gold).
- 2007 "Iran." Pp. 469-478 in *The New Americans*. Edited by Mary Waters, Reed Ueda and Helen Marrow. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

- 2005 *Long Entry*: "Discriminatory Reactions to September 11, 2001 Terrorism."
- Medium Entries*: "Government Initiatives after the September 11th Attack on America;" "Responding to the Backlash by Arab/Muslim American Advocacy Organizations;" "Historical Precedents of Backlash against Middle Easterners;" "Stereotypes of Middle Easterners;" "Closure of Muslim Philanthropic Organizations after 9/11;" "Middlemen Minority."
- Short Entries*: "Iran Hostage Crisis and Anti-Iranian Stereotypes;" "American-Arab Anti Discriminating Committee (ADC);" "Arab American Institute (AAI);" "Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR);" "Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS);" "American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU);" " Jihad;" "Al Qaeda;" "Japan Bashing;" "Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)."
- In *Encyclopedia of Racism in the United States*. Edited by Pyong Gap Min. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2003 "United States: Entrepreneurial Cutting Edge." Pp. 17-37 in *Venturing Abroad: Global Processes and National Particularities of Immigrant Entrepreneurship in Advanced Economies*, edited by Robert Kloosterman and Jan Rath. Oxford and New York: Berg and New York University Press (co-author with P.G. Min).
- 2002 "From 'Give Me Your Poor' to 'Save our State': New York and Los Angeles as Immigrant Cities." Pp. 99-123 in *New York and Los Angeles: Politics, Society and Culture*, edited by David Halle. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (co-author with G. Sabagh).
- 2001 *Philanthropy among Middle Eastern Americans and their Historical Traditions of Giving*. Center for the Study of Philanthropy, Graduate Center, City University of New York (senior editor with B. Baron).
- "Middle Easterners and Philanthropy in the United States" (author)
 "Middle Eastern Americans: A Select Bibliography" (compiler)
- 2001 "Immigrants and Immigration from Iran." Pp. 1168-1172 in *Encyclopedia of American Immigration*. Edited by James Ciment. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.
- 2000 "Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Business Patterns: A Comparison of Koreans and Iranians in Los Angeles." *International Migration Review* 34: 707-738 (co-author with P.G. Min).
- 2000 "Does Host Hostility Create Ethnic Solidarity? The Experience of Iranians in the

- United States.” *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (BRIIFS)* 2: 159-178.
- 1998 “From Iranian Studies to Studies of Iranians in the United States.” *Iranian Studies* 31:5-30.
- 1998 “Ethnic Los Angeles.” In *Proceedings of the conference on Citizenship and Identity: International Perspectives*. No. 8 – Contemporary Issue Series, The Clarke Center at Dickinson College.
- 1997 “The Four Iranian Ethnic Economies in Los Angeles.” Pp. 18-37 in *Immigration and Absorption: Issues in a Multicultural Perspective*. Edited by Ivan Light and Richard Israelowitz. Aldershot, England: Avebury. (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1997 “Application of Photography to Immigration Studies: Iranians and Yemenis in California.” Pp. 185-208 in *Immigration and Absorption: Issues in a Multicultural Perspective*. Edited by Ivan Light and Richard Israelowitz. Aldershot, England: Avebury. (co-author with J. Friedlander and R. Kelley).
- 1997 “Internal Ethnicity: Iranians in Los Angeles.” Special Immigration Issue of *Sociological Perspectives* 40:387-408.
- 1996 *Middle Eastern Diaspora Communities in America*, New York: Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 1996 (senior editor with A. Feldman).
 “Misunderstood Minorities: Middle Easterners in the United States” (author)
 “Diaspora in Microcosm: Middle Easterners in Los Angeles” (author)
- 1996 “Iranians.” Pp. 213-231 in *Refugees in America in the 1990's*. Edited by David Haines. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
Reprinted in Case Studies in Diversity. Edited by David Haines. Westport, CT: Praeger, 1997.
- 1996 “Iranians.” Pp. 442-448 in *Encyclopedia of American Immigrant Cultures*. Edited by David Levinson. New York: Macmillan.
- 1996 “Los Angeles: Explosive Diversity.” Pp. 346-359 in *Origins and Destinies: Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in America*. Edited by Sylvia Pedraza and Ruben Rumbaut. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth (first author with G. Sabagh and I. Light).
- 1996 “Hierarchic Levels of Subethnicity: Near Eastern Jews in the U.S., France and

