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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 1993:** The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (Political Science)
M.A. 1991: The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (Political Science)
M.A. 1984: The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington (International Studies, Jackson School of International Studies)
B.A. 1981: The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington (Double major: Political Science and Economics)

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, University of Wisconsin, UWEC, 2006-Present
Associate Professor, UWEC, 2002-2005
Assistant Professor, UWEC, 1997-2001

- **Recipient of 2015 Outstanding Teaching Award, the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, (UWEC).**
- **International Teaching Experiences: Japan 2012; Germany 2015 and 2016.**

CLASSES AT UWEC TAUGHT SINCE 1997

- POLS 122: Introduction to Global Politics
- POLS 321: Politics of the Middle East
- POLS 336: Arab-Israeli Conflict
- POLS 331: International Law and Organization
- POLS 334: International Political Economy
- POLS 325: Model United Nations
- HNRS 103: Political Islam (Taught, Fall 2016)

Teaching Overseas Experiences

- **Visiting Teacher/Scholar**, Hessen International Summer Universities (ISU), "The Political Economy of Iran since the Revolution: Between Islam and Modernity in a Changing World. Hessische Internationale Sommeruniversitaet (ISU), Philipps-Universitaet Marburg, **August 2-12, 2016** <http://www.uni-marburg.de/isu/study/int-relations/middle-east-politics-governance-globalization>
- **Visiting Teacher/Scholar**, Hessen International Summer Universities (ISU) "Europe and the Middle East in Transition", Philipps University Marburg, Germany, **July 20-31, 2015**. Taught a seminar on "The Middle East: Politics, Governance, and Globalization."
- **Fellowship:** Teacher, Fellow, Kansai Gaidai University (KGU), Japan, Fall 2012.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE, PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

UWEC, Professorship Committee, Department of Political Science, 2006-Present
UWEC, Department Personnel Committee, Department of Political Science, 2002-Present
UWEC Faculty Advisor/Director of Global Studies Program, 2004---Present
UWEC Committee, UWEC Middle East Minor Studies, Fall 2010---Present
UWEC Faculty Advisor to the Model United Nations Club, 1998-2020
UWEC Representative/Executive Council Member to the "Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies," 2004---2022 www.wisconsin-institute.org
UWEC Committee, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, UWEC, 2006-2013.

UWEC, Library Liaison, Department of Political Science, 1998-2013.
UWEC Committee, Campus Forum Committee, UWEC, 2006-2010
UWEC Committee, Campus Media Advisory Committee, UWEC, 2006-2010
UWEC Committee, UWEC Strategic Planning, Creating Global Leaders, Summer-Fall 2007.
UWEC Faculty Advisor to the Society for Peace and Justice in Palestine, 2009-2011.
ISNW President and Executive Committee member on Charitable Giving on the board of the Islamic Society of North Wisconsin's (ISNW) Dr. Mahmoud Taman Fund, 2010---Present.
CGNK, Nonkilling Security and International Relations Research Committee Member, Center for Global Nonkilling <http://www.nonkilling.org> 2010---present
JVP, Jewish Voice for Peace, Academic Advisory Council member <https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org> 2014---present.

PUBLICATION

BOOKS:

1. **Ali R. Abootalebi**, compiled and edited, *Global Politics Reader: Themes, Actors, and Issues*, 2nd edition (Cognella Publishing, 2024).
2. **Ali R. Abootalebi**, compiled and edited, *Global Politics Reader: Themes, Actors, and Issues* (Cognella Publishing, 2019).
3. Stephen P. Hill and **Ali R. Abootalebi**, *Introduction to World Politics: Prospects and Challenges for the United States*, 2nd edition (Kendall Hunt: Dubuque, IA, 2018).
4. **Ali R. Abootalebi**, *Islam and Democracy: State-Society Relations in the Developing Countries, 1980-1994* (New York and London: Garland Publishing, 2000).

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1. Ali R. Abootalebi, "Arab (Palestinian)-Israeli Conflict: Identity, Nationalism, and Power," in *Global Politics Reader: Themes, Actors, and Issues*, 2nd Edition (Cognella, 2024).
2. Ali R. Abootalebi, "Public Opinion, US Military Interventionism, and the 1st First Amendment," in *Global Politics Reader: Themes, Actors, and Issues*, 2nd Edition (Cognella, 2024).
3. Bagheri-Dolatabadi, Ali and Ali R. Abootalebi, "Iran's Efforts at Cultural Diplomacy and Cooperation in Uganda: Patterns, Tools, and Limitations," in *Global Politics Reader: Themes, Actors, and Issues*, 2nd Edition (Forthcoming, Cognella, 2024).

