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**Academic Appointments**

[**Society of Fellows**](https://globalartsandhumanities.osu.edu/sof)**: Human Rights Pasts and Futures**

Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme

**The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**

Jan 2021- Dec 2022

[**Research Justice at the Intersections Fellow**](https://inside.mills.edu/academic-resources/grants-special-programs/research-justice-intersections/index.php)

Provost’s Office  
**Mills College, Oakland, California**

Sep 2020 – April 2021

[**Project Coordinator and Co-PI**,](https://u.osu.edu/recoveryproject/the-team/)

The Recovery Project: Actions of Survival, Archives of Resilience, The Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme’s Special COVID-19 Initiative

**The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**

Aug 2020 - Dec 2020

[**Associate Editor**](https://rdsjournal.org/index.php/journal),

Global Section Editor, *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal*

Center on Disability Studies, **University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa**

Aug 2017-Current

[**Postdoctoral Researcher**](https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/people/hill.0)

Global Migration, Disability Studies, and Medical Humanities

Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Department of English

**The Ohio State University**

Aug 2018 - Aug 2020

**Education**

**PhD**, Adult Education, and Community Development

Ontario Institute for studies in Education of the **University of Toronto**, Toronto, Canada

Dissertation Title: *Toward A Conceptualization of Transnational Disability Theory and Praxis: Entry Point, Iraqi Chemical Attack on Iran*

Committee Members: Dr. Bonnie Burstow, Dr. Jamie Magnusson, and Dr. Ramin Farahmandpur

External Examiner: Dr. Nirmala Erevelles

**Sep 2014-Feb 2018**

**M.A**., Critical Disability Studies

School of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Health, **York University**, Toronto, Canada

Major Research Paper (MRP) Title: *Power in and Beyond Psychiatric Institutions: Social Relational and Antiracist Approaches*

Committee Members: Dr. Rachel da Silveira Gorman and Dr. Geoffrey Reaume

**Sep 2012-Sep 2013**

**B.A. (Hon)**, Social Psychology, **York University**, Toronto, Canada

Undergraduate Thesis Title: *Altruism and Gender*

Supervisor: Dr. Paul Kohn

**Sep 2009-Aug 2012**

**Diploma** (credits transferred to a degree program at York University),

Child and Youth Worker, **George Brown College**, Toronto, Canada

**Sep 2008-Apr 2009**

**BSc**, (disrupted due to forced migration)

Pure Mathematics, **International University of Imam Khomeini**, Qazvin, Iran

**Sep 2003-Feb 2007**

**Publications**

**Books**

* Disabling Relations: Injured Bodyminds & Active Witnessing (forthcoming, 2022) under contract.
* (In Progress) Madness, Interdependence & Care Infrastructures in Political Prison.

**Edited Books**

* Co-edited “Disabling States”with Rachel da Silveira Gorman and Louise Tam (forthcoming, 2023) under contract with the *Canadian Scholars Press*, Toronto

**Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

* **Kazemi, Sona** & Gold, Efrat [equal authorship] (invited, forthcoming). “Multiverse of the Living Dead in Fascist Encounters” In a Special Issue of *Springer’s SN Social Sciences,* titled “*Narrative Universes of Disability: An Interdisciplinary Journey”,* edited by Sati, Someshwar, Anand, Shilpaa, and Karah, Hemachandran. (Springer, 2022)
* **Kazemi, Sona** & Karah, Hemachandran [equal authorship] (invited, forthcoming). “Inclusive Carnal Literacy: Imagining Futurities via Multilingual Disability Studies.” In *Disability and the Teaching of Writing* 2.0, edited by Wheeler, Stephanie, Ubbesen, Molly, and Morse, Tracy C. (Bedford/St. Martin's, 2023)
* **Kazemi, Sona** & Karah, Hemachandran [equal authorship] (invited, forthcoming). “Teaching Disability Justice in Action” In *Routledge Companion to Literature and Social Justice* edited by Raja, Masood Ashraf and Lu, Nick T. C. (Spring, 2023)
* **Kazemi, Sona** & Karah, Hemachandran [equal authorship] (invited, forthcoming). “State Terror and Madness: Inside a Revolution.” Under Disability and Intersectionality Section, *Handbook of Critical Disability Studies*, edited by Erevelles, Nirmala and Marrow, Marina in Rioux, Marcia H. & Addlakha, Renu (Springer, 2021)
* **Kazemi, Sona** (invited, Forthcoming). “Mobilizing White Affects and Suspended Laughters on Lipless faces: Injured by Borders, Walls, and Wars”. In Suchland, Jennifer (Eds.), *Naming (In)Justice: Rights and Resistance Across Queer Migrations and Trafficking*(Pp. TBD)
* **Kazemi, Sona** (invited, forthcoming) “Iranian Women’s Experiences with State Violence: A Marxist-Feminist Analysis and A Revolutionary Decarceration Pedagogy”. In Rose Ann Torres, Ian Liujia Tian, & Coly Chau (eds.) *Asian Canada is Burning: Theories, Methods, Pedagogies, And Praxes* (Black Point: Fernwood Publishing)
* **Kazemi, Sona** & Karah, Hemachandran [equal authorship] (invited, forthcoming). “Cultural Imperialism and Life of the Mind: A Review of Cerebral Bias in Humanities Pedagogy and Beyond” In Da Silveira Gorman, Rachel & Le François, Brenda (Eds.), *Palgrave Encyclopedia of Critical Perspectives in Mental Health.*(Palgrave MacMillan)

