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*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**CHRONOLOGY OF EDUCATION**

*Doctor of Philosophy*, Department of Linguistics, The University of Washington, April 1989  
Dissertation Title: *Aspects of Persian Syntax, Specificity, and the Theory of Grammar*.  
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Joe Emonds

Master of Arts with Honors, General Linguistics (major), Ancient Iranian Languages and Linguistics (minor), The University of Tehran, 1976

Bachelor of Arts in German language and literature, The University of Tehran, 1973

**MAJOR FIELDS**

Theoretical Syntax, Syntax-morphology interface, Syntax-discourse interface, Linguistics of Iranian languages.

***2022-July 2025: Endowed Chair, The Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Professorship in Iranian Linguistics***

**EMPLOYMENT**

***Long Term Appointments***

May 2024-Present	Professor Emerita, Dept. of Linguistics, the University of Arizona (UA)
July 2008-May 2024	Professor of Linguistics, Dept. of Linguistics, UA.
July 2011-June 2016	Head, Department of Linguistics, UA.
January-July 2007	Interim Head, Dept. of Linguistics, UA.
July 2001-April 2008	Associate Professor of Linguistics, Dept. of Linguistics, UA.
1998-2001	Associate Professor of Linguistics, Dept. of Linguistics, and Associate Professor of Persian Language and Linguistics, Dept. of Near Eastern Studies, UA.
1993-1998	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Linguistics and Near Eastern Studies, UA.

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1990-1993 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Near Eastern Studies, UA.  
1989-1990 Lecturer, Linguistics Program, Department of English, California States University at Dominguez Hills.

### ***Visiting Affiliations***

*Visiting Scholarship*, Department of Linguistics, Cambridge University, United Kingdom, Fall 2004.  
*Visiting Scholarship*, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Spring 1999.

### ***Local Memberships***

1990-2025 Member, Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES)  
1991-2025 Member, Second Language Acquisition and Teaching (SLAT) Program, UA.  
1993-2025 Member, Cognitive Science Program, UA.  
2015-2025 School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies (MENAS), UA.

### ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

(June 2022-present) Honorary Member, National Brain Mapping Lab, Iran  
(1984-present) Member, Linguistic Society of America (LSA).  
(1984-present) Member, Middle East Studies Association (MESA).

### **AWARDS**

***SBS Excellence Award in Graduate Teaching, University of Arizona, 2011.***

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **SCHOLARLY BOOKS/JOURNALS**

**Karimi, Simin**, Narges Nematollahi, Roya Kabiri and Jian Gang Ngui (2023) (eds). *Advances in Iranian Linguistics*. John Benjamins Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin** and Massimo Piattelli-Palmarini (2017) (Invited Guest Editors). *Parameters: What are they? Where are they? Linguistic Analysis*.

**Karimi, Simin**, (2013) Guest Editor of a special issue on *Complex Predicates* for the Journal *Lingua*..

Korn, Agnes, Geoffrey Haig, **Simin Karimi**, Pollett Samvelian, eds. (2011) *Issues in Iranian*

*Simin Karimi*

*Linguistics*, Reichert Publishers, Germany.

Lewis, Will, **Simin Karimi**, Heidi Harley, Scott Farrar, eds. (2009) *Time and Again: Theoretical Perspectives and Formal Linguistics*. John Benjamins Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin**; Vida Samiian, Don Stilo, eds. (2008) *Aspects of Iranian Linguistics*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin**; Vida Samiian, Wendy Wilkins, eds. (2007) *Clausal and phrasal architecture: syntactic derivation and interpretation*. John Benjamins Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin** (2005) *A Minimalist Approach to Scrambling: Evidence from Persian*. Mouton de Gruyter.

**Karimi, Simin**, ed. (2003) *Word Order and Scrambling*, Blackwell Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin**, ed. (1995) *Language and Gender*, The journal of *Nimeye Digar*.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

**Karimi, Simin**, John Powel, Vida Samiian (in press). To be or not to be: is there Ezafe in Iron-Ossetian? To appear in Vida Samiian, Masud Jasbi, Zahra Mirrazi (eds) *Advances in Iranian Linguistics* 3. John Benjamins Publishing.

**Karimi, Simin** and Ryan Smith (2020) Another Look at Persian Râ: A Single Formal Analysis of a Multi-Functional Morpheme. In R. Larson, S. Moradi and V. Samiian *Advances in Iranian Linguistics*. John Benjamins Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin** (2018) 'Persian Syntax.' in Anousha Sedighi and Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Persian Linguistics*, Oxford University Press.

