Resume

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Personal Information

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Education

❖ A Yearlong Educational Leadership and Teacher Education Program, Penn State & UCDavis Universities, PA,2015-2016

   Modules: Socio-Cultural Theory, Teacher Development Programs, Politics, Language, and Pedagogy: Applying Paulo Freire Today, Methods of Classroom Supervision and Coaching

   , Instructional Supervision, Leadership, Project Management, Language Socialization, Advanced Presentation Skills (UCDavis University), Language & Culture (UCDavis University), Research Methodology (UCDavis University),

❖ Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Islamic Azad University, 2013
   o Modules: Applied linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, Material Development, Testing.
   o Sociocultural Theory, Language Socialization, instructional supervision, Methods of Supervision and Coaching, Developing Teacher Development Pasarograms, Paolo Ferrier , Education and Literacy,

❖ Bachelor of Art in English Literature from Allaameh Taba-Tabayee University 2003

Experience

● Freelance TESOL trainer Language Training Institute LTI, Midwest Education Group, Chicago, US, iTTi New York US; Tehran July 2016-Present

● Teacher Education Expert and Persian Language Teacher at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad August-2017-Present

● University Lecturer at Tabaran University; September-2016-Present

● Intern at International TESOL association; Alexanderia, May and June 2016
   ✓
   ✓ Analyzing and disaggregating Employment Issues Committee Reports and data
   ✓ Doing a comparative studies on standards for Short-Term TEFL/ESL Certificate Programs (TESOL, DELTA, CELTA, Dip TESOL, Cert TESOL)
   ✓ Designing Training Workshops for ESL Teachers in Community Colleges
   ✓ Writing a comparative report on standards for short-term teacher training courses (CELTA, DELTA, TESOL, Dip-TESOL)
   ✓ Analyzing and comparing TESOL Employment Issues Committee Reports

- Humphrey Fellow 2015-2016 in Penn State University, College of Education, July Pennsylvania USA 2015-April 2016
- Lecturer at IRIB University (teaching Journalism, ESP & EAP Courses), Tehran, IRAN 2014-16-2015
- Lecturer at School of Media Studies (Teaching Journalism and Translation Courses), Tehran, IRAN 2014-16-2015
- Lecturer at Islamic Azad University North Branch (Teaching English and Translation Courses) , Tehran, IRAN 2013-16-2015
- Economics Teacher in Tehran International IB School, Tehran, IRAN 2012
- Director of Studies at Avid Academy *of* English (offering ESOL Courses &English for Business and Management Courses) 2006-2008
- The Academic Director at Avid Academy *of* English, Tehran, IRAN 2008-2013
- Co-Founder and Head of Board of Directors at Avid Academy of English , Tehran, IRAN 2006-2013.
- Translator , Interpreter, Narrator, Newsreader, Program Host and "Sahan Online" Program Host in IRIB, Sahar Universal Network (Satellite Channel) , Tehran, IRAN 2004 -2015
- Manager of Parsayan House of Languages, Tehran, IRAN (offering Translation Courses in Business and Tourism) 2005
- Freelance Translator, Interpreter in national and international conferences and meetings, Tehran, IRAN 2005 -present
- Operations Assistant and simultaneous interpreter and translator at United Nations, Tehran, IRAN (I.O.M) on Iraq Out-Of-Country Voting Program 2004-2005
- The Branch Manager at Safir Language Academy, Tehran, IRAN (Tajrish Branch) 2002-2003
- Teacher of ESOL Courses (IELTS, TOEFL, FCE CAE, CPE) at Safir Language School , Tehran, IRA , 2000-2005
- Teacher of ESOL Courses (IELTS, TOEFL, FCE CAE, CPE) at Zaban Sara Language School , Tehran, IRAN 1998-1999
- Teacher of all levels at Shokoh Language School, Tehran, IRAN , 1994-1998

Awards & Certificates	➢ Best Teacher Award Safir Language Academy, 2002
	➢ Best Speech Award Presentation on "Video Teaching", Safir Langauge Academy, 2002
	➢ OJT workshop on spoken & Written error management, Developing interactive speaking skills, By Raymond Parker

