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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 1993:** The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (Political Science)
- M.A. 1991:** The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (Political Science)
- M.A. 1984:** The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington (International Studies, Jackson School of International Studies)
- B.A. 1981:** The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington (Double major: Political Science and Economics)

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 1997 - PRESENT

The University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Associate Professor

AUGUST 1993 - 1997

Union College (Schenectady, NY), Visiting Assistant Professor

1993-1987

1. The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, Teaching Assistant II (Instructor),
2. Pima Community College and Chapman University (located in Davis-Monthan Air force Base in Tucson, Arizona), Instructor of Political Science,

CURRENT COURSES AT THE UWEC

- POLS 321: Politics of the Middle East
 - POLS 336: Arab/Palestinian-Israeli Conflict
 - POLS 334: International Political Economy
 - POLS 331 International Organization and Law
 - POLS 325: Model United Nations
 - POLS 122: Introduction to Global Politics
 - POLS 125: Global Politics and Business
- **NEW COURSE OFFER: Prospects for Democracy and Democratization in the Middle East. The University Honors Council is very interested in the proposal.**

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK:

Ali R. Abootalebi, *Islam and Democracy: State-Society Relations in the Developing Countries, 1980-1994* (New York and London: Garland Publishing, 2000).

It includes six chapters and provides qualitative as well as quantitative accounts for the presence/absence of democracy in most developing Muslim and non-Muslim countries. The study utilizes multiple regression analyses in a cross-national study of 86 LDCs to test, and ultimately refute, cultural explanations of democratization. A number of explanatory variables are proposed to account for the presence or the absence of democracy in developing countries. In the final analysis, the proposition that the absence of democracy in Islamic countries is due to Islam is rejected. Instead, social, economic, and political explanations are provided to account for the absence of democracy in most LDCs, including those in the Middle East.

ARTICLES:

POST-TENURE PUBLICATIONS

- Ali R. Abootalebi, “The Challenge of Governance in the National-International Political Economy Nexus: The Case of the Islamic Republic of Iran,” *In Progress*.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, “Iraq: What Went Wrong,” in David W. Lesch, ed., *The Middle East and the United States: A Historical and Political Reassessment*, 4th ed., forthcoming, 2006.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, “Iran’s June 2005 Presidential Election and the Questions of Democracy,” MIT’s Iran Analysis Quarterly, Vol. 4, no. 4, November-December, 2005.

- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Iran's 2004 Parliamentary Election and the Question of Democracy," *MIT's Iran Analysis Quarterly*, Vol.1 No.3, Winter (January-March) 2004, pp. 2-6, available @ <http://web.mit.edu/isg/IAQ/IAQWINTER04.htm#Abootalebi>
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Political Islam, Governance and Democracy," *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Spring 2004, pp. 37-43, available <http://www.turkishpolicy.com/>
- Ali R. Abootalebi, Iran's Struggle for Democracy Continues: An Evaluation of Twenty-Five Years After the Revolution, *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, Volume 8, No. 2 - June 2004: 38-47. Available @ <http://meria.idc.ac.il/journal/2004/issue2/jv8n2a4.html>
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "The 1979 Iranian Revolution rid Iran of a repressive tyrant," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series* (New York: St. James Press, 2003).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Arab economic development is a cup half-full," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series* (New York: St. James Press, 2003).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Islam is compatible with democracy," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series* (New York: St. James Press, 2003).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Militant Islam is on the rise," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series* (New York: St. James Press, 2003).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Militant Islam is not on the rise," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series* (New York: St. James Press, 2003).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "The attacks of September 11, 2001 can in large measure be blamed on U.S. policy over the years," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series* (New York: St. James Press, 2003).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "U.S. in Afghanistan has been a fully warranted response to 9/11," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series* (New York: St. James Press, 2003).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Civil society in the Arab world is suffocating under authoritarian regimes in the Arab world," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series* (New York: St. James Press, 2003).