4. Ali R. Abootalebi, "[Saudi Arabia Needs to Show Leadership to Avert a Continuing Massacre in Gaza](#)," *Informed Comment*, Oct. 17, 2023.
5. Ali R. Abootalebi, "[When Foreign Policy Elites Manipulate the Public into War, the First Amendment is the First Casualty](#)," *Informed Comment*, July 7, 2023.
6. Abootalebi, Ali R., "[Foes of a new Nuclear Agreement Demonize Tehran, but what is Iranian Society really Like Today?](#)" (juancole.com), 02/18/2022.
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8. Abootalebi, Ali R., "[Iran's governance system uniquely seeks to maintain Islamic-Republic balance](#)," *Iran Daily*, January 12, 2022, News ID: 319359.
9. Abootalebi, Ali R., '[In past four decades, Iran has taken a giant leap forward and for better in social change](#),' *Iran Daily*, January 10, 2022, News ID: 319304.
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35. Ali R. Abootalebi, “**Iran’s Tenth Presidential Election: Candidates, Issues, and Implications,**” *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, MERIA, Vol. 13, no. 3 (September 2009).
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56. Ali R. Abootalebi, “**Pazhuheshi dar Masa’il va Mushkelat-e Fa’li: Dastgahai Iqtisadi dar Khavar-e Mianeh (An Overview of Current Issues and Problems: Middle Eastern Economies)**,” [*Hambasteqi \(Tehran, Iran\)*](#), no. 48, 1379 (4 December 2000): 6.
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62. Ali R. Abootalebi, "Islam, Islamists, and Democracy," [*Middle East Review of International Affairs, MERIA*](#), vol. 3, no. 1 (March 1999): 14-24.
63. Ali R. Abootalebi, "Coping with Ethnic and Minority Diversity," *Department of Political Science Newsletter* (Spring 1999): 1-2.
64. Ali R. Abootalebi, "Civil Society, Democracy, and the Middle East," *Middle East Review of International Affairs, MERIA*, vol. 2, no. 3 (September 1998): 46-59.
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66. Ali R. Abootalebi, "Election Matters," *Center for Iranian Research and Analysis Bulletin (CIRA)*, vol. 14, no. 1 (March 1998): 30-33.
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- **New authoritarian practices in the Middle East and North Africa**, ed. by Özgün E. Topak, Merouan Mekouar, and Francesco Cavatorta. Edinburgh University Press, 2022. *Choice Magazine*, Choice Vol. 60, Issue 6, Feb 2023.
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- **Book Review** of “The Politics of Education and Knowledge in the West, Seyed Hadi Borhani, I.B. Tauris, 2022

LECTURES, PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, SERVICE (POST TENURE ONLY)

- **Panel discussion** on Hamas-Israeli war via Microsoft Teams Meeting: Discuss initial ideas/thoughts, formatting, people we should loop in, etc. UWEC with Rosa Daniela Gomez, Thursday, **October 26, 2023.**
- **Interview** with Muhammad Memarian, Iran, the United States, and the Middle East, video call, Iran’s Channel TV 4, Tuesday, **October 17, 2023.**

- **Panel Discussion:** UW-Eau Claire hosted the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) **April 13-15, 2023.**
 - **Conference:** Dr. Ali Abootalebi, "National Security and the First Amendment: U.S. Military Interventions Abroad and Implications for Popular Sovereignty," Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, 2023 Faculty/Student Conference, St. Norbert College, March 31, 2023. [WIPCS Conference Schedule.pdf](#)
 - **Manuscript Review and Endorsement** of *Fundamental Perspectives on International Law*, by Professor Tracy H. Slagter and Professor John D. Van Doorn, Cambridge University Press, 2023.
 - **Webinar:** The CFR Higher Education Webinar, **today at 2:00 p.m. (EST).** [Jenny Lee](#), vice president for Arizona International, dean of international education, and professor of educational policy studies and practice at the University of Arizona, Thursday, **November 30, 2023.** <http://go.addtocalendar.com>
 - **Webinar:** Arab Center, Washington DC, The War on Gaza and Palestinian Arab Citizens of Israel, Thursday **November 16, 2023**, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET. [The War on Gaza and Palestinian Arab Citizens of Israel - Arab Center Washington DC \(arabcenterdc.org\)](#)
 - **Webinar:** Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) virtual Public Forum: Update on the Israel-Hamas War, Thursday, **October 12, 2023**, 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. [Join a Meeting - Zoom](#)
- Webinar:** Making Global Ethics More Global, Global Ethics Day, Carnegie Council, **September 28, 2023:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84508423841>.
- **Webinar:** Arab Center Washington DC, Democracy in Crisis: Geopolitical Shifts and US Challenges in MENA, eighth annual conference to exploring the current crisis facing democratization and the implementation of reforms across the Middle East and North Africa. Tuesday, **September 26, 2023** from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM EDT [Join a Meeting - Zoom](#)
 - **Webinar:** **Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin's new book on Israeli democracy, Crooked Timber.** Thursday, **September 21, 2023**, at 12:00 noon Eastern Time.
 - **Webinar,** MENA Economies in Crisis: Global Shocks, Structural Challenges, and Prospects for Reform, Arab Center Washington DC, **July 6, 2023.** 9:00 AM
 - **Webinar:** Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) Home and Abroad public forum on U.S. strategy and the war in Ukraine. [Virtual Home and Abroad Series Forum: U.S. Strategy and the War in Ukraine](#) Thursday, **May 4, 2023.**