- ➢ Teacher Training Course on "Fundamentals of Adult Learner's Language Teaching Methodology" by Dr Sara Villars, Oxford University press 2006
- ➢ Workshop on "Teaching ESP Courses" at Avid Academy of English offered by Oxford University Press (Keith Harding) June-2007
- ➢ First International Conference "ELT in the Islamic World", Tehran, 2010
- ➢ Workshop on "Using Role-Plays To Assess ESP Speaking Ability" by Professor Dan Douglas Tehran, 2010
- ➢ Workshop on "Teaching for Success in ELT" by Dr. Carol Griffiths, Tehran, 2010
- ➢ 4th International Conference of Cognitive Science, the Satellite Symposium on Language Acquisition and Learning Tehran, 2011.
- ➢ 1st International "TESOL Persia" Conference 2011
- ➢ "American English File Orientation" Workshop by Oxford University press, Tehran, 2011
- ➢ The Seminar on "Curriculum For English Language Teaching"by Professor Jack C. Richards, Tehran, 2012
- ➢ The Workshop "on Curriculum For English Language Teaching" by Professor Jack C. Richards Tehran, 2012
- ➢ Award of appreciation by Sepanir Company for designing and supervising ESP / EOP Courses
- ➢ Award of appreciation by IDRO for designing and supervising ESP, GE and International Exams preparation Courses
- ➢ Certificate of "Teaching Knowledge Test" (T.K.T.) by Cambridge University 2012
- ➢ Training of Trainers (TOT) by British Council Master Trainers, Tehran, 2013
- ➢ Trainer Training by British Council, Dubai 2013
- ➢ Master Training by British Council, Istanbul 2014
- ➢ TESOL Certificate, Language Training Institute LTI , Australia, 2014
- ➢ Humphrey Fellowship 2015-2016
  - ● Pre-Academic Training in UC Davis, California, US. June and July 2015
    - - Modules covered; Research Methodology, Presentation Skills, Communication and Culture
  - ● Fellowship Program in Penn State, Pennsylvania, US August 2015 - Modules covered:
    - ✓ Sociocultural Theory by Dr. Lantolf,
    - ✓ Language Socialization by Dr. Canagarajah
    - ✓ Politics, Language, and Pedagogy: Applying Paulo Freire Today by Dr. Prins
    - ✓ Instructional Supervision by Dr. Badiali
    - ✓ Project Management by Dr. Bardaschia and Dr. Talat

- ✓ Methods of Classroom Supervision and Coaching by Dr. Badiali
- ✓ Teacher Development Programs by Dr. Arbaugh
- Leadership Challenge by Dr. Bardaschia and Dr. Talat
- Schreyer Teaching Excellence Conference 2015: Transformative Teaching and Learning, Penn State, PA October 2015
- Advanced Executive Leadership Workshop, American Management Institute, NY, US, Dec. 20115
- Leadership & Governance During Times of Crisis Workshop, Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse NY, Feb. 2016
- Strategic Negotiation Skills Workshop, IIE (Institute of International Education), Washington DC, Mar.2016
- Session moderator and participant at PETE & C 2016 (Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference) Hershey, PA Apr. 2016
- "Evaluating Teachers and Teacher Preparation Programs: Issues of Method and Purpose" Conference State College, PA Apr.2016
- Project Management & Entrepreneurship online Course, Arizona. March 2016
- TLT 2016 Conference (Teaching and Learning with Technology) State College, PA 2016
- 50th TESOL Convention, Baltimore, MA, Apr.2016
- Negotiation and Leadership Conference Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Apr. 2016
- Project Management Online Course, Penn State, PA 2015
- Leadership Challenge Online Course, Penn State, PA 2016
- Educational Leadership and Teacher Education Course, Penn State, PA 2015-2016.
- The 28th Annual Technology and Adult Education Conference: "ConnectED", Philadelphia, PA, May,2016
- National Conference on Challenges in Foreign Language Teaching in Iran- May 2017
- Written Corrective Feedback Workshop by Rod Ellis- May 2017
- English Language Teaching & Learning Issues (TBLT & Consciousness-Raising Workshop By Rod Ellis- May 2017
- National Conference on Teaching Persian Language to Speakers of Other Languages- July 2017
- Sociolinguistics for Teaching Persian Language to Speakers of Other Languages by Mashhad University of Ferdowsi - Jul 2017
- Teaching Language Skills to Persian Language Teachers by Mashhad University of Ferdowsi - July 2017
- Teaching Writing to Persian Language Teachers by Mashhad University of Ferdowsi- Jul 2017