- Ali R. Abootalebi, "The West has done enough to communicate its ideas and values to the Arab and Muslim world," in David W. Lesch, and Benjamin Frankel, eds., [*History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, Second Series*](#) (New York: St. James Press, 2003).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Islam and Democracy," in Barry Rubin (editor) [*Contemporary Islamist Movements in the Middle East*](#) (SUNY Press, 2003), pp. 155-71.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Islam, Islamists, and Democracy," [*Muslim World Reference Shelf Series*](#) (H. W. Wilson, 2002).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "State-Society Relations and Prospects for Democracy in Iran," [*Middle East Review of International Affairs, MERIA*](#), vol. 5, no. 3 (September 2001): 20-37.

PRE-TENURE PUBLICATIONS

- Ali R. Abootalebi, *Islam and Democracy: State-Society Relations in the Developing Countries, 1980-1994* (New York and London: **Garland Publishing, 2000**).
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Pazhuheshi dar Masa'il va Mushkelat-e Fa'li: Dastgahai Iqtisadi dar Khavar-e Mianeh (An Overview of Current Issues and Problems: Middle Eastern Economies), [*Hambasteqi \(Tehran, Iran\)*](#), no. 48, 1379 (4 December 2000): 6.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "The Struggle for Democracy in the Islamic Republic of Iran," [*Middle East Review of International Affairs, MERIA*](#), vol. 4, no. 3 (September 2000): 43-56.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Didgahi Chand Dar Bareh-i Yikparhegi va Vahdat-i Melli" (National Integration and Unity: Some Observations), [*National Studies Quarterly*](#) (Tehran, Iran), vol. 1, (Winter-Spring 1378-1379 (2000): 175-88.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Middle East Economies: A Survey of Current Problems and Issues," [*Middle East Review of International Affairs, MERIA*](#), vol. 3, no. 1 (September 1999): 1-16.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Huquq-i Melli, Aqaliatha va Hamgara'i" (National Rights, Minorities and Integration), [*National Studies Quarterly*](#) (Tehran, Iran), vol. 1, no. 1, 1378 (Autumn 1999): 132-153.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Islamgira'e va democracy" (Islamic Tendencies and Democracy), [*Azadegan*](#), (Tehran, Iran), vol. 1, nos.13, 15 (November 13, 15, 1999). A two-part series translation of my article on Islam and Democracy.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Islam, Islamists, and Democracy," [*Middle East Review of International Affairs, MERIA*](#), vol. 3, no. 1 (March 1999): 14-24.

- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Coping with Ethnic and Minority Diversity," *Department of Political Science Newsletter* (Spring 1999): 1-2.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Civil Society, Democracy, and the Middle East," *Middle East Review of International Affairs, MERIA*, vol. 2, no. 3 (September 1998): 46-59.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Ideological Currents in Islam," *Center for Iranian Research and Analysis Bulletin*, vol. 14, no. 2 (September 1998): 11-15.
- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Election Matters," *Center for Iranian Research and Analysis Bulletin (CIRA)*, vol. 14, no. 1 (March 1998): 30-33.
- Ali R. Abootalebi "Democratization in Developing Countries: 1980-89," *Journal of Developing Areas* 29 (July 1995): 507-30.

LECTURES, PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, SERVICE (POST TENURE)

- **Lecture**, "The Future of Iraq," UWEC, Tuesday, April 25, 2006.
- **Wisconsin Institute** for Peace and Conflict Studies' Semiannual Student Conference and Executive Council Meeting, UW-Superior, Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, 2006.
- **Lecture**, "Current Situation in the Middle East," UWEC, Wednesday, April 5, 2006.
- **Jury member** of Iranian Students Group's Thesis Contest, 2005 MIT ISG/SUTA Thesis Awards Jury, January-March 2006.
- **Lecture**, "Iran: Nuclear Program, Security, and the U.S." **Fond du Lac "Great Decisions" Lecture Series**, February 28, 2006.
- **Discussant**, "Iraq," Joint-inter-departmental discussion, UWEC, Friday, February 24, 2006.
- **Lecture**, "Islam, Politics and Governance," Northern Lakes Center for the Arts in Amery, Wisconsin, Saturday, February 11, 2006.
- **Lecture**, "Is the UN Useless?" delivered to the Society of Politics, UWEC, Monday, October 24, 2005.