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

* **Kazemi, Sona** (Forthcoming) “Silent Global and Oppressive Local: Fetishization of the Disabled War Veterans in Iran through the ideological construction of “Living Martyrs” at *Somatechnics Journal*
* **Kazemi, Sona** and Sarikaya, Berivan (2019) “[Politicizing Disability-Production Mechanisms: Applying the Transnational Disability Model to a Case of Incarceration, Torture, and Hunger Strike/Death Fast of a Kurdish Political Prisoner in Turkey](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.13169/zanjglobsoutstud.2.issue-1)” in *Zanj: The Journal of Critical Global South Studies Vol 2, No. 1*, “*Kurdish Culture, Identity, and Geopolitics: Toward Decolonization*”
* **Kazemi, Sona** (2019) [“Whose Disability (Studies)? Defetishizing Disablement of the Iranian Survivors of the Iran-Iraq War by (Re)Telling their Resilient Narratives of Survival](https://cjds.uwaterloo.ca/index.php/cjds/article/view/530)” in Special Issue of the *Canadian Journal of Disability Studies Vol 8 No 4* with the topic, **“**Survivals, Ruptures, Resiliences”
* **Kazemi, Sona** (2019) “[Disabling Power of Capitalism, Nationalism, and Imperialism: Looking at War Injury through Dialectical and Historical Materialism, Disability Studies Lens, and Geopolitics”](http://dsq-sds.org/article/view/6496/5412) at *Disability Studies Quarterly Journal* [*Vol 39, No 3 (2019)*](http://dsq-sds.org/dsq/issue/view/219)
* **Kazemi, Sona** (2017) “[Toward A Conceptualization of Transnational Disability Theory and Praxis: Engaging the Dialectics of Geopolitics, Third World, and Imperialism](https://cdd.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cdd/article/view/39729/35971)” published at the *Critical Disability Discourse Journal Vol 8*

**Book Reviews**

* **Kazemi, Sona** (2019) “[A Review of *The Other Mrs. Smith*](https://cjds.uwaterloo.ca/index.php/cjds/article/view/543/822)” a novel written by Bonnie Burstow published by Inanna Publications and Education Inc. 2017. 978-1-77133-421-1 at the *Canadian Journal of Disability Studies*
* **Kazemi, Sona** (2015) “A Review of Marxism and Feminism” edited by Shahrzad Mojab published by Zed book (2015) published at *the Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies*: <http://www.jceps.com/archives/2778>
* **Kazemi, Sona** (2015) “A Review of Psychiatry and the Business of Madness” written by Bonnie Burstow published by Palgrave Macmillan published for *Canadian Women’s Studies Journal @* <http://cws.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cws/article/viewFile/37563/34108>

**Published Conference Proceedings**

* **Kazemi, Sona** (2015) “Untangling Disability and Race—A Dialectic: “Dangerous”, “Different”, and “At Risk” published *@*<http://journals.msvu.ca/ocs/public/CASAE-2015-conference-proceedings.pdf>***@*** Proceedings of the 34th CASAE Annual Conference 2015

**Editorials**

* **Kazemi Sona** & Karah, Hemachandran: [Disability and Multilingualism: A Global Perspective](file:///Users/skazemi/Box%20Sync/•%09https:/rdsjournal.org/index.php/journal/article/view/1056), at Review of Disability: An International Journal, Volume 17, Issue 1 published on March 31, 2021
* **Kazemi Sona** & Karah, Hemachandran: [Disability and Multilingualism: A Global Perspective](https://bit.ly/RDSJ1028), at Review of Disability: An International Journal, Volume 16, Issue2-4 published on Jan 10, 2021

