

## CURRICULUM VITA

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#### Present Positions:

Chairman, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures  
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#### Personal:

Born in Badakhshan province, Afghanistan.  
Naturalized United States Citizen  
Married, have three sons (Samad, Abdurahim & Noorhadi)

#### Education:

1972 - 1976 University of Washington, Seattle, WA.  
Ph.D. in Anthropology.  
1970 - 1972 University of Washington, Seattle, WA.  
M.A. in Anthropology.  
1967 - 1970 University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.  
B.A. in Anthropology.  
1965 - 1967 Kabul University, Kabul, Afghanistan.  
Major: Education.

#### Teaching and Administrative Appointments:

2007- present Chair, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, IU-B.  
1990- present Professor of Anthropology, Central Asian & Middle Eastern Studies,  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.  
2001- 2004 Chair, Department of Near Eastern languages and Cultures  
Director, Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies Program, IU, Bloomington.  
1991 - 1994 Director of Middle Eastern Studies Program, Indiana University,  
Bloomington, IN.  
1988 - 1990 Associate Professor of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies,  
Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.

**Teaching and Administrative Appointments cont.:**

1985 - 1988	Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.
1982 - 1985	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA.
1980 - 1982	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.
1977 - 1980	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, NV.
Spring 1977	Lecturer, Dept. of Anthropology, Harvard University, Cambridge.
Summer 1977	Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

**Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants & Awards:**

- \* Strategic Vision Award for Scientist/Scholar 2010, Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies/Turk Asya Stratejik Arastirmalar Merkezi (TASAM), a Think Tank in Istanbul, Turkey
- \* College Arts and Humanities Institute Fellowship (two course release to work on a book manuscript), Indiana University (2007-08)
- \* Keynote Address to Central States Anthropological Society Convention, March 2008, Indianapolis, IN
- \* Gibson Lecturer award, The Congregational Summer Assembly (a Christian faith-based community in Crystal Lake near Frankfort, Michigan (August 5-11, 2007)
- \* Faculty Summer Faculty Research award, IU (2005)
- \* Sabbatical leave award (Spring semester 2005)
- \* Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany (invitation as a Guest Scientist for two month in 2005, postponed per my request for a later time);
- \* MacArthur Foundation grant in support of a conference on Rebuilding Higher Education in Afghanistan (2003),
- \* The Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars Fellowship (1997-1998)
- \* Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship (1994)
- \* International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) Fellowship (1994, 1992)
- \* President's Council on International Programs Research Award, Indiana University (1992)
- \* Research Grants, Committee on Research of the Faculty Senate, UCLA (1986, 1987-88)
- \* Research Fellowship Award, American Research Institute in Turkey (1986)
- \* Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University (1984-85)
- \* Haynes Foundation Fellowship (1984)
- \* Social Science Research Council Fellowship (1983, 1972-74)
- \* Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University (1976-77)
- \* Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grants-in-Aid Program: Fellowship (1972-74); and
- \* East-West Center Scholarship: U.S. Government in cooperation with the University of Hawaii (1967-70).

## **Field Research:**

Afghanistan (two week in November & ten days April 2009, one week November 2008, three weeks, July 2008, one month, May-June 2007; 2 weeks March 2006; 2 weeks November-December 2005, summers 2004, 2003, 2002, 1996, 1975 and for 21 months during 1972-1974); Kazakhstan (2 weeks July-August 2005); Kyrgyzstan (2 weeks June-July 2006); Uzbekistan (1994 for six months, summer 1992, brief visits 1997, 2000 and 2004); Pakistan (brief visit 1996, six months 1989, Summer 1988, & Summer 1980); Eastern Turkey (Summers 1986, 1983, brief visit 1992 and 2001).