- **Discussant/Chair:** 60th Annual Meeting of the [Middle East Studies Association of North America \(MESA\)](#) in Washington, DC, November 19-22, 2005.
- **Presented Paper,** “Challenges to Democracy in Iran in the aftermath of the 2005 Presidential Elections.” [Wisconsin Political Science Association \(WPSA\)](#), October 13-14, 2005.
- **Lecture,** “Middle East Culture and Politics,” [College of Education’s “Human Diversity Program,” UWEC](#), October 29, 2005.
- **Lecture Delivered,** “The Looming Energy Crisis,” **Sponsored by the [UWEC](#),** Wednesday, April 20, 2005.
- **Lecture Delivered,** “Who’s Who in Iraq,” **Teach-In for the Greater Eau Claire Area, sponsored by the [UWEC](#),** Monday, March 14, 2005.
- **Lecture Delivered,** “The Bush Administration and the Middle East,” [Unitarian, Universalist Fellowship Church, Eau Claire](#), WI, Sunday, February 27, 2005.
- **Lecture Delivered,** “American Middle Eastern Policy,” [Fond du Lac “Great Decisions” Lecture Series](#), Tuesday, January 8, 2005.
- **Lecture:** American Mideast Policy in the Post-September 2001,” delivered at the Daftare Motaleat va Tahqiqate Siyasi ([The Office of Political Research and Studies](#)),” Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, April 28, 2004.
- “Interview with Mas’ud Karbasian, [Deputy Minister to Iran’s Customs Department, Tehran, Iran](#), Sunday, July 4, 2004.
- Interview with Dr. Majid Kirmani, Chair, [Department of Political Science, Tarbiat Moddaris University, Tehran, Iran](#), Monday, July 5, 2004.
- **Panel Discussion with Drs. Beheshti, Kirmani, and Ghaffari on Prospects for Academic Cooperation between [UWEC and the Tarbiat Moddaris University](#),** Tehran, July 2004, Tehran, Iran.
- **Delivered lecture** on “War in Iraq and the UN,” [UWEC](#), Staff and Faculty for Peace and Justice, Tamarak Room. Tuesday, April 15, 2003.
- **Presented paper,** “America’s New War on Terrorism: Barking up the Wrong Tree,” [Midwest Political Science Association](#) 61st Annual Conference, Chicago, April 3-6, 2003.
- **Delivered lecture** on Islam, Politics and Democracy,” [UW-Park side](#) Thursday, April 3, 2003.

- **Delivered lecture** on “U.S.-Saudi Arabian Relations,” [UW-Fond du Lac](#) Tuesday, March 4, 2003.
- **Delivered lecture** on Islam, Politics and Democracy,” *Women on Wednesday Series*, [UWEC](#), Wednesday, February 26, 2003.
- **Panelist** on “Iraq and the United States,” [UWEC](#), Friday, February 21, 2003.
- **Delivered lecture** on “Iran Between Religion and Democracy,” [UWEC Research Forum](#), Wednesday, February 12, 2003.
- **Lecture** on Islam and Democracy at [UW-La Crosse](#). The talk was arranged by the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies December 3, 2002.
- **Lecture** on “Prospects for A Just Peace Between Israelis and Palestinians,” [UWEC](#). The UWEC students affiliated with the Amnesty International organized this event. Tuesday, November 12, 2002.
- **Lecture** on “Islam and Democracy,” [UW-Stevens Point](#). The talk was arranged by the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies. November 5, 2002.
- **Lecture** on “Politics and Islam” to [UWEC Alumni](#), Tuesday, Sweetwater’s restaurant, March 19, 2002.
- Lecture, “The State, Islam, and Islamic Movements at the Turn of the Century.” [L.E. Phillips Memorial Library, UWEC](#), Wednesday, March 15, 2002
- **Lecture** on “Islam and Politics,” [Memorial High School, Eau Claire](#), WI. October 11, 2002.
- **Panel Chair**, “Culture Crash? Comparative Perspective on Islam, Democracy, and Political Culture,” [Midwest Political Science Association](#) 60th Annual Conference, Chicago, April 25-28, 2002.
- **Executive Council member of the** [Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies](#), 2000-present.