**Contribution to Popular Media**

* Kazemi, Sona (2021), “the Myth of Mental Illness and Violence,” published by Persian Media Production <https://persianmediaproduction.org/article/چه-کسی-دیوانه-است؟/>
* Kazemi, Sona (2021), “Representations of Disability in Iranian Film and Literature,” published by Persian Media Production: <https://persianmediaproduction.org/article/بازنمایی-معلولین-در-ادبیات،-فیلم-و-سین/>
* Kazemi, Sona (2020), Hosting A Radio Show, “Disabled People’s Civil Rights Across the Globe,” produced at [Radio Pooya](https://radiopooya.com/category/صونا-کاظمی/)
* Kazemi, Sona (2020) “Disable People’s Rights: A Historical Sketch” published by Persian Media Production: [https://persianmediaproduction.org/article/جنبش-حقوق-مدنی-معلولین،-مبارزه-با-توان/](https://persianmediaproduction.org/article/%D8%AC%D9%86%D8%A8%D8%B4-%D8%AD%D9%82%D9%88%D9%82-%D9%85%D8%AF%D9%86%DB%8C-%D9%85%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%88%D9%84%DB%8C%D9%86%D8%8C-%D9%85%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%B2%D9%87-%D8%A8%D8%A7-%D8%AA%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%86/)
* Kazemi, Sona (2020) « The Social Model of Disability” published by Radio Pooya: <https://radiopooya.com/زنان-نیمه-برابر-گفتگو-با-دکتر-صونا-کاظم/>
* Kazemi, Sona (2020) « Femicide in Iran » a Radio Interview with Jamileh Davoodi on Radio Pooya at <https://persianmediaproduction.org/article/مدل-اجتماعی-معلولیت/>
* Kazemi, Sona (2020) “A patriarchal legal system and culture don’t protect women; rather, then facilitate their murder in the hands of their family men” Published on Radio Zamaneh at <https://www.radiozamaneh.com/515893>

# Kazemi, Sona (2020) A Podcast Interview, [Disability Saves the World with Dr. Fady Shanouda](https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/disability-saves-the-world-with-dr-fady-shanouda/id1504141401) at <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/dr-sona-kazemi/id1504141401?i=1000471112260>

* Interview with Kevin Landers for 10TV WBNSO <https://www.10tv.com/article/local-weapons-expert-iranian-born-resident-iraq-war-veteran-weigh-iran-relations-2020-feb> on Jan 8 2020
* Interviewed on Tasvir-e-Iran TV Channel @ 4.00pm on July 24th 2013, Topic: Education, Women, and Community Activism in Toronto
* Interviewed on Iran International TV Channel @ 10am on June 18, 2020, Topic: “Honor Killing” in Romina Asharfi’s Case: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rYVrv-DrDQ>
* Interviewed on Iran International TV Channel @ 10am on April 9, 2020, Topic: Disabled People’s Rights Under COVID-19: <https://iranintl.com/ویدیو/چشم-انداز-زنان-کرونا-چه-تاثیری-روی-زندگی-ناشنواها،%E2%80%8C-نابینایان-و-افراد-دارای-معلولیت-گذاشته-است>
* Interviewed by a member of the IranWire editorial team, Shahed Alavi for an article covering the suspicious death of a prisoner who was arrested after a prison riot in Iran: <https://iranwire.com/fa/features/37629>
* Talk with Lauren Tenney, Burstow and Associated Scholars Antipsychiatry/Mad Conversation: Presenting with Dr. Bonnie Burstow as an associated scholar about groundbreaking advances in antipsychiatry on February 17, 2017 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM Eastern - <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/talkwithtenney/2017/02/17/talk-with-tenney-burstow-and-associated-scholars-antipsychiatrymad-conversation>
* <http://www.worldwidewhoswhoreleases.com/press-release/sona-kazemi-inducted-into-worldwide-whos-who-for-excellence-in-empowering-women>

**Working Papers**

* Kazemi, Sona “Teaching Revolutionary Peace Praxis through Disability Studies Standpoint”
* Kazemi, Sona “*Kulbars* and the politics of border crossing in Iranian Kurdistan: political economy of disablement”
* Kazemi, Sona “Cultural Relativism and Iranian Women’s Struggle Against Mandatory Hijab”

Languages

* + - 1. *English*, full proficiency in speaking, writing, reading, and comprehending
      2. *Farsi,* mother tongue
      3. *Azeri,* mother tongue
      4. *Late Ottoman*: reading and comprehending
      5. *Turkish*: full proficiency speaking, reading, and comprehending
      6. *Arabic:* reading knowledge