**Karimi, Simin**. Lewis, Will, Heidi Harley, Scott Farrar (2009) 'Introduction', in Lewis, W., S. Karimi, H. Harley, S. Farrar (eds) *Time and Again: Theoretical Perspectives and Formal Linguistics*. John Benjamins Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin** 'Raising and control in Persian,' (2008) In *Aspects of Iranian Linguistics*, in S. Karimi V. Samiian, and D. Stilo (eds). Cambridge Scholars Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin** & Azita Taleghani (2007) 'Wh-movement, interpretation, and optionality in

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Persian, in Karimi, S., V. Samiian, W. Wilkins (eds) *Clausal and Phrasal Architecture: Syntactic Derivation and Interpretation*. PP 167-187. John Benjamins Publishing Co.

**Karimi, Simin** (2003a) 'Focus Movement and Uninterpretable Features,' in A. Carnie, H. Harley, and M. Willie (eds) *Formal Approaches to Function in Grammar*. Festschrift for Eloise Jelinek, John Benjamins Publishing. PP 297-306.

**Karimi, Simin** (2003b) 'Introduction,' in Karimi, S. (ed) *Word Order and Scrambling*, Blackwell Publishing. PP xiii-xx.

**Karimi, Simin** (2003c) 'Object Positions, Specificity and Scrambling,' in Karimi, S. (ed) *Word Order and Scrambling*, Blackwell Publishing. PP 91-125.

**Karimi, Simin** (1994) 'Word Order Variations in Modern Contemporary Persian,' Marashi, M. (ed.) *Persian Studies in North America: A Festschrift for Professor M.A. Jazayeri*, Iranbooks. PP 43-73.

**Karimi, Simin** (1987) 'Farsi Speakers and the Initial Consonant Cluster in English,' in [SEP]ou, G. and S.H. Weinberger, eds, *Interlanguage Phonology: The Acquisition of a Second Language Sound System*. Newbury House. PP 305-318.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA

**Karimi, Simin** (2005) 'Farsi,' in *The Fitzroy Dearborn Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn.

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Sato, Yosuke and **Simin Karimi** (2016) Subject-Object Asymmetries in Persian Argument Ellipsis and the Anti-Agreement Theory. *Glossa*.

**Karimi, Simin** and Michael Brame (2012) 'A Generalization Concerning the *EZAFE* Construction in Persian. *Linguistic Analysis* 38:11-143.

**Karimi, Simin** (2008) 'Scrambling', *Language and Linguistics Compass*.

Folli, Raffaella; Heidi Harley, **Simin Karimi** (2005) 'Determinants of event type in Persian complex predicates,' *Lingua* 115: 1365-1401.

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- Karimi, Simin** (2001) 'Persian Complex DPs: How Mysterious Are They?' *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 46: 63-96.
- Karimi, Simin** (1999a) 'A Note on Parasitic Gaps and Specificity,' *Linguistic Inquiry* 30: 704- 713.
- Karimi, Simin** (1999b) Specificity Effect: Evidence from Persian,' *Linguistic Review* 16: 125- 141.
- Karimi, Simin** (1997a) 'From Deep-Structure to Logical Form and the Minimalist Program,' *The Iranian Journal of Linguistics*, Vol 11, Nr.2: 5-53. (A Persian translation of this article appeared in *The Iranian Journal of Linguistics*, Vol 11, Nr.3.).
- Karimi, Simin** (1997b) 'Persian Complex Verbs: Idiomatic or Compositional?' *Lexicology* 3.1:273-318.
- Karimi, Simin** (1996) 'Case and Specificity: Persian Râ Revisited,' *Linguistic Analysis*: 26:3-4:174-194
- Karimi, Simin** (1995) 'Introduction,' an introductory article for the special volume on *Language and Gender*, *Journal of Nimeye Digar (The Other Half)*, No.2: 3-24 **Solicited** (The Persian translation of 'Introduction,' appeared in *Journal of Nimeye Digar*, No.2: 6-30.
- Karimi, Simin** (1992) 'Zabân va Sabk dar Asâr-e Hedayat,' (Language and Style in Hedayat's Writings,) *Iran Name* Vol 10, No 3: 505-524.
- Karimi, Simin** (1990) 'Obliqueness, Specificity, and Discourse Functions: *râ* in Persian,' *Linguistic Analysis*, Vol. 3&4: 139-191.
- Karimi, Simin** (1987) 'Degargunihâ-ye Novin dar Dastur-e Zâyeshi-Gashtâri" (New Developments within Generative-Transformational Grammar), *The Iranian Journal of Linguistics*, Vol. 1&2: 2-25.

## REVIEW ARTICLES

- Karimi, Simin** (2009) Review of Gema Chocano's *Narrow Syntax and Phonological Form*. John Benjamins Publishing Company, 2007, in *Language*.
- Karimi, Simin** (1994) Review of John Perry's *Form and Meaning in Persian Vocabulary: The Arabic Feminine Ending*, in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol 26, No 3: 531-533.

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**Karimi, Simin** (1992) 'Naghdi bar Majalle-ye Zabânshenâsi,' (Review of *The Iranian Journal of Linguistics*: 1983-1990,) *Iran Name* Vol 10, No 4: 723-746.

