
MINA YAZDANI
AUGUST 2022

Department of History, Philosophy & Religious Studies
Eastern Kentucky University
521 Lancaster Ave.
Richmond, Kentucky 40475

Office: 304 Keith
Tel: 859-622-1361
e-mail: mina.yazdani@eku.edu

EDUCATION

PhD, Department of Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, Toronto, **Jan. 2011.**

Dissertation: “Religious Contentions in Modern Iran, 1881-1941.”

Supervisor: Dr. Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi

Major: History of Modern Iran; First Minor: Islamic Thought; Second Minor: Historiography

Master of Arts, Department of Religion and Culture, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, 2004-05.

Master of Arts, Department of Psychology, Landegg International University, Wienacht, Switzerland, 2001-02.

Bachelor of General Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 1988-2001.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of History, Philosophy & religious Studies, Eastern Kentucky University, August 2022-

Associate Professor, Department of History, Philosophy & religious Studies, Eastern Kentucky University, August 2017-August 2022.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Eastern Kentucky University, March 2011- August 2017.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, September 2009-April 2010.

Elementary Persian (NML260)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Historical Studies, University of Toronto Mississauga, 2006-09.

Introduction to Islam (RLG 204)

Introduction to Historical Studies (HIS 101)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Religion and Culture, Wilfred Laurier University, 2004-05.

Evil and its Symbols (RE104)

Human Life Cycle (RE 313)

Instructor, Landegg International University (LIU), Wienacht, Switzerland, 2002.

Text and Interpretation I (RELI 310)

Text and Interpretation II (RELI 340)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles and Book Chapter

- With Omid Ghaemmaghani, “Abu’l-Faḍā’il-i-Gulpāyigānī, an Ante Litteram Critique of Orientalism” *Religion*, submitted July 2022, under review.
- “Writings and Utterances of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá,” in *The World of the Bahá’í Faith*. Edited by Robert H. Stockman. Routledge Worlds. London: Routledge, 2022.
- “Writings of Shoghi Effendi in Persian.” in *The World of the Bahá’í Faith*. Edited by Robert H. Stockman. Routledge Worlds. London: Routledge, 2022.
- “Layers of Veils Covering the Woman Who Unveiled,” *Journal of Women of the Middle East and the Islamic World*, Submitted August 2021.
- “Quiet Strangulation: Islamic Republic’s Treatment of Baha’is since 1991.” *Tiempo Devorado. Revista de Historia Actual*. No. 2 (December 2018): 156-181.
- “Towards a History of the Baha’i Community of Iran during the Reign of Mohammad Reza Shah,” *Iran Namag* 2, no.1 (Spring 2017): 2-29. Persian Translation: *Nigāhī bi tārikh-i jāmi‘ah-yi Bahā’ī-yi Iran dar darwān-i hukūmat-i Muḥammad Riḍā Shah*. Translated by Pooya Movehhd. LA: AaSoo, 2019. Also, available at <https://www.aasoo.org/fa/daftarha/2543>.
- With Omid Ghaemmaghani, “Kāleši, Moḥammad Mahdi (1860-1925), a leading Kazemayn-based Shi‘i jurist whose close involvement in anti-British politics in Iraq led to his exile to Iran (i. His life and times; ii. A thematic survey of his major works; iii. The impact of his political and scholastic legacies on historical development of political culture of the Shi‘i clergy)” *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (invited, peer-reviewed, published March 4, 2016)
- “Kāleši-zādeh, Moḥammad (d. 1963), contemporary Iranian political activist.” *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (invited, peer-reviewed, published October 7, 2015)
- “Higher Education under the Islamic Republic: the Case of the Baha’is.” *Journal of Educational Controversy*. Vol. 10. No. 1 (2015), article 7: 1-20.
<http://cedar.wvu.edu/jec/vol10/iss1/7>. Persian Translation: “*Amuzish-i ‘ali dar jumhuri-yi Islami: mas’alah-yi Baha’iyan*.” Translated by Sipidah Sahari.
<http://www.aasoo.org/articles/210/>
- “‘Abdu’l-Bahā’ and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution: Embracing Principles while Disapproving Methodologies,” *The Journal of Bahā’ī Studies*, vol. 24, number 1/2 (March-June 2014): 47-82.