**Research Interests** Mass Atrocities; Torture and Resistance; Global Inequality;Transitional Justice;Social Justice Education;Political Economy of Disablement;War and Peace;Women’s Rights in the Middle East; Equity Studies; Transnationalism and Intersectionality; Disability and War; Intersectionality and the Global South; Women and Revolution in the Middle East; Critical Prison Studies; Women in Incarceration; Women’s Care Labor; Critical Race Feminist Theory; Trauma Studies; State Violence; Political Imprisonment and Gender; Refugee Women and Learning; Social Movements and Revolutions; Genocide and Memory; Peace and Political Economy; Madness and Torture

**Affiliations**

* Associate Editor for the *Global Ideas Section* of the *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal*: <http://www.rdsjournal.org/index.php/journal/about/editorialTeam>
* Member of the Manuscript Review Board at the *Disability Studies Quarterly Journal*
  + - Member of the Board of Reviewers/Editorial Advisory Board at the *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies*:

<http://www.jceps.com/board>

* + - Member of the Manuscript Review Board at *Zanj: Critical Global South Studies*
    - Reviewer of the special issue of the journal *Girlhood Studies* entitled *Disability and Girlhood: Transnational Perspectives*
    - Elected Member of the Governing Council at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (2015-2017)
    - Former elected Member of the Equity Committee at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (2015-2016)
    - Member of the National Women’s Studies Association
    - Former Member of the Canadian Counseling and Psychotherapy Association
    - Former Member of the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities
    - Member of the Critical Disability Student Association at York University
    - Former Member of the Ontario Association of Consultants, Counselors, Psychometrists, and Psychotherapists
    - Member of the Transnational and Indigenous Narratives of Disability Group at York University led by Professor Rachel Gorman
    - Former Member of the Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (formerly the Canadian Women's Studies Association / l'association canadienne des études sur les femmes)
    - Invited Participant of the fall/winter 2014 and Fall/winter 2015 Memoir Pedagogy Reading Circles led by Professor Shahrzad Mojab
    - Amnesty International, Iran Action Circle
    - Prof. Bonnie Bustow’s Thesis Support Group at OISE/UT in Toronto
    - Member of BWWAD (Black Women/Women of African Descent) led by Prof. Rachel Gorman at York University in Toront
    - Member of the Migration Studies working Group at the Ohio State University
    - Affiliated with The Association for Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran-Geneva (KMMK-G)

**Conducted Research**

**and Received Awards**

* Honorable Mention for the **Irving K. Zola Award for Emerging Scholars in Disability Studies** as part of Society for Disability Studies’ Annual Awards for the paper entitled “Silent Global and Oppressive Local: Fetishization of the Disabled War Veterans in Iran through the Ideological Construction of “Living Martyrs.”
* Awarded the 2016-17 Ontario Graduate Scholarship at OISE/UT
* Academic Excellence Award from University of Toronto for 2016-17
* Awarded *Three* OISE Fellowship from University of Toronto for 2017-18
* OISE Graduate Students Conference Travel Program, Winter 2018
* Awarded OISE Graduate Students Conference Travel Program, Spring 2018
* UTAPS Award, Winter 2016
* Awarded the Roxana Ng Memorial Scholarship in Equity at OISE/UT, April 2016
* Awarded University of Toronto Graduate Grant, September 2014
* Awarded University of Toronto Graduate Grant, September 2015
* SGS Conference Grant-SOC. SCI & HUM, Summer 2015
* OISE Graduate Students Conference Travel Program, Summer 2015
* OISE/UT Graduate Funding, Fall 2015; Winter, 2016
* Undergraduate Honors Thesis on Altruism and Gender
* Awarded “First Generation in Canadian Universities” Bursary in 2009 at York University
* Awarded Graduate Student Tuition Grant at York University in 2012
* Awarded Graduate Student Tuition Grant at York University in 2013
* MA Thesis, “Power Relations in and Beyond Psychiatric Institutions: An Anti-Racist Anti-Colonial Approach” (Sep2013)
* Awarded the Penelope Jane Glasser Graduate Scholarship for contribution to Woman’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at York University (April 2013)
* Nominated for The Master Research Paper Human Rights Prize at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University (Sep 2013)
* “South-Asian Women in Partition” Memory Poster, in exhibition at York University Ross Building under Prof. Shobna Nijhawan’s supervision and request from February 2013 to May 2013