**Karimi, Simin** (1991) Review of M. Dabir-Moghaddam's 'About Râ in Persian,' in *The Iranian Journal of Linguistics*, Vol 8, No 1: 23-41.

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW**

**Karimi, Simin**, Mohsen Mahdavi, Deniz Tat. Additive elements and focus ambiguity in Persian and Turkish. *GLOSSA*

**Karimi, Simin**, Saman Meihami. Clitic positioning and stacking in Ardalani-Kurdish.

**Karimi, Simin**. Wh-constructions in Iron-Ossetian; A black ship in Iranian.

## **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

Kabiri, Roya, **Simin Karimi** and Mihai Surdeanu (2022) Informal Persian Universal Dependency Treebank, Proceedings of the Thirteenth Language Resources and Evaluation Conference

Smith, Walter Smith, Rana Nabors, Mohsen Mahdavi, **Simin Karimi**, Heidi Harley (2017) 'Parallelism and Specificity in Persian Non-Verbal Element Ellipsis', *Proceedings of the Asian GLOW*.

**Karimi, Simin** (1997) 'Persian Complex Predicates and LF Incorporation,' in the *Proceedings of Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)* 33: 215-229.

**Karimi, Simin** & Anne Lobeck (1997) 'Specificity Effects in English and Persian,' *Proceedings of North East Linguistics Conference (NELS)* 28: 175-186.

Mohammad, Jan & **Simin Karimi** (1992) 'Light Verbs Are Taking Over: Complex Verbs in Persian,' *Proceedings of The Western Conference on Linguistic (WECOL)*. PP 195-212.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Folli, Raffaella, Heidi Harley, **Simin Karimi** (2003) 'Determinants of event type in Persian complex predicates,' *Cambridge Working Papers in Linguistics*.

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**Karimi, Simin** (1999) 'Is scrambling as strange as we think it is?,' *MIT Linguistics Working Papers* (MITLWP). PP 159-190.

**Karimi, Simin** (1987) 'Compound Verbs in Persian,' *Linguistics Working Papers*, University of Washington. PP 11-25

## **BOOK NOTICE**

**Karimi, Simin** (1986) Book Notice on *Social Order in Child Communication*, by J. Streeck, *Language*, Vol. 62, No. 2. PP 479-480.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

## **BOOK PROPOSAL**

**Karimi, Simin**, Mohsen Mahdavi, John Powell *Comparative Analysis of Four Iranian Languages*. To be submitted to a publisher in 2027.

## **GRANTS**

### Federal

PI, NSF Grant: Documentation and comparative grammatical analysis of aspects of five Iranian languages. **PI: Simin Karimi**. Co-PIs: Heidi Harley, Mike Hammond. June 2019-November 2022. (BCS-1844828). (\$388,428)

PI, NSF Grant: A Descriptive and Theoretical Analysis of Complex Predicates in Iranian Languages. **PI: Simin Karimi**. Co-PIs: Andrew Carnie, Heidi Harley. July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2019, (BCS- 1451461). (\$278,764)

Supplemental NSF Grant: Workshop on Complex Predicates in Iranian Languages, **PI: Simin Karimi**, 2019, (BCS- 1451461). (\$8,600)

### Private

Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, \$20,000, for North American Conference in Iranian Linguistics, Tucson, Arizona, April 19-21, 2019.

Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, \$23,600 (with Don Stilo, Max Planck Institute for

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Evolutionary Anthropology, and Vida Samiian, CSU Fresno), for the First International Conference on Iranian Linguistics, Leipzig, Germany, 2005.

Local

Research Professorship Grant, University of Arizona, 2003.

Research Professorship Grant, University of Arizona, 1994.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

SBS Mini Grant, University of Arizona, 1994.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

## **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

### **INVITED/KEYNOTE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TALKS**

‘What is going on with wh-constructions in Iron-Ossetian’, Forth North American Conference in Iranian Linguistics, Toronto, Canada, 2025. (Keynote talk).

‘Minimalism and its most recent developments,’ Institute for Science of Language and Brain, Tehran, Iran, 2022.

‘Investigating the Structure of Iranian Languages: Current Research and Prospects,’ University of Toronto, 2022.

‘History of Generative Linguistics from Aspects to MP,’ University of Kurdistan, 2021

‘A Single Formal Analysis of a Multi-Functional Morpheme,’ Osaka University, Japan, 2017.

‘Distinct languages, similar patterns: what do they tell us’, Osaka University, Japan, 2017.

‘Parallelism and specificity in Persian Non-Verbal Element Ellipsis’, Ulster University, 2017.

‘Parallelism and specificity in Persian Non-Verbal Element Ellipsis’, Keynote speech, Tehran University, 10-11 September 2016.

