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**Education**

- University of St Andrews – PhD (Iranian History) 2019
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary – PhD (Applied Theology) 2005
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary – MA (Christian Education) 1998
- The King’s College – BA (History) 1995

**PhD Dissertations**

- University of St Andrews: “Can I Play with Madness: American Missionaries in Iran during the 1960s and 1970s”
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary: “Missions for the Glory of God: An Analysis of the Missionary Theology of John Piper”

**Research and Teaching Interests**

- History: modern Iran, Christianity in Armenia and Iran, history of Christian missions
- Theology: Christian/Muslim relations, theology of Christian missions, comparative religions, religions in Iran, Turkey, and the Caucasus, persecuted minorities and religions

**Research and Teaching Experience**

- *Associate Professor of Church History*, Gateway Baptist Theological Seminary (Ontario, CA), 2019-Present
  - Courses:
    - Engaging Global Cities
    - Introduction to Church History I
    - Introduction to Church History II
    - History of Christian Missions (in process)
  - Chair or co-chair of international DMin intensives (upcoming)
  - PhD seminar: History of Christian Missions (proposed)
  - Courses in preparation/prepared to teach:
    - Christianity and Islam
    - Comparative Religions
    - Introduction to Islam
    - Introduction to Missiology
    - Introduction to Missions History
    - Introduction to Worldviews
    - History of Armenian Christianity
    - History of Christianity in Asia
    - History of Christianity in Iran (in Farsi and in English)
    - History of Christianity in Central Asia
    - Minority Peoples in Iran
    - Monotheism in Iran
    - Religions in Iran
    - Theology of Christian Missions

- *Associate Research Fellow*, Institute of Iranian Studies at the University of St Andrews (Scotland), 2019-Present
- *Lecturer of Christianity and Islam, History of Ideas, and Worldviews*, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) State University (Yerevan, Armenia), 2017-Present
  - Courses
    - Philosophy of Religion and Worldviews I
    - Philosophy of Religion and Worldviews II
    - Christian Communities in the East I: Iran, the Indian Sub-Continent, and Southeast Asia I
    - Christian Communities in the East: Iran, the Indian Sub-Continent, and Southeast Asia II
  - Editor for Russian-Armenian University's various English publications
- *Research Associate*, Centre for World Christianity, School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London), 2018-2020
- *Adjunct Professor, Online Program*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, NC), 2015
  - Course: Introduction to Missiology
- *Adjunct Professor, Online Program*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, (Ft Worth, TX) 2010-2011
  - Course: Comparative Religions
- *Ghost Writer, Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill), 2007-Present
- *Adjunct Professor*, European Regional Academy of the Caucasus, Language Center (Yerevan, Armenia), 2006-2007
  - Courses:
    - Contemporary World Events I
    - Contemporary World Events II
  - Student and academic advisor
- *Adjunct Instructor, Applied Theology*, Southeastern College at Wake Forest (Wake Forest, NC), 2004-2005
  - Course: History of Christian Missions
- *Teaching Fellow*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, NC), 1999-2005
  - Courses:
    - Central Asia Studies
    - Cross-Cultural Communication
    - East Asia Studies
    - History of Christian Missions
    - Introduction to Anthropology
    - Introduction to Ethnography
    - Introduction to Evangelism
    - Introduction to Methodology
    - Introduction to Missiology
    - Theology of Christian Missions
  - Other:
    - Several practicums
    - ThM theses
    - DMin theses

### Professional Experience

- *Editor, Yerevan Oriental Series*, 2021-Present
- *Editorial Board, Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill), 2015-Present
- *Founder and Managing Director, Academics in Culture and Tourism*, an educational consulting firm, 2005-Present
- United States Postal Service, 2000-2005; *Managing Director*, 2004-2005

### Works in Progress

- *John Piper's Calvinism and Missions: The Two Wills of God*, a revised version of *God's Desire for the Nations* (below).
- *Notes from the Underground (Church): Interviews Conducted with Iranian Christians*.