LECTURES, PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, SERVICE (PRE-TENTUR):

- **Presented Paper**, “The State-Society Relations in Iran,” [Midwest Political Science Association](#) 59th Annual Conference, Chicago, April 19-21, 2001.

- **Participant:** the Third Annual Faculty/Staff Development Institute of the UW System [Institute for Global Studies](#), Lake Geneva, WI, October, 28-31, 2001.
- **Participant:** the Second Annual Faculty/Staff Development Institute of the UW System [Institute for Global Studies](#), Lake Geneva, WI, October, 29-31, 2000.
- **Executive Council member of the** [Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies](#), 2000-present.
- **Exit Interview project:** I along with a number of other [UWEC](#) faculty participated in the project, coordinated by Janice Morse. Interviewed students from April 3 through April 14, 2000, each interview lasting 30-45 minutes.
- **Poster Presentation** of my book, *Islam and Democracy: State-Society Relations in Developing Countries, 1980-1994*, at the Annual Meeting of the [American Political Science Association](#), August 31-September 3, 2000.
- **Participant** with four other panelists in a 4 1/2 hour Roundtable Discussion on **National Identity and Unity, Tehran, Iran, June 2000**. This will appear as a future issue of the [National Studies Quarterly](#) Journal.
- **Discussant/Chair:** 33rd Annual Meeting of the [Middle East Studies Association of North America \(MESA\)](#) in Washington, DC, November 19-122, 1999.
- **Presented paper**, "The Future of Democracy in the Islamic Republic of Iran," at the [Middle East Studies Association \(MESA\)](#) 32nd Annual Meeting, December 3-6, 1998, Chicago, Ill.
- **Participant** at the [International Studies Associations \(ISA\)](#) 39th Annual Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 17-21, 1998.
- **Panel Chair:** Culture, Society, and the State in Contemporary Middle East. 1996 annual meeting of the [Middle East Studies \(MESA\)](#), Providence, Rhode Island, November 21-24, 1996.
- **Panel Chair:** Contemporary Arab Politics. 1995 annual meeting of the [Middle East Studies Association \(MESA\)](#), Washington D.C., December 6-10, 1995.
- **Panel Chair:** National Conference on Undergraduate Research ([NCUR](#)). Union College, Schenectady, NY, April 20-22, 1995.
- **Presented Paper**, "Civil Society, Democracy, and the Middle East." the 28th Annual Meeting of the [Middle East Studies Association of North America \(MESA\)](#) in Phoenix, Arizona, November 20-22, 1994.

- **Presented Paper**, "Prospects of Democratization in Developing Countries: 1980s," the 17th [National Third World Studies Conference](#), Omaha, Nebraska, 13-15, October 1994.
- **Participant**: Women in the Global Economy: Making Connection. Sponsored by the [Institute for Research on Women](#), University of Albany, State University of New York, April 22-24, 1994.
- **Presented Paper**, "Prospects of Democratization in the Developing Countries: The Importance of State Society Relationships, 1970-89," the 1993 Annual Meeting of the
- [Southwestern Political Science Association \(SWPSA\)](#), in conjunction with the Southwestern Social Science Association, March 17-20, 1993.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (POST TENURE)