‘Complex predicates in focus, ‘ Indiana University, Keynote speech, First Central Asian Linguistics conference, 2014.

‘Obligatory control in Persian,’ Rice University, 2006.

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'Control Constructions in Persian and Irish and their implication for Universal Grammar,' University of Newcastle, England, 2004.

'Typology of movement: a myth?', Shoin University, Japan, 2004.

'Scrambling and wh-constructions in Persian,' Kyoto University, 2004.

'Subjectless Constructions in Persian,' Linguistics Conference, The Academy of Language, Iran, 2004.

'Syntactic, Semantic, and Morphological Properties of Persian NPs,' Linguistics Conference, Iran, 2000.

'Scrambling as a Semantically Motivated Movement," 4th Regional Linguistics Conference, Iran, 1998.

'They are too Complex to be Compound Elements,' University of Texas at Austin, 1997.

'On Object Positions,' University of Toronto, Canada, 1995.

'Persian Studies in the States,' The Iranian Academy of Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 1994.

'New Trends in Syntactic Theory,' University of Shiraz, Iran, 1994

'From Deep-Structure to Logical Form,' University of Tehran, Iran, 1993.

'Iranian Women in Post-revolutionary Era,' University of Texas at Austin, 1992.

'Language and Style in Hedayat's Writings,' The University of Texas at Austin, 1991.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Karimi, Simin**, Mohsen Mahdavi, Deniz Tat (2025) Scope ambiguity of focus-additive clitics in Persian and Turkish, Forth North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics, Toronto, Canada.

**Karimi, Simin** & Saman Meihami (2023). Clitic positioning and stacking in Ardalani Kurdish. 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKA6), Frankfurt, Germany.

**Karimi, Simin**; John Powell & Vida Samiian (2023). To be or not to be: Ezafe in Iron Ossetian? Third North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL3), UCLA, Los Angeles.

Rana Nabors, **Simin Karimi** (2019) Sorani prepositional object clitic: A case of post-syntactic cliticization. Fourth International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL4), Rouen, France.

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Rana Nabors, Roya Kabiri, **Simin Karimi** & Heidi Harley (2019) Sorani prepositional object clitics: A case of post-syntactic cliticization, poster presentation, LSA, New York.

Ryan Walter Smith, Rana Nabors, Roya Kabiri, **Simin Karimi**, & Heidi Harley (2018) ‘The (un)availability of idiomatic interpretations in Persian light verb-stranding ellipses,’ Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS), Chicago.

Ryan Walter Smith, Rana Nabors, Roya Kabiri, **Simin Karimi**, & Heidi Harley (2018) ‘Pseudogapping is sensitive to idiomacity’, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), Los Angeles.

Smith, Walter Smith, Rana Nabors, Mohsen Mahdavi, **Simin Karimi**, Heidi Harley (2017), ‘Parallelism and Specificity in Persian Non-Verbal Element Ellipsis,’ Asian GLOW, Singapore.

Smith, Walter Smith, Rana Nabors, Mohsen Mahdavi, **Simin Karimi**, Heidi Harley (2017), ‘Persian Non-Verbal Element Ellipsis,’ First North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL1), Stoney Brook University.

Harvey, Mark, **Simin Karimi**, G. Key, D. Tat (2011) ‘How do you like your verb: heavy, light or semi-light?’, Conference Canberra Langfest, Australian Linguistics Society (ALS).

**Karimi, Simin**, Greg Key, Deniz Tat (2011) ‘Complex Predicates in Focus,’ WCCFL 29, UA.

**Karimi, Simin**, Greg Key, Deniz Tat (2011) ‘Complex Predicates in Persian and Turkish,’ 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL4), Uppsala, Sweden.

**Karimi, Simin** (2008) ‘Opening remarks: scholarship on complex predicates.’ International Conference on Complex Predicates, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris III, France.

**Karimi, Simin** (2007) ‘Comparative analysis of complex predicates in Persian and Kurdish,’ Second International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL2), Hamburg University, Germany.

**Karimi, Simin** (2005) ‘Control Constructions in Persian,’ First International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL1), The Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig/Germany.

**Karimi, Simin** & Azita Taleghani (2003) ‘Looking alike is not being alike: a story of Persian wh-

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arguments and adjuncts,' Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), Tucson, Arizona.

**Karimi, Simin** (2000) 'Many Faces of Scrambling; Evidence from Persian,' International Conference on Word Order and Scrambling, Tucson, Arizona.

**Karimi, Simin** (1999) 'Scrambling, Subjacency, and the Minimal Link Condition,' Linguistics Society of America (LSA), Los Angeles.

**Karimi, Simin** & Anne Lobeck (1997) 'Specificity Effects in English and Persian,' North East Linguistic Society (NELS), Toronto, Canada.

**Karimi, Simin** (1992) 'Persian Complex Predicates and LF Incorporation,' Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 33, Chicago.