## **Publications:**

### **Books**

- 2002            *The Kirghiz and Wakhi of Afghanistan: Adaptation to Closed Frontiers and War*. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, pp. xli + 302.
- 1984            *Revolutions and Rebellions in Afghanistan: Anthropological Perspectives*. M. Nazif Shahrani and Robert L. Canfield, eds. Berkeley, Institute of International Studies, University of California, pp.xiv + 394.
- 1979            *The Kirghiz and Wakhi of Afghanistan: Adaptation to Closed Frontiers*. Seattle, University of Washington Press, pp.xxiii + 264.
- In preparation    *State-Society Dynamics, Crises of Legitimacy and Governance in Post-Taliban Afghanistan*, (a book manuscript).
- In preparation    *Family Lives and Public Careers in Soviet and Post-Soviet Uzbekistan: Dynamics of a Muslim Tradition in a Political Culture of "Scientific Atheism"*. (A book manuscript)

### **Policy Papers**

- 2009            *Afghanistan's Alternatives for Peace, Governance and Development: Transforming Subjects to Citizens & Rulers to Civil Servants. Afghanistan Papers No. 2* (August 2009). Ottawa & Montreal: A co-Publication of Center for International Policy Studies (CIPS) & The Center for International Governance Innovations (CIGI), available at <[cigionline.org](http://cigionline.org)>.

### **Recent Articles**

- Accepted        Center-Periphery Relations in Afghanistan. In *Local Politics in Afghanistan*, Conrad Schetter, ed. London: Hurst Publishers Co.
- Accepted        State, Islam, Ethnicity and Insurgency in Afghanistan. In *The Afghanistan Conflict and Australia's Role*, Amin Saikal, ed.' (31pp)
- Accepted        Nationalism, Democracy and Security in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Asia:Challenges & Conundrums. In *Building Security in Asia and CICA*. Edited by Almagul Isina, Istanbul: TASAM

## Publications:

### Recent Articles, cont.:

- 2010 Afghanistan to 1919, in *The Islamic World in the Age of Western Dominance*. Volume 5 of *The New Cambridge History of Islam*. Francis Robinson, ed. Cambridge, New York etc.: Cambridge University Press, pp. 203-2-11. Also translated to Dari/Persian and published as "Afghanistan az Ta'sis ta Emrooz" in *Chigunagyi Estilayi Nezami Qabila Salaary ba Inzimami Afghanistan az Ta'sis ta Emrooz* (The How of the Hegemony of Tribalization of State System, with addition of Afghanistan from its Establishment until Today). Dr. Muhiyidin Mehdi, translator. Kabul: Hezbi Mardumi Musalmani Afghanistan (1387, pp. 144-169.
- 2010 Afghanistan from 1919, *The Islamic World in the Age of Western Dominance*. Volume 5 of *The New Cambridge History of Islam*. Francis Robinson, ed. Cambridge, New York etc.: Cambridge University Press, pp. 542-557. Also translated to Dari/Persian and published as "Afghanistan az Ta'sis ta Emrooz" in *Chigunagyi Estilayi Nezami Qabila Salaary ba Inzimami Afghanistan az Ta'sis ta Emrooz* (The How of the Hegemony of Tribalization of State System, with addition of Afghanistan from its Establishment until Today). Dr. Muhiyidin Mehdi, translator. Kabul: Hezbi Mardumi Musalmani Afghanistan, (1387, pp. 170-202.)
- 2009 Challenges in South Asia: Identity and Political Culture Issues" for the Symposium *Engaging The World: US Global Competence for the 21st Century*, Celebrating 50 Years of HEA-Title VI & Fulbright-Hays at the Capital, Washington D.C., March 18, 2009. Available at <http://www.usglobalcompetence.org/pdfs/Shahrani.pdf>.
- 2009 President Obama & the Future of US Policies in Afghanistan. *Afghanistan Info* (Neuchatel, Switzerland), No. 64, March 2009, p. 7-8.
- 2008 "Nemautullah Shahrani" in *Biographical Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson/Gale Publishers
- 2008 "Taliban and Talibanism in Historical Perspective" *The Taliban and the Crisis of Afghanistan*, edited by Robert Crew and Amin Tarzi. Harvard University Press
- 2007 "Afghanistan" in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*. Oxford Islamic Studies Online at <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com>.
- 2007 "Durrāaī Dynasty" in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*. Oxford Islamic Studies Online at <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com>.
- 2007 "Talibanization" in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*. Oxford Islamic Studies Online at <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com>.
- 2006 Reclaiming Islam in Uzbekistan: Soviet Legacies and Post-Soviet Realities *Journal of Turkic Civilization Studies* No. 2 (2006), pp. 77-103.