**Conference Presentations**

* Presented a paper workshop entitled “Madness Inside a Revolution” at Society for Disability Studies Conference on April 18, **2021**
* Presented a paper workshop entitled, “Digital Archive/Informal Infrastructures of Care in the World” with Efrat Gold, Hemachandran Karah, Mary Jean Hande at Society for Disability Studies Conference on April 17, **2021**
* Presented “[Madness, Respons-ability Against Crude Power”](https://pcdi.umd.edu/summit/2021/summit-presenter-2021-kazemi) at Disability Summit, University of Maryland, President’s Commission on Disability Issues as part of the panel, “Activism around the Globe”, on April 14, **2021**
* Presented [“Whose Disability (Studies)? Defetishizing Disablement of the Iranian Survivors of the Iran-Iraq War by (Re)Telling their Resilient Narratives of Survival](https://cjds.uwaterloo.ca/index.php/cjds/article/view/530)” as part of the panel, “Disability, Catastrophe, and Society in Historical Context” at the Ohio Academy of History on March 26, **2021**
* Presented “Transnational Disabling Regime” at Digital Dialogue Two | Disability, Sexuality and Human Rights as part of the Society of Fellows Digital Dialogues series at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on October 21, **2020**
* Presented “[Disability and State Violence” at the Society of Fellows Cross-Disciplinary Workshop for Graduate Students on Disability and State](https://globalartsandhumanities.osu.edu/events/sof-graduate-workshop-disability-state-violence) Violence at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on October 20, **2020**
* Presented “Disability and State Violence” at the Society of Fellows Cross-Disciplinary Workshop for Graduate Students on Disability and State Violence at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on October 11, **2020**
* Presented “Applying the Transnational Model of Disability to the Case of Acid Attacks” at Society for Disability Studies’ Annual Conference at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio on April 4-7, **2020**
* Presented “Disabled Upon Arrival to a Colonized Future: Defetishizing Disablement through Resisting Disabling States — a Materiel Critique” with Preeti Singh, Yanar Hashlamon, Kelsey Paige Busby in a Panel Discussion at Society for Disability Studies’ Annual Conference at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio on April 7-9, **2019**
* Presented “Fetishization of Disability by Disability Studies” at the 2019 Critical Disability Studies Students Association Annual Conference at York University’s Keele campus in Toronto on April 28, **2019**
* Presented “Second Generation of Witnesses, Past-to-present Ideology of Harm, and Intergenerational Trauma in Iranian Diaspora” at the “Denial: The Final Stage of Genocide: First International Conference of the Center for Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies,” at University of North Carolina in Charlotte’s Center City Campus on April 13-14, **2019**
* Facilitating the “Disability and Im/Mobility” panel in the Migration Studies Symposium held on March 1st, **2019** at the Ohio State University
* Presented “Whose Disability? Rethinking Disability and Disablement in the Iranian and Kurdish Women War Survivors” in the *Gender, disability, and Sexuality* Panel at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov 8, **2018**
* Presented “A Step toward a Conceptualization of Transnational Disability Model: Engaging the Dialectics of Geopolitics, “Third World,” and Imperialism” in the *Disability Consciousness, Imaginaries, and Struggles: Transnational Narratives of Becoming and Remaining Disabled* panelat the National Women’s Studies Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov 10, **2018**
* Presented “Mobilizing White Affects and Suspended Laughters on Lipless faces: Injured by Borders, Walls, and Wars” in The Naming (In)Justice: Rights and Resistance Across Queer Migrations and Trafficking Symposium @ The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, October 19th, **2018**
* Presented “A Marxist Analysis of War as A Disability-Production Mechanism: Imperialism, Nationalism, and Processes of Disablement in the Iranian and Kurdish War Survivors” in Historical-Materialism: The Great Transition: Setting the Stage for a Post-Capitalist Society @ Université du Québec à Montréal, Québec, Canada, 18th May **2018**
* Presented “Processes and Relations of Disablement After the Iran-Iraq War in Iran and Iraqi Kurdistan” in Kurdish Politics Conference @ the Department of Sociology of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, April 8, **2018**
* Presented “War and Disablement of Bodies” in the Composing Disability: Crip Politics and the Crisis of Culture Conference in the War, Empire, and Conflict Panel @ the George Washington University, Washington DC, March 23, **2018**
* Presented “Marxist Reading of Disability: Fetishization of Disability in the Global Context, Exporting Democracy and War” in the Disability and Collectivity panel @ Historical-Materialism Toronto **2016**, May 14th, York University, Toronto.
* Presented “Fetishization of Disability in global contexts: Exporting Democracy and War” @ **2016** Critical Disability Studies Student Association Conference, April 9 2016, York University, Toronto.
* Presented “Untangling Disability and Race—A Dialectic: “Dangerous”, “Different”, and “At Risk” @ 2015 CASAE Conference | Congrès 2015 de l'ACÉÉA, [Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education | Association canadienne pour l'étude de l'éducation des adultes](http://www.eventbrite.ca/o/canadian-association-for-the-study-of-adult-education-association-canadienne-pour-letude-de-leducation-des-adultes-7986653952), Tuesday, 9 - 11 June **2015**, [Montréal, QC](https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--montr%C3%A9al/events/).
* Presented “The Dialectic Between Disability and Race Constitution” @ CESA 2015 Conference: Sovereignties and Colonialisms: Resisting Racism, Extraction and Dispossession on April 30 - May 3, **2015**, York University, Toronto.
* Presented “Bodies in Motion and Motions in Bodies; Dialectic of Race, Space, Disability and Knowledge” co-authored with Hodan Ahmed Mohamed and Berivan Sarikaya @ Critical Ethnic Studies Association **2015** Conference: Sovereignties and Colonialisms: Resisting Racism, Extraction and Dispossession  April 30 - May 3, **2015**, York University, Toronto.
* Presented ‘Able-nationalism in the Western world’ in Queer Investments in Capital and Globalizations @ at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA on March 6-8, **2014**.
* Presented ‘Able-nationalism and disability in The Canadian context through a borderless narrative aiming to deconstruct Canadian immigration and citizenship boarders’ in Inclusion Day 2014: EVERYBODY: Rethinking the Bodies that Belong @ York University, Toronto, Canada on January 23, **2014**
* Presented ‘Abnormal in Many Ways’ @ Critical Juncture: Exploring the intersections of race, gender and disability Friday, March 15-Saturday, March 16, **2014** at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.
* Presented ‘Able-nationalism and Psych Apparatus’ @ National Association for Ethnic Studies, 42nd Annual Conference “Research as Ceremony: Decolonizing Ethnic Studies” Mills College, the conference occurs from April 3-5, **2014**, in Oakland, California, USA.
* Presented “Securing the Nation: Adapting Diagnostic Labels and Labor for Citizenship and Immigration” @ Annual Conference of Women’s and Gender Studies Et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF) St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada on Sunday May 25 to Tuesday May 27, **2014**.
* Presented “My Subjective/Queer/Immigrant/Disabled/Marginalized Narrative” @ The State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York, USA, Ethnography Conference on Friday, April 18th, **2014**.
* Presented “Disability in Intersection with Immigration” at the Critical Juncture Conference: Exploring the Intersection of Race, Gender and Disability held on March 22-23, **2013**, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA @ <http://criticaljunctureconference.wordpress.com/>
* Presented ‘Power in and Beyond Psychiatric Institutions: An Anti-racist Anti-Colonial Approach’ @ The Ninth Annual Critical Disability Studies Graduate Student Conference at York University, Toronto, Canada in April **2013**
* Presented ‘Immigration Inadmissibility in an Intersection with Disability’ @ Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada on March 15-17, **2013**