- Mexico." *Sociological Papers* 5:1-42 (co-author with S. DellaPergola, G. Sabagh, C. Der-Martirosian, and S. Lerner).
- 1994 "Diaspora in the Postrevolutionary Period." *Encyclopedia Iranica* 7: 380-383.
- 1994 "Ethnic Economy or Ethnic Enclave Economy?" Pp. 23-42 in *Ethnicity and Urban Enterprise*. Edited by Marilyn Halter. Boston: University of Massachusetts Press (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1994 "Minorities within a Minority." Pp. 207-225 in *Origins and Destinations: 41 Essays on Chinese America*. Los Angeles: Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center (first author with C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1994 "Secular Immigrants: Religiosity and Ethnicity among Iranian Muslims in Los Angeles." Pp. 445-473 in *Muslim Communities in North America*. Edited by Yvonne Haddad and Jane Smith. Albany: State University of New York Press (co-author with G. Sabagh).
- 1994 "Beyond the Ethnic Enclave Economy." Special Issue on Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in America, *Social Problems* 41: 65-80 (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1993 "Beyond Nationality: Religio-Ethnic Diversity." Pp. 59-79 in *Irangenes: Iranians in Los Angeles*. Edited by Ron Kelley and Jonathan Friedlander. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press (first author with G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1993 "Subethnicity: Armenians in Los Angeles." Pp. 243-258 in *Immigration and Entrepreneurship: Culture, Capital, and Ethnic Networks*. Edited by Ivan Light and Parminder Bhachu. New Jersey: Transaction (co-author with C. Der-Martirosian and G. Sabagh).
- 1993 "Internal Ethnicity in the Ethnic Economy" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 16: 581-597 (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1992 "Los Angeles: l'economie ethnique irannienne." *Revue Europeenne des Migrations Internationales* 8: 155-169 (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1991 "Iranian Exiles and Immigrants in Los Angeles." Pp. 121-144 in *Iranian Refugees and Exiles since Khomeini*. Edited by Asghar Fathi. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Publishers (first author with G. Sabagh).

- 1989 "Survey Research among Middle Eastern Immigrant Groups in the United States: Iranians in Los Angeles." *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 23: 23-34 (first author with G. Sabagh).
- 1987 "The Settlement of Yemeni Immigrants in the United States." Pp. 143-156 in *Sojourners and Settlers: The Yemeni Immigrant Experience*. Edited by Jonathan Friedlander. Salt Lake City, Utah: University of Utah Press (co-author with G. Sabagh).
- 1988 "High Status Immigrants: A Statistical Profile of Iranians in the United States." *Iranian Studies* 21: 5-36 (first author with G. Sabagh).
- 1987 "Are the Characteristics of Exiles Different from Immigrants? The Case of Iranians in Los Angeles." *Sociology and Social Research* 71: 77-84 (co-author with G. Sabagh).
- 1986 "Emergent Ethnicity: Iranians in Los Angeles." *ISSR Quarterly* 3: 7-10 (co-author with G. Sabagh and I. Light).

BOOK REVIEWS:

- 2012 *Behind the Backlash: Muslim Americans after 9/11* by Lori Peek. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 41(3): 358-359.
- 1993 *Making Ethnic Choices: California's Punjabi Mexican Americans* by Karen I. Leonard. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 22: 382-383.
- 1993 *Refugee Communities: A Comparative Field Study* by Steven J. Gold. Newbury Park, CA: Sage. *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal* 2: 111-113.
- 1989 *Iranian Immigrants in the United States: A Case Study of Dual Marginality* by A. Ansari. Millwood, NY: Associated Faculty Press, 1988. *Iranian Studies* 22: 77-79.

CONFERENCE AND PANEL ORGANIZER/PRESIDER:

- 2013 Co-Presider. "Ethnoracial Boundaries and Panethnicity." International Migration Mini-Conference Roundtable. New York. August 9, 2013.
- 2011 Co-Organizer, Thematic Conversation, "Sources and Resources on Middle

