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EDUCATION

- M.A. student in Mass Communications, University of Florida, 2005-Present
(Currently on leave of absence, expected graduation date: May 2010)
Some Classes Taken: Journalists' Toolkit, Advanced Online Media Production, Electronic Publishing, Mass Communication and Society, Theories of Mass Communications, International Communication, Qualitative Research
- M.A. in Women's Studies, University of Florida, 2009
Thesis: A Feminist Space of One's Own: Cyberspace and Feminist Websites in Iran's Women's Movement ([Full Text Here](#))
- M.A. in English Literature, Tehran Azad University, Tehran, Iran, 2004
- B.A. in English Translation, Tehran Azad University, Iran, Tehran, 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Broadcast Journalist

BBC World Service, Persian Television, London, December 2008-Present

Various roles as the producer at Nowbat-e Shoma (Your Turn) live interactive show:

- Outputted 15+ live 50-minutes shows as the main producer
- Co-presented 40+ live shows
 - reviewed the Iranian blogosphere and social networking websites, presented an overview and analysis of the content of these outlets in relation with to the topic of the program of the day
 - Received the emails and SMSs of the viewers during the show, selected and read the messages during the program
- Reviewed, verified and edited the videos submitted to the BBC Persian UGC hub as the video/UGC producer
- Interviewed people for vox pops, edited, translated and put voice over on the vox pops as the video/UGC producer
- Wrote online debates for the topic of the day, published the debates on the web using BBC CMS software (topcat), moderated comments in BBC forums (Jive) as the Web producer

Web Editor

Radio Zamaneh <http://www.radiozamaneh.com>, January 2008-December 2008

- Edited and published news and features

- Managed and organized the activities of the Website
- Supervised work of copy editors

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Florida, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, 2007-2008

- Assisted Prof. Mindy McAdams on blog media studies
- Translated study documents into html files to create experimental blogs
- Assisted with design of online survey and blogs
- Programmed Excel spreadsheet to organize statistical results from Access database

Intern

Women's Learning Partnership (WLP), Summer 2007

- Authored Human Rights Action Alerts for organization's website and mailing list
- Assisted with background research and contributed to the blog for Arab Women's Nationality Campaign and Muslim Women's Political Participation Campaign
- Translated several pages of WLP website from English to Persian

Project Manager and Web Developer

Communication Web of Women of Iran (TARA network), 2006-2007

- Hired and managed six staff members located in the United States and Iran
- Administered budget for 60,000 Euros grant from Hivos Dutch organization
- Produced project timeline and supervised staff to meet schedule deadlines
- Created sitemaps and directed development of four news websites
- Set up weekly online conferences between staff in Iran and the United States
- Supervised preparation of handbook about online journalism and gender issues in journalism

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Florida, Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research, 2005-2007

- Assisted Dr. Florence E. Babb in research on gender, sexuality, and tourism, in Latin America
- Assisted Dr. Florence E. Babb in research on the archive of Calvin E. Yeoman's documents in University of Florida's Smathers Special Collections Library
- Designed and updated professional website of Dr. Florence E. Babb
<http://plaza.ufl.edu/fbabb>

Web Manager

Mehrangiz Kar's official Website www.mehrangizar.com, 2005-Present

- Set up sitemap to create English/Persian Website for Mehrangiz Kar, Iranian women's rights and human rights activist and attorney at exile
- Served as liaison with programmer and Web designer to develop the Website

Executive Editor of English Section

"Women in Iran" news Website, 2002-2006

- Managed over 40 transnational volunteer translators
- Published more than 50 translated news/articles about women's issues
- Worked as freelance English/Persian interpreter
- Organized the First Online Conference of Iranian Women from all over the world as a member of the working team of Women in Iran in 2003
- Organized public celebration of International Women's Day in Tehran SHAFAGH Cultural Center (March 8th, 2003)

Editor and Columnist

Cappuccino Online Magazine (First Online weekly Magazine in Iran)

www.cappuccinomag.com, (2002-2004)

- published 47 issues of the magazine as the Editor (all run by volunteers)
- Conducted and Edited 10+ interviews
- Published 10+ special reports
- Maintained a weekly column (editorial)

BLOGS

Professional Blog (2007)

"Learning Online Journalism" (sanamd.wordpress.com)

Personal blogs (2001-present)

"Lady Sun" (ladysun.wordpress.net) in English and "Khorshid Khanoom" (www.khorshidkhanoom.com) in Persian (one of the first Persian blogs written by a woman)

- Interviewed, reported, and quoted on multiple occasions by international news agencies and media such as AP and BBC.