<http://humberetc.com/people-with-disabilities-are-called-to-unite-advocate/>

**Grants**

* Applied for Digital Humanities Advancement Grants, Level I ($50,000 USD) with the National Endowment for Humanities as Co-PI with Prof. Amy Shuman for a digital oral history archive, titled, “Disability and Care in the World: Archiving Survival, Resistance, and Resilience Amidst Ongoing Emergency”.
* Received $20,000 USD from Ohio State University’s Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme’s Special COVID-19 Initiative as the Project Coordinator and Co-PI for The Recovery Project: Actions of Survival, Archives of Resilience, The Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Currently
* Received $400 USD from the Ohio State University’s Political Science Department to organize a visiting lectureship featuring Dr. Shokoufeh Sakhi from the Queen Mary University of London, U.K.
* Received $250 USD from the Ohio State University’s Dance Department to organize a dance and disability choreography workshop featuring Dr. Rachel da Silveira Gorman from York University, Toronto, Canada.
* Received $1000 USD from the Ohio State University’s Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme, Migration, Mobility, and Immobility to present a collaborative project on Research Methods in Migration Studies with my fellow postdoctoral scholars on January 30, 2019.
* Received $1500 USD from the Ohio State University’s Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme’s Migration, Mobility, and Immobility as part of their Activist/scholar/activist in residence funding program to bring Dr. Rachel da Silveira Gorman from York University, Toronto, Canada to the Ohio State University in Spring 2020 to give a lecture, entitled “Grieving Empire: Affect, Aliens, Disablement, and Aesthetic Catharsis.”
* Received $1000 USD from the Ohio State University’s Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme, Migration, Mobility, and Immobility to as part of the MMI Undergraduate Research and Mentorship Grant to supervise an undergraduate research project entitled, “The Effects of Mobility on Therapy Performance in Children with Down Syndrome” in Spring 2019
* Received $5000 USD from the Ohio State University’s Mershon Center for International Security Studies to organize a conference on Refugee Mental Health in Spring 2020

