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EDUCATION

Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN
MS, Library Science, Dual specializations in Digital Humanities and Rare Books and Manuscripts,
May 2022

Arak University, Arak, Iran
PhD, Persian Language and Literature, December 2013

Dissertation: “Rūmī on Cosmos as Theophany”

Islamic Azad University, Najafabad, Isfahan, Iran

MA, Persian Language and Literature, January 2007

Dissertation: “A Mystical Interpretation of Niẓāmī’s Seven Princesses”

Isfahan University, Isfahan, Iran

BSc, Pure Chemistry, 2002

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Middle Eastern Metadata Librarianship Rare Books & Manuscripts Textual Encoding Initiative
Digital Scholarly Editions Persian and Arabic Codicology Encoding Archival Description

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professor John Walsh, Department of Information & Library Science, Indiana University
Bloomington

Master’s Degree Student in Library Science (Digital Humanities Specialization), Indiana
University Bloomington, January-May 2022

Project: TEI Comprehensive Program for Ḥāfīz Poetry

Professor Mehdi Nourian, Department of Literatures and Humanities, Isfahan University, Isfahan,
Iran

Postdoctoral Fellow, Iran National Science Foundation, November 2016 to November 2019

Project: Rūmī’s Mathnawī: A Simple Progression or A Complicated Design?

WORK EXPERIENCE

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Metadata Librarian for Middle Eastern Languages, The Joseph Regenstein Library, Chicago, IL,
April 2024-Present

Job Descriptions:

Responsibilities and Duties

- Performs metadata creation and management through original and complex copy cataloging with all associated authority work, according to the following standards:
- Resource Description and Access (RDA) via RDA Toolkit
- Library of Congress-PCC Policy Statements
- Library of Congress Program for Cooperative Cataloging (BIBCO/NACO/SACO/CONSER)

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- Library of Congress classification via Classweb
- MARC 21 formats for Bibliographic and Authority data
- National standards pertaining to providing access to resources in non-Latin scripts
- Contributes to metadata activities related to Middle Eastern materials, such as digital library
- metadata development and remediation and enhancement of existing metadata
- Proposes and reviews workflows and policies around the metadata creation for Middle Eastern materials, and trains staff, as needed.
- Participates in departmental projects and initiatives experimenting with new forms of metadata creation
- Engages in professional service and research activities in areas appropriate to the position and to academic librarianship
- Participates in grant management, including in leadership roles, promoting improved access to hidden collections and digital access initiatives.
- Contributes to the development of local, national, and international metadata standards and applications.

Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

Circulation Desk Supervisor (Library Services Coordinator), Wells Library, Bloomington, IN, March 2023-April 2024

Job Descriptions:

- Providing reference services both in person and remotely; assisting patrons in locating resources and collections; referring patrons to appropriate staff when in-depth assistance is required.
- Managing reserve books and materials requested by faculty; consults with faculty members about item and edition choices, as well as availability.
- Handling and monitoring library materials, including re-shelving, processing new material, restocking, and ensuring that all materials can be located quickly and easily. Evaluating condition of library materials and may perform repair and preservation of library materials, as needed.
- Assisting faculty, students, and other patrons by answering phones and handling library-related issues, resolving non-routine problems related to library activities.
- Monitoring library systems. Creating and updating basic records, maintaining automated records, reviewing for completeness and accuracy.
- Collecting and collating data, compiling statistics, using compiled information to prepare unit reports
- Assist with cataloging new items, performing audits of outstanding items, and/or inter-library loan materials processing.
- Overseeing library department desk and provide training and direction for students employees working the front desk.
- Ensuring adherence to library policies regarding circulation, access, and security; developing, implementing, and revising procedures and policies.
- Directly managing building security and emergencies in the Wells Library and other library locations across campus; opening and closing the Wells Library and/or branch libraries; ensuring all security procedures are followed.
- Determining and declaring emergency status as necessary; controls safe evacuation of the building and direct emergency personnel; maintains current and appropriate training to respond to all emergencies.
- Assisting in managing the annual bills and fines budget by reconciling cash drawers and safe contents, processing credit card payments, and accepting payments for bill and fine charges.
- Hiring, training, and supervising temporary employees; processes payroll and maintain payroll records.

