

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies (archaeology), University of California at Berkeley (2005):
Central Alborz Region in the Iron Age
- M.A. in Art and Archaeology, History, and Languages of Old World Civilizations, from
Université Lyon II (France)
- B.A. in Archaeology and Art History of Europe and the East Mediterranean from Université
Lyon II (France)

Teaching experiences

- 2018:** Survey of Western Art History, Art History I; Art Appreciation: Art 11 (SMC)
- 2017:** Survey of Western Art History, Art History I; Ancient Cities of Iran (UCLA); Iranian
archaeology (UCLA)
- 2016:** Survey of Western Art History: Art History 1 (SMC); Ancient Cities of Iran (UCLA)
- 2015:** Ancient Cities of Iran (UCLA); Ancient Iran (UCI); Survey of Western Art History
(SMC).
- 2014:** Ancient Iranian Civilizations (UCLA); Survey of Western Art History (SMC)
- 2013:** Archaeology of Ancient Iran (UCLA); Ancient Iranian Civilizations (UCLA); Ancient
Armenia (UCI); Survey of Western Art History (SMC).
- 2012:** Ancient Cities of Iran: An Archaeological survey of historical cities and sites of Iran from
4000 B.C. to 1900 (University of California, Los Angeles).
- 2011:** Ancient Armenia and Iran from the Irano-Urartian *koine* to the early Islamic period
(University of California, Irvine).
- 2010:** Ancient Cities of Iran: An Archaeological survey of historical cities and sites of Iran from

4000 B.C. to 1900 (University of California, Los Angeles).

2004: Visiting lecturer of the *Archaeology of western Iran and adjacent regions*, at the Maison de l'Orient, the University of Lyon, France.

2003: Teaching assistant / lecturer in Art History and Archaeology of ancient Iran in the Free University of Tehran (September-December 2003).

Employment history

- Adjunct Professor of Iranian archaeology at University of California Los Angeles, since 2018.
- Lecturer in Iranian archaeology at University of California Los Angeles, since September 2013.
- Art History Adjunct Professor at Santa Monica College since September 2013.
- Assistant Curator of Ancient Near Eastern Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art 2006-2013.
- Research fellow, the southwest Asian collections, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, May – September 2005.
- Field director, the Archaeological Survey Project of the Plain of Tehran (April-July 2004)

Current Projects

- Iranian Archaeological Databank and Website.
- Research and studies on the site of Pasargadae.
- The publication of excavation results from the archaeological site of Kaluraz, northern Iran.

Publications (in English and French)

Books

- *Excavating an Empire. Achaemenid Persia in Longue Durée*, T. Daryaei, A. Mousavi, and Kh. Rezakhani (eds.), Mazda Publishers, Costa Mesa, California, 2014.
- *The Discovery of Persepolis*, Boston-Berlin, 2012. The Best Book of the Year Award in Iranian archaeology, Tehran, 2013. The Ehsan Yarshater Book Award in Iranian Studies, in

2013.

- *Ancient Iran from the Air*. D. Stronach and A. Mousavi (eds.), Mainz, 2012.
- *Irans Erbe*, D. Stronach and A. Mousavi (eds.), Mainz, 2009.

Articles

- History of architecture in Iran from Prehistory to the Islamic conquest, *Sir Banister Fletcher's A History of Architecture*, 21st edition, London, forthcoming.
- Archaeology and epigraphy: reflections on some of Xerxes' inscriptions at Persepolis, *The Art of Empire in Achaemenid Persia: Festschrift in Honor of Margaret Cool Root*, M. Garrison and E. Dusinberre (eds.), Leiden, forthcoming.
- Medieval Iranians and ancient monuments in Fars: a survey of the epigraphic evidence, *Iranica Antiqua*, vol. 52, 2017, forthcoming.
- The history of archaeological research in Iran: a brief survey, *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Iran*, D. Potts (ed.), Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 3-16.
- The Central Alborz Region in the Iron Age, in *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Iran*, D. Potts (ed.), Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 392-406.
- Pilgrimage to Pasargadae, *Cyrus the Great. An Ancient Iranian King*, T. Daryaee (ed.), Afshar Publishing, Santa Monica, California, 2013, pp. 28-39
- The Sasanian Empire : An Archaeological Survey, c. 220 – AD 640, (co-authored with T. Daryaee), in *A Companion to the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, D. Potts (ed.), Wiley-Blackwell, 2012, chapter 57.
- Les hauts et les bas de l'archéologie en Iran, *La Pensée de Midi, Actes du Sud*, 27, 2009, pp. 137-143 (A. Mousavi – N. Nasiri-Moghaddam).
- Late Bronze Age in Northwestern Iran, *Iran*, vol. 46, 2008, pp. 105-120.
- Qanats: an early irrigation system in West Asia, *Qanats of Bam: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, edited by M. Honari, A. Salamat *et al.*, UNESCO Tehran Cluster Office, Tehran, 2006, pp. 87-97.
- Why Darius Built Persepolis?, *Archaeology Odyssey*, November/December 2005, pp. 22-35.
- Comments on the Early Iron Age Iran, *Iranica Antiqua*, vol. 40, 2005, pp. 87-99.