### Refereed Journal Articles

- "An Overview of the Missions Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board in Iran," *Iran and the Caucasus* 22:2 (2018): 168-76.
- "Iran's Ethnic Christians: The Assyrians and The Armenians," *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 61:1 (2018): 137-52. Planned translation into Korean by Simon Lee (Sept 2021).
- "Modern Western Christian Missions in Iran: The Connection Between Government and Missionary," *Iran and the Caucasus* 19:4 (2015): 299-309.
- "On Why the United States Should Not Attack Iran: A Conservative, Evangelical Christian Response," co-written with Bruce R Ashford, *The Quarterly Journal of Political Studies of Islamic World* 1:1 [Imam Khomeini International University Qazvin, Iran] (Spring 2012): 21-33.

### Books and Book Chapters

- *A History of Christianity in Iran*, with Samuel Hugh Moffett (with translation into Farsi and Russian), *Yerevan Oriental Series* (Yerevan: Russian Armenian University), 2022 estimated date of English publication.
- "Mill and James Against Hume's 'On Miracles' in Conversation with Ancient Voices and Sacred Texts," with Adam Groza, in *Philosophical Reflections on Rationality, Theism and Atheism* [proposed title], ed. by Seyed Mahmoud Yousefsani (Tehran: *Iranian Research Institute of Philosophy*, 2021), forthcoming.
- "The Forgotten Armenians," in *The Ethno-Cultural Others of Turkey: Contemporary Reflections*, ed. by Ahmet Kerim Gultekin and Cakir Ceyhan Suvari (Yerevan: Russian-Armenian University Press, 2021), 249-68.
- *American Missionaries in Iran during the 1960s and 1970s* (London: Palgrave MacMillan), 2020.
- "Mission to Unreached People Groups," in *The Mission of God*, ed. by Bruce R Ashford (Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2011), 173-85.
- *God's Desire for the Nations: The Missionary Theology of John Piper* (Gonzalez, FL: Energion, 2010).

### Professional Presentations/Interviews

- “The Armenians in the Ottoman Empire and Modern Day Turkey,” *International Conference on the Ethno-Cultural Others of Turkey, Yerevan Oriental Series at Russian-Armenian University*, Sept 2021, Yerevan, Armenia, forthcoming.
- “The Transitioning Model of American Christianity in Iran during the Last Years of the Pahlavis,” *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill), 1 June 2021, Yerevan, Armenia
- “In the Absence of Evidence: Mill and James Against Hume’s ‘On Miracles’ in Conversation with Ancient Voices and Sacred Texts”, with Adam Groza, *International Conference of Rationality, Theism and Atheism*, The Institute of Iranian Philosophy, 1-2 March 2021, Tehran, Iran.
- “Proselytization Efforts of American Protestant Missionaries in Iran during the Last Years of the Pahlavis,” *2020 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, 21-24 Nov 2020, Boston, MA.
- “The Dangers of Expatriate Iranian Messianic Jews Being Deported from the United States to Iran,” unpublished paper, part of information used in a federal court case, 21 Aug 2019, East Palo Alto, CA.
- “Christian Missions in Gorgan,” *Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference*; 14-17 Aug 2018, Irvine, CA.
- “Worldviews in Concept: A Comparison of Christianity and Islam,” *The Sixth International Conference on Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*; 6-7 February 2018; Tehran, Iran, [http://philorconf.org/2018/\\_docs/program\\_en.pdf](http://philorconf.org/2018/_docs/program_en.pdf) (submitted and accepted, but visa denied).
- “Southern Baptist Missions in Iran,” *The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies Biennial Conference*; 8-11 September 2015, Istanbul, Turkey.
- “Pain, Suffering, and Death to the Glory of God: An Explanation of Evangelical Theologian John Piper’s Understanding of the Problem of Evil,” *The International Conference on Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*; 23-24 December 2012, Tehran, Iran, [http://www.philorconf.org/2012/\\_docs/abstracts.pdf](http://www.philorconf.org/2012/_docs/abstracts.pdf) (submitted and accepted, but visa denied).
- “Geographical Issues Facing Israel and the Middle East: Eschatological Fulfillment of the Promises of Land Made to the Jews,” *International Conference: Middle East: Language, Literature, and History*, 20-21 October 2012, Yerevan, Armenia.
- “A Conservative, Evangelical Response to US Foreign Policy towards Iran,” *International Conference: The Turkic World, the Caucasus, and Iran – Crossroads of Civilizational Interaction*, 10-12 July 2009, Yerevan, Armenia.
- “Muslims and Christians Together: Pain Suffering and Death to the Glory of God,” *International Conference: Iran and the Caucasus: Unity and Diversity*, 6-8 June 2008, Yerevan, Armenia.
- “Inspiration,” *Macmillan Publishing Company*, 8 March 2007, Yerevan, Armenia.
- Interview with Keith R Parks [former president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention], Murfreesboro, NC, 4 April 2000. Transcript, *Southeastern SBC Historical Missiology Oral History Collection*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC.

