

Ida Yalzadeh
Curriculum Vitae

Academic Appointments

- 2021-present **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA
Global American Studies Postdoctoral Fellow, Charles Warren Center for Studies
in American History
Lecturer, Department of History and The Committee on Ethnicity, Migration,
and Rights
- 2020-2021 **Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL
Visiting Assistant Professor, Asian American Studies Program

Education

- 2020 **Brown University**, Providence, RI
PhD, American Studies

Dissertation: *Solidarities and Solitude: Tracing the Racial Boundaries of the Iranian
Diaspora*
Committee Members: Matthew Pratt Guterl (co-chair), Naoko Shibusawa, (co-
chair), Leticia Alvarado, Evelyn Alsultany
- 2015 **Brown University**, Providence, RI
MA, American Studies
- 2014 **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL
BA, History

Publications

Book Manuscript (in progress)

The Imperial Life of Iranian Racial Formation in the United States

Articles in Refereed Journals

“After the Battle of Beverly Hills: Pre-Revolutionary Surveillance of Iranians in the United States,” under review at *Journal of American History*.

“Histories of Imperial Mythologies and US Counterterrorism Efforts,” (Forthcoming in *Reviews in American History*, 2023).

“Keywords as Frameworks for Liberatory Pedagogy and Praxis: Meeting SWANA and Asian American Studies,” (forthcoming in *Journal of Asian American Studies*, 2022).

“Persian/American Exceptionalism in the Multicultural Era: Post-9/11 Strategies of Belonging in the Iranian Diaspora Through Cultural Production,” *Amerasia* 47:3 (2021).

Book Chapters

“Support the 41’: Iranian Student Activism in Northern California, 1970-3,” in *American-Iranian Dialogues: From Constitution to White Revolution, c. 1890s-1960s*. 167-182. Edited by Matthew Shannon. New York: Bloomsbury, 2021.

Book Reviews

“Review, Whitney, Katherine and Leila Emery. *My Shadow is My Skin: Voices from the Iranian Diaspora*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2021,” *The History Teacher* (forthcoming 2022)

“Review, Ebrahimi, Mehraneh. *Women, Art, and Literature in the Iranian Diaspora*, Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2019,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 53 no. 3 (Summer 2021).

“Review, Hemmasi, Farzaneh. *Tehrangelles Dreaming: Intimacy and Imagination in Southern California's Iranian Pop Music*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2020,” *Jadaliyya* (June 2020).

“Review, Petty, Miriam J. *Stealing the Show: African American Performers and Audiences in 1930s Hollywood*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2018,” *Studies in American Humor* 4 (Spring 2018).

Awards and Honors

2021	Fletcher Award for Excellence in Research Mentorship, Office of Undergraduate Research, Northwestern University
2019	Graduate Student Prize for Research in Iranian Diaspora Studies, Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies, San Francisco State University
2016-2018	Joukowsky Summer Research Award, Brown University
2016-2017	International Travel Award, Brown University
2016	Amos St. Germain Graduate Student Paper Prize, Northeast Popular Culture Association

Grants and Fellowships

External

2021-2023	Global American Studies Fellowship, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University
2019-2020	Marilyn Blatt Young Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

2019-2020 (Honorable Mention) **Ford Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

2018 **Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant**, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

2017-2018 **Student Scholarship**, Iranian Association of Boston

2017 **Silas Palmer Research Fellowship**, Hoover Institution Library & Archives

2017 **Travel Fellowship**, American Institute of Iranian Studies

2017 **Travel Stipend**, Arab American Studies Association

Internal

2022 **Elson Family Arts Initiative Fund**, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University.

2019-2020 **Graduate Fellowship**, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University (Declined)

2016-2019 **Graduate School Conference Travel Award**, Brown University

2018-2019 **Interdisciplinary Opportunity Fellowship**, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Brown University

2018-2019 **Interdisciplinary Opportunity Fellowship**, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University. (Declined)

2018-2019 **Graduate Fellowship**, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University. (Declined)

2018-2019 **Doctoral Research Travel Grant**, Brown University

2018-2019 **Stanley J. Bernstein Fellowship**, Brown University

2017 **Faculty Grant**, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Brown University

2014-2017 **American Studies Graduate Student Fellowship**, Brown University

2015 **John Lax Memorial Fellowship**, Brown University

Conference Papers and Presentations

2022 “On the Margins of Asian American Studies, from Junior Perspectives,” Roundtable Presenter & Organizer, Association of Asian American Studies Conference. Denver, CO.

2022 “The HBCU as a Site of Iranian Political Consciousness,” Presenter, Organization of American Historians Conference. Boston, MA.

2022 “Thinking Against Geography: The Possibilities and Limits of Arab & Muslim American Studies,” Roundtable Presenter, Arab American Studies Association Conference. San Diego, CA.