- “Orientals Meeting in the West: Foes Become Friends,” in *The Course of Human Solidarity: ‘Abdu’l-Baha’s Journey West*, ed. Negar Mottahedeh. 145-169. New York: Palgrave, 2013.
- “Hay’at,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 1:419-20. (invited)
- “Sufra,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 2: 295-96.(invited)
- “The Islamic Revolution’s Internal ‘Other’: The Case of Ayatollah Khomeini and the Baha’is of Iran,” *Journal of Religious History* Vol. 36, No. 4 (December 2012): 592-603. Available at: doi: 10.1111/j.1467-9809.2012.01233.x. Persian Translation: “*Digari-i daruni-yi inqilab-i Islami: Ayatollah Khomeini va Baha’iyan-i Iran.*” Translated by Erfan Sabeti. <http://www.aasoo.org/articles/52/>
- “The Crisis of Identity and the Creation of a Masternarrative,” *Iran Facing Others: Identity Boundaries and Political Culture*, eds. Abbas Amanat and Farzin Vejdani. 245-266. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.
- “Anti-Baha’i Polemics and Historiography.” *Baha’i Studies Review*, vol. 17 (2011): 87-100.
- “The Confessions of Dolgoruki: Fiction and Masternarrative in Twentieth-Century Iran.” *Iranian Studies* 44, no. 1 (January 2011): 25-47.
- Revision of “The Baha’i Faith,” by Douglas Martin, *The Canadian Encyclopaedia*, 2009. <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=a1ARTA000045>
- 6
- “A Cross Cultural Comparison of Western and Middle Eastern Psychological Stage Theories,” [with R. Diessner, and R. T. Richel] in *Psychology and Religion: Collected Papers*, edited by R. Diessner. 35-53. Oxford: George Ronald, 2007.

Refereed Articles in Persian

- “I’tirāfāt-i Dolgoruki: qiṣṣah pardāzi va huviyyat sāzi,” [The Confessions of Dolgoruki: Story Writing and Identity Scripting] *Iran Nameh* 24:4 (1388/2009).

Non-Refereed Articles in English

- “Iranian clergy showing more religious tolerance,” *The Lexington Herald-Leader* July 13, 2014, available at http://www.kentucky.com/2014/07/13/3334428_iranian-clergy-showing-more-religious.html?rh=1
- “Inclusion: The challenge for Iran’s new president,” *OpenDemocracy* (5 August 2013), available at <http://www.opendemocracy.net/mina-yazdani/inclusion-challenge-for-iran%E2%80%99s-new-president>

Non-refereed Articles in Persian

- “Bahā’i-āzādri; pīsh az kūditā tā pas az ān,” [Persecution of Baha’is: from before to after the Coup] *BBC Persian Language Service* (21 August 2013), available at

http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/iran/2013/08/130820_l44_coup_bahai.shtml (invited contribution)

“‘Tirāfāt-i Dolgoruki: az qiṣṣah tā gurd ravāyat,” [Dolgoruki’s Confessions: from Story to Masternarrative] part1, *Rahavard* 88 (Fall 2009): 196-206, part 2, *Rahavard* 90 (Spring 2010): 129-147.

“Muqāyisah-yi Risālah-yi Madaniyyah va risālāt-i siyāsī -ijtimā’ī -yi ham ‘aṣr-i ān,” [A Comparison of *The Secret of Divine Civilization* with Contemporary Socio-Political Writings from Persian Reformists] *Khoosh-i-hā’ī az Kharman-i Adab va Honar* 16 (2008): 127-167.

“Kalāmī chand darbārihye yikī az alwāḥ-i Jamāl-i Abḥā,” [An Analytical Review of One of the Tablets of Bahā’u’llāh] *Safīnih-yi ‘irfān* 10 (2007): 164-176.