## Reviews

- *Prisons in Iran: A Known Unknown*, by Nahid Rahimpour Anaraki, *Iran and the Caucasus*, forthcoming.
- *Armenian Christians Today: Identity Politics and Popular Practice*, by Alexander Agadjanian, *Iran and the Caucasus*, forthcoming.
- *Eastern Armenian For English Speakers: Easy Guide to Master the Alphabet, Grammar and Vocabulary*, by A Mkhitaryan and T Baghasaryan, *Iran and the Caucasus* (2021).
- *Muslim-Christian Polemics in Safavid Iran*, by Alberto Tiburcio, *Iran and the Caucasus* (2021).
- *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion*, by Rebecca McLaughlin, *Southeastern Theological Review* 11:1 (Spring 2020): 139-41.
- *Too Many to Jail: The Story of Iran's New Christians*, by Mark Bradley, *Iran and the Caucasus* 21:2 (2017): 249-50.
- *The Carter Administration & the Fall of Iran's Pahlavi Dynasty: US-Iran Relations on the Brink of the 1979 Revolution*, by Javier Gil Guerrero, *Iran and the Caucasus* 21:1 (2017): 118-19.
- *One Nation Under God: A Christian Hope for American Politics*, by Bruce Ashford and Chris Pappalardo, *Southeastern Theological Review* 7:1 (Summer 2016): 140-42.
- *The Child Catchers: Rescue, Trafficking, and the New Gospel of Adoption*, by Kathryn Joyce, *Southeastern Theological Review* 6:1 (Summer 2015): 124-26.
- *Religions of Iran: From Prehistory to the Present*, by Richard Foltz, *Iran and the Caucasus* 19:2 (2015): 199-200.
- *Iran: A Very Short Introduction*, by Ali Ansari, *Iran and the Caucasus* 19:1 (2015): 115-16.
- *The Politics of Nationalism in Modern Iran*, by Ali Ansari, *Iran and the Caucasus* 17:2 (2013): 235-37.
- *Christian Encounters with Iran: Engaging Muslim Thinkers after the Revolution*, by Sasan Tavassoli, *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 54:2 (2012): 241-43.
- *The Fervent Embrace: Liberal Protestants, Evangelicals, and Israel*, by Caitlin Carenen, *Southeastern Theological Review* 3:2 (Winter 2012): 271-72.
- *Non-Muslims in the Early Islamic Empire: From Surrender to Coexistence*, ed. by Milka Levy-Rubin, *Iran and the Caucasus* 16:1 (2012): 265-66.
- *Iran's Constitutional Revolution*, ed. by H. E. Chebabi and Vanessa Martin, *Iran and the Caucasus* 15:1 (2011): 337-41.
- *Hafiz and the Religion of Love in Classical Persian Poetry*, ed. by Leonard Lewisohn, *Iran and the Caucasus* 14:2 (2010): 452-54.
- *The World of Achaemenid Persia - History, Art and Society in Iran and the Ancient Near East*, ed. by John Curtis and St John Simpson, *Iran and the Caucasus* 14: 2 (2010): 459-60.
- *Yek-Sad-o Shast Sal Mobahrazeh bah Deeyahnet Bahia: Gooshah-yi az Tarikh Ejtamah'a-yi – Deeni Iran dar Dorahn Ma'ahsar [160 Years of Persecution: An Overview of the Persecution of the Baha'is of Iran]*, by Fereyduun Vahman, *Iran and the Caucasus* 14:1 (2010): 192-95.