- Ernst Herzfeld, politics and antiquities legislation in Iran: 1900-1950, *Ernst Herzfeld and the Development of Near Eastern Studies*, Ann C. Gunter And Stefan Hauser eds., Leiden-Boston, 2005, pp. 445-475.
- Persepolis in Retrospect: Histories of Discovery and Archaeological Exploration at the Ruins of Ancient Parseh, *Ars Orientalis*, vol. 32, Ann Arbor, pp. 209-251.
- La région de Téhéran à l'aube de l'âge du Fer: réflexions et commentaires sur les nécropoles du IIe millénaire av. J.-C., *Iranica Antiqua*, vol. 37, 2001, pp. 151-212.
- La ville de Parsa. Quelques observations sur la topographie et le système défensif de Persépolis, *Iranica Antiqua*, vol. 34, Festschrift David Stronach, 1999, pp. 145-155.
- Early Archaeological Adventures and Methodological Problems in Iranian Archaeology: The Evidence from Susa, *Iranica Antiqua*, vol. 31, 1994, pp. 1-16.
- Une brique à décor polychrome de l'Iran occidental (VIIIe-VIIe s. av. J.-C.), *Studia Iranica*, vol. 23, 1994, pp. 7-18.
- Parsa, a Stronghold for Darius. A preliminary study of the defence system of Persepolis, *East and West*, vol. 42, n° 2-4, 1992, pp. 203-226.
- Tépé Horreeye, le bit akitu de Tchogha Zanbil?, *Contribution à l'histoire de l'Iran*. Mélanges offerts à Jean Perrot, edited by F. Vallat, Paris, 1990, pp. 143-145.
- Some Recently Found Column Bases from Central Western Iran, *Iranica Antiqua*, vol. 25, pp. 165-172.
- Two Bronze Statuettes from Tuzandegan, Khurassan, *Bulletin of the Ancient Orient Museum*, Tokyo, 1990, vol. 11, pp. 121-134.
- The Discovery of an Achaemenid Station at Deh-Bozan in the Assadabad Valley, *Archaeologische Mitteilungen aus Iran*, vol. 22, 1989, pp. 135-138.

Fieldwork

2017: Excavations at Pasargadae, Iran.

2016: Excavations at Pasargadae, Iran

2011: Reorganizing and re-installing new galleries of the arts the ancient Near East at Los Angeles

County Museum of Art.

2008: Contribution to the nomination file of the Sasanian waterworks in Shushtar, Khuzestan, southwestern Iran for the World Heritage List of UNESCO, UNESCO - Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization.

2006: Excavation at Pasargadae, Iran

2006: Contribution to the nomination file of the Armenian historical monasteries and churches in northwestern Iran for the World Heritage List of UNESCO, UNESCO - Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization.

2006: Remote sensing project of the monument known as Zendan-e Suleiman, Pasargadae, Iran.

2004: Research on ancient irrigation systems and qanāts in the region of Bam , a UNESCO project.

2004: Contribution to the nomination file of the site of Bam for the World Heritage List, UNESCO - Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization project (April 2004).

2004: Contribution to the National Project of Research, Conservation, and Management of the site of Susa, Khuzestan, Iran, in cooperation with the Iranian Cultural and Tourism Organization.

2004: Contribution to the nomination file of the site of Sultaniyeh (western Iran) for the World Heritage List of UNESCO, UNESCO - Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization.

2003: Second season of archaeological survey in the plain of Savajbulaq, Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization – University of California at Berkeley.

2002: Archaeological survey in the plain of Savajbulaq, region of Tehran, Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization – University of California at Berkeley.

2001: Excavation of the early Iron Age graveyard in Shahrud, northeastern Iran, Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization.

2001: Archaeological survey in the plain of Savajbulaq, region of Tehran.

2001: Research on Ernst Herzfeld's papers, the archives of the Freer Gallery and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

2000: Contribution to the nomination file of the Sasanian Fire Temple at Takht-e Suleiman (western Iran) for the World Heritage List of UNESCO, UNESCO - Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization.