“Risālah-yi Siyāsiyyah [Treatise on Politics],” *Khoosh-i-hā’ī az Kharman-i Adab va Honar* 14 (2003): 198-216.

“Risālah-yi Madaniyyah [The Secret of Divine Civilization],” *Khoosh-i-hā’ī az Kharman-i Adab va Honar* 14 (2003):178-197.

“Ṣāḥat-i ṣakhrāh [The Cry of the Rock],” *Payām-i-Bahā’ī* 273&274 (August/September 2002).

“Diyānat-i Bahā’i va inqilāb- i mashrūṭah,” [The Bahā’i Faith and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution] *Khoosh-i-hā’ī az Kharman-i Adab va Honar* 12 (2001): 223-248.

Books

Awzā’-i- ijtimā’ī -i Irān dar ‘ahd-i- Qājār az khilāl-i āthār-i mubārakah-yi Bahā’ī [Iran at the Time of the Qājār Dynasty: A Perspective from the Bahā’ī Sacred Writings]. Hamilton, Ontario: Association for Bahā’ī Studies in Persian, 2003. (A monograph of 434 pages).

Book Reviews

Review of *Islam and the Baha’i Faith: A Comparative Study of Muhammad ‘Abduh and ‘Abdul-Baha ‘Abbas*, by Oliver Scharbrodt. *Iranian Studies* 44, no. 2 (March 2011): 280-284.

PRESENTATIONS

Scholarly Conferences and Academic Meetings

“Shaykh al-Ra’is Qajar (d. 1920) and His Ittihad-i Islam,” The Thirteenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of Salamanca, Spain, August 30- Sept. 2022.

“Poetry as a Means of Confessional Expression: The Case of Shaykh al-Ra’is’s Ode,” The Two Hundred and Thirty Second Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, Massachusetts, March 18-21, 2022.

“Shaykh al-Ra’is Qajar (d. 1920) and His Ittihad-i Islam,” The Thirteenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of Salamanca, Spain, August 25-28, 2020. Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19.

“An Exile on Political Philosophy,” The Ninth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, University of Chicago Center, New Delhi, India, March 11-13, 2020. Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19.

- “Women in the Life and Writings of the Bāb,” in *Examining the Impact of the Bāb: An Academic Seminar*, Reynolds Club, McCormick Tribune Lounge, University of Chicago, October 26, 2019.
- “Shaykh Faḏl Allāh Nūrī, the Heterodox and Constitutionalism: The Tupkhanah Square and Historical Amnesia,” The Twelfth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of California, Irvine, 14-17 August 2018.
- “Education is Not a Crime: Higher Learning and the Baha’i Community in Iran,” following the screening of the documentary, *To Light a Candle*, at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton, November 9, 2017.
- “The Baha’i community of Iran, 1941-1979” in “HIST 572C: Iran, Past & Present,” a graduate history seminar taught by Professor Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer, the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton, November 9, 2017.
- “Clerical Collusion and Islamic Radicalism in 1940s Iran,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 17-20 November 2016.
- “Baha’is Amidst the People, the Clerics and the Government,” Toronto Initiative for Iranian Studies Seminar Series, Toronto, Canada, 17 October, 2016.
- “A Convenient Scapegoat: Baha’is Amidst the People, the Clerics and the Government,” in the panel, “Tehran 1943 II: Politics and Political Contestation,” The Eleventh Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Vienna, Austria, 2-5 August, 2016.
- “Higher Education in Contemporary Iran: The Case of the Baha’is.” Lecture at Owensboro Community and Technical College in Owensboro, KY, as part of the Owensboro Area World Affairs Council programs. 25 April, 2016 (Invited).
- “Shi’i Nationalism in the Twentieth Century Iran,” in the panel, “Shi’i (Trans) nationalism in Comparative Perspective,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 21- 24 November, 2015.
- “1960s and the Emergence of Iranian Religious Nationalism,” in the panel, “Politics Overseas,” The 31st annual meeting of the Ohio Valley History Conference, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky, 1-3 October, 2015.
- “Fire and Light: Religions in Iran,” Lecture at Berea College as part of the Center for International Education's monthly lecture series, "Mundo Monthly," 15 September, 2015. (*invited*)
- “Religious Diversity in Iran,” Lecture at the University of Kentucky as part of the “Year of the Middle East: Crossroads of the World” series, 1st April, 2015. (*invited*)
- “Bahā’īs of Iran, 1941-1979,” in the panel, “Religious Inclusivity and Civilizational Identity: Expanding Iranian Identities along Religious, Ethnic, and Gender Lines,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 22-25 November, 2014.
- “Islamic Ecumenism in Mid-Twentieth Century Iran: a Reaction to a Messianic Movement?” in the panel, “Messianism in Iranian Islam: From Conceptions to Re-Conceptions,” The Tenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Montreal, Canada, 6-9 August, 2014.
- “Islamic Ecumenism in Iran, 1930s to 1960s,” in the panel, “Shi’i Relations: Historical Narratives of Conflict and Cooperation,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, 10-13 October, 2013.