- **Baccalaureate Portfolio Reading Project**, [UWEC](#), Monday-Friday, June 6-10, 2005.
- **Manuscript Review** for [Westview Press](#) of Long, David E. and Bernard Reich, "The Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa," 4th ed. (Westview Press, 2002) (2005).
- **Article Review** "Determinants of Arab Opinion on Foreign Relations," for [International Studies Quarterly \(ISQ\)](#), submitted by December 6, 2004.
- **Manuscript Review** of "Multilateral Diplomacy and the United Nations Today" by James P. Muldoon, Jr., JoAnn Fagot Aviel, Richard Reitano, and Earl Sullivan, for [Westview Press](#), submitted by November 5, 2004.
- **Consultant** to [Congressman Ron Kind \(D, WI\)](#) on events in Iraq and the Middle East on occasion, 2003 to Present.
- **Article Review** for [International Studies Quarterly](#), "Human Development in the Muslim World: From Theory to Practice," September 2002
- **Book Review** for [Longman Publication](#), "*International Political Economy: Interests and Institutions in the Global Economy*," April 2002.
- **Taught a 1-credit course** for Business School on "Islam in the World's Political Perspectives," Held February 19, 25, March 5, 12, and 19, 2002, from 6:00 to 8:45 at [UWEC](#).

- **Delivered lecture**, along with four other distinguished guests at the “President’s Club,” on “The American Foreign Policy in the Persian Gulf and Its Impact on the Islamic Republic of Iran,” [Tehran, Iran](#), **Sunday, June 30, 2002 (3-8 PM)**. This was a recorded program, the summary of which is due for publication as a journal article in 2002.
- **Delivered lecture** on “Sources of American Foreign Policy and the Middle East,” to “Dafar-i Motaleat-i Siyasi va Baynalmelali” (The Institute For Political and International Studies.), [Tehran, Iran](#).
- **Delivered Lecture on “Iran-US Relations,”** Monday, July 8, 2002, [Tehran, Iran](#). The meeting was attended by intellectuals and government officials. This event was well covered by the media, including reporters from three dailies and four television stations.
- **Delivered lecture** on “Islam and Democracy” to “dafter-e Motaleat va Tahqiqat-e Siyasi-e vezarat-e Keshvar (The Interior Ministry’s Center for the Study and Research of Politics), [Tehran, Iran](#). The Lecture was organized by Dr. Hijazi, and in attendance was, among others, a member of the Iranian Parliament, Wednesday, July 10, 2002 (10 AM-2 PM).
- **Delivered lecture** on “Jahani Shodan va Qawmiyyat” (Globalization and Its Impact on National Identity) at National Studies Institute (Daftar-i Motaleat-i Melli), Thursday, June 13, 2002, [Tehran, Iran](#).
- **Roundtable Discussion** on Possible Iran’s Reaction to developments in Europe, as part of a weekly gathering of experts and analysts to discuss issues of national concern at the Iranian National Television Station, Tuesday, June 18, 2002, [Tehran, Iran](#).
- **Interviewed** on Islam and Democracy, [The Daily “Iran”](#) Wednesday, June 12, published in August 2002.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (PRE-TENURE)

- **Book Reviewed** of Pease, Kelly-Kate S., International Organizations: Perspectives on Governance in the Twenty-First Century for [Prentice Hall](#) (New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2000).
- **Article Reviewed for the** [Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies](#), titled “Denials, Excuses, and Other Evasions of Responsibility: A Commemorative Perspective on the Armenian Genocide,” 2000.
- **Moderator:** International Roundtable, "Kosovo". Sponsored by the [Center for International Education, UWEC](#), May 4, 1999.