**Karimi, Simin** (1992) 'Syntactic Violations in Persian Poetry; the Case of Hafez and Farrokhzad,' Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), Portland.

Mohammad, Jan & **Simin Karimi** (1992) 'Light Verbs Are Taking over: Complex Verbs in Persian,' Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), Tucson.

**Karimi, Simin** (1989) 'Word Order and Incorporation,' Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Toronto.

**Karimi, Simin** (1988) 'Persian and Chinese Word Order: A Restrictive ECP Interaction with a Discourse Condition,' Linguistic Society of America (LSA), New Orleans.

**Karimi, Simin** (1988) 'A Synchronic and Diachronic Analysis of *râ* ,' Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Los Angeles.

**Karimi, Simin** & Michael Brame (1986) 'A Generalization Concerning the EZAFE Construction in Persian,' Western Conference of Linguistics (WECOL), Vancouver, Canada.

**Karimi, Simin** (1985) 'Small Clauses in Persian,' Northwest Linguistics Club, Seattle, Washington.

**Karimi, Simin** (1985) '*Râ* in Persian: Functional Duality?' Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Seattle, Washington

## **WORKSHOPS**

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**Karimi, Simin**, Ryan Walter Smith, Mohsen Mahdavi Mazdeh (2015), 'Complex Predicates in Iranian Languages, ' Sorbonne Nouvelle, France.

Folli, Raffaella, Heidi Harley, **Simin Karimi** (2002) 'Determinations of Event Types in Persian Complex Predicates,' Workshop on Complex Predicates, Konstanz, Germany.

**Karimi, Simin** (2001) Word Order and Scrambling,' Modern Trends in Linguistic, Allameh University, Tehran, Iran.

**Karimi, Simin** (2001) 'Object Shift, Specificity, and Scrambling,' Modern Trends in Linguistics, Allameh University, Tehran, Iran

**Karimi, Simin** (1994) 'Second Language Acquisition and Teaching: Modern Theories and Models,' University of Washington.

**Karimi, Simin** (1991) Persian Proficiency Workshop, UCLA.

**Karimi, Simin** (1990) Persian Proficiency Workshop, Portland, Oregon.

## LOCAL TALKS

**Karimi, Simin** & Saman Meihami (2023). Clitic positioning and stacking in Ardalani Kurdish. Lectures on Iranian Linguistics in Arizona (LILA).

**Karimi, Simin**; John Powell & Vida Samiiian (2023). To be or not to be: Ezafe in Iron Ossetian? Lectures on Iranian Linguistics in Arizona (LILA).

'Focus and Optionality in Syntax,' Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Program (SLAT) University of Arizona, 2003.

'Are Persian Relative Clauses Mysterious?' Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Program (SLAT), University of Arizona, 2002.

'Persian Word Order,' Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Program (SLAT), University of Arizona, 1993.

'Women in Iran: The Post Revolution Era,' Women Studies, University of Arizona, 1991.

'The Image of Women in Hedayat's Writings,' University of Arizona, 1991.

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'Impressions of a Journey to Iran: A Woman's Perspective,' Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, 1990.

## **GUEST LECTURES**

'From syntactic structure to Minimalist Program: A journey from language specific rules to universal principles, Biolinguistics class, Department of Linguistics, UA, 2022

'Scrambling', Linguistics 503, Department of Linguistics, UA, 2018.

'Scrambling', Linguistics 503, Department of Linguistics, UA, 2017.

'Scrambling', Linguistics 503, Department of Linguistics, UA, 2015.

'Scrambling', Linguistics 503, Department of Linguistics, UA, 2014.

'Minimalism and Scrambling', Master Seminar, Cognitive Science Program, UA, 2007.

'Scrambling', Linguistics 503, Department of Linguistics, UA, 2006.

'Phase Theory', Master Seminar, Cognitive Science Program, UA, 2005.

'Relative Clauses,' Linguistics 503, Department of Linguistics, UA, 2002.

'Language Reform in Iran,' NES 330, Department of NES, UA, 2001.

'Scrambling,' Linguistics 503, Department of Linguistics, UA, 2000.

'On Optionality,' Master Seminar, Cognitive Science Program, UA, 2000.

'Persian Language,' History Department, UA, 1998.

'Persian Syntax, Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Program (SLAT), 1992.

'Persian Literature,' Department of Near Eastern Studies (NES), UA, 1992.

'Language and Politics,' Department of Political Science, UA, 1992.

'Iranian Linguistics,' Department of Near Eastern Studies (NES), UA, 1992.

'Women in Iran,' Women Studies, UA, 1992.

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## **COLLOQUIA & SYMPOSIA**

**Karimi, Simin** (1997) 'Binding and Scrambling,' Department of Linguistics, UA

**Karimi, Simin** (1992) 'Objects and Specificity in Persian,' Department of Linguistics, UA

**Karimi, Simin** (1992) 'Bilingualism: the Case of Iranian Students in the States,' Sociolinguistic Symposium, University of Arizona.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCE**

Persian (native), German (near native), English: fluency in speaking, reading, and writing.

