ZOHREH BAYATRIZI

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology (2005) — University of British Columbia
Dissertation: *Death Sentences: The Modern Orderings of Mortality*

Visiting Ph.D. Candidate (2003) — Faculty of Law, University of Groningen (Spring session)

M.A. in Sociology (2000) — University of British Columbia
Thesis: *From the Particular to the Universal: A Cross-Cultural Study of the Concept of Civil Society*

B.A. in Social Sciences (1995) — University of Tehran (Iran), Major in Sociological Research

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2026 — Bill Meloff Teaching Award. Department of Sociology, University of Alberta.

2025 — Canadian Review of Sociology Best Article Award for "Vicarious death: Grief, politics, and identity after the flight PS752 tragedy" (with Rezvaneh Erfani and Samira Torabi)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current — Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada

2006–2008 — Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Department of Sociology and Criminology, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS, Canada

2003–2006 — Contract Instructor, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

1992–1997 — Journalist, Tehran, Iran

RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of social thought and methods, sociology of death and dying, knowledge and power, history of the human sciences, sociology of Iran.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to sociology, history of social and political thought and methods, sociology of death, sociology of violence.

RESEARCH & FUNDING

Grants and Funded Projects

2023–2026 — PI, 'Grieving Immigrants: Toward a Critical Conception of Loss and Grief.' Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), IDG. ($39,312)

2023 — 'Collective Grief and Collective Healing in Indigenous and Immigrant Communities in Canada.' Support for the Advancement of Scholarship, University of Alberta. ($2,250)

2022 — 'Sociological and Transnational Perspectives on Grief, Focusing on Immigrants from Iran in Canada.' Support for the Advancement of Scholarship, University of Alberta. ($9,400)

2020–2024 — Co-applicant (with Michelle Maroto), 'The Great Canadian Class Study.' Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). ($259,000)

2018–2019 — Co-applicant (with Michelle Maroto), 'The Great Canadian Class Survey.' Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Bridge Funding (VP-Research). ($27,000)

2019 — 'Risk, Religion, Rationality: The Past and the Present of Automobile Insurance in Iran.' Support for the Advancement of Scholarship, University of Alberta. ($3,250)

2018 — 'Nature, Culture, Ruin.' Support for the Advancement of Scholarship, University of Alberta. ($2,250)

2017 — 'Sociology and Nature: From Denial to Re-embracing.' Killam Conference Fund, University of Alberta. ($3,200)

2017 — Symposium on 'Dangerous Research: When Research Poses Harms to the Researcher.' Funded by KIAS, EEDF, AASUA, etc. ($4,500)

2015 — 'Doing Sociology in a Fragmented World.' Support for the Advancement of Scholarship, University of Alberta. ($2,900)

2008–2013 — 'Early Modern Statistics and the Rise of the Sociological Imagination.' Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). ($28,000)

2009 — 'Policy-Oriented Sociological Research in Iran.' Support for the Advancement of Scholarship Award, University of Alberta. ($7,000)

2008 — 'Knowledge Utilization in the Social Sciences.' Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology, Iran. ($2,000)

2007 — 'Bio-Social Statistics and the Birth of the Sociological Imagination.' Saint Mary's University Internal Grant. ($5,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2008). *Life Sentences: The Modern Ordering of Mortality*. University of Toronto Press.

Journal Articles (Refereed)

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, Rezvaneh Erfani, and Samira Torabi. (2025). "Vicarious death: Grief, politics, and identity after the flight PS752 tragedy." *Canadian Review of Sociology / Revue canadienne de sociologie*, 62(1), 4–19.
*Winner of Canadian Review of Sociology Best Article Award, 2025.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2023). "Risk, religion, and reified camels: The past and the future of insurance in Iran." *Journal of Risk Research*, 26(4), 380–392.

Taslimi Tehrani, Reza, **Bayatrizi, Zohreh**, and Ali Dadgar. (2023). "Death, class, culture: Giving meaning to mortality in Tehran." *Mortality*, 29(3), 382–399.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, Hajar Ghorbani, and Reza Taslimi Tehrani. (2021). "Risk, mourning, politics: Toward a transnational critical conception of grief for COVID-19 deaths in Iran." *Current Sociology*, 69(4), 512–528.