**Teaching Experience**

Course instructor of English 4597.01, *The Disability Experience in the Contemporary World*

*“Disability, Race, Political Economy, and Geopolitics”* in the English Department at the Ohio State University

Sep 2021-December 2021

Course instructor of English 5193, a **graduate seminar**, *Global Migration and Transnational Disability Studies* in the department of English at the Ohio state University

January 2019-April 2019

Course instructor of English 2277 *Introduction to Disability Studies* in the English Department at the Ohio State University

January 2019-April 2019

Course instructor of English 4597.01, *The Disability Experience in the Contemporary World*

*“Disability, Race, Political Economy, and Geopolitics”* in the English Department at the Ohio State University

Sep 2019-December 2019

Course instructor of *Global Human Right* in the English Department at the Ohio State University

January 2020-April 2020

Teaching Assistant to Professor Anne McGuire in the New College at the University of Toronto for the course NEW241Y1Y, *Introduction to Disability Studies* in the Equity Studies Program

Sep 2017-Apr 2018

**Research Associate Experience**

Project Coordinator and Co-PI ($20,000 USD) for The Recovery Project: Actions of Survival, Archives of Resilience, granted by the Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme’s Special COVID-19 Initiative at the Ohio State University

Aug 2020-Aug 2021

Research Assistant at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto for Professor Tanya Titchkosky for a project called “*Disrupting Normalcy”*

Sep 2017-Currently

Research Assistant at Ontario Institute for studies in Education of the University of Toronto for Professor Tanya Titchkosky for a project called “*Imagination and Disability*”

Sep 2014-Apr 2015

Research Assistant at Ontario Institute for studies in Education of the University of Toronto for Professor Bonnie Burstow as editorial assistant for her recently published book called “*Psychiatry Interrogated*,” Palgrave McMillan, 2016

Sep 2015-Apr 2016

**Professional Experience**

Disability and Trauma Counselor in private practice, Toronto and Columbus

Mar 2008-Current

Founder/Coordinator of ‘Empowering Women Project’:

Teaching ESL and TOEFL to immigrant and refugee women

Mar 2008-Current

Co-op Student Trainer, Chef, and Store Manager at Heavenly Delights Patisserie, Richmond Hill

Mar 2008-Mar 2011

Personal Support Worker in Tehran’s Hospitals

Apr 2006-Jan 2008

**Invited Talks:**

1. [Delivered the first public lecture of the year at University of Washington, entitled, “Disabling Relations: Injured Bodyminds & Active Witnessing](https://disabilitystudies.washington.edu/news/2020-12/jan-14th-sona-kazemi-lecture?fbclid=IwAR08FUnKbN5a5YyeRRyhZeUEu_-9vPRLUivuqtVyB2F-5IAs3gStSQaWhaQ)” on Jan 14, 2021, sponsored by the Simpson Center for the Humanities.
2. Keynote Speaker at the Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies (CERIS) Undergraduate Research Conference on March 22, 2019 at the Slippery Rock University, State University in Western Pennsylvania.
3. Gave a campus wide talk entitled “Whose Disability (Studies)? Defetishizing Disablement of the Iranian Survivors of the Iran-Iraq War by (Re)Telling their Resilient Narratives of Survival” on March 24, 2019 at the Slippery Rock University, a State University in Pennsylvania.
4. Presented “Transnational Disability Theory and praxis: Entry Point, Iraqi chemical Attack on Iran” to the Transnational Narratives of Disability Working Group on Thursday on September 22, 2016 at University of Toronto’s Centre for Trans People and Women
5. As part of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies’ Speaker Series at the Ohio State University, I presented "Fetishization of the Disabled War Veterans in Iran through the Ideological Construction of Living Martyrs” on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 12:00pm - 01:30pm at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies: <https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/eventcalendar/eventdetail/698/-/sona-hill.html>