## Publications:

### Articles, cont.:

- 2006 "Israel's Use of Force Excessive." *Herald-Times*, Op-Ed page, July 23, 2006.
- 2005 "King Aman-Allah of Afghanistan's Failed Nation-Building Project and its Aftermath" (a review article), *Iranian Studies*, volume 38, number 4, pp. 661-675.
- 2005 "Squandering U.S. Credibility in Afghanistan", *Journal of Academic Studies*, 7 (25):103-107.
- 2004 "Afghanistan's Presidential Elections: Spreading Democracy or a Sham?" *Middle East Report Online*, at <[www.merip.org/mero100804.html](http://www.merip.org/mero100804.html)>.
- 2003 The Challenge of Post-Taliban Governance. *ISIM Newsletter*, 12:22-23.
- 2002 War, Factionalism, and the State in Afghanistan. *American Anthropologist*, 104(3) September 2002:715-722.
- 2001 "Pining for Bukhara in Afghanistan: Poetics and politics of Exilic Identity and Emotions". In *Reform Movements and revolutions in Turkistan 1900-1924: Studies in Honour of Osman Khoja*, edited by Timur Kocaoglu. Haarlem, Netherlands: SOTA, pp. 369-391.
- 2001 "Afghanistan can Learn from Its Past", *New York Times*, Op-Ed Page 13, Sunday October 14, 2001. Also republished in *Anthropologists in the Public Sphere: Speaking Out On War, Peace, and American Power*, Edited by Roberto J. Gonzalez, Austin: University of Texas Press (2004).
- 2001 "Not 'Who?' but 'How?': Governing Afghanistan after the Conflict," in *Federations* (special issue on Afghanistan), editor Karl Nerenberg; October 2001, pp. 7-8.
- 2000 "The Taliban Enigma: Person-Centred Politics & Extremism in Afghanistan" in *ISIM Newsletter*, 6:20-21. Published by International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, University of Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2000 "Resisting the Taliban and Talibanism in Afghanistan: Legacies of A Century of Internal Colonialism and Cold War Politics in A Buffer State" *Perceptions: Journal Of International Affairs*, V(4):121-140. Published by the Center for Strategic Research, Ankara, Turkey.
- 1998 The Future of the State and the Structure of Community Governance in Afghanistan. In *Fundamentalism Reborn?: Afghanistan and the Taliban*. William Maley, ed. London & New York: Hurst & Co. and Columbia University Press; pages 212-242. [Translated in Arabic and published in serial form in a monthly paper *Sada El-Mashrek*, beginning with No. 15, Feb. 1998; Montreal, Canada

**Language Competencies:**

English, Persian, Uzbek, Kirghiz, Pashto, and Turkish.

**Membership and Affiliations:**

Member, Board of Trustees of the American University of Afghanistan, Kabul (2004-)

Elected as member of the Nominations Committee of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) 2003.

Member, International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) University Council (1998-2002)

Member, Joint SSRC/ACLS Committee on the Soviet Union and its Successor States (1993- 1996)

Member, Joint SSRC/ACLS Committee on Comparative Study of Muslim Societies (1988-1993)

Fellow, American Anthropological Association

Fellow, American Ethnological Society

Fellow, Middle East Studies Association

Member, Nominations Committee of the Middle East Studies Association (elected 1984)

Executive Committee member, Middle East Section of American Anthropological Association (elected 1996-1999; chaired Nominations Committee 1999)

Member of the Board of Directors, The Association of Central Asian Studies (elected 1985-1988, re-elected 1988-90, re-elected 1990-93)

Member, Board of Directors, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (2003-).

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