Karimi, Ahmad, and **Bayatrizi, Zohreh**. (2018). "Dangerous positions: Male homosexuality in the new Penal Code of Iran." *Punishment & Society*, 21(4), 1–18.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2018). "A critical synthesis of social theories about death, with special attention to the changing social realities of death in Iran." *Majalleh-ye Motale'at-e Ejtemayi (Iran)*, 10(2–3), 36–56.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, and Reza Taslimi-Tehrani. (2017). "The objective life of death in Tehran: A vanishing presence." *Mortality*, 22(1), 15–32.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2016). "From Marx to Giddens: The politics of social theory in Iran." *European Journal of Social Theory*, 19(3–4), 1–17.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2014). "Between palace and prison: Toward a reflexive history of academic sociology in Iran." *International Sociology*, 28(3), 467–483.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, and Thomas Kemple. (2012). "Un problème de chiffres: L'utilisation des connaissances empiriques en statistique dans la théorie sociale classique" [The problem with numbers: The use of empirical-statistical knowledge in classical social theory]. *Sociologie et sociétés*, 44(2), 45–74.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2012). "Utilization of research results in policymaking: Iranian anxieties, global precedents." *Majalleh Motale'at Ejtemayi*, 5(4), 21–44.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2011). "Mapping character types onto space: The urban/rural distinction in early statistical writings." *History of the Human Sciences*, 24(2), 28–47.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2010). "Knowledge is not power: Policy-oriented sociological research in Iran." *Current Sociology*, 58(6), 1–22.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2009). "Counting the dead, regulating the living: Bio-social statistics and the genealogy of the sociological imagination." *The British Journal of Sociology*, 60(3), 604–622.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2008). "From fate to risk: The quantification of mortality in early modern statistics." *Theory, Culture & Society*, 25(1), 121–143.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2007). "'From revolution to freedom:' The discursive mobilization of 'civil society' in Iran 1997–2001." *Asia-Japan Journal*, (2), 21–31.

Book Chapters

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, Gary Barron, Guillaume Dorou, and Ariane Hanemaayer. (Forthcoming). "From statistics to big data: Class in modern Western history." In R. Emigh & D. McCourt (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Historical Sociology*. Oxford University Press.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2026). "Cross-cultural variations in death and dying." In J. Auger & K. Roger (Eds.), *Social Perspectives on Death and Dying* (4th ed., pp. 107–123). Fernwood Publishing.

Javadi, Reyhaneh, and **Bayatrizi, Zohreh**. (2026). "Privatization of sociology in Iran." In M. Daneshgar et al. (Eds.), *Humanities in Iran* (pp. 143–165). Brill.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2025). "Research ethics: Power relations between researcher and the population under study." In H. Mirzayi (Ed.), *The Question of Methods: Critical Rethinking of Social Science Research Methods in Iran* (pp. 149–158). Institute of Social and Cultural Studies.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2024). "Beyond denial: A sociological investigation of the normative order of death." In M. Trabsky & I. Jones (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Law and Death*. Routledge.

Erfani, Rezvaneh, **Bayatrizi, Zohreh**, and Samira Torabi. (2024). "Flying, fleeing, hanging on: Trauma baggage at airports." In C. Courage & A. McKeown (Eds.), *Trauma Informed Placemaking* (pp. 45–53). Routledge.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, Samira Torabi, and Rezvaneh Erfani Hosseinpour. (2022). "Grieving immigrants: Emotions at the intersections of ethnicity and politics." In J. Jean-Pierre et al. (Eds.), *Reading Sociology: Unsettling a Settler Colonial Project & Re-writing Sociological Narratives* (pp. 214–219). Oxford University Press.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, and Hajar Ghorbani. (2021). "marg va modernite Irani (Death and Iranian Modernity)." In H. Ghorbani (Ed.), *Social Studies of Death: Explorations on Death in Iranian Culture and Society* (pp. 465–486). Ensanshenasi.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, and Hajar Ghorbani. (2021). "modirriyat-e mokhaterat, modirriyat-e marg: marg va korona dar behesht-e zahra-ye Tehran (Risk Management and Death Management: COVID-19 Deaths in Tehran's Behesht-e Zahra Cemetery)." In H. Ghorbani (Ed.), *Social Studies of Death: Explorations on Death in Iranian Culture and Society* (pp. 501–515). Ensanshenasi.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, and Hajar Ghorbani. (2019). "The bureaucratic professionalization of Tehran's Behesht-e Zahra cemetery." In H. Selin & R. Rakoff (Eds.), *Death Across Cultures* (pp. 103–118). Springer.