- *Dschidad im Kaukasus: Antikolonialer Widerstand der Dagestaner und Tschetschenen gegen Zarenreich (18 Jahrhundert bis 1859)* [Jihad in the Caucasus: Anti-Colonial Resistance of the Dagestanis and Chechens against Tsarist Russia (18th Century to 1859)], by Clemens P Sidorko, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:2 (2009): 434 [written with pen name].
- *Herrschaft, Recht und Islam in Daghestan: Von den Khanaten und Gemeindebünden zum gihad-Staat* [Rule, Law and Islam in Dagestan: Khanates and Municipal Federations of the Jihad State], by Michael Kemper, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:2 (2009): 432 [written with pen name].
- *Horses in Asia: History, Trade and Culture*, ed. by Bert G Fragner, Ralph Kauz, Roderich Ptak, and Angela Schottenhammer, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:2 (2009): 415-17.
- *Osmanismus, Nationalismus und der Kaukasus: Muslime und Christen, Türken und Armenier im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert* [Ottomanism, Nationalism and the Caucasus: Muslims and Christians, Turks and Armenians in the 19th and 20th Centuries], ed. by Adanir Fikret and Bernd Bonwetsch, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:2 (2009): 433.
- *The Ayatollah Begs to Differ: The Paradox of Modern Iran* by Hooman Majd, in *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:1 (2009): 225-26.
- *Al-Qaeda: The True Story of Radical Islam*, by Jason Burke, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:1 (2009): 227-28.
- *Method and Theory in the Study of Islamic Origins*, ed. by Herbert Berg, *Iran and the Caucasus* 12:1 (2008): 153-57.
- *The Brill Dictionary of Religion*, ed. by Kocku von Stuckrad, *Iran and the Caucasus* 11:2 (2007): 315-18.

#### **Internet and Unpublished Articles**

- *A Lesson American Evangelicals can Learn from Iranian Christians Regarding Making Religious Liberty an Idol*, 25 Sept 2018, *Academics Connecting Together*, <https://www.donyahiran.com/religious-liberty>. See also: *Reformed Perspectives Magazine* 20:50 (9-15 Dec 2018), [http://reformedperspectives.org/articles/phi\\_hopkins/phi\\_hopkins.iranianchristians.html](http://reformedperspectives.org/articles/phi_hopkins/phi_hopkins.iranianchristians.html).
- *Revival and Awakening: American Evangelical Missionaries in Iran and the Origins of Assyrian Nationalism*, by Adam H Becker, 21 June 2018, *Academics Connecting Together*, <http://www.donyahiran.com/revival-and-awakening>.
- *Armenian Christianity in Iran*, 17 April 2017, <http://www.donyahiran.com/armenian-christianity>.
- *An Introduction to the History of Christianity in Iran*, 20 July 2015, *Academics Connecting Together*, <http://www.donyahiran.com/christianity-in-iran>.
- *Texts, Documents and Artefacts: Islamic Studies in Honour of D S Richards*, ed by Chase E Robinson, *Academics Connecting Together*, 18 May 2012, <http://www.donyahiran.com/islamic-studies>.

- *The Ayatollah's Democracy: An Iranian Challenge*, by Hooman Majd, *Academics Connecting Together*, 18 May 2012, <http://www.donyahiran.com/ayatollahs-democracy>; also in *Between the Times*, 5 February 2011, <http://between.thetimes.sebts.edu/index.php/tag/the-ayatollahs-democracy/>.
- *The Oxford Handbook of Iranian History*, ed. by Touraj Daryaee, *Academics Connecting Together*, 5 May 2012, <http://www.donyahiran.com/oxford-history-of-iran>.

### **Academic Affiliations/Memberships**

- American Academy of Religion
- Association for Iranian Studies
- The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies
- British Institute of Persian Studies
- Evangelical Theological Society

### **Miscellaneous**

- Languages besides English: Persian (Farsi) and a little Eastern Armenian
- Grant: *Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives Study Grant*, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2016
- Fundraising and administration responsibilities for a charity since 2005
- Various volunteer activities with non-profit charities that include managing overseas projects and budgets, enlisting speakers for conferences, and teaching inner city students

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