SOUNDSLIDES

- "Being Homeless in Gainesville"
<http://sanamd.com/homeless/slideshow.html>
- "Wild Iris: A Bookstore of One's Own" – On Florida's only feminist bookstore
<http://sanamd.com/wildiris/index.html>

SAMPLE CLIPS

- "Mothers of Khavaran" – Radio Zamaneh (Radio Program in Persian), July 5, 2008
- "Visa problems worry U. Florida Iranian students" - Independent Florida Alligator, August 10, 2006
- "Iranian Woman Sentenced to Death by Stoning" – Women in Iran, July 26, 2006

- "UF student trapped in Lebanon as violence in Middle East worsens" - Independent Florida Alligator, July 18, 2006
- "Sports bar gives Gainesville World Cup atmosphere" - Independent Florida Alligator, July 11, 2006

SKILLS

- Video editing: Windows Movie Maker, BBC Dalet system
- Audio editing: Audacity
- Translator, Simultaneous Interpreter - English to Persian
- Web Design: (X)HTML, CSS, Dreamweaver (elementary)
- Flash Journalism: Macromedia Flash (slide shows, movie clips, info-graphic packages), Soundslides, Google APIs (elementary)
- Amateur Photography (Nikon D40 with 18-135mm lens)
- MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Front Page)
- Adobe Photo Shop, Fire FTP
- Cooking: Persian cuisine

HONORS

- Certificate for Outstanding Academic Accomplishment, University of Florida International Center, 2007
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- Reporters Without Borders Freedom Blog Awards, Nominated for Best Blog Defending Freedom of Expression, 2006
- Best blogger of 2002, *CCW Magazine's* 2002 Blog Awards, Tehran, Iran, December 2002

TALKS

- "*A Space of One's Own? A Look at the Role of Information Communication Technologies and Iranian Feminist Websites in Iran*" July 6, 2008 – The 19th International Annual Conference of the Iranian Women's Studies Foundation, University of California, Berkeley
- Speaker in the panel "The Changing Fabric of Iran: A society in flux" April 2, 2008 - Iran 360: Exploring Politics, Economics and Society In a Global Hotspot, International Center for Journalists (ICFJ), Airlie Center, Warrenton, Virginia
- "*My Central Questions about Social Movements and Information Communication Technologies: A Case Study of Iranian Feminist Websites*" November 30, 2007. Fall Graduate Student Panel – Women's Studies Gender Conversations, University of Florida

- "Iranian Women on the Web" September 22, 2007 – Teleconference in "Iranians on the Internet" one-day gathering, San Francisco State University (Invited Speaker)
- "Stop Stoning Forever: A Feminist Campaign" February 28, 2007 - Presented in the panel of "The Campaign to End Legal Discrimination Against Women and Girls in Iran," The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Fifty First Session, United Nations, New York
- "The Spider Web: Potentials, Obstacles, and Challenges of Blogging in Iran", October 23, 2006 - Florida Free Culture – University of Florida (Invited Speaker)
- "Iranian Women's Activism on the Internet", October 10, 2004 - Iranian Society for Human Rights, San Jose (Invited Speaker)
- "Iranian Weblogs: The History and Challenges of the New-found Freedoms of the Internet", October 2, 2004 - Stanford University, Iran: Future Prospects Conference

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Research and Advocacy member

"Stop Stoning Forever" Campaign, 2006 – 2008

- Organized panel for UN's 51st session of the Commission on the Status of Women to raise awareness and seek international advocacy groups' assistance with the campaign
- Assisted with updating the website of the campaign and translating the news

Media and Advocacy member

"Free Women's Rights Defenders in Iran" Campaign www.meydaan.org, 2007

- Set up a petition signed by more than 5,000 people demanding the release of arrested women's rights activists in Iran
- Issued four press releases on the status of the arrested women
- Updated the website of the campaign
- Provided the media with relevant contact info for interviews and news coverage

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Multimedia report of "Iran 360: Exploring Politics, Economics and Society In a Global Hotspot" conference, *International Center for Journalists*, August 2008 <http://www.icfj.org/OurWork/MiddleEastNorthAfrica/ConferenceIran360/FinalReport/tabid/806/Default.aspx>
- Radio Interview, "Iran considers harsh penalty for some bloggers," *The World*, July 4, 2008

- <http://theworld.org/?q=node/19206>
- Radio Interview, "Iran's president's infrequent blog," *The World*, December 5, 2007
<http://www.theworld.org/?q=node/14491>
 - Online Interview on Iranian journalism and BBC's ZigZag magazine, *PBS Media Shift*, October 18, 2007
http://www.pbs.org/mediashift/2007/10/digging_deeperbbc_trains_irani.html
 - Radio Interview on Iranian youth underground culture, KQED - *The Forum with Michael Krasny*, May 3, 2007
<http://www.kqed.org/epArchive/R705031000>
 - Radio Interview on the women's movement in Iran, *KPFK Pacifica Radio – Feminist Magazine*. April 11, 2007
 - Featured in *Communigator*, University of Florida's College of Journalism and Mass Communications quarterly. "The Iranian connection: Country's first female blogger stays plugged in" Spring 2006
<http://www.jou.ufl.edu/pubs/communigator/spring2006/iranblog.php>

References Available Upon Request