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- **Webinar:** Security in East Asia, Council on Foreign Relations, Friday, **April 28**, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (EDT). [Click this link to join the livestream.](#)
 - **Webinar:** CFR, Global Outlook, Thursday, **April 27**, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. (EDT). [Click this link to join livestream.](#)
 - **Book Review** of “The Politics of Education and Knowledge in the West, Seyed Hadi Borhani, I.B. Tauris, 2022.
 - **Campus seminar, UWEC:** “Censorship, Free Speech, and the Constitution” on Monday, September 19, 2022.
 - **Webinar:** [A Roadmap to Restore Democracy in TUNISIA, with former President Moncef Marzouki](#), Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Tuesday October 11, 2022.
 - **Webinar:** What should the US/EU do to help restore democracy in Tunisia? Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Monday, May 23, 2022.
 - **Webinar:** Blasphemy laws in Islam and in Muslim-majority countries, Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, September 24, 2022.
 - **Webinar:** UWEC, “Understanding Islam and Muslims: Countering Myths and Distortions,” March 3, 2021.
 - **Webinar:** Center for Politics and the People: Can Islam Coexist with Democracy? Ripon College.
 - Feb 10, 202 [\(74\) Center for Politics and the People: Can Islam Coexist with Democracy? - YouTube](#)
 - **Presentation.** “Is Peace Possible Between the US and Iran?” Winona State University, Wednesday, January 22, 2020.
 - **Presentation,** “Is a US-Iranian Rapprochement Still Possible? Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement, Peace Lutheran Church, Tuesday, November 19, 2019.
 - **Presentation,** “Democracy and Good Governance in Islamic Thought: Past and Present, Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy’s Conference: Democracy and Good Governance in Muslim-Majority Countries: Lessons from the Last 20 Years---20th Annual Conference. Georgetown University’s Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian understanding, Thursday, September 12, 2019.

- **Presentation**, “The State and the State of Forced Migration in Sweden,” Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Annual Conference, St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin, April 5, 2019.
- **Hosted UW-Stout Model UN Club** Professor and students, Professor Mary Spaeth professor and students to educate students on UWEC Model UN Club organization and key to its successes in different conferences, Friday, February 22, 2019.
- **Presentation**, “Democracy and Good Governance?” Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Annual Conference, Edgewood College, Madison, WI, April 6, 2018.
- **Presentation**, “What Went Wrong in Iraq: Exceptional or Structural Policy Failure?” Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Annual Conference, Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI, March 30, 2017.
- **Presentation**, “Muslim-Christian Understanding: Beyond Sharing Beliefs and Values,” Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Annual Conference, Stevens Point, WI, April 7-8, 2016.
- **Presentation**, “Walking Together: Muslim-Christian Understanding,” An Interfaith Dialogue, sponsored by the Lutheran Church, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, UWEC, March 12, 2016.
- **Presentation**, “The State of Civil Rights in Iran, CENTRA Technology, Washington DC, Monday, 16 November 2015.
- **Presenter**, ‘The Daesh: Why the Rise of the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham,’ Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement (CVLR), Eau Claire, WI, Thursday, September 19, 2015.
- **Presenter**, ‘Nationalism, Power Politics, and Pluralism in Divided Societies,’ Annual Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (WIPCS) conference, Carthage College, Kenosha, WI, April 16-17, 2015.
- **Panelist**, ‘Disputed Land, Common Ground: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,’ St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, March 31, 2015.
- **Panelist**, ‘ISIL and the U.S.’ Panel discussion, UWEC, Sponsored by the Center for Global Politics, Tuesday, September 30, 2014.
- **Panelist**, ‘Arab Spring,’ Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Annual Conference, Whitewater, WI, April 10-12, 2014.
- **Discussant**, Panel discussion on North Korea, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire (UWEC), Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