- Eastern Americans.” Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., December 1-4.
- 2011 Co-Organizer, Thematic Session, “Tenth Anniversary of 9/11: Assessing the Impact on Communities.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, February 24-27.
- 2008 Organizer, “Arab American Activism.” Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 22-25.
- 2008 Co-Organizer, Conference on “Middle Eastern Diaspora Activism.” Graduate Center, City University of New York, March 7.
- 2008 Organizer, “New Research on Middle Eastern Americans.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York, February 21-24.
- 2007 Organizer, “Middle Eastern/Muslim Americans in Metropolitan New York after 9/11.” American Sociological Association, New York, August 11-14.
- 2007 Organizer, “Post-9/11 Research on Middle Eastern and Muslim Americans.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, March 15-18.
- 2006 Organizer, Invited Session on “Muslim Immigrants in Western Societies.” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 11-14.
- 2005 Co-Organizer, Conference on “Middle Eastern Diasporas: (In)visible Minorities.” Co-Sponsored by The Council on Middle East Studies at Yale University and the Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center (MEMEAC) at the Graduate Center, CUNY, New Haven, Connecticut, March 18 - 20.
- 2004 Presider, “Demographic Processes.” Roundtable of the International Migration Section, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California, August 14-17.
- 2003 Co-Organizer, session on “Suspicious Strangers: American Efforts to Restrict and Control Immigration in Times of War.” Conference on “Transcending Borders: Migration, Ethnicity and Incorporation in an Age of Globalism.” New York University, October 31 - November 2.
- 2002 Organizer, “Post-9/11 Discriminatory Backlash against Middle Eastern Americans.” Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 24-26.

- 1999 Organizer, International Migration Section Roundtables, American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 6-10.
- 1999 Presider, "Immigrant Families." American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 6-10.
- 1998 Presider, "Immigration and the Transformation of California." American Sociological Association, San Diego, August 21-25.
- 1997 Organizer, "Immigrants and Processes of Incorporation." International Sociological Association, New York, June 5-7.
- 1997 Organizer, "Immigration and Cities." Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, April 17-20.
- 1996 Coordinator and Organizer, Summer Institute on "Diaspora Communities from the Middle East in America" Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, June 10-14.
- 1995 Presider, "Immigration to the United States: Processes and Policies." American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 19-23.
- 1995 Organizer, "Ethnic Los Angeles: Anglos, Asians, and Middle Eastern Immigrants." Refereed roundtable, American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 19-23.
- 1994 Organizer, "The Iranian Diaspora: Patterns of Adaptation." Middle East Studies of North America, Phoenix, November 19-22.
- 1994 Organizer, "Immigration and Inequality." Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, April 14-17.
- 1993 Chair, "Profiles of Iranians Abroad." Center for Iran Research and Analysis Conference, UCLA, April 2-3.
- 1992 Organizer, "New Immigrants and Ethnic Diversity in California." California Sociological Association, San Diego, October 16-17.
- 1989 Presider, "Middleman Entrepreneurs: Koreans in the United States." Refereed roundtable, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 10-13.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2013 “Limits of Panethnicity: An Alternative Model of Group Formation.” American Sociological Association, New York, August 10-13 (first author with Sarah Tosh and Paul Ong).
- 2013 “The Puzzle of Panethnicity: A Theoretical reformulation.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March 21-24 (co-author with Sarah Tosh and Paul Ong).
- 2011 “Middle Eastern and Muslim American Studies since 9/11.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, February 24-27 (co-author with Anny Bakalian).
- 2010 Thematic Conversation on “Whither the Iranian Diaspora? Methodological Questions for Scholars and Activists.” Middle East Studies Association, San Diego, California, November 18-21.
- 2010 “Author-Meets-Critic: *Backlash 9/11*.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March 18-21.
- 2009 “Arbitrary Classification and Complex Identities of Middle Easterners in the United States.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 8-11 (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2009 “Crossing Boundaries in Action: The Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center.” Title VI 30th Anniversary Conference, Washington DC, March 19-21.
- 2007 “From Backlash to Mobilization.” American Sociological Association, New York, August 11-14 (co-author with A. Bakalian and C. Eren).
- 2006 “The Paradox of Muslim American Integration in the 21st Century.” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 11-14 (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2004 “Aspirations and Ethnic Identities of the Second-Generation Iranians in Los Angeles: A Pilot Study” (co-author with S. Hanassab). "Middle Eastern Diasporas: (In)visible Minorities" Conference, Yale University, March 19-20.
- 2005 “Middle Eastern American Mobilization: An Unexpected Consequence of the Post-9/11 Backlash.” Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 20-23 (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2004 “Post-9/11 Anti Immigrant Government Initiatives: the Response of Middle Eastern and South Asian American Organizations.” American Sociological