- “The Liminal Identity of the Reformist Theologian Sayyid Asad Allah Kharaghani,” in the panel “Political and Ideological Reform in the Modern Shi’i Muslim World,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 17-20 November, 2012.
- “Denying al-Raj’a while Remaining a Shi’a,” in the panel, “Non-Conformity and Marginality among Twelver Shi’is,” The Ninth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 1-5 August 2012.
- “Denying al-Raj’a while Remaining a Shi’a,” in the panel, “The Vicissitudes of Iran’s Shi’i Clerical Establishment in the 20th Century and New Millennium,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 1 Dec. 2011.
- “Bahā’iphobia in Iranian Political Thought,” Conference on “Intellectual Othering and the Baha’i Question in Iran,” The Toronto Initiative for Iranian Studies, Toronto 2 July 2011.
- “The Confessions of Dolgoruki: Story Writing and Identity Scripting,” Lecture Series, UCLA, Spring Quarter 2011, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Amuzegar Chair, and Taslimi Foundation, 10 May 2011.
- “Orientals Meeting in the West: Foes Become Friends,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, San Diego 21 Nov. 2010.
- “*Abū al-Fazā’il Gulpāyghānī: An Ante Litteram Critic of Orientalism*,” University of Toronto, Mississauga, 29 Sept. 2010
- “The Islamic Revolution’s Internal Other,” The Eight Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, The International Society for Iranian Studies, Los Angeles 27-30 May 2010.
- “The Anti-Baha’i Underpinnings of Islamic Ecumenism and Reform in Early Twentieth Century in Iran,” Society for Shaykhī, Bābī, and Bahā’ī Studies Meeting in Conjunction with Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Boston. 21 Nov. 2009.
- “Islamic Revival and Anti-Baha’ism in 1960s Iran,” Bahā’ī Studies Colloquy at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Montreal, 7 Nov. 2009.
- “Masternarratives in 20th Century Middle Eastern Literature,” Middle East History & Theory Working Group, 2009-10 Discussion Series Entitled: “Crossing Boundries: Resituating North African and Middle Eastern Studies,” Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto, 14 Oct. 2009.
- “Reconstructing the Imbrie (Saqqā Khānah) Affair, July 1924,” The Seventh Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, The International Society for Iranian Studies, Park Hyatt Hotel, Toronto, Canada, 3 Aug. 2008.
- “Dolgoruki’s ‘Memoirs’: From Fiction to Master Narrative,” Facing Others: Iranian Identity Boundaries and Modern Political Cultures, conference, Yale Iranian Studies Initiative, Council on Middle East Studies, Yale University, 27 Apr. 2008.
- “*Abū al-Fazā’il Gulpāyghānī: An Ante Litteram Critic of Orientalism*,” Society for Shaykhī, Bābī, and Bahā’ī Studies, Meeting in Conjunction with Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Montreal. 17 Nov. 2007
- “Forgery as History: Dolgoruki’s ‘Memoirs,’” Society for Shaykhī, Bābī, and Bahā’ī Studies, Meeting in Conjunction with Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts. 18 Nov. 2006.