Classical Arabic, French: reading and writing competence.

Middle Persian, Avestan, Old Persian: reading competence.

Sorani, Kurmanji, Baluchi, Ossetian, Pashto: Linguistic knowledge.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

(1984-present) Member, Linguistic Society of America (LSA).

(1984-present) Member, Middle East Studies Association (MESA).

## **LIST OF COLLABORATORS**

Raffaella Folli, Ulster University

Geoffry Haig, Bamberg University

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Heidi Harley, University of Arizona

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Anne Lobeck, Western Washington University

Mohsen Mahdavi Mazdeh, University of Arizona

Samam Meihami, University of Arizona

John Mohammad, Department of Defense Language Institute at Monterey

Rana Nabors, University of Arizona

Narges Nematollahi, University of Arizona

Jian Gang Ngui, University of Arizona

Massimo Piattelli-Palmarini, University of Arizona

John Powell, University of Arizona

Vida Samiiian, California State University at Fresno

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Ryan Water Smith, University of Arizona  
Azita Taleghani, University of Toronto.  
Deniz Tat, University of Leiden  
Wendy Wilkins, New Mexico State University

## **DISSERTATION SUPERVISION**

Nayla Mohammed Ali Yateem (1997)  
[Issues in word order](#)  
Saudi Arabia

Jason Ginsburg (2009)  
[Interrogative Features](#)  
Osaka Kyoiku University

Michael Anderson (2009)  
[Ellipsis as a diagnostic tool of feature strength and the syntactic structure of Ilocano](#)  
(Co-Supervised with Heidi Harley)  
Independent Writer

Jerid Francom (2009)  
[Experimental Syntax: exploring the effect of repeated exposure to anomalous syntactic structure--  
evidence from rating and reading tasks](#)  
(Co-Supervised with Janet Nicol)  
Wake Forest University

[Leila Lomashvili \(2010\)](#)  
[Morphosyntax of complex predicates in South Caucasian languages](#)  
(Co-Supervised with Heidi Harley)  
Shawnee State University

Jeff Punske (2012)  
[Aspects of the internal structure of nominalization: roots, morphology and derivation](#)  
Southern Illinois University

Greg Key (2013)  
[The Morphosyntax of the Turkish Causative Construction](#)  
(Co-Supervised with Heidi Harley)

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Binghamton University

Deniz Tat (2013)

[Word Syntax of Nominal Compounds: Internal and Aphasiological Evidence from Turkish](#)

(Co-Supervised with Heidi Harley)

Leiden University

Mohsen Mahdavi Mazdeh (2019)

(Co-Supervised with Mike Hammond)

Rana Nicol Nabors (2019)

Isabel McKay (2022)

(Co-supervised with Heidi Harley)

Roya Kabiri (2022)

(Co-supervised with Mihai Surdeanu)

Othman Alshehri (2023)

(Co-supervised with Heidi Harley)

Ibrahim Asiri (2024)

Saman Meihami (Expected in 2026)

(Co-supervised with Andrew Carnie)

## **EXTERNAL DISSERTATION REVIEWER**

Hassan Barzegar (2021)

Complex predicates

Shahid Beheshti University, Iran

Mahdie Eshaghi (2020)

Light verb constructions

University of Tehran, Iran.

Vahide Rasekhi (2018)

Ellipsis and Information Structure: Evidence from Persian

Stony Brook University

Lewis Gebhart (2009)

Northwestern University

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Jila Ghomeshi (1996)

Projection and Inflection: A Study of Persian Phrase Structure

University of Manitoba

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### *Graduate*

Foundations of Linguistic Theory	(LING 403/503)
Advanced Syntactic Theory	(LING 504)
Major Works in Syntactic Theory	(LING 506)
Seminar: Current Issues in Syntax and Semantics	(LING 696A)
Linguistic Theory	(LING 697A)
Language Change and Reconstruction	(LING/NES 540)
Biolinguistics	(LING 449/549)
Language Elicitation and Documentation	(LING 588)

### *Undergraduate*

Language	(INDV 101)
Language in Life	(LING 195B)
Honors Freshman Seminar	(HNRS 195H)
Introduction to Linguistics	[LING 201]
Undergraduate Syntax	(Ling 300)
Language and Social Issues	(LING 320)

## **CO-INSTRUCTORS**

Andy Barss

Tom Bever

Andrew Carnie

Heidi Harley

Massimo Piattelli-Palmarini

## **SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

### **LOCAL AND OUTREACH SERVICE**

Co-President, Iranian-Cultural Association of Southern Arizona (I-CASA), 2015-2021

Advisor, Iranian-Students Cultural Association of Tucson (ICAT), 2014-2019, 2021-2022.