- Association, San Francisco, California, August 14-17. (co-author with A. Bakalian)
- 2003 “Ethnic Targeting and Organizational Response: The Role of Arab and Muslim American Organizations in the Post-9/11 Era.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York, Feb. 19-22 (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2003 “The Impact of Post-9/11 Government Initiatives on Middle Eastern and South Asian Americans.” Conference on "Transcending Borders: Migration, Ethnicity and Incorporation in and Age of Globalism." New York University, October 31 - November 2 (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2002 “Ethnic Mobilization: Middle Eastern Organizational Response to the Backlash.” Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 24-26 (co-author with A. Bakalian).
- 2002 “Ethnic Mobilization: Organizational Response to the Backlash.” American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 16-19 (co-author with A. Bakalian and M. Kucukozer).
- 2002 “Middle Eastern American Organizations Respond to 9/11.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, Massachusetts, March 19-22.
- 2002 Participant, Thematic Conversation on “Crossing Borders: Making a Case for Middle Eastern American Studies.” Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 17-20.
- 2001 “Premier Immigrant Cities: New York and Los Angeles Compared.” American Sociological Association, Anaheim, California, August 18-21 (co-author with G. Sabagh).
- 2001 “Immigrant Entrepreneurship in the United States: Trends, Research and Theory.” American Sociological Association, Anaheim, California, August 18-21 (co-author with P.G. Min).
- 1998 “The Subjective Side of the Glass Ceiling: Immigrant and Native Differences in Job Satisfaction,” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 21-25 (co-author with R. Waldinger and N. Lim).
- 1998 “The Adaptation of Immigrant Professionals: A Reassessment.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, March 19-22.

- 1997 "Immigrant Cities: Los Angeles and New York." Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, April 17-20.
- 1997 "Transnational Communities and the Political Economy of New York City in the 1990s" Conference, Discussant, New School for Social Research, February 21-22.
- 1996 "In Search of the Glass Ceiling: The Career Trajectories of Immigrant and Native-Born Engineers." American Sociological Association, New York, August 16-20 (co-author with R. Waldinger, N. Lim and L. Finkel).
- 1996 "Group Diversity, Business Structure and Ethnic Solidarity: A Comparison of Korean and Iranian Immigrants in Los Angeles." American Sociological Association, New York, August 16-20 (co-author with P.G. Min).
- 1995 "Middle Easterners: A New Kind of Immigrant." American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 19-23 (first author with C. Der-Martirosian and G. Sabagh).
- 1994 "Immigration, Acculturation and Subethnicity: Near Eastern Jews in the U.S., France and Mexico." Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, August 6 (co-author with S. DellaPergolla, G. Sabagh, C. Der-Martirosian and S. Lerner).
- 1993 "From Ellis Island to LAX: Immigration and Urban Change in the Gateway Cities." American Sociological Association, Miami, August 13-17 (co-author with R. Waldinger).
- 1992 "Internal Ethnicity among New Immigrants." Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA, April 9-12.
- 1992 "Minorities within a Minority: A Theoretical Framework." Conference on "Chinese Americans: Origins and Destinations." Los Angeles, August 28-30 (co-author with C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1992 "Ethnic Economy or Ethnic Enclave Economy?" American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, August 20-24 (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1991 "Internal Ethnicity: Iranians in Los Angeles." Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C., November 23-26.
- 1991 "The Theoretical Significance of Studying Middle Eastern Immigrants in California," California Sociological Association. Oakland, October 18-19 (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh, and C. Der-Martirosian).

- 1991 "Internal Ethnicity in the Ethnic Economy." California Sociological Association. Oakland, October 18-19 (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh, and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1991 "Refugees or Immigrants? Toward Resolving a Current Sociological Controversy." Pacific Sociological Association, Irvine, CA, April 11-14.
- 1991 "Alternative Survey Research Strategies among Immigrant Groups in the United States." Pacific Sociological Association, Irvine, CA, April 11-14 (co-author with G. Sabagh).
- 1991 "The Four Iranian Ethnic Economies in Los Angeles." American Sociological Association, Cincinnati, August 23-27 (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1990 "Sources of Ethnicity in an Ethnically Diverse Immigrant Group." American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 11-15 (co-author with G. Sabagh, I. Light and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1990 "Subethnicity: Armenians in Los Angeles." Conference on "California Immigrants in World Perspective." University of California, Los Angeles, April 26-27 (co-author with G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1989 "Portraits of New Faces: The Revival of Photographing Immigrants in America." International Visual Sociology Association, Whittier, CA, June 21-23.
- 1989 "Occupational and Industrial Clustering among Iranian Immigrants in Los Angeles." American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 10-13 (co-author with I. Light, G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1988 Internal Ethnic Differentiation of Immigrant Groups: Iranians in Los Angeles." Population Association of America, Baltimore, March 29-April 1 (co-author with G. Sabagh, I. Light and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1988 "Study of Iranians in Los Angeles: An Overview." Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America, Los Angeles, November 3-5.
- 1988 "Preliminary Findings of the Study of Iranians in Los Angeles," Conference on the "International Migration of Middle Easterners and North Africans: Comparative Perspectives." University of California, Los Angeles, May 19-21 (co-author with I. Light and G. Sabagh).