- Understanding and Applying the IELTS Writing and Speaking Public Band Descriptor by IDP Sep.6th 2006

- Theories and Frameworks of Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) By Binaloud Higher Education Institute, Nov 2017

- Emergent Technologies in Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) by Binaloud Higher Education Institute, Nov 2017

- Applications of CALL in Teaching Language Skills by Binaloud Higher Education Institute, Nov 2017

- "Digital Marketing for Educationalist" by Shahid Beheshti University Nov. 2017

- "IELTS Train the Trainer" by IDP Nov. 2017

- "Young Learners Masterclass" by IELTA, Dec. 2017

- "Teacherpreneurs: Leading Students From Outside Out" workshop by IELTA, Dec. 2017

- International Conference on the Role of Language Education in Cultural Relations of Iran and The Arab World, by Mashhad University of Ferdowsi, Feb. 2018

- "Test Designing and Evaluation in Persian Language Teaching" Workshop by Mashhad University of Ferdowsi, Feb. 2018

- Advanced Diploma in TESOL Course, by Educats Chacago, US Dec. 2017

- International Training The Trainer Course by Midwest Education Group Chacago, US Dec. 2017

Software   Office, 3d Audition, Absolute Sound Recorder, Video Maker, SPSS.

Interests   Swimming, hiking, Iranian Classical Music, Singing, storytelling, hosting TV programs, News reading,

Workshops & Presentations

- ❖ "How to Learn English Seminar (in more than 100 companies)
- ❖ "English for Specific Purposes ESP & Globalization" (Payam-e-Noor University, Management and MBA Department)
- ❖ "Teacher Training Courses; Pre-service and in-service" (for more than ten years)
- ❖ "Video Teaching Techniques" (Safir Language School; Award-winning)
- ❖ "Common Mistakes ELT Teachers make" (Industrial Management Institute & Avid Academy of English)
- ❖ "Error Treatment" (Industrial Management Institute & Avid Academy of English)
- ❖ Learner Training Workshops (Industrial Management Institute & Avid Academy of English)
- ❖ "Study for Success" (Azad University North Branch)
- ❖ "Simultaneous Translation and Interpretation Skills" (Azad University North Branch)

- ❖ "Clinical Observation: A Socio-cultural Approach to Teacher Education" in (Industrial Management Institute & Avid Academy of English)
- ❖ Mentoring in ELT (Industrial Management Institute & Avid Academy of English)
- ❖ "Peer Coaching in ELT" (Industrial Management Institute & Avid Academy of English)
- ❖ "Language Placement Test, a redefinition" (Industrial Management Institute & Avid Academy of English)
- ❖ "Student-Centered Teaching" (ZabansaraShahr-e-Ray Branch)
- ❖ "Error Management" (SokhanAshena and ZabansaraShahr-e-Ray Branch)

- ❖ "Teaching Knowledge Test, TKT" (Industrial Management Institute & Avid Academy of English)
- ❖ "HR principles" for ESP learners MAPNA

- ❖ "Iran and US through Mass Media", Global Forum Speech, University of California, UCDavis, July 2016

- ❖ "Incorporating Environmental Literacy into Language Teaching" Workshop, Global Leadership Forum, Washington DC, Oct.2016

- ❖ "Global Warming and Education" Speech at Global Leaders Forum, Oct. 2015

- ❖ "Teacher Education in Iran", Penn State, State College Nov. 2015

- ❖ Serving as a panelist for discussion on "Similarities between Christianity and Islam", in Foxdale Village, PA Mar.2016

- ❖ "Iran, Environmental Issues and Future" Speech at Bunker Hill Community College, Mar. 2016