- **Presenter**, “Understanding Syria’s Civil War in its Regional and Global Context,” Senior Citizen Center, Eau Claire, WI, September 19, 2013.
- **Presenter**, “The United States and the Arab Awakening: Clashing Cultures or Interests,” Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (WIPCS) conference and the Executive Council semi-annual meeting, Milwaukee, WI, March 1-April 2, 2013.
- **Visiting Fellow**, Kansai Gaidai University, Hirakata City, Osaka, Japan, August 20-December 13, 2012.
- **Participant**: Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (WIPCS) Student Conference and the Executive Council semi-annual meeting, Milwaukee, WI, April 30-May 31, 2012.
- **Research Collaboration**, Abootalebi, Ali R. and Nicholas Koerner, “Surveying Muslims in America: Islam, Democracy, and U.S. Foreign Policy,” A Collaborative Research, UWEC, 2011-12. Resulted presented at UWEC Poster Presentation, April 30-May 2, 2012.
- **Participant**: Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (WIPCS) Student Conference and the Executive Council semi-annual meeting, Milwaukee, WI, April 30-May 31, 2012.
- **Participant**: Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (WIPCS) Conference and the Executive Council semi-annual meeting, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI, October 21-22 , 2011
- **Lecture**, “Arab Upheavals: 1989 Redux or Something Else? UWEC, Let’s Do Lunch Series, Eau Claire, WI, May 25, 2011.
- **Panelist**: Roundtable discussion on “Russia, The Bear in Backyard,” UWEC, Thursday, November 17, 2011.
- **Participant**: Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (WIPCS) Conference and the Executive Council semi-annual meeting, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI, October 21-22, 2011.
- **Presenter**, “Understanding Islam and Muslims,” Sponsored by the International Students Association, UWEC, Monday, November 22, 2010.
- **Speaker**, “Cultural Islam, Political Islam: Understanding Islam through its Political History” The 1st Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Saturday, October 30, 2010.