- Ali R. Abootalebi, "Chechen Massacre Intolerable," [Spectator, UWEC](#), October 18, 1999: 13
- **Reviewed the article**, From the Politic to the Economic: Has Reform Succeeded in the Arab World? [The Journal of Developing Areas](#), February-March 1998.
- **Web page Master** for the Political Science Department, [UWEC](#), WI, Summer 1997-2003.
- **Faculty Advisor** to the Model United Nations Club, [University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire](#), Fall 1997-present.
- **Faculty Advisor** to the Muslim Students Association, [University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire](#), Fall 1997-present.
- **Regular Guest Columnist** for the student newspaper, Spectator, [University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire](#), Fall 1997- Present.
- **Editor/Commentator** of the manuscript, *Understanding Conflict: Coping with the New World Disorder*, by Lincoln P. Bloomfield, [Westview](#), 1996.
- **Research liaison** for the [Iranian National Studies Institute](#) (Mu'assasah-i Mutali'at-i Melli), Tehran, Iran, since January 1996.
- **Head Delegate** of Union College to the "[Harvard National Model United Nations](#) 1994," held in Boston, Massachusetts, February 17-20.
- **Head Delegate** of Union College to the [National Model United Nations](#), held in New York city, NY, April 10-15, 1995.
- **Pre-organized panel** for the [Middle East Studies Association \(MESA\)](#) Meeting, titled "Culture, Society, and the State in Contemporary Middle East," held in Providence, Rhode Island, November 21-24, 1996.

LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL MEDIA APPEARANCES

- "U.S.-China Relations" Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](#), Friday, April 21, 2006.
- "U.S. Patriot Act" Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](#), Friday, March 10, 2006.

- “U.S.-Pakistan-India,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](#), Saturday, March 4, 2006.
- “Scooter Libby and the Bush administration,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](#), Friday, February 17, 2006.
- **“Cartoon depiction of Prophet Muhammad in Europe,”** Interview with [Channel 13, Eau Claire, WI](#), Tuesday, February 7, 2006.
- **“President Bush’s Proposed 2007 Budget,”** Live TV Interview with Sahar TV International Network, Monday, February 6, 2006 (<http://www.sahar.tv>).
- “Iraq” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](#), Monday, January 30, 2006.
- **“Ben Laden Tape Release and U.S. Policy in Iraq,”** Live TV Interview with Sahar TV International Network, Sunday, January 22, 2006 (<http://www.sahar.tv>).
- Condoleezza Rice Trip to Europe and the Middle East,” Live TV Interview with Sahar TV International Network, Tuesday, October 18, 2005 (<http://www.sahar.tv>).
- Hurricane Katarina’s Impact on the U.S. Economy,” Live TV Interview with Sahar TV International Network, Thursday, September 22, 2005 (<http://www.sahar.tv>).
- “Iran’s Nuclear Issue,” Interview with [Channel 13, Eau Claire, WI](#), Thursday, September 22, 2005.
- “Afghanistan,” ,” Live TV Interview with Sahar TV International Network, Monday, April 18, 2005 (<http://www.sahar.tv>)
- “The U.S.-Russian Relations,” Live TV Interview with Sahar TV International Network, Sunday, February 27, 2005 (<http://www.sahar.tv>)
- “Condoleezza Rice’s Europe Visit,” Live TV Interview with Sahar TV International Network, Sunday, February 2, 2005 (<http://www.sahar.tv>)
- “Iraqi Elections,” Interview with [Channel 13, Eau Claire, WI](#), Friday, January 28, 2005.
- “Cabinet Position Changes in the 2nd Term Bush Presidency,” Live TV Interview with Sahar TV International Network, Thursday, January 13, 2005 (<http://www.sahar.tv>)
- **Interview with Wisconsin Public Radio’s Ideas Network Program with Ben Merens: (Peter Donalds in for Ben Merens), on Iran’s Nuclear Program,”** Thursday, September 16, 2004.

SABBATICAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES IN TEHRAN, IRAN: MARCH-JULY 2004