Creative Output

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, Reyhaneh Javadi, & Hajar Ghorbani. (2024). *The Trials of Sociology in Iran* [30-minute documentary]. Scriptwriter, narrator, and co-producer. Screened at MEIS and CSA.

Book Reviews & Essays

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2025). Review of *Decolonial Mourning and the Caring Commons*. *International Migration Review*, 59(1), 575–577.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2017). Review essay of *Antecedents of Censuses from Medieval to Nation States* and *Changes in Censuses from Imperialist to Welfare States*. *American Journal of Sociology*, 122(5), 572–575.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2015). Review of *Erasing Death: The Science that Is Rewriting the Boundaries between Life and Death*. *Canadian Studies in Population*, 42(3–4), 111.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2014). Review of *Death in the Global Age*. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, 39(2), 283–284.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2010). Review of *Suicide: Foucault, History, Truth*. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, 35(4), 648–651.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2010). Review of *A Sadly Troubled History: The Meanings of Suicide in the Nineteenth Century*. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, 35(1), 169–172.

Work in Progress

Social Class in Canada (Book manuscript with Michelle Maroto and Guillaume Dorou). Expressions of interest received from University of Toronto Press and McGill-Queen's University Press.

"The Great Canadian Class Study: Overview of Theoretical Debates and Empirical Findings." Manuscript targeted for *Socius*.

"Nature, Culture, Ruin: A Genealogy of the Nature/Culture Binary."

Reviews of My Work

Palladino, Paolo. (2010). Review of *Life Sentences: The Modern Ordering of Mortality*. *History of the Human Sciences*, 23(2), 29–31.

Northcott, Herbert. (2010). Review of *Life Sentences: The Modern Ordering of Mortality*. *Canadian Studies in Population*, 37(3–4), 627–629.

Reports & Other Non-Refereed Publications

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2026, May 19). "Flawed Survey on Iranian Attitudes to War in Canada." *Medium*.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh, Maroto, Michelle, & Dorou, Guillaume. (2025). "The Class Issue: Examining Economic and Social Inequality Across Canada." *Futurum Careers*. DOI: 10.33424/FUTURUM645

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (2009). "Utilization of Social Research in Policy-Making." Report to the Bureau for Social Studies, Ministry of Science, Iran. (128 pages, in Farsi).

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (1997, May). "Observations on Tehran Expo 97." *Kar-Afarin Magazine*, Tehran, Iran.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (1997, June). "Field Report on Tabreez: Culture and Industry in an Ancient City." *Kar-Afarin Magazine*, Tehran, Iran.

Bayatrizi, Zohreh. (1996, Dec). "Challenges of Industrial Production." *San't va Matbu'at (Industry and Media Magazine)*, Tehran, Iran.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Conference Organization

June 2026 — Organizer, DEA2b Death and Society II: Grief and Space.

June 2026 — Organizer, DEA2a Death and Society I: Death and Politics.

June 2026 — Organizer and Chair, (KNW6) Sociology of Sociology: Epistemic Hierarchies and Counter-publics of Knowledge, Canadian Sociology Association Annual Conference.

June 2025 — Organizer, Death and Society (DEA1), Canadian Sociology Association, Toronto, Canada.

June 2024 — Co-organizer (with Audrey Medwayosh), (DEA2a) Death and Grief in Society I: Theorizing Death, Gender, and Sexuality, Canadian Sociology Association (Online).

June 2024 — Co-organizer (with Audrey Medwayosh), (DEA2b) Death and Grief in Society II: Death and Social Identity, Canadian Sociology Association (Online).

June 2021 — Organizer, Death, Dying, and Grief in the Context of Pandemics and Decolonization, Canadian Sociology Association, Edmonton, Canada.

March 2017 — Organizer, Symposium on 'Dangerous Research: When Research Poses Serious Harm to the Researcher,' University of Alberta.

April 2016 — Session Organizer, 'Theoretical Contours of Global Social Change,' ISA Forum on Sociology, Vienna.

Aug 2008 — Organizer, 'Alternative Histories of Sociology,' ISA History of Sociology Section Interim Conference, Umea, Sweden.