- [Speaker](#), “The Imperative for a US-Iranian Rapprochement: Iran and the Stability of the Middle East,” at the 1st UW-Madison Conference on the Middle East, Madison, Wisconsin, May 7-9, 2010.
- [Speaker](#), “U.S. Middle East Policy: Current Challenges, Future Prospects,” University of Wisconsin, Barron County (UWBC), Public Affairs Lecture Series, March 17, 2010.
- [Presenter](#), “From Human Dignity to Human Rights: The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Experience With Development, International Conference on Human Rights, La Crosse, WI, October 7-9, 2010.
- [Speaker](#), “US Foreign Policy for a New Administration: Iran and the Stability of the Middle East, UW-Superior, November 5, 2009.
- [Speaker](#), “The United States and the Afghani-Pakistani Dual Challenges” Manitowoc Public Library Lecture Series, Manitowoc, WI, Monday, February 9, 2009.
- [Speaker](#), “The United States and the Afghani-Pakistani Dual Challenges” Fond du Lac Library Lecture Series, Fond du Lac, WI, Tuesday, February 10, 2009.
- [International Seminar](#): “Islamic and International Law: Search for Common Grounds,” Salzburg Academy, Salzburg, Austria, October 25-30, 2008.
- [Workshop](#): “Dismantling Racism,” Arts and Sciences, UWEC, Fanny Hill, Eau Claire, WI, Thursday-Friday, September 18-19, 2008.
- [Interview](#): Department of Defense, “the U.S., Iran, and the Middle East,” with Edward L. Connelly, Captain, US Army, Eau Claire, WI, Tuesday, September 9, 2008.
- [Speaker](#): “Iran, Iraq, and the United States,” Infusing Understanding of Peace and Conflict in the Muslim World into the Curriculum, Madison Area Technical College, Summer Institute for International Education, June 18-20, 2008.
- [Dialogue](#): “Inter-faith Dialogue,” A discussion/dinner organized by Altoona Mosque, Tuesday Jan 29, 2008.
- [Speaker](#): “The Middle East and the United States,” UWEC, Katherine Thomas Hall, Wednesday February 20, 2008.
- [International Seminar](#): “Between Islam and Republicanism: Iran’s Political Economy in regional Context.” A Roundtable on “the World in 2030,” organized by [Military Centre for Strategic Studies in Rome, Italy, the Department of Defense](#), February 19-15, 2007.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Manuscript Review and Endorsement** of *Fundamental Perspectives on International Law*, by Professor Tracy H. Slagter and Professor John D. Van Doorn, Cambridge University Press, 2023.
- **Book Review** of “The Politics of Education and Knowledge in the West, Seyed Hadi Borhani, I.B. Tauris, 2022.
- **Campus seminar, UWEC:** “Censorship, Free Speech, and the Constitution” on Monday, September 19, 2022.
- **Webinar:** [A Roadmap to Restore Democracy in TUNISIA, with former President Moncef Marzouki](#), Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Tuesday October 11, 2022.
- **Webinar:** “What should the US/EU do to help restore democracy in Tunisia?” Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Monday, May 23, 2022.
- **Webinar:** “Blasphemy laws in Islam and in Muslim-majority countries,” Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, September 24, 2022.
- ***External Reviewer*** of scholarly production of Dr. Matthew I. Weiss for tenure promotion, addressed to Terence M. Garrett, Department Chair, Public Affairs and Security Studies Department, Brownsville, Texas. September 2018.
- ***External Reviewer*** of master’s Thesis of Mr. Nicholas E. Zinser, the Department of History, January through Summer 2018, UWEC.
- **Recipient of 2015 Outstanding Teaching Award**, the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, (UWEC).
- **Visiting Teacher/Scholar**, Hessen International Summer Universities (ISU), “The Political Economy of Iran since the Revolution: Between Islam and Modernity in a Changing World. Hessische Internationale Sommeruniversitaet (ISU), Philipps-Universitaet Marburg, **August 2-12, 2016**
- **Visiting Teacher/Scholar**, Hessen International Summer Universities (ISU) “Europe and the Middle East in Transition”, Philipps University Marburg, Germany, July 20-31, 2015. Taught a seminar on “The Middle East: Politics, Governance, and Globalization.”
- **Prepublication Book Evaluation** of *Introduction to International Political Economy* by David N. Balaam and Bradford Dillman, Routledge/Taylor and Francis Group, 2015.
- **Fellowship:** Fellowship to Kansai Gaidai University, Japan was accepted. Will teach and research in KGU in fall 2012.
- **Scholarship Nomination Committee**, Mahmoud Taman Scholarship Fund since 2011.

- **Committee Member (President)** on Charitable Giving, the Islamic Society of Northern Wisconsin (ISNW), Dr. Mahmoud Taman Trust Fund, since 2010.
- **Book Appraisal**, of Steven Lamy, *Introduction to Global Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2010.
- **Book Appraisal**, of William Keylor, *World of Nations: The International Order Since 1945*, Oxford University Press, 2007.
- **Online Course Development** through Workshop Learning of D2L: My Political Science 122 class: Introduction to Global Politics will be taught for the first time as an online class in June 2007.
- **Lecture**, “Islam, Muslims, and American Muslims,” UWEC, Thursday, October 26, 2006 (lectured to Education students as requested by Professor Jill Pastrana).
- **Lecture**, “Islam and Democracy,” Altoona Mosque, Sunday, October 22, 2006
- **Baccalaureate Portfolio Reading Project**, [UWEC](#), Monday-Friday, June 6-10, 2005.
- **Manuscript Review** for [Westview Press](#) of Long, David E. and Bernard Reich, “The Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa,” 4th ed. (Westview Press, 2002) (2005).
- **Article Review** “Determinants of Arab Opinion on Foreign Relations,” for [International Studies Quarterly \(ISQ\)](#), submitted by December 6, 2004.
- **Manuscript Review** of “Multilateral Diplomacy and the United Nations Today” by James P. Muldoon, Jr., JoAnn Fagot Aviel, Richard Reitano, and Earl Sullivan, for [Westview Press](#), submitted by November 5, 2004.
- **Consultant** to [Congressman Ron Kind \(D, WI\)](#) on events in Iraq and the Middle East on occasion, 2003 to Present.
- **Article Review** for [International Studies Quarterly](#), “Human Development in the Muslim World: From Theory to Practice,” September 2002
- **Book Review** for [Longman Publication](#), “*International Political Economy: Interests and Institutions in the Global Economy*,” April 2002.
- **Taught a 1-credit course** for Business School on “Islam in the World’s Political Perspectives,” Held February 19, 25, March 5, 12, and 19, 2002, from 6:00 to 8:45 at [UWEC](#).
- **Delivered lecture**, along with four other distinguished guests at the “President’s Club,” on “The American Foreign Policy in the Persian Gulf and Its Impact on the Islamic Republic of Iran,” [Tehran, Iran](#), **Sunday, June 30, 2002 (3-8 PM)**. This was a recorded program, the summary of which is due for publication as a journal article in 2002.
- **Delivered lecture** on “Sources of American Foreign Policy and the Middle East,” to “Dafar-i Motaleat-i Siyasi va Baynalmelali” (The Institute For Political and International Studies.), [Tehran, Iran](#).
- **Delivered Lecture on “Iran-US Relations,”** Monday, July 8, 2002, [Tehran, Iran](#). The meeting was attended by intellectuals and government officials. This event was well covered by the media, including reporters from three dailies and four television stations.
- **Delivered lecture** on “Islam and Democracy” to “dafter-e Motaleat va Tahqiqat-e Siyasi-e vezarat-e Keshvar (The Interior Ministry’s Center for the Study and Research of Politics),