- “Iraq’s Return to Sovereignty?” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Sunday, April 6, 2004 (<http://www.sahar.tv>)
- “President Bush’s Approval of Ariel Sharon’s Plan,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Monday, April 19, 2004.
- “The Intelligence Community and Civil Liberties in the U.S. under Bush Administration,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Tuesday, April 20, 2004.
- “Incidents of Terrorism in Saudi Arabia,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Tuesday, April 27, 2004.
- “Iraq’s Prisoner Abuse by American Troops,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Friday, May 7, 2004.
- “The AIPAC and US Foreign Policy towards Israel/Palestinians,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Monday, May 24, 2004.
- “The U.S. and Iraq,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Thursday, June 3, 2004.
- “UN Res. 1546 on Transfer of Power to an Iraqi Government,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Monday, June 14, 2004.
- “IAEA and Iran’s Nuclear Program,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Saturday, June 19, 2004.
- “NATO, Iraq and Afghanistan,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Friday, July 2, 2004.
- “U.S. 1994 Presidential Election,” Live TV Interview with [Sahar TV International Network](http://www.sahar.tv), Saturday, July 10, 2004.
- **Interview** with [Public Access TV](http://www.publicaccess.tv) with Henry Lippold, *In Focus*, on, “U.S. War on Iraq and the Role of the United Nations.” Thursday, March 20, 2003.
- **Interview** with [Channel 13, Eau Claire](http://www.channel13.com), WI Wednesday, March 19, 2003.
- **Interview** with [National Public Radio’s Talk of the Nation](http://www.npr.org) on the U.S. Efforts at Promoting Free Trade in the Middle East, June 3, 2003.

- **Radio interview** with [Wisconsin Public Radio](#), hosted by Mari Jo Wagner on “Terrorism and Muslims in America.” September 10, 2002.
- Interview with [the Iranian National Television, Channel 6](#) on “Felestin-e Imruz (Palestine Today), Tuesday, June 18, 2002.
- Two-hour interview with Mr. Khani, correspondence from “Young Reporters Club,” supported by the [Iranian National Television](#) Organization, Tehran, Iran, Saturday, June 22, 2002.
- Interview in English with [the Iranian Television, Jame-Jam](#), an Internet broadcast of the Iranian National Television of issues of concern to Iran and Iranians, Monday, July 8, 2002.
- **Interview, “September 11, 2001 Attack on Iran,” with Jim Lehrer, [National Public Television](#), October 11, 2001.**
- **Interview, “Islam is Faith with Many Faces,” by David Sands, [Washington Times](#), October 21, 2001.**
- **Interviewed** (4-hour interview) by the [Channel Four of the Iranian National Television](#) on [National Unity and Integration](#) as part of an 18-hour series, **Tehran, Iran, June 2000.**
- **Interviewed** (4-hour interview) by the [Channel Four of the Iranian National Television](#) on [Political Parties, Civil Society and Democracy](#) as part of an 18-hour series, **Tehran, Iran, June 2000.**
- **Talk Radio Host** for one-hour live interview on "The Present Status of Iran-USA Relations." [WNZK 680 AM, Dearborn, MI](#), 11/10/99 11 PM.
- United States foreign policy in the Middle East. "[Tucson Today](#)", Persian Gulf Crisis, January 14 1991.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS

- Sabbatical Leave, [UWEC](#), Spring 2004.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2003-04.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2001-02.
- University Research and Creative Activity, [UWEC](#), 2001-2002.
- Faculty-Student Research Fellowship, 2000-2001, [UWEC](#).

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- Faculty-Student Research Fellowship, 1999-1998, [UWEC](#).
- Faculty-Student Research Fellowship, 1997-1998, [UWEC](#).
- Faculty Advisor to the Model United Nations Club (MUNC), was awarded by the MUNC "the Dedicated Faculty Advisor Award" for 1998-1999. [UWEC](#).
- **Recognized as "Teacher of the Week"** by the Student Newspaper of [Union College](#), the Concordiensis, April 7, 1994.
- **Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award** in the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, [University of Arizona](#), 1992.
- **Received a Graduate College Fellowship Award** for Academic Excellence, [University of Arizona](#), Spring 1992.
- **Nominated for Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, [University of Arizona](#), Spring, 1990.
- **Graduate Students Representative** in the "Faculty Recruitment Committee", the [University of Arizona](#), 1988-89.
- **Awarded a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarship** for academic excellence, [University of Arizona](#), 1988-1989.
- **Awarded a Graduate Academic Scholarship** in Political Science for academic excellence, the [University of Arizona](#), 1988-1989.
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