May 2008 — Session Organizer, 'Alternative Histories of Sociology,' CSA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.

Nov 2004 — Co-organizer, 'The Spirit of Capitalism, 1904-2004: Max Weber Today' Symposium, Vancouver, BC.

March 2004 — Organizer, PAVE Graduate Conference, Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology, UBC.

March 1998 — Organizer, 'Reading, Writing, Rhetoric Graduate Conference,' Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology, UBC.

Presentations & Lectures

Oct 2026 — "Sociology as a Martial Art: The Political Role of Sociology in Iran." Invited panelist, *Social Sciences in Times of Crisis* seminar series.

June 2026 — "Death's Domain: On the Unstable Boundary Between the Living and the Dead." Canadian Sociology Association Annual Conference, Halifax.

June 2026 — Invited Panelist, "Iranian Scholars and Students in a Time of War and Political Upheaval," CSA Annual Conference, Halifax.

June 2026 — *Social Perspectives on Death and Dying* Book Launch, Halifax Public Library.

Aug 2025 — "Affective Liminality: Grief across Political and Ontological Borders." Death, Dying and Disposal 17, Utrecht, Netherlands.

June 2025 — "Grief as Transition: Affective Liminality across Political and Ontological Borders." Centre for Death and Society Conference, University of Bath (Online).

June 2025 — Discussant, "Relational Narratives of Community and Wellbeing Among Chinese-Canadians," CSA Annual Conference, Toronto.

June 2025 — "What is Social Class Afterall? Insights from the Great Canadian Class Study." CSA Annual Conference, Toronto.

June 2025 — "Affective Liminality: Grief Across Political and Ontological Borders." CSA Annual Conference, Toronto.

July 2025 — Erfani, R., Bayatrizi, Z., & Torabi, S. "We Will Never Forget, We Will Never Forgive: Impacts of PS752 Tragedy," 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, Morocco.

Nov 2024 — "Social Factors Contributing to Violence in Medical Settings in Iran." Public talk via Instagram Live (Pain and Cure Lecture Series).

Dec 2024 — "Factors Behind the Popularity of Traditional Medicine." Public talk via Instagram Live (Pain and Cure Lecture Series).

June 2024 — "Piloting Research on Grief Experiences of Immigrants amid War and Violence." CSA Annual Conference (Online).

June 2024 — (with R. Javadi) "Knowledge for Sale: Private Sociology Classes as a Form of Resistance in Iran?" CSA Annual Conference (Online).

June 2024 — "From Palace to Prison: Sociology and Its Trials in Iran." Documentary Screening at CSA Annual Conference (Online).

June 2024 — "The Grief Experience of Ukrainian and Palestinian Immigrants in Canada." Centre for Death and Society Annual Conference, Bath, U.K. (Online).

March 2024 — Chair & Discussant, "Mediating Feeling: Muslims, Gender, and Change in the Age of Social Media," MEIS Monthly Meeting, University of Alberta.

Jan 2024 — Invited Talk, "Vicarious Death: When the Boundary between the Living and the Dead Blurs," Shiv Nadar Institution, Delhi, India.

Jan 2024 — Invited Talk & Screening (with R. Javadi), "Knowledge on Sale: The Privatization of Sociological Teaching in Iran," MEIS Meeting, University of Alberta.

Sept 2023 — (with A. Medwayosh) "Collective Grief and Collective Healing in Indigenous and Immigrant Communities in Canada," DDD16 Conference, Padova, Italy.

Nov 2022 — Invited Talk, "Knowledge Production on Suicide: Between Social and Psychological Pathologies," Suicide Cultures speaker series, Edinburgh.

May 2022 — (with G. Barron) "From Classification to Metrics: The Order of Social Things," CSA Annual Conference (Online).

May 2022 — (with R. Javadi) "The Privatization of Sociology in Iran in the 21st Century," CSA Annual Conference (Online).

May 2022 — (with R. Erfani) "Grief and Liminality: Iranian Diaspora in the Aftermath of Flight PS752," CSA Annual Conference (Online).

Dec 2021 — Invited Talk, "Research Ethics: Power Relations between Researcher and Study Population," 2nd National Conference on Research Methods, Tehran.