- Tehran, Iran**. The Lecture was organized by Dr. Hijazi, and in attendance was, among others, a member of the Iranian Parliament, Wednesday, July 10, 2002 (10 AM-2 PM).
- **Delivered lecture** on “Jahani Shodan va Qawmiyyat” (Globalization and Its Impact on National Identity) at National Studies Institute (Daftar-i Motaleat-i Melli), Thursday, June 13, 2002, **Tehran, Iran**.
 - **Roundtable Discussion** on Possible Iran’s Reaction to developments in Europe, as part of a weekly gathering of experts and analysts to discuss issues of national concern at the Iranian National Television Station, Tuesday, June 18, 2002, **Tehran, Iran**.
 - **Interviewed** on Islam and Democracy, **The Daily “Iran”** Wednesday, June 12, published in August 2002.
 - **Book Reviewed** of Pease, Kelly-Kate S., International Organizations: Perspectives on Governance in the Twenty-First Century for **Prentice Hall** (New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2000).
 - **Article Reviewed** for the **Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies**, titled “Denials, Excuses, and Other Evasions of Responsibility: A Commemorative Perspective on the Armenian Genocide,” 2000.
 - **Moderator**: International Roundtable, "Kosovo". Sponsored by the **Center for International Education, UWEC**, May 4, 1999.
 - Ali R. Abootalebi, "Chechen Massacre Intolerable," **Spectator, UWEC**, October 18, 1999: 13
 - **Reviewed the article**, From the Politic to the Economic: Has Reform Succeeded in the Arab World? **The Journal of Developing Areas**, February-March 1998.
 - **Web page Master** for the Political Science Department, **UWEC**, WI, Summer 1997-2003.
 - **Faculty Advisor** to the Model United Nations Club, **University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire**, Fall 1997-present.
 - **Faculty Advisor** to the Muslim Students Association, **University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire**, Fall 1997-present.
 - **Regular Guest Columnist** for the student newspaper, Spectator, **University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire**, Fall 1997- Present.
 - **Editor/Commentator** of the manuscript, *Understanding Conflict: Coping with the New World Disorder*, by Lincoln P. Bloomfield, **Westview**, 1996.
 - **Research liaison** for the **Iranian National Studies Institute** (Mu'assasah-i Mutali'at-i Melli), Tehran, Iran, since January 1996.
 - **Head Delegate** of Union College to the "**Harvard National Model United Nations** 1994," held in Boston, Massachusetts, February 17-20.
 - **Head Delegate** of Union College to the **National Model United Nations**, held in New York city, NY, April 10-15, 1995.
 - **Pre-organized panel** for the **Middle East Studies Association (MESA)** Meeting, titled "Culture, Society, and the State in Contemporary Middle East," held in Providence, Rhode Island, November 21-24, 1996.

LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL MEDIA APPEARANCES

- **Interview:** WEAU-TV story “[Communities in Eau Claire voice opinions on developments in Middle East conflict](#), Oct. 18, 2023.
- **Interview:** In Focus: Political scientist weighs in on U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, *Spectrum in focus*, PETE ZERVAKIS WISCONSIN, AUG. 23, 2021 [Middle East expert weighs in on withdrawal from Afghanistan \(spectruminfocus.com\)](#)
- **Interview:** Capital City Sunday: Brandtjen still pushing subpoenas; where the U.S. failed in Afghanistan By A. J. Bayatpour, Aug 22, 2021. [Capital City Sunday: Brandtjen still pushing subpoenas; where the U.S. failed in Afghanistan | Capital City Sunday | wkow.com](#)
- **Interview:** [Iraq Combat Operations End, Dinosaurs In Wisconsin](#),” WPR, *CENTRAL TIME*, By Rachael Vasquez, Thursday, July 29, 2021, 5:00pm [Listen: Iraq Combat Operations End, Dinosaurs In Wisconsin | Wisconsin Public Radio \(wpr.org\)](#)
- **Interview:** “Raisi faces a do or die economic dilemma: New Iranian leader’s most urgent task will be to fix the beleaguered economy but it’s not clear yet he has a plan,” By KOUROSH ZIABARI, *Asia Times*, JUNE 28, 2021. <https://asiatimes.com/2021/06/raisi-faces-a-do-or-die-economic-dilemma/>
- **Interview:** **Wisconsin Middle East Expert Looks Beyond the Iran Nuclear Deal** by Sandra Whitehead | Feb 23, 2021 | [Wisconsin Middle East expert looks beyond the Iran nuclear deal | Wisconsin Muslim Journal](#)
- Interview with **WQOW TV**, “UWEC political expert says tensions will likely rise between US and Iran,” January 8, 2020 <https://wqow.com/2020/01/08/uwec-political-expert-says-tensions-will-likely-rise-between-us-and-iran/>
- Interview with **Leader Telegram Newspaper**, “Wisconsin legislators, professor respond to Iran general's death,” January 3, 2020 https://www.leadertelegram.com/news/front-page/wisconsin-legislators-professor-respond-to-iran-general-s-death/article_c8e64916-f50a-5f13-ba1f-2f40da5f2af4.html

- Interview with **WEAU TV.**, “The state of U.S.-Iran relations,” January 3, 2020 <https://www.weau.com/content/news/The-state-of-US-Iran-relations-566710641.html>
- Interview with Wisconsin Public Radio, WPR. Robert Ferret, White House To Sell \$8 Billion In Weapons To Saudi Arabia, UAE Without Congressional Approval, May 28, 2019, <https://www.wpr.org/white-house-sell-8-billion-weapons-saudi-arabia-uae-without-congressional-approval>
- Interview with Wisconsin Public Radio, WPR, Central Time with Robert Ferret, Analyzing The Relations Between The US And Iran By Bill Martens, Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 4:30pm <https://www.wpr.org/analyzing-relations-between-us-and-iran>
- Interview with **WEAU TV.**, “The state of U.S.-Iran relations,” January 3, 2020 <https://www.weau.com/content/news/The-state-of-US-Iran-relations-566710641.html>
- Interview with **Al-Jazeera**, “*Why are Arab leaders silent over Khashoggi's disappearance? Arab leaders remain deafeningly silent on the case of Khashoggi's disappearance,*” by [Linah Alsaafin](#) & [Ramy Allahoum](#), October 19, 2018 <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/10/arab-leaders-silent-khashoggi-disappearance-181019102251305.html>
- Interview with **Wisconsin Public Radio**, The West Side with Rich Kremer, March 26, 2018, Tariffs and US Trade, March 26, 2018 - 10:00am <https://www.wpr.org/shows/west-side-march-26-2018>
- Interview with **Wisconsin Public Radio**, The Morning Show with Kat Archer Kent, Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at 7:30 am CST. <https://www.wpr.org/shows/considering-political-and-economic-effects-president-trumps-proposed-tariffs>
- **Public Access TV**, ‘Iran in regional and Global Affairs,’ Public Access TV, Eau Claire, WI, Wednesday, April 29, 2015.
- **Sahar International TV Interview**, Saudi Arabia invasion of Yemen, Wednesday April 22, 2015 at www.sahartv.ir
- **Sahar International TV Interview**, ISIS (Daesh) and Regional Politics, Wednesday February 24, 2015 at www.sahartv.ir
- **Sahar International TV Interview**, Black Teenage and Violence in America, Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at www.sahartv.ir
- **Sahar International TV Interview**, Spectrum, ‘Iran’s Nuclear Program, November 24, 2014 Deadline Extension’ Monday, November 24, 2014 at www.sahartv.ir