*Simin Karimi*

Lecture: 'Research programs in the department of linguistics,' Osher Lifetime Learnings Institute (OLLI), October 2021.

Lecture: 'Distinct languages, similar patterns. What do they tell us?', Osher Lifetime Learning Institute (OLLI), December, 2014.

Organizer, lecture series for the Osher Lifetime Learning Institute, Fall 2012.

Lecture: 'The languages of our so-called enemies: Iranian languages.', Osher Lifetime Learning Institute, October 8, 2012.

Invited lecture on "A view from Iran", Foothills Forum, Tucson, Arizona, February 2005.

Invited lecture on Iranian Culture, IMB, Tucson, Arizona, December 2003.

Invited lecture on Iran and Iranian Women, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ, 2002.

Elected President, Iranian Association of Arizona, 1999-2001.

Invited lecture on the status of women in Iran, Women's Day, La Paloma, Tucson, AZ, 1998.

Invited lecture on the life and work of Forough Farrokhzad, Iranian Community, Phoenix, Arizona, 1997.

Elected Vice President of the Board of Trustees, Iranian Association of Arizona, 1997.

Invited lecture on Bilingualism, Iranian Community, Phoenix, AZ, 1995.

Invited lecture on Persian Script to high school teachers,' Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES), University of Arizona, 1995.

Invited lecture on The History of Iranian Languages, Iranian Community, Phoenix, Arizona, 1994.

Invited lecture on the social and political status of women in Iran, University of Texas at Austin, 1992.

Contributions to the Iranian Newsletter in Tucson, 1990-2001.

Invited lecture on women in Iran to the WOSAC, Tucson, AZ 1991.

Two lectures on Persian Culture, Tucson Unified School District, 1990.

## **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH & SERVICE**

Organizer, The Second North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL2), at the University of Arizona, April 2019.

Outside reviewer for several tenure cases (The latest ones in 2022 and 2023).

Co-organizer of the Forth International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL4), Upsala University, Sweden, June 2011.

Co-organizer of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), April 2011.

Co-organizer of the Third International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL3) Universite Sorbonne Nouvell, Paris III, France, September 2009.

Co-organizer of the International Conference on Complex Predicates in Iranian Languages, Universite Sorbonne Nouvell, Paris III, France, July 2008.

Co-organizer of the Second International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL2), Hamburg University, Hamburg, Germany, August 2007.

Invited Chair, panel on 'Presupposition,' Linguistic Society of America (LSA), New Mexico, January 2006.

Co-organizer and Co-founder of the First International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL1), The Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, 2005.

Organizer of the international meeting of Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), 2003.

Chair and Discussant, Panel on Linguistics, Iranian Studies, Maryland, 2002.

Co-organizer, workshop on Modern Trends in Linguistics, Allameh University, Iran, 2001.

Co-organizer, International Conference on Word Order and Scrambling, University of Arizona, 2000.

Invited Chair, Panel on Iranian Linguistics, LSA, Chicago, 2000.

Organizer, Sociolinguistics Workshop (co-sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Department of Linguistics, and Department of Anthropology), 2000.

*Simin Karimi*

Organizer, one week long lectures by Howard Lasnik (University of Connecticut), 1999.

Organizer of a memorial panel at the annual meeting of the Middle East studies Association (MESA) in honor of the life and contributions of Professor Ahmad Tafazzoli, internationally renowned scholar of Ancient Iranian Linguistics, 1997.

Several talks to the Iranian Communities in Oregon, Washington, and Texas, 1994-1997.

Invited organizer of a panel on Iranian Linguistics, Society of Iranian Studies, Washington D.C., 1993.

Invited discussant on a language/linguistics panel, Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington D.C, 1993.

Chair, panel on Formal Syntax, Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), Tucson, Arizona, 1992.

Chair, panel on Iranian Linguistics, Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 1992.

Chair, panel on Applied Linguistics, Center for Iranian Research Association (CIRA), 1992.

Chair, panel on Sociolinguistics, Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 1991.

### ***Editorial Board***

(2023-Present)	Journal of Iranian Linguistics
(2012-Present)	<i>International Journal of Applied Linguistics and English Literature</i>
(2008-2013)	<i>Lingua</i>
(1994-Present)	<i>Linguistic Analysis</i>

### ***Anonymous reviewer for:***

*Journals*      *Linguistic Inquiry, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Language, Journal of Linguistics, Linguistic Analysis, Glossa, Lingua, SYNTAX, Canadian Journal of Linguistics, Language and Linguistics, Journal of Australian Linguistics, Language Learning and Development, Anthropological Linguistics, Studia Linguistica, Folia Linguistica, Language Research, Slavic Linguistics, Journal of Semantics, Journal of Pragmatics, SKY Journal of Linguistics, Journal of Language Research, Journal of Language Science, International Journal of Slavic Linguistics, Folia Linguistics, Language Modeling, Diachronica, Comparative Germanic Linguistics, International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES).*<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

*Grant Proposals*      National Science Foundation (NSF), Social Sciences and Humanities

*Simin Karimi*

Research Council of Canada (SSHRCC).