Dec 2021 — Invited Panelist, "Iranian Sociology and Health in the Context of Corona Pandemic," Iranian Sociology Association, Tehran.

Nov 2021 — Keynote (with T. Kemple), "A Doorway to Simmel: On Human Associations and Interactions with Nature," 3rd Annual Conference on Sociological Classics, Tehran.

Sept 2021 — (with S. Torabi) "Iranian Immigrants and the Question of Race," University of Alberta Persian Speaker Series, Edmonton.

Sept 2021 — (with R. Erfani & S. Torabi) "Grieving Immigrants: Emotions at the Intersections of Ethnicity and Politics," DDD15 Conference, Manchester.

June 2021 — (with R. Erfani & S. Torabi) "Collective Trauma, Power, and Politics: Transnational Conception of Grief," CSA Annual Conference, Edmonton.

June 2021 — (with H. Ghorbani) "Risk, Mourning, Politics: Critical Conception of Grief for COVID-19 Deaths in Iran," CSA Annual Conference, Edmonton.

Sept 2020 — "Risk, Religion, Rationality: Past and Present of Automobile Insurance in Iran," Association for Iranian Studies Annual Conference.

June 2019 — Invited Paper, "Risk, Religion, Rationality: Past and Present of Automobile Insurance in Iran," 25th Annual Conference of Risk and Insurance in History, Seville, Spain.

June 2019 — (with M. Maroto) "The Great Canadian Class Survey," CSA Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC.

July 2018 — "Nature, Culture, Ruin: Toward a Critical History of Socialization Theory," ISA World Congress, Toronto.

May 2018 — "Nature, Culture, Ruin: Toward a Critical History of Socialization Theory," Centre for the Study of Culture and Communication, Iran.

May 2017 — "Sociology and Nature: From Denial to Re-Embracing," International Social Theory Consortium, Innsbruck, Austria.

June 2015 — "Doing Sociology in a Fragmented World," International Social Theory Consortium, Cambridge, UK.

Oct 2014 — "Society Is to Blame: The Genealogy of an Accusation," Simon Fraser University Colloquium.

April 2014 — "Society Is to Blame: The Genealogy of an Accusation," European Social Science History Conference, Vienna, Austria.

Aug 2013 — "Sociology in Iran: Instrumentalism, Pragmatism, Resilience," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.

June 2013 — "From Marx to Giddens via Habermas: The Politics of Social Theory in Post-totalitarian Contexts," CSA Annual Meeting, Victoria, BC.

Sept 2011 — Invited Talk, "The Problem with Numbers: Formatting Empirical-Statistical Knowledge," Knowledge Brokers Symposium, Vancouver, BC.

June 2010 — "Agenda Setting and Steering Mechanisms in Iranian Sociology," CSA Annual Meeting, Montreal.

June 2010 — "Mapping Character onto Space: Urban/Rural Distinction in Early Statistics," CSA Annual Meeting, Montreal.

May 2009 — "Knowledge Is Not Power: Policy-Oriented Sociological Research in Iran," World Social Science Forum, Bergen, Norway.

Aug 2008 — "Early Modern Statistics and the Genealogy of the Sociological Imagination," ISA History of Sociology Interim Conference, Umea, Sweden.

Nov 2007 — "The 19th Century Project to Prevent Self-Killing," Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago.

Aug 2007 — Invited Chair & Presentation, "Application of 'Public Sphere' to Cultural Production in Asia," 5th ICAS, Kuala Lumpur.

Oct 2006 — Invited Speaker, "From Revolution to Freedom: Discursive Mobilization of Civil Society in Iran," Kokushikan University, Tokyo, Japan.

July 2006 — "Iran: A Nation in Need of Liberation?" World Peace Forum, Vancouver, BC.

June 2006 — "Women: Architects of the Patriarchal Society?" Zarrin Shahr Public Library, Iran.

Nov 2004 — "Double-Entry Bookkeeping and Mortality Statistics in the 17th Century," Max Weber Today Symposium, UBC.

Aug 2004 — "The Legal and Medical Regulation of the Right to Die," APRU 5th Doctoral Student Conference, Sydney, Australia.

July 2004 — "Methodological Issues in Macro-sociological Comparative Historical Research," Arts Interdisciplinary Roundtable, UBC.

June 2004 — "Thou Shalt Live Long: Political Economy of Death in the 18th Century," CSAA Annual Meeting, Winnipeg.