2021 “Iranian Studies Unbound: Emerging Global Approaches to the Field,” Roundtable Presenter, Middle East Studies Association Conference. (Virtual due to COVID)

2021 “Protest and Form,” Roundtable Presenter, American Studies Association Conference. (Virtual due to COVID)

- 2020 **"Locating West Asian Diasporas in Asian American Studies,"** Roundtable
Presenter, Association of Asian American Studies Conference. (Cancelled due to COVID)
- 2020 **"Transnational Iranian Student Activism, 1970-1973,"** Presenter & Organizer,
Society for Historians of Foreign Relations Conference. (Cancelled due to COVID)
- 2020 **"'Long Live a Sovereign and Self-Sufficient Iran': LaFayette Park as a Site of Iranian Diasporic Racialization and Resistance, 1980,"** Presenter & Organizer, Organization of American Historians Conference. (Virtual due to COVID)
- 2019 **"Published by the Iran-American Society: American Exceptionalist Propaganda in Iran,"** Presenter & Organizer, American Studies Association Conference. Honolulu, HI.
- 2019 **"Clashes of the Iranian Students Association: Influences of Non-State Actors in U.S.- Iran Relations, 1978-1982,"** Presenter, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference. Arlington, VA.
- 2019 **"'Your victory, too, shall be ours': Iranian Student Claims to Third World Solidarity during the Iran-Iraq War,"** Presenter & Organizer, Association of Asian American Studies Conference. Madison, WI.
- 2019 **"Eating the (Iranian) Other: Liberal Multiculturalism and American Exceptionalism in *Mixed Nutz*,"** Presenter, Iranian Diaspora Studies Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- 2018 **"The Battle of Beverly Hills: Emerging Iranian Racialization in the United States,"** Presenter, American Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 **"Contesting Strategies: Iranian Efforts to Forge Solidarity Before and in the Wake of the Iranian Revolution,"** Presenter & Organizer, Association of Asian American Studies Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- 2018 **"'I couldn't be me in Iran': Cultural Authenticity and the Politics of Diaspora in Bravo TV's *Shahs of Sunset*,"** Presenter, Popular Culture Association Conference. Indianapolis, IN.
- 2017 **"Disembodiment and the Politics of Knowledge Production in Nassim Soleimanpour's *White Rabbit Red Rabbit*,"** Presenter, American Studies Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2017 **"Transnational Disembodiment: Contextualizing the U.S. Performances of Nassim Soleimanpour's *White Rabbit Red Rabbit*,"** Presenter, Symposia Iranica Conference. Pembroke College, University of Cambridge. United Kingdom.
- 2017 **"'We're white—so stop shooting!': Iranian-Arab Accent Play in Maz Jobrani's Standup Comedy,"** Association of Arab American Studies Conference. Arab American National Museum. Dearborn, MI.
- 2016 **"'I am Persian like the cat, meow!': Performances of Difference in Maz Jobrani's Stand-up Comedy,"** Presenter, The Matter of Resistance Conference. University of Warwick, United Kingdom.

- 2015 **“‘But I Ain’t Goin’ Never Forget It’: The Charged Folk Humor of Richard Pryor, 1973-1976,”** Presenter, Northeast Popular Culture Association Conference. Colby-Sawyer College. New London, NH.

Invited Talks and Lectures

- 2022 **“Tech Talks: Newsletters and Digital Zines,”** Digital Humanities Section of the Association of Asian American Studies, Virtual.
- 2022 **“Religion and Post-9/11 Racial Formation,”** *Invited Course Lecture*, Asian American Communities, taught by Professor Sunaina Maira. University of California – Davis, Davis, CA.
- 2022 **“Third World Liberation Front and the Asian American Movement,”** *Invited Course Lecture*, Asian American History, taught by Postdoctoral Fellow Minju Bae. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2022 **“Convergences in Iranian Diaspora and Asian American Studies: The Case of S.I. Hayakawa,”** Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA.
- 2021 **“Violent Visibility: The 1979 Iranian Revolution in the U.S. Diaspora,”** Asian American and Pacific Island Studies Program, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.
- 2020 **“Support the 41: Iranian Student Activism in Northern California, 1970-1971,”** Middle East and North African Studies Monday Series, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2016 **“The US-Iran Relationship As Told Through Cultural Production,”** *Invited Course Lecture*, Iran and the Islamic Revolution, taught by Watson Institute Senior Fellow Steven Kinzer. Brown University. Providence, RI.
- 2015 **“Tracing Vulnerability in Richard Pryor’s Stand-Up Comedy,”** American Studies Graduate Student Working Group. Brown University. Providence, RI.
- 2015 **“Changing America Rhode Island: The Digital Exhibition,”** American Library Association’s “Changing America” Traveling Exhibit Providence Unveiling. Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Providence, RI.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Harvard University

- Spring 2023 **HIST 1500: Race and US Empire Since 1898**, Department of History
- Spring 2022 **EMR 150: Meeting Asian/Arab American Studies**, The Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, and Rights

Northwestern University

- Spring 2021 **ASIAN AM 220: Asian Americans and Third World Solidarity**, Asian American Studies Program
- Spring 2021 **ASIAN AM 303: US Media Representations of the Middle East**, Asian American Studies Program; Middle East and North African Studies Program; Program in American Studies
- Winter 2021 **ASIAN AM 203: Race and Nation in the US**, Asian American Studies Program; Middle East and North African Studies Program
- Winter 2021 **ASIAN AM 320: Transnational Asian American Activism**, Asian American Studies Program; Program in American Studies