**Guest Lectures**

* Presented “Madness as Respons-ability Against State Terror” to an undergraduate class, taught by Jay Heisler, on March 18, 2021 at Dalhousie University
* Presented “Learning from Histories of Feminism in Iran since 1830s” to the undergraduate class, *Political Scince* 1622:*Feminist Political Thought*by H. Simten Cosarn November 9, 2020 at Pittsburg University
* Presented “Iran’s Green Movement and Communicability of Collective Pain” to the undergraduate class, Persian Language and Culture: Iranian Prison Literature by Claudia Yaghoobi on September 17, 2020 at North Carolina University, Charlotte
* Presented “Theocracy and Patriarchy in Post-Revolutionary Iran” to the 4th – year undergraduate class, *English 4589*: *Movements, Migrations, Memories* taught by Amrita Dhar at the Ohio State University’s Newark Campus on 2 March 2020,
* Presented “Narrative Prosthesis and the Materiality of Metaphor” to the graduate seminar in medical humanities and dance (*French 8601*) taught by Lucille Toth at the French and Italian department of the Ohio State University on March 4th, 2019
* Presented “What Is It to Be a Woman in Iranian Prisons?” to the 2nd-year undergraduate class (Sociology of Gender taught by Lauren Spring) at the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus on Aug 10, 2017
* Presented “What is Transnational Intersectionality” to the 2nd year undergraduate class (Sociology of Gender taught by Nicole Schott) at the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus on May 17, 2018
* Presented “Exploring Contemporary Institutionalization in Canada” to the 2nd year undergraduate class (Mad Studies taught by Tobin Haley Blanc) at Ryerson University on June 14, 2018”

**Chairing, Moderating, and Facilitating Panels and Discussions**

* Chaired a panel sponsored by the Equity Committee and the dean’s office at OISE called “*Travel Ban*” that discussed the impact of the U.S.-imposed travel ban on those from banned countries, including those of African, Black, Middle Eastern, racialized, refugee and immigrant communities on March 31, 2017 at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto. The Speakers were Roberta Timothy, Berivan Sarikaya, Lucy El Sherif, Heba El Sherif, Hodan Ahmed Mohamed, Muna-Udbi Abdulkadir Ali. <http://muslimlink.ca/events/Toronto/event/3596-impact-of-the-u-s-travel-ban>

**Community Service, Community Development, and Volunteering**

Invited Panelist for *Practice of the Professions Series 2020-21*: Positioning yourself on the academic job market, via Zoom

August 31, 2020

Invited Instructor for Office of the Student Life and Disability Services at the Ohio State University to train the staff on Disability Studies in order to bridge the gap between theory and praxis

Feb 2020- Current

Invited Instructor for the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) for 2019, The Next Chapter: Master Classes for the Seasoned Professional in Columbus, OH, Tuesday,

May 14 – May 16, 2019

Radical Feminist Therapy and Counseling for racialized single mothers (minority immigrant/refugee women), people with a disability, survivors/victims of torture, people whose family members have been executed in Iran during 1988 massacre, and former political prisoners who experience trauma (post-traumatic stress).

Sep2009-Current

Communication Disorder (Aphasia) Program Assistant @ March of Dimes, Maple Health Center, 10424 Keele St, Maple, ON, L6A 2L1

March 2014-Aug2014

DeafBlind Oshawa Residential Program Assistant @ DeafBlind Ontario, Main Administrative Office @17665 Leslie Street, Unit 15, Newmarket, ON

  March 2014-Aug2014 Canadian National Institute for the Blind Vision Mate for consumers with vision loss or no vision@ 615 Davis Dr, Suite 100 Newmarket, ON, L3Y 2R2

October2013-Current

(ICHR) International Center for Human Rights Editor@ The International Center for Human Rights, 298 Sheppard Ave West, North York, ON M2m1N5 Canada May2013-May2014

March of Dimes Discussion Facilitator for People with Brain Injury@13311 Yonge St., Ste. 202 and 203  Richmond Hill,

Aug2013-Aug2014

Educational Consultation and Counseling for Newcomers @my own non-profit organization: “empowering the marginalized” @165 East Beaver Creek, Unit 7  Richmond Hill ON

Sep2009-Aug2018

Funding and Assisting Music Projects in the Community for Teenagers from Troubled Homes

Dec2009-Jan2011

Health care assistant in York Central Hospital@10 Trench Street Richmond Hill, ON

May2009-Sep2009

Teaching assistant in Michael Cranny Primary School@155 Melville Ave, Vaughan, ON

Jan2009-Apr2009

Teaching assistant at Forest Grove Montessori School@ 43 Forest Grove Drive, Toronto, ON M2K,

Jun2008-Jul2009