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- Creating and managing patron records in the circulation system ensuring strict adherence to privacy and confidentiality laws and policies, e.g., FERPA.

Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

Processing Assistant, Manuscripts Department, Lilly Library, Bloomington, IN

Redescribing the Collection of Near Eastern materials 700-1915, June 2022-August 2022

Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

Center Supervisor, Residential Programs and Services Libraries, August 2021-May 2022

Job Descriptions:

1. Hiring, training, supervising, schedules and evaluates 6-7 student assistants
2. Developing and managing of the RPS Libraries collection
3. Programming
4. Marketing and Outreach
5. Maintaining Library Facilities
6. Contributing to RPS Libraries Operations
7. On-Call Rotation

Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

Graduate Student Library Assistant, Indiana University Bloomington Libraries, January – May 2021

Job Descriptions:

- Participate in and support collection management and development activities and projects
- Creating bibliographies
- Searching for materials in online catalogs
- Creating and updating webpages and guides
- Assisting in processing gift materials
- Expanding on web archive collections using Archive-it.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

TA & Grader, *Intermediate and Advanced Persian*, Fall 2021-22

Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

Co-Instructor, *Koranic Studies*, Fall 2019

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Instructor, *Advanced Persian*, Summer 2019

Şubh-i Şādiq University, Isfahan, Iran

Instructor, *Rhythm and Rhyme in Persian Poetry*, Fall 2014, Spring 2011

Instructor, *Arabic Literary Texts*, Fall 2014, Spring 2013

Instructor, *Sufism*, Fall 2014, Spring 2012

Instructor, *History of Persian Literature*, Fall 2013, Fall 2012

Instructor, *Arabic Language*, Spring 2016, Fall 2013, Fall 2012

Instructor, *Classical Persian Poetry*, Spring 2013, Fall 2011

Instructor, *Stylistics of Persian Prose and Poetry*, Fall 2011

Instructor, *Quran Exegetical Texts*, Fall 2016, Spring 2013, Spring 2012

Instructor, *Bibliography and Methods of Research in Persian Studies*, Spring 2013, Spring 2011

Instructor, *Critical Approaches to Literature*, Fall 2012

Instructor, *The Influence of Quran on Persian Literature*, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

Instructor, *English Translations of Persian Literary Texts*, Fall 2013

Sanā'ī University, Isfahan, Iran

Instructor, *Contemporary Persian Prose*, Fall 2010

Instructor, *Contemporary Persian Poetry*, Spring 2010

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SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Books

Bahā' al-Dīn Muḥammad bin Ḥusayn khaṭībī Balkhī. (2015). *Juzv-i Chahārum-i Majmū'a-yi mawā'iz wa sukhanān-i Sultān-al-'Ulamā' Bahā' al-Dīn Muḥammad bin Ḥusayn khaṭībī Balkhī mashhūr bi-Bahā'-i Walad* (Zand Moqaddam, S. Ed.) Tahouri Press. (Original work written 1209. MS. 2116. Mevlana Museum, Konya, Turkey)

Book Review

Zand Moqaddam, S. (2016). Bāznigarī-yi Kitāb, Mawlānā Jalāl iddīn-i Balkhī, Fīhi mā fīhi, Taṣṭīḥ-i Bahman Nuzhat, Nashr-i Sukhan, Tehran, 465 Ṣafhi. *Nāma-yi Farhangistān*, 15(2), 237-239. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.14085.88804>

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Zand Moqaddam, S., Nourian, M. (2021). Rūmī's Mathnawī, Book Two: The Transformation of Blood to Milk and the Transfiguration of the Senses. *Journal of Sufi Studies*, 9(1), 1-29. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/22105956-BJA10007>

Zand Moqaddam, S., Nourian, M. (2020). 'Seek that Radiance which Sanā'ī Expounded, that Unique One whose Uniqueness 'Atṭār Revealed': Decoding a Verse of Sanā'ī through Rūmī's Works, and a Verse of Rūmī through His Quotation of 'Atṭār. *Mawlana Rūmī Review*, 9(1-2), 129-158. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/25898566-00901008>

Zand Moqaddam, S. (2017). The Hierarchy of the Symbolism of Sexual Love in Bahā' al-Dīn Walad's (d. 628/1230) Mysticism and Its Possible Relationship with Hindu Shivalingam. *Mawlana Rūmī Review*, 8(1), 72-95. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/25898566-00801004>