1998: Geomagnetic survey and field work at Pasargadae, Iran, for the preparation of the nomination file for the inscription of the site on the World Heritage List, a joint project of the Iranian Cultural

Heritage and Tourism Organization and C.N.R.S.-Paris

1998: Contribution to the nomination of the site of Bāmiyān (Afghanistan) on the World Heritage List of UNESCO as a monument in danger (1998).

1998: Research on unpublished reports of the Bronze Age/Iron Age site of Turang Tepe, northeastern Iran, in Paris.

1996: Excavation at the Roman temple at Fourvière, Lyons, France.

1996: Excavation at the Phrygian site of Gordion, Turkey, University of Pennsylvania – Royal Ontario Museum.

1995: Research on unpublished material from the Iron Age site of Khorvin, near Tehran, northern Iran.

1994: Excavation at the Neolithic site of Chalain, Ain Valley, France, (1994).

1994: Excavation at the Gallo-Roman site of St -Romain-en-Gal, Vienne, France (1994).

Grants and awards

2008: Leon Levy – Shelby White Award for the publication of Ali Hakemi's excavation results at Kaluraz.

2005: Guest Researcher and Lecturer at the Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée (CNRS / University of Lyon) and the Maison de l'Archéologie et d'Ethnologie (Paris-Nanterre).

2003: UNESCO award for preparing the World Heritage Nomination File for the sites of Pasargadae (Fars, Iran) and Takht-e Solyeman (Azerbaijan, Iran).

2002: Iran Heritage Foundation award for fieldwork in the plain of Savajbulaq, Iran.

2001: Stahl Endowment award for field work in Iran.

2001: Fellow of the Freer Gallery and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

2000-2003: The Guitty Azarpay Fellowship, the University of California at Berkeley.

1998: Fellow of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Institut français de Recherche en Iran for studying unpublished materials of French excavations at Tureng Tepe (northeastern Iran), in Paris.

1991-1997: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fellowship.

Presentations/Conferences

- Excavations at Pasargadae summer 2016, the Iranian Center for Archaeological Research, Tehran, August 5, 2016.
- Persepolis: the life and afterlife of a World Wonder, the Asia House, London, September 10, 2014.
- Persepolis after Alexander, the University of Tehran, December 19, 2011.
- Remembering the last excavations at Persepolis (1968-1973), *Persepolis: 40 Years On. An International Conference on the Archaeology, History, and Reception of Persepolis*. The School of History, Classics and Archaeology, The University of Edinburgh, 14th-16th October 2011.
- Pasargadae and the Zendan-e Suleiman monument: new research project in Iran, *2010 Iranian Studies Biennial Conference*, 27-30 May, 2010, Los Angeles.
- Susa: the great challenge of Iranian archaeology, *Susa and Elam*, Gent, December 14-17, 2009.
- What did the Greeks know about capital cities of the Persian empire? *Tragedy, Translation, Ethnicity, and Imperialism*, A two-day interdisciplinary symposium, the University of Ohio, Columbus, November 19-20, 2009.
- Pasargadae: New Research and Restoration Project, *American School of Oriental Research Annual Meeting*, San Diego, November 14-17, 2007.
- Archaeology of the Achaemenid period: an assessment, *The World of Ancient Persia, One-Day Seminar at California State University, Fullerton*, March 18, 2006.
- Persepolis, Susa, and Iranian Archaeology: Pre-Islamic sites in today's Iran, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, February 2, 2006.
- Persepolis and Susa: Rivalries, Nationalism, Politics and the Dawn of Scientific Archaeology in Iran, *Study of Persian Culture in the West*, Hermitage State Museum and Iran Heritage Foundation, St. Petersburg, June 23-29, 2004.
- The Region of Tehran and the Iranian Iron Age Problem in the Light of Recent Discoveries, *The Iron Age in the Iranian World*, the University Ghent – The Royal Museums of Art and History, Brussels, Ghent, November 17-2, 2003.
- The Early Iron Age problems in central and western Iran in view of archaeological investigations in the plain of Savajbulaq, near Tehran, Conference held in

the Cultural Heritage Organization of Iran, organized by the Archaeological Research Centre, Tehran, March 3, 2003.

- Ernst Herzfeld, Politics and Antiquities Legislation in Iran 1900-1950, *Ernst Herzfeld and the Development of Near Eastern Studies 1900-1950*, Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., May 3-6, 2001.

- Comments on the Early Iron Age in Iran, *Fourth European Congress of Iranology*, Paris, September 1999.

Languages

English (fluent), French (fluent), German (only reading), Persian (fluent), Arabic (only reading).