June 2004 — "The Plague of Our Time: Suicide and the Rise of Statistical Sociology in the 19th Century," CSAA Annual Meeting, Winnipeg.

March 2004 — "Thou Shalt Live Long: The Quantification of Mortality in Early Life Tables," Arts Interdisciplinary Conference, UBC.

March 2004 — "People without States: Images of Everyday Life in Iran," Liu Centre for Global Studies, UBC.

March 2004 — "Thou Shalt Live Long: Political Economy of Death," Anthropology and Sociology Grad Student Conference, UBC.

Sept 2003 — "People in the Axis of Evil: Alternative Images of Iranians," Green College Speaker Series, UBC.

Aug 2003 — "Drawing Conclusions: A Tehran Cartoonist's View of the End of Revolution in Iran," Baudrillard Symposium, ECI, Vancouver.

March 2003 — "Death Sentences: The Modern Ordering of Death," Colloquium talk, Faculty of Law, University of Groningen, Netherlands.

TEACHING & DIRECTED READINGS

Courses Taught (University of Alberta)

SOC 100 — Introduction to Sociology

SOC 212 — Classical Social Theory / The Sociological Imagination

SOC 332 — Sociological Theorizing (Modernity)

SOC 333 / 335 — Sociological Theorizing (The Subject) / Themes in Contemporary Social Theory

SOC 435 / 503 — Theorizing the Social (Special topics: Sociology for Mortals; Social Theories of Violence)

SOC 473 — Sociology of Death and Dying

SOC 532 — History of Sociological Thought (MA and PhD)

Directed Reading Courses Supervised

Spring 2024 — SOC 404: 'Loss and Grief among Immigrants, A Qualitative Study.' (Madina Ahmed)

Spring 2021 — SOC 603: 'Theories of Social Change in the Islamic Setting.' (Reyhaneh Javadi)

Winter 2020 — SOC 603: 'Contemporary Social Theory.' (Samira Torabi)

Fall 2019 — SOC 403: 'A Sociological Perspective on Indigenous Health.' (Brooke Vanderkooi)

Fall 2017 — SOC 403: 'Theorizing Social Responsibility.' (Heather Noel)

Winter 2014 — SOC 403: 'Sleep and Society: The Sociology of Infant Sleep.' (Joe Gurba)

STUDENT SUPERVISION & EXAMINATION

Honors Students Supervised (University of Alberta)

Dineli Fernando, Sociology (2024–2025)

Shruti Kandpal, Psychology (2021–2023)

Delany Gohil, Psychology (2021–2023)

M.A. Thesis Supervision

Mahsa Ghaffari Targhi, 'Perceptions of Authoritarian Governance and Censorship Among the Iranian Diaspora in Canada.' (2026-)

Audrey Medwayosh, 'A Mind Spread out on the Ground: Urban Indigenous Experiences of Grief and Bereavement.' (Graduated 2024)

Aidan Blockley, 'Maddening Queers: Psychiatric Discourses around 2SLGBTQIA+ Identities in Twentieth Century Canada.' (Graduated 2024)

M.A. Examination Committee

Mohammad Hossein Abbasi, Painting (2023)

Allison Whitney, University of Victoria, External Examiner (June 2013)

Ph.D. Dissertation Supervision

Kelsey Lindquist, Co-supervisor with Chris Anderson (2025–Present)

Reyhaneh Javadi, 'Beyond Victimization and Resistance: An Investigation of How Iranian Women Navigate the Juridical Field.' (Jan 2021–2026)

Yagmur Demir, 'Funeral and Mourning Ceremonies in Gurbet.' (2022–2025)

Jeff Brassard, 'Moscow Goes Hollywood: Russian Television in the Global Age.' (Graduated 2017)

Ariane Hanemaayer, 'Good Evidence: The Limits of Evidence-Based Medicine and the Sociology of Medicine.' (Graduated 2014)

Ph.D. Supervisory Committee Member

Yan Xue, Sociology, University of Alberta (Advanced to candidacy June 2024)

Aryan Karimi, Sociology, University of Alberta (Graduated 2018)

Paul Joosse, Sociology, University of Alberta (Graduated 2014)

Vahid Tolooie, Social Sciences, University of Tehran (Ph.D. granted 2012)