Zand Moqaddam, S. (2020). Ramzpardāzī-yi ma'nā-yi ma'navī-yi faqr dar āthār-i Mawlawī. *Muṭālī'āt-i Āsiyā-yi Ṣaghīr*, 7(1), 45-68. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.28503.80802/1>

Zand Moqaddam, S., Nourian, M. (2018). Guzar az ramz bi ta'līm: Khwānishi intiqādī-yi du biyt-i ramzī dar awwalīn dāstān-i Mathnawī. *Pizhūhish-Nāma-yi Adabiyāt-i Ta'līmī*, 10(39), 125-152. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.28346.52169>

Zand Moqaddam, S. (2016). Daryā va Māhī ajzā-yi numādpardāzī-yi tabdīlī az khāk bi āb az insānī bi ilāhī. *Īrānshahr-i imrūz*, 2(1), 45-53. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.32121.39528>

Zand Moqaddam, S. (2015). Tashīh-i takhmīn-i sabkshināsānih az tārikh-i nigārish-i Jāmi'ussittīn bi ravish-i matnshināsānih. *Textual Criticism of Persian Literature*, 6(4), 137-158. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.15763.60963>

Zand Moqaddam, S. (2015). Izdiwāj, numād-i tabyīn-i ma'īyyat va idrāk-i 'ilm-i ladunnī dar āthāri Mawlawī. *Nāma-yi Farhangistān*, 14(4), 24-51. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.21425.92001>

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Zand Moqaddam, S., Mushayyidī, J. (2015). Luqmiyi har murqakī anjīr nīst: ma'nā-yi tabdīl-i mizāj dar āthār-i Mawlawī. *Nāma-yi Farhangistān*, 14(1), 17-38. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.20377.34406>

Heydari, H., Zand Moqaddam, S. (2012). Garud (Garuda), The Symbol of the Conversion and Transformation of Indian Myths in Sam-nameh. *Pizhūhish-hāyi Adab-i 'Irfānī* (Gawhar-i Gūyā), 6(1), 83-94. <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.16602.47046>

Nourain, M., Takhsha Qahfarokhi, E., Zand Moqaddam, S. (2011). Feather Loss: The Universal Symbol of a Unique Archetype in Mystical Culture. *Adabīyāt-i 'Irfānī*, 3(5), 181-207. <http://dx.doi.org/10.22051/JML.2013.97>

Mushayyidī, J., Zand Moqaddam, S. (2011). Like a Lion in the Image of a Cow (A Study on Theophanies in Mevlana's Works). *Adabīyāt-i 'Irfānī*, 3(4), 133-158. <https://dx.doi.org/10.22051/jml.2013.82>

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

H. W. Wilson Foundation Scholarship, 2020

Cynthia Duncan Memorial Fellowship, 2020

Iran National Science Foundation's Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2016

Iran's Ministry of Science, Research and Technology Ph.D. Research Fellowship, 2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Shams al-Dīn Maḥbūbī: An Ill-fated Story of Legitimacy & Authority,” The Association of Central Eurasian Students at Indiana University Conference: Establishing Legitimacy & Authority in Central Eurasia Throughout the Ages. Bloomington, IN, February 23, 2019
https://aces.sitehost.iu.edu/img/site/2019_program.pdf

“The Need for a New Critical Edition of The *Ma'arif* of Baha' Walad,” The Eleventh Islamic Manuscript Conference: Sufism and Islamic Manuscript Culture. Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, UK. September 13–15, 2016
<https://www.islamicmanuscript.org/conferences/pastconferences/2016conference/programme/14september.aspx>

INVITED TALKS

“Renewal and Transformation: A Sufi Dialogue,” The Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, March 22, 2018
<http://www.bu.edu/phpbin/calendar/event.php?id=212037&cid=17&oid=0>

“The Need for a New Critical Edition of The *Ma'arif* of Baha' Walad,” Persian & Persianate Studies Seminars Sponsored by The Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard and the Aga Khan Fund. Harvard University, January 26, 2018
<https://medieval.fas.harvard.edu/event/mhc-persian-and-persianate-studies-seminar-1>

LANGUAGES

Persian (Native); Arabic (Fluent); Turkish (Reading Knowledge)