- ❖ " Standards For Farsi Language Learning Certificate Courses" at Sa'adi Foundation, Tehran-Iran Dec. 2016

- ❖ "ESP Course Design; Designing a Reading Lesson" at AVID Business School, Tehran-Iran Dec. 2016

- ❖ "Study For Success; Learning Booster" at Andisheh Moin University, Tehran-Iran Dec. 2016

- ❖ "Study For Success; making Best of EOP & EAP Courses" Iran Mall Staff Members Tehran-Iran Dec. 2016

- ❖ "Missing Links In Language Education in Iran" in National Conference on Challenges in Foreign Language Teaching in Iran- May 2017

- ❖ "IELTS Teacher Training" For Avesta College , June 2017

- ❖ "Persian Language Student Error Treatment" International Centre for Teaching Persian Language for Non-Persians, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, August 2017

- ❖ "Creative Teaching" International Centre for Teaching Persian Language for Non-Persians, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, September 2017

- ❖ "Reflective Teaching" International Centre for Teaching Persian Language for Non-Persians, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, September 2017

- ❖ "Creativity In English Language Teaching" Industrial Management Institute Dec. 2017

- ❖ "Creativity In English Language Teaching" Kian Language Academy Jan. 2018

- ❖ "IELTS Teacher Training" Diako Language Academy (Tehran-Oxford), Jan.2018

Educational Projects

- ➤ Iraq Out-Of-Country Voting Program 2005

  As an Ops assistant, I was responsible for finding a place for the voting station, I had to negotiate with the local authorities and Iraqi immigrants in Tehran to find the best place as a stations. I was also i charge of interviewing some Iraqi volunteers to help us in organizing the voting program.

- Projects ESP for Sepanir Oil Company August 2007

  We developed an English for Specific Purposes program for 100 + staff members of the company The project was so successful that I was awarded by the company for the administrative and education management

- Avid Kids Primary School October 2007

  We designed young learners' EFL program for the school, train the teachers and supervised the whole program.

- EAP Courses for Industrial Management Institute 2009

  Designing and supervising English for Academic Purposes EAP courses for the IMI staff members and MA students in Service Management,

- Offering ESP/EAP/EOP Courses to hundreds of international and national organizations and corporations across Iran 2007 to 2013

  Work-based courses offered to companies after a comprehensive needs analysis. Such tailor-made courses were designed to help the companies to compete at an international level with their foreign rivals.

- HR MA programs, ESP Taxation Course for Pasargard Bank of Iran 2009

  An ESP course for ACCA Candidates in Pasargad Bank The course was designed to prepare the ACCA candidates' business English to be able to take the ACCA course and manage and handle discussions in English at an intermediate level

- Public Relations ESP Course for Hamshahri Newspaper Middle Managers 2009

  the course was designed around some PR topics of interest for the middle managers

- ESP Course for Banking Legal Issues for Iran's Central Bank 2010

  The course was designed for the Law Department of the central bank The participants needed a course preparing them for some common legal banking issues and discussions in international contexts

- ESP & Int'l Exams Preparation Courses for Industrial Development & Renovation Organization of Iran (IDRO) 2008

  We developed curriculum and syllabus for ESP and Int'l Exams Preparation courses for the staff members of Industrial Development & Renovation Organization of Iran (IDRO) We were awarded for the success of the program.

- On-line English for Meeting Course for IMI & AVID 2011

  We designed an eight- lesson online English for Meeting Course for Industrial Management Institute eLearning Department

- Online English For Socializing Course for IMI & AVID 2011

  We designed an eight lesson online English for Socializing Course for Industrial Management Institute

eLearning Department

- Online English For Negotiating Course for IMI & AVID 2011

  We together designed an eight- lesson online English for Negotiating Course for Industrial Management Institute eLearning Department

- Online English For Presentation Course for IMI & AVID 2012

  We together designed an eight-lesson online English for Presentation Course for Industrial Management Institute e-Learning Department

- Comparing short-term TESL/TEFL Certificate Courses May 2016

  In this short project Short-Term TESL/TEFL Cert Programs (CELTA, DELTA, TESOL Cert, Dip TESOL were compared with each other and the report is about the highlights of each course and major differences they have in terms of standards they are based upon.