Brown University

- Spring 2017 **AMST 0190B: Race and Nation in the U.S.: Belonging, Longing, and Resistance**, Department of American Studies

Teaching Assistant

Brown University

- Fall 2016 Introduction to Ethnic/American Studies, Professor Elizabeth Hoover. Department of American Studies
- Spring 2016 Introduction to American Studies: American Icons, Professor Matthew Guterl. Department of American Studies
- Fall 2015 Global China: Forces, Frictions, and Flows, Professor Elena Shih. Department of American Studies

Research Experience

- 2019-2020 **Archival Research Assistant** for the Iranian Diaspora Digital Archive, Professor Persis Karim, Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 **Archival Research Assistant** for “Black Student Protest from Jim Crow to the Present” course, Professor Matthew Guterl, Department of American Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 2016 **Research Assistant** for the “How Structural Racism Works” Project, Professor Tricia Rose, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 2014 **Archival Research Assistant** for *The New Leviathan: Sovereign America and the Foundations of Rule in the Atomic Age*. Professor James Sparrow, Department of History, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 **Bibliographic Research Assistant** for Professor Mara Marin, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

University Service

2021-present	Member , Iranian Diaspora Studies Advisory Board, Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA.
2020-2021	Faculty Mentor , Undergraduate Research Assistant Program. Office of Undergraduate Research, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
2016-2017	Graduate Student Representative , Department of American Studies. Brown University, Providence, RI.
2014-2020	Graduate Student Member , American Studies Graduate Student Consortium. Brown University, Providence, RI.

Service to the Profession

2022-present	Secretary , West Asian American Studies Section, Association of Asian American Studies.
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Diversity and Inclusion Service

2016-2018	Founder and Fellow , Brown Graduate Resources for Improving Professional Structures. Brown University Graduate School and Office of Campus Life, Providence, RI.
2015-2017	Humanities Graduate Student Representative , Diversity Advisory Board. Brown University, Providence, RI.
2015-2020	Graduate Student Mentor , ALANA Mentoring Program. Brown University, Providence, RI.
2015-2020	Graduate Student Member , Women of Color in Academia. Brown University, Providence, RI.
2015-2020	Graduate Student Member , Graduate Students of Color Collective. Brown University, Providence, RI.

Programming Organized

2022	“Liberate Your Research Workshop,” with Nadine Naber, Organizer, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
2021	“A Panel on Iranian Diaspora Studies,” with Farzaneh Hemmasi, Persis Karim, Neda Maghbouleh, and Amy Malek, Organizer, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
2017	“Banned: Racialization of the Middle East and its Diasporas in the U.S.” with Evelyn Alsultany and Melani McAlister, Co-Organizer, Brown University, Providence, RI.
2017	“An Evening with Roxane Gay” Lecture, Co-Organizer, Brown University, Providence, RI.
2016	“Alt Ac and the Interdisciplinary” Roundtable Discussion, Co-Organizer, Department of American Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI.

- 2015 “Between Camps: Writing In and Beyond the Academy” Speaker Series, Co-Organizer, Department of American Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 2015 “Changing America: Rhode Island” Digital Exhibition. Co-Curator, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 2015 American Library Association’s “Changing America” Exhibition. Co-Organizer, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University, Providence, RI.

External Partnerships and Community Engagement

- 2021-2022 *Editorial Equity Consultant*, Encyclopædia Britannica
- 2020-present *Community Equity Consultant*, Junior High Los Angeles

Additional Training

Oral History

- 2016 Oral History Intensive with Studs Terkel Radio Archive and the Chicago Torture Justice Memorials Project, Oral History Summer School, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 Oral History Workshop, University of Massachusetts Amherst Public History Program and Oral History Lab. At the John Nicholas Brown Center for the Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage, Providence, RI.

Writing and Composition

- 2019 Writing Instructional Staff, Excellence at Brown Program. Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 2018-2020 Writing Advisor, Brown Writing Center. Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 2016-2020 Writing Associate, Brown Writing Center. Brown University, Providence, RI.

Pedagogy

- 2022 Designing Alternative Assessments, Learning Lab, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2020 Advanced Practicum: Assessment and Academic Integrity. Searle Center for Advanced Teaching and Learning. Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2020 Foundations of Online Learning. Searle Center for Advanced Teaching and Learning. Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2017 Certificate II Program, “Syllabus Design.” Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning. Brown University, Providence RI.
- 2016 Certificate I Program, “Reflective Teaching.” Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning. Brown University, Providence, RI.

Language Proficiency

Persian – advanced (reading, writing, speaking)

Immersive Persian Language Program (high intermediate), Arabic Persian Turkish Language Immersion Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2015.

French – fluent (reading, writing, speaking)

Immersive French Language Program (intermediate), French Language School, Middlebury College, 2011.

Professional Affiliations

American Historical Association

American Studies Association

Association of Asian American Studies

Association for Iranian Studies

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

References

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