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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005-present **Santa Clara University**
Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science:
- Poli 142: Contemporary Middle East Politics
 - Poli 196: Senior Seminar: U.S. Foreign Policy towards Middle East
 - Poli 128: U.S. Foreign Policy
 - Poli 2: Introduction to Comparative Politics
 - Poli 25: Introduction to International Relations
 - Religion 25: Muslims in America
- 2005-2008 **California State University, East Bay**
Lecturer in the Department of Political Science:
- POSC 3230: Government and Politics of the Middle East
 - POSC 3505 American Foreign Policy
 - POSC 3030: The Study of Political Science
- 2005-2007 **Community College of San Francisco (CCSF)**
Lecturer:
- Introduction to Islam
 - Contemporary Middle Politics
- 2004 **Oxford University**
Lecturer:
- Contemporary Middle East Politics
 - History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
 - U.S. Foreign Policy towards Middle East
 - U.S. Foreign Policy
 - Democracy Promotion in the Middle East

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2002-present **Institute for Social Policy and Understanding**
Fellow and Director of Research
Conceive, design and implement research projects relating to US domestic and foreign policy. Research topics related to the Muslim community in the United States. The work entails research and writing for publication, organizing workshops and conferences, and representing the institute at pertinent meetings.
- 2001-2002 **Oxford Analytica**
Consultant
Provide analysis of Middle East politics and other international affairs issues. Summarize and write reports and daily policy briefs on most relevant political and economic issues in the region. Write regular reports for the World Bank and the IMF.

- 1997-1998 **Brookings Institution**
Research Associate
Researched US foreign policy towards the Middle East. Analyzed the most pressing social, political and economic issues in the Middle East. Key responsibilities included research, analysis, and editing. Advised and gave interviews to the media (CNN, BBC, Washington Post and New York Times) on US foreign policy towards the Middle East. Helped research and edit three books.
- 1996-1997 **Council on Foreign Relations**
Research Analyst
Collected and analyzed economic and statistical data pertaining to the Muslim world. Helped edit newsletter on Muslim Politics. Organized conferences and workshops on topics pertaining to US foreign policy toward the Middle East.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Educating the Muslims of America, co-editor with Yvonne Haddad and Jane Smith (Oxford University Press, March 2009)

“Defining a Moderate Muslim” in Muqtedar Khan, *Debating a Moderate Muslim: The Geopolitics of Islam and the West* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2007)

“Muslim Americans: Middle Class and Mostly Mainstream” (Washington DC: Pew Research Center, May, 2007 - Advisor)

“The Pew Study on Muslim Americans” *Horizons Magazine* (Chicago IL: ISNA Publication, Fall 2007)

“Response to the 9/11 Commission Report” in *First Impressions: American Muslim Perspectives on the 9/11 Commission Report* (Herndon VA: IIIT Press, 2005)

“The Greater Middle East Initiative: Off to a Shaky Start” (Detroit MI: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, July 2004)

“It’s the Occupation We Should Worry About” *Al-Ahram Weekly* (December, 2003)

“The Impact of the US Patriot Act” (Detroit MI: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, July, 2003 – co-author)

“Rumors of War: Democracy Not Assured in Middle East” *San Francisco Chronicle* (November, 2002)

- Farid Senzai is frequently requested to comment on U.S. foreign policy and Middle East politics to government officials and on television, radio and print including *BBC*, *MSNBC*, *CNN*, *FOX News*, *NPR*, *CSPAN*, *VOA*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Challenges Facing the New President in the Greater Middle East”, presented at Michigan State University, Lansing Michigan (November 12, 2008)

“The Political Participation of Muslims” presented at UC Berkeley, Berkeley California (October 20, 2008)

“Muslims and the Political Process” presented at the Religion Writers Annual Conference, National Press Club, Washington DC (September 17, 2008)

“A Portrait of American Muslims”, presentation at the University of Delaware, Wilmington Delaware (March, 2007)

“U.S Foreign Policy towards the Islamic World”, presentation at the Brookings Institution, Washington DC (December, 2006)

“US Diplomacy towards the Muslim World”, paper presented at the US Institute of Peace, Washington DC (January, 2005)

“Democracy Promotion in the Middle East: The Case of Egypt” paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), San Francisco (November, 2004)

“Bridging the Divide with the Muslim World”, presentation at the Brookings Institution, Washington DC (November, 2004)

“Promoting Democracy and the Rule of Law: EU and US Strategies and Instruments”, paper presented at the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford Institute for International Studies, Stanford University (October 5th, 2004)

“Migration and Security”, paper presented at the Social Science Research Council, Washington DC (September, 2004)

“Winning the War on Terrorism: Response to the 9/11 Commission Report”, paper presented at the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington DC (August, 2004)

“Civil Democratic Islam”, paper presented at DePaul University, Chicago (July, 2004)

“U.S. Civil Society Assistance to the Middle East” paper presented at St. Antonys College, Oxford University (May, 2004)

“Islam in America” paper presented at Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan (April, 2004).

“U.S. Promotion of Democracy in the Middle East” paper presented at the Center for Study of Democracy, Oxford University (March, 2004)

“Civil Society in Egypt: the Case of Human Rights Groups” paper presented at the American University in Cairo (November, 2003)

“Rebuilding Afghanistan: Conflict Resolution,” paper presented at UN Association, Oxford University (April, 2002)

2002-present	Board of Trustees, Institute for Social Policy and Understanding
1999-2004	Omar Khatab Foundation <i>Award: Full Scholarship for the Ph.D. at Oxford University</i>
1997	Columbia University Scholarship <i>Award: Scholarship from Department of International Affairs</i>
1997	Presidential Management Fellowship <i>Fellowship: Presidential Management Fellowship</i>
1997	Columbia University <i>Award: Human Rights Department Research Abroad Grant</i>
1995	United Nations 50 th Anniversary Award <i>Award: Grant to Study Issues of Religion and Tolerance</i>
1994-1994	California State University <i>Award: Academic Scholarship</i> <i>Award: Student of the Year: School of Business</i>
1993	Phi Kappa Phi (Professional/Honor Society) <i>Award: Phi Kappa Phi Annual Scholarship</i>
1992	Golden Key National Honor Society <i>Award: Received scholarship and partial tuition.</i>

EDUCATION

Oxford University, UK
 DPhil. in Politics and International Relations
 Dissertation: "Promoting Civil Society and Democracy in the Middle East"
 Supervisor: Dr. James Piscatori

- Former Co-Editor of the Oxford International Review Journal

Columbia University, NY
 M.A. (International Affairs) May 1997, GPA 3.9

- Certificate: Middle East Institute
- Full Department Scholarship

California State University, CA
 B.S. (Business Administration and Minor in International Economics)

- Graduated *Cum Laude*, May 1994, GPA 3.83
- Student of the Year in the School of Business, 1993

LANGUAGES

Fluency in Pushto
 Fair understanding of Persian
 Beginner in Arabic