- TESOL International Association Evaluation of EIC (Employment Issues Committee) Reports, May 2016 Comparing and evaluating two EIC reports of 2005 & 2015

- Developing teacher training workshops for ESL/EFL Teachers in adult education and community college contexts in TESOL Association June 2016

  Developing a series of teacher training workshops for ESL/EFL teachers in Adult education or community college contexts based on the new standards for ESl/EFL teachers of adults published by TESOL International Association. The eight standards and performance indicators for each standard were used to design a series one-day workshops

- Teacher Training Workshops for Persian Language Teachers For Saadi Foundation August 2016

  Designing Teacher Training Workshops for Saadi Foundation for Persian Language Teachers

- Standards for Persian Language Teaching Short Certificate Programs August 2016

  Designing "Standard Booklet" for Persian Language Short Certificate Courses

- ESP/EOP "Course Design": Training workshops for AVID Business School. Tehran-Iran Commencement Dec.2016-Present

- Mashhad TESOL Project, Running Training Workshops for TESOL candidates, Mashhad-Iran June-September 2017

- Al-Mahdi Teacher Development Project; Designing and Running Remedial Teacher Training Workshops for English Language Teachers, Mashhad-Iran July-September 2017

- Avesta Language School Teacher Designing and Running Pre-Service Training Workshops

Mashhad-Iran August-Present 2017

➢ Teacher Training Workshops for Persian Language Teachers For International Centre for Teaching Persian Language to Non-Persians, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Mashhad-Iran , August 2017-Present 2017

➢ Diako Language Academy's Teacher Development Program Tehran-Iran August-Present 2017

➢ iTTi TESOL Project in Iran Dec.2017-Present

➢ Avid School of Business' Teacher Development Program Tehran-Iran Aug.2016 -Present

➢ Midwest Education Group's regional EFL Teacher Training Programs Dec. 2017

➢ Nikan Primary School's continuing teacher development Program Sep. 2017

Research Studies Conducted	● "Clinical Supervision and Teachers' Sense of Efficacy" (published and presented in 11th TELLSI International Conference Nov. 2013) ● "Clinical Supervision and Teachers' Acquisition of Classroom Management Skills" (presented in 12th TELLSI International Conference. Feb.2014) ● "Hedging Devices in Introduction and Conclusion Sections of the TEFL Articles Written by Iranian and Non-Iranian TEFL Researchers: A contrastive study in metadiscourse" (presented in 12th TELLSI International Conference. Feb.2014) ● "Clinical Supervision and Teachers' Sense of Efficacy Across Five Personality types" (Based on Big Five Model) (unpublished) ● "Clinical Supervision and Teachers' Acquisition of Classroom Management Skills Across Five Personality types" (based on Big Five Model) (unpublished)
Membership	• International TESOL Association US • Teaching English Language and Literature Society of Iran TELLSI • Iranian English Language Teachers Association IELTA

VOLUNTEER

ACTIVITIES
- ❖ Hearts for Homeless in State College PA
- ❖ Boogersburg School in State College PA
- ❖ Day of Caring: House of Care and Sunset Park in State College PA
- ❖ Global Connections
- ❖ Poem Reading Event in State College PA organized by Global Connections
- o Persian Luncheon in State College PA organized by Global Connections
- o International Women's Day in State College PA organized by Global Connections
- o Children's Day Festival in State College PA organized by Global Connections
- o Persian-to-English/ English-to-Persian Interpreter and translator for Medical services to US Iranian residents
- ❖ First Methodist church in State College PA
- ❖ Adult Skills Centre in State College PA
- ❖ Al-Qadir Group (Shia Muslim Group in State College)
- ❖ Tasnim Group (Iranian Shia Muslim Group in State College)
- ❖ Iranian Student Association ISA in State College PA
- ❖ Iranian Music Band, Mahtab in State College PA
- ❖ Yalda Night Celebration for ISA in State College PA
- ❖ Noe-Rooz, Iranian New Year Celebration for ISA in State College PA
- ❖ PETE & C. Conference 2016in Hershey, PA.