“The Death of Jesus in Christianity, Islam and the Bahā’ī Faith,” [With DeJardins, M., M.Yazdani, M., Sh. Nahidi] American Academy of Religion (AAR), Eastern International Regional Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. 6 May 2005

“The Constitutional Revolution of Iran and the Bahā’ī Community.” An invited presentation to the Bahā’ī Panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Atlanta, Georgia. 22 Nov. 2003.

“*The Sign of the Primal Will in the Contingent World.*” An invited presentation to the Second International Conference on Modern Religious Movements in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and the Bābī and Bahā’ī Faiths. Landegg International University, Wienacht, Switzerland. 28 Nov. 2002.

Conferences Organized

With Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi and Todd Lawson, Co-convenor of the conference “Intellectual Othering and the Baha’i Question in Iran,” Isabel Bader Theatre, Victoria College, University of Toronto, 1-3 July 2011.

Selected Public Lectures and Presentations

“The Writings and Utterances of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá,” Wilmette Institute Webinars. October 10, 2021, available online at <https://wilmetteinstitute.org/the-writings-and-utterances-of-abdul-baha/>

“Non-involvement in Partisan Politics,” lecture delivered at the 30th annual conference of the Association of the Friends of Persian Culture. September 4–7, 2020, available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TaaH8dSMvY> (minutes 9–35).

“An Analysis of the Messages of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of Iran 1979–1982,” lecture delivered at the 22nd Annual Texas Bluebonnet Conference, San Marcos, Texas. February 21–23, 2020.

“The Writings of ‘Abdu’l-Baha,” a series of five lectures delivered at the Green Acre Baha’i Center of Learning, Eliot, Maine. December 27–31, 2019.

“In order that No Hardship Should Befall Them: Women in the Life and Writings of the Báb,” The 13th International Peace Seminar, in Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of the Báb, “Strangers in the World or Citizens of the World?” Walenstadt, Switzerland, November 4, 2019.

“Reflections on the Persian Bayán,” the 13th International Peace Seminar, in Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of the Báb, “Strangers in the World or Citizens of the World?” Walenstadt, Switzerland, November 3, 2019.

“The Writings of Shoghi Effendi,” lecture delivered at the Kentucky-West Virginia Baha’i School at Carter Caves State Resort Park, Olive Hill, Kentucky. July 6, 2018.