*Conference Abstracts*

West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics (FAJL), Southwest Journal of Linguistics (SWJL), Eastern States Conference on Linguistics (ESCOL), Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW), International Conference in Iranian Linguistics (ICIL), North American Conference in Iranian Linguistics (NACIL).

*Publishers*

Oxford University Press, Blackwell Publishers, Benjamin Publishers, Mouton de Gruyter, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Reichert Publishers.

*Other*

Book-Review Co-editor, LinguistList, 2001-2003 (17000 subscribers world wide).

***Media***

Television Interview on Language and Linguistics, Oregon 1996.

Radio Interview, Persian Studies in the States, Voice of America, 1994.

Radio Interview, Women in Iran, NPR, Austin, Texas, 1992.

Radio interview, Persian literature, Portland, Oregon, 1991.<sup>[L]  
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Radio interview on Bilingualism and the Linguistic Problems of Iranian, 1991.

Children and Teenagers in the States, Portland, Oregon, 1990.

**DEPARTMENTAL/PROGRAM COMMITTEES & SERVICE**

***Linguistics***

***Chair***, Outreach Committee, 2011-2023.

***Chair***, Awards Committee (Spring 2019)

***Chair***, Self Review Committee for Academic Program Review (APR), 2017.

Courtesy Appointment Committee, 2016-Present.

***Head***, July 2011- June 2016 (on sabbatical in 2013-14).

***Director of the Graduate Program***, Fall 2003-July 2011.

Self Review Committee for Academic Program Review (APR), 2008.

***Chair***, Promotion and Tenure Committee for Andrew Carnie, 2008.

***Interim head*** Spring 2007.

***Chair***, Courtesy Appointment Committee, 2001-2006

P&T Committee, 2005.

*Simin Karimi*

Admissions Committee, 2003-2011.

Curriculum Committee, 2003-2011. [SEP]

Peer Evaluation Committee, 1997, 2001-2003.

Human Subject Committee, 2002-2003. [SEP]

**Chair**, Brochure Committee, 2000, 2001. [SEP]

**Chair**, Self Review Committee for Academic Program Review (APR), 2001.

Language Testing, 2000-Present. [SEP]

Graduate Curriculum Committee, 1997.

Adjunct Search Committee, 1996. [SEP]

Syntax Search Committee, 1996.

*Near Eastern Department (NES).*

**Chair**, Peer Evaluation Committee, 2000.

Search Committee for an Arabic Linguist, 2000.

Language Committee, 1999-2001.

Graduate Curriculum Committee, 1998-2000.

**Chair**, Persian Literature Search Committee, 1998.

Peer Evaluation Committee, 1998.

Persian Literature Search, Head-Search.

Language, Grieving, Persian Program Evaluation, Curriculum/Staffing, Admissions/ Financial Aid, United Way.

*Second Language Acquisition and Teaching (SLAT)*

Executive Council, 1999-2004.

**Chair**, L2 Analysis, 2003-2004.

Admissions Committee, 2003.

**Chair**, L2 Analysis Committee, 1999-2000.

L2 Analysis Committee, 1993-2000.

*Center for Middle East Studies (CMES)*

Board of Directors, 1999-2002.

Persian Lecture Series Committee, 1999-2000.

Middle Eastern Film Committee, 1999.

Library Committee, 1999.

*Simin Karimi*

*Junior Faculty mentorship*

Adam Ussishkin      Linguistics

Samira Farwaneh      NES

**COLLEGE COMMITTEES & SERVICE**

**Chair**, Head Search, Department of American Indian Studies, College of Social Behavioral Studies, 2014-15.

**Chair**, Head Search, Department of East Asian Studies, College of Humanities, 2012-13.

Member, SBS Graduate Council, Spring 2010-2011.

**Chair**, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2010-11.

New Faculty Advisor, 2009-2010.

Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2008-2010.

**Chair**, Faculty Advisory Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2004.

Faculty Advisory Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2002- 2003.

Novice Mentor Committee, 2001-2002.

Language and Linguistics for Teachers (K12), 1998.

**Chair**, Search Committee for Acting Director, Center for Middle East Studies, 1994.

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES & SERVICE**

Member: Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2012-13.

Member: Code of Academic Integrity (University Hearing Board), Fall 2009- 2011.

Member, Graduate College Representative Committee, 1998-2002.

**Chair**, Grade Appeal Committee for the Office of the Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Education, 1994.

Member, Faculty-Honor Student Program, 1992.

Member, General Education workshop, 1991.