Supervision of Visiting Ph.D. Students

Zahran Nouri, Visiting Ph.D. Candidate in Linguistics, University of Tabriz, Iran (2023)

Reza Taslimi-Tehrani, Visiting Ph.D. Student, University of Tehran (2014–2015)

Ph.D. Examination & Chairing

Rezvaneh Erfani, Chair of Final Oral Examination (2026)

Safaneh Mohaghegh Neyshabouri, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Modern Languages & Media Studies, U of A (2019)

Will Kujala, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Political Science, U of A (2018)

Dax D'Orazio, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Political Science, U of A (2018)

Gary Barron, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Sociology, U of A (2014)

Siavash Saffari, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Political Science, U of A (Defended 2013)

Navid Pourmokhtari, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Political Science, U of A (2014)

Rasoul Aliakbari, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Comparative Literature, U of A (2014)

Hajar Amidian, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Political Science, U of A (2014)

Marie Leduc, Internal-External Examiner, Dept. of Sociology, U of A (2009)

Sadaf Mizrahi, MA Final Examination Chair, Dept. of Sociology, U of A (Sept 2020)

Ondine Park, Candidacy Examination Chair, Dept. of Sociology, U of A (2008)

Ph.D. Specialization Examiner, Dept. of Sociology, U of A — Reyhaneh Javadi (2022), Robin Willey (2012), Dayna Crosby (2012), Joshua Freistat (2010), Paul Joosse (2009)

PROFESSIONAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Professional Service

2026–2027 — President-Elect, Canadian Sociology Association

2026–2027 — Sociology Insight Grants Selection Committee, SSHRC

2026 — Program Committee Member, CSA-SCS 2027 Conference ("From Insights to Impacts: Bridging Scholarship and Society")

2023–2026 — Secretary, Executive Committee of the Canadian Sociology Association

2026 — Member, Foreign Affairs Committee, Iranian Sociology Association

2026 — Selection Committee, Outstanding Contribution Award, Canadian Sociology Association

2025–Present — Executive Member, Theory Research Cluster of the CSA

2023–Present — Editorial Board, *Journal of Social Studies* (Iranian Sociology Association)

2023–Present — Death Studies Scholars in Canada Mailing List & Event Organizer

2021–2023 — Executive Committee, Theory Section of the Canadian Sociology Association

2022–2023 — Member, Research Advisory Subcommittee, Canadian Sociology Association

2021–2022 — Chair, Theory Section of the Canadian Sociology Association

2019–2024 — Reviewer, Aid to Scholarly Publications Program (CFHSS)

Faculty & University Service

2024–2026 — Faculty Evaluation Committee, Faculty of Arts

2019–2020 — State of Kuwait Graduate Scholarship Committee, Faculty of Arts

2018–2020 — Academic Affairs Committee, Faculty of Arts (Elected)

2018–2019 — Alternate Council Member, Association of Academic Staff, University of Alberta (Elected)

2017–2018 — Grades Appeal Committee, Faculty of Arts (Ad hoc)

2013–2016 — The Makhzumi Scholarship Adjudication Committee

Departmental Service

2026–2027 — Communications Committee

2026–2027 — Graduate Program and Policy Committee

2026–2027 — Chair, Law and Society Ph.D. Comprehensive Examinations

2024–2026 — Advisory Faculty Evaluations Committee

2024–2025 — Undergraduate Teaching Committee

2023–2024 — Graduate Awards and Admissions Committee

2021–2024 — Advisory Faculty Evaluations Committee

2020–2021 — Ad hoc EDID Advisory Committee

2018–2019 — Consultant to the Chair, Unit Review Self-Study Report

2017–2019 — Communications Committee & Departmental Colloquium

2016–2017 — Graduate Awards and Admissions Committee / Hiring Screening Committee

2013–2014 — Graduate Awards and Admissions Committee

2011–2012 — Ad hoc Committee to Revise Social Theory Course Offerings / Library Liaison

2008–2009 — Undergraduate Program Committee / Hiring Screening Committee (Social Theory)

2007–2008 — Departmental Review Committee (Saint Mary's University)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ongoing media interviews, including podcast interview with BBC Persian's *Shirazeh*.

Humanities Advisor for Sabereh Kashi's documentary *The Patient Woman* (2022–Ongoing).
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