- 1988 “Socioeconomic and Demographic Characteristics of Armenians in the United States in 1980.” Conference on the “International Migration of Middle Easterners and North Africans: Comparative Perspectives.” University of California, Los Angeles, May 19-21 (co-author with G. Sabagh and C. Der-Martirosian).
- 1987 “Designing a Sample Survey for High Status Immigrant Groups: Iranians in Los Angeles.” Pacific Sociological Association, Eugene, Oregon, April 8-11 (co-author with G. Sabagh and I. Light).
- 1986 “The Usefulness of Ancestry Data: The Case of Middle Easterners.” Population Association of America, San Francisco, April 3-5 (co-author with G. Sabagh).
- 1986 “Iranian Immigrants and Exiles in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Region.” Conference on “Minorities in the Post-Industrial City.” University of California, Los Angeles, May 8-9 (co-author with G. Sabagh).
- 1985 “Iranians in America: A Demographic and Socioeconomic Profile.” Middle East Studies Association of North America, New Orleans, November 22-26.
- 1984 “Toward a Sociology of Political Refugees.” World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Seattle, September 4-8.
- 1984 “Social Differentiation, Chain Migration, and Subethnic Group Cohesion: The Case of Iranians in Los Angeles.” Middle East Studies Association of North America, San Francisco, November 28-December 1.
- 1983 “Immediate Causes of the Revolutionary Conjuncture in Iran.” Pacific Sociological Association, San Jose, California, April 11-13.
- 1982 “Demographic Components of the Iranian Revolution.” Middle East Studies Association of North America, Philadelphia, November 3-6.

INVITED LECTURES:

- 2013 The Forum on Migration, Barnard College
- 2012 The Ohio State University
- 2012 Kenyon College
- 2012 Seminar on Iranian Studies, Columbia University.

- 2011 University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2011 Conference on “Muslims in the U.S. & Europe,” Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 2011 University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- 2011 “Symposium: The Middle East across the Curriculum,” California State University, Northridge
- 2010 Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University.
- 2010 The Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues, Dickinson College.
- 2009 Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University.
- 2009 Conference on “The Iranian Revolution: Thirty Years.” Rutgers University.
- 2007 “Middle Eastern Americans on the Move,” UCLA.
- 2007 Middle East Center and South Asia Center, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2007 “Muslim Diasporas in Europe and North America,” UCLA.
- 2006 Keynote Address, Conference on "Bridging Cultures: Constructing Experiences of Iranians Living Abroad," Indiana University-Purdue University.
- 2004 “Immigration Policy and Practice Post-9/11” Workshop, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, State University of New York at Buffalo.
- 2004 “Islam: Portability and Exportability,” UCLA.
- 2004 Iranian Diaspora Conference, Tufts and Wellesley Universities.
- 2002 Hearing for the New York State Commission on Civil Rights.
- 2002 University of Basle, Switzerland.
- 2006 University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.
- 1999 “A Community of Many Worlds: Arab Americans in New York City.” Museum of the City of New York.
- 1999 Conference on “Muslim Identities in North America.” Humanities Research

Institute, University of California, Irvine.

- 1999 Fourth International Metropolis Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 Conference on “Migration and Culture Contact: Patterns of Confrontation and Coexistence in a Changing World,” Amman, Jordan.
- 1999 Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, University of Amsterdam.
- 1999 “Comparison Study: New York and Los Angeles” conference, LeRoy Neiman Center for the Study of American Culture and Society, UCLA.
- 1999 Conference on “Immigration and Identity in the U.S. and the U.K.” International Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Citizenship, New School University.
- 1998 International Conference on “Citizenship,” Dickinson College.
- 1997 Department of Sociology, Graduate School, The City University of New York.
- 1996 Keynote Speaker, The American Forum on Global Education, New York University.
- 1996 Seminar on Iranian Studies, Columbia University.
- 1995 “The Restructuring of California's Economy.” Demographic workshop, University of Southern California.
- 1994 Keynote Speaker, Fowler Museum of Cultural History, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 1991 Department of Sociology, California State University, Dominguez Hills.
- 1990 Hearing on Violence and Intimidation, Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.
- 1990 Department of Sociology, University of Southern California.
- 1990 Department of Applied Behavioral Sciences, University of California, Davis.
- 1989 Middle East Studies Center and the Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona, Tucson.
- 1988 “Human Migration: Past and Present” conference. University of California, San

Diego.

- 1987 Panelist, “Immigrant Groups in Southern California: Impact and Issues.”
University of Southern California.
- 1986 Multicultural Education Conference. Sponsored by the Los Angeles County
Office of Education.

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