- [Sahar International TV Interview](#), Center Stage: ‘Iran’s Nuclear Program,’ Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at www.sahartv.ir
- [Sahar International TV Interview](#), Center Stage: ‘Syrian Crisis,’ Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at www.sahartv.ir
- [Interview, WUEC TV 10 Interview](#), “Syria and UWEC Student,” UWEC, Student TV Program, Eau Claire, WI: Tuesday, September 17, 2013.
- [Sahar International TV Interview](#), Center Stage: ‘Iran’s Presidential Election: Domestic and International Reactions,’ August 12, 2013, at www.sahartv.ir
- [Sahar International TV Interview](#), Center Stage: ‘Middle East Development: Egypt and Tunisia,’ July 31, 2013, at www.sahartv.ir
- [Sahar International TV Interview](#), Center Stage: ‘Qatar and Change of Leadership: What it Means,’ July 17, 2013, at www.sahartv.ir
- [Sahar International TV Interview](#), Center Stage: ‘Syrian Conflict, US and Iran,’ May 15, 2013, at www.sahartv.ir
- [Sahar International TV Interview](#), ‘Center Stage: ‘Iran’s Nuclear Program and the Almaty Talks,’ April 8, 2013, at www.sahartv.ir
- [Interview, Gulan Media-Iraqi Kurdistan](#) : “Iraq, Kurdistan, and Regional Politics, Thursday, January 12, 2012, http://www.gulan-media.com/english/sites.php?section=2&sub_section=0
- [Sahar International TV Interview](#), Center Stage: ‘Iran’s Nuclear Program,’ Monday, November 22, 2010, at www.sahartv.ir
- [Press TV Interview](#), “US Elections and Barack Obama,” Wednesday, Dec.3, 2008, at www.Presstv.com
- [Sahar International Network Interview](#), “Lebanon,” Wednesday June 11, 2008 at <http://live.irib.ir/>
- [Sahar International Network, Interview](#), “Iran’s Nuclear Dossier,” Wednesday April 21, 2008 at <http://live.irib.ir/>
- [Sahar International Network Interview](#), “Iraq and Clashes in Basra,” Wednesday April 2, 2008 at <http://live.irib.ir/>
- [Sahar International Network Interview](#), “Iraq and Ahmandinejad’s trip,” Wednesday March 5, 2008 at <http://live.irib.ir/>
- [Sahar International Network Interview](#), “Lebanon and Hizollah,” Wednesday January 28, 2008 at <http://live.irib.ir/>
- Sahar International Network Interview: “Guns, Virginia Tech. Massacre and the U.S.,” Wednesday, April 25, 2007, @ <http://www.sahar.tv>
- [WEAU Interview](#): “Iraq and Its Future,” TV. 13, Eau Claire, Friday, March 16, 2007.
- [Sahar International Network Interview](#), “U.S. New Iraq Strategy,” Wednesday, January 17, 2007, @ <http://www.sahar.tv>
- [Interview, “September 11, 2001 Attack on Iran,” with Jim Lehrer, National Public Television, October 11, 2001.](#)

- Interview, “Islam is Faith with Many Faces,” by David Sands, [Washington Times](#), October 21, 2001.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS at UWEC

- Badger Boys State summer sponsored lecture, Menard Center for Constitutional Studies (MCCS), summer 2024.
- Menard Center for Constitutional Studies (MCCS) summer faculty-student research grant, 2024.
- Menard Center for Constitutional Studies (MCCS) summer faculty-student research grant, 2023.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research, Summer Research Grant, Summer 2019.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research, Summer Research Grant, Summer 2018.
- International Teaching Experiences: Germany 2015 and 2016.
- Recipient of Outstanding Teaching Award, the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, (UWEC), 2015.
- International Teaching Experiences: Japan 2012
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2012.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2010.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2008.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2008, in support of International Conference in Salzburg, Switzerland.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2007 in support of International Conference in Italy.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2006.
- Sabbatical Leave, [UWEC](#), Spring 2004.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2004.
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs research grant, [UWEC](#), 2002.
- University Research and Creative Activity, [UWEC](#), 2001.
- Faculty-Student Research Fellowship, 2000-2001, [UWEC](#).
- Faculty-Student Research Fellowship, 1999-2000, [UWEC](#).
- Faculty-Student Research Fellowship, 1999-1998, [UWEC](#).
- Faculty-Student Research Fellowship, 1997-1998, [UWEC](#).
- Faculty Advisor to the Model United Nations Club (MUNC), was awarded by the MUNC "the Dedicated Faculty Advisor Award" for 1998-1999. [UWEC](#).

BIOGRAPHY IN SHORT

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