- “A Study of the Messages of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of Iran, 1979-1983,” lecture delivered at the 33rd annual Grand Canyon Bahá’í Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, December 25, 2017.
- “Politics from a Bahá’í Perspective,” lecture delivered at the 33rd annual Grand Canyon Bahá’í Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, December 24, 2017.
- “A Study of the Messages of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of Iran, 1979-1983,” Talk at *Creating a Society Founded on Divine Principles, 33rd Annual Grand Canyon Bahá’í Conference*. JW Marriot Desert Ridge Resort and Spa, Phoenix, Arizona, December 25, 2017.
- “Theological Foundations of Prayer,” Lecture at Kentucky Bahá’í School, Lake Cumberland State Park and Resort in South Central Kentucky, 15 September, 2015.
- “History of Iran in the Bahá’í Writings,” Four Lectures delivered at Liria Bahá’í Summer School, Liria, Spain, 19 -26 July, 2015.
- “The Baha’i Institute for Higher Education, an Appraisal,” Lecture delivered at Vancouver Persian Conference on Social and Cultural Studies, Vancouver, 18 May 2015.
- “Reflections on Politics and Social Justice,” Lecture delivered at Vancouver Persian Conference on Social and Cultural Studies, Vancouver, 16 May 2015.
- Panel participant following the documentary “To Light a Candle,” as part of *Education Is Not a Crime* campaign, at Eastern Kentucky University, 25 Feb., 2015
- “The Tablet of Glad Tidings (*Bishārāt*),” Lecture at Kentucky Bahá’í School, 20 September 2014.
- The Book of Certitude (*Kitāb-i Īqān*), Course taught at Louhelen Bahá’í School, 27 December 2013 to 1 January 2014.
- Panel participant , “Prayer,” *Bāztāb, Ā’in-i Bahá’í TV*, 3 Nov. 2013 <<http://bahaiview.org/tv13-045b/>>
- Panel participant, “Aṭā Allāh Riḏvāni, the Murder of a Bahá’í in Iran,” *Ofogh, Voice of America* (VOA) , 3 October 2013 <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gT9721pVgl8>>
- “ ‘Abdu’l-Baha and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution,” In 36th Annual Conference of the Association for Bahá’í Studies–North America, 9-12 August 2012, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Panel participant following the premiere of the documentary “Education under Fire” at Columbia University, 29 Oct. 2011
- “Orientals Meeting in the West: Foes Become Friends,” Irfan Colloquium, Bosch School, Santa Cruz, 21 May 2011.
- “Interpretation in the Writings of ‘Abdu’l-Bahā,” Irfan Colloquium, Bosch School, Santa Cruz, 21 May 2011.
- “Human Rights in Iran: The Case of Baha’is.” An invited presentation at International Human Rights Lectures Series, Paul Martin Center, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada, 30 Sept. 2010.
- “Demonization of a Minority: The Case of the Baha'is of Iran.” Invited presentation at Glendon’s 15th International Symposium, “Exploring Perspectives: a Journey through Contemporary Iran.” Glendon College, York University, Toronto, 6 March 2010.
- “Religious Minorities and Iran’s Civil Movement.” An invited presentation to the conference “Iran’s Civil Movement: A Global Advocacy.” University of Toronto, 17 Oct. 2009.

- “Perennial Fiction: The Historical Roots of the Anti-Bahā’ī ‘Espionage’ charge.” An invited presentation to the 18th Annual Conference of the Friends of Persian Culture Association, Schaumburg, Illinois. 5 Sept. 2009.
- “Scapegoating Bahā’īs: The Clergy, the State, and Mob Violence in the 20th Century Iran.” 33rd Annual Conference of the Association for Bahā’ī Studies–North America, Washington D.C. 14 Aug. 2009.
- “An Overview on the Writings of Bahā’u’llāh on Iran.” An invited presentation to the ‘Irfān Colloquium, Bosch Bahā’ī School, Santa Cruz, California. 30 May 2009.
- “Anti- Bahā’ī Polemics as Historiography,” Association for Bahā’ī Studies Conference, Annual Conference of the Association for Bahā’ī Studies–North America. Mississauga, Canada. 18 Aug. 2007.
- “The History and Role of Scholarship in the Iranian Bahā’ī Community,” Association for Bahā’ī Studies Conference, Annual Conference of the Association for Bahā’ī Studies–North America. Mississauga, Canada. 17 Aug. 2007.
- “Edward G. Browne in the Bahā’ī Writings.” An invited presentation to the Friends of Persian Culture Association Conference. Itasca, Illinois. 3 Sept. 2006.
- “An Introduction to One of the Tablets of Bahā’u’llāh.” An invited presentation to the ‘Irfān Colloquium, Louhelen Bahā’ī School, Davison, Michigan. 9 Oct. 2005.
- “Comparing *The Secret of Divine Civilization* with its Contemporary Socio-Political Writings from Persian Reformists.” An invited presentation to the Friends of Persian Culture Association Conference. Itasca, Illinois. 2 Sept. 2004.
- “Abdu’l-Bahā’s Secret of Divine Civilization.” An invited presentation to the Society for Persian Arts and Letters, Landegg International University, Wienacht, Switzerland. 14 Aug. 2002.
- “Abdu’l-Bahā’s Treatise on Politics.” An invited presentation to the Society for Persian Arts and Letters, Landegg International University, Wienacht, Switzerland. 13 Aug. 2002.
- “An Overview of Abdu’l-Bahā’s Published Tablets on the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906-1912,” An invited presentation to the Society for Persian Arts and Letters, Landegg International University, Wienacht, Switzerland. Aug. 2000.