**CURRICULUM VITA**

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**POSITIONS:**

December 2011-present **Senior Consultant and Partner,** Jackson Welsh Consulting. Providing consulting and evaluation services to non-profit agencies.

December 2011-present **Board Member,** Home Away from Homelessness.

January 2011-present **Scholar in Residence** University of California, Berkeley, Beatrice Bain Research Group. For research/writing project on Impact of Occupation on Gender Roles in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, West Bank.

June 2010-December 2010

**Associate Director, Research**, Pars Equality Center. Focus: Promoting Human Rights and Civil Liberties for Iranians in the United States. Launching start-up, non-profit organization. Tasks: Design and implement needs assessment for cultural competency training at government and local agencies; plan communications and outreach strategies (including website, press releases, and other media); collaborate on programmatic and research grant-writing; design and implement qualitative research on the impact of post-9/11 policies on the Iranian community in the United States, with a special focus on trauma.

February 2007-December 2010

**Executive Director**, Unique Zan Foundation. Focus: Promoting Health and

Literacy for Women in and from the Middle East. Tasks: Direct and manage projects and conduct evaluation research on funded programs; including work in the Palestinian territories, Iran, Afghanistan and other projects supporting health and literacy for women.

May 2004-Present **Navesh, LLC. Co-Founder and Managing Director**. Focus: Education and Outreach in regard to Iran and Iranian culture.

October 2001-2008 **Assistant Faculty Researcher**. University of California, San Francisco, Institute for Health and Aging, and Lecturer, UCSF Medical School Core Curriculum, Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine.

September 2004-‘05 **Visiting Scholar**. University of California, Berkeley. Department of

Anthropology.

July 2002-Dec ’02 **Visiting Scholar**. Isfahan University of Medical Sciences, Department of

Community Health. Isfahan, Iran. Conducted Extensive research on Afghan

refugees and low income Iranians in Isfahan, as well as on Iran’s public health

care system.

June 2002-Dec.’03 **Assistant Researcher**. University of California, Berkeley. Organs Watch.

September 1999- Social Science Research Council, Sexuality Research Fellowship

Dec. 2001 Program Post-Doctoral Fellow, through the Ford Foundation. Host Institution: UC Berkeley, Department of Anthropology. Project: “Romancing the Sperm: The Screening and Making of Alternative American Families.”

**EDUCATION**

August 1989-1999: University of California, Berkeley/UCSF joint program in Medical

Anthropology.

Requirements for PhD completed in May 1999.

Subfield: Medical/Socio-cultural Anthropology

**Research Interests**: Reproductive Health and Sexuality; Anthropology of Science, Technology and Social change; Gender; Maternal and Child Health; Anthropology of the Body; Health, Human Rights and Social Justice; Israel/Palestine Conflict; Iranian Culture, Afghan Refugees and Marginalized Populations; Islam; Bio-ethics; Health Care Systems and Community Health; Program Evaluation; Qualitative Methods/Ethnography; Applied Anthropology.

**Geographical Interests**: United States, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel/Palestine.

**Languages**: English, Persian, Spanish, German.

**Courses Taught:** Cultural Anthropology, Anthropological Theory,

Anthropology of Sexuality, Medical Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, and Integrative Biology.

Also have strong interest/ability in teaching: Feminist Theory, Gender and

Global Politics, Gender and Science, Islam and Gender, Anthropology of the

Middle East/Iran, Anthropology and Human Rights/Social Justice,

Anthropology of Gender, Anthropology of Religion (with special focus on

Comparative Islam), Science and Technology in Islamic Societies (special focus

on Iran), Anthropology of Modern Iran, and many others.

June 1989 University of Hawaii, Manoa. Master of Arts in Anthropology.

June 1986 University of California, Santa Barbara. Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

with Distinction.

**GRANTS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS:**

September 2003 Al-Falah Grant for Photographic Exhibit: Iran and the Afghan Diaspora, 2001-2004.

August 2002 University of California, San Francisco, Academic Senate Research Grant.

Project: Health and Fertility Comparisons among Iranians and Afghan Refugees in Iran.

July 2002 National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Section. Pilot grant for project:

Health and Fertility among Iranians and Afghan Refugees in Iran.

July 2002 American Institute of Iranian Studies, travel grant.

April 2001 Mellon Research Grant for Preliminary Public Health Investigation in Iran. Center for

Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

September 1999- Social Science Research Council, Sexuality Research Fellowship Program: Post-doctoral

Dec.2001 Fellow. Research Title: “Romancing the Sperm”: The Screening and Making of Alternative American Families.”

November 1996 Chancellor’s Social Science Research Grant

November 1995 Lowie Graduate Scholarship, Vice Chancellor’s Research Award, Dept. of Anthropology

Block Grant.

August 1995 Graduate Opportunity Stipend

Spring 1995 Abigail R. Hodgson Publication Fund Grant

Fall 1994 University of California Regents Stipend.

1989/1990 University of California, San Francisco Graduate Opportunity Fellowship

for Academic Year.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

In process *A Path to Isfahan: Iran with My Two Sons.*

In process: Gender and the Violence of Everyday Life in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. For upcoming edited volume entitled *'Coping with Conflict: The Medical Anthropology of Gender, Violence and War*.' Emma Varley, editor.

In process: Several articles on Palestinian experiences of occupation, including manuscript:

*The Land is My Blood: Voices from Occupied Palestine*

April 2007 “My Body is Broken Like My Country”: Identity, Nation, and Repatriation among

Afghan Refugees in Iran. In Iranian Studies, 40(2) 2007. Guest Editor: Diane Tober.

April 2007 *Afghan Refugees and Returnees: Culture and Survival in the Face of War, Violence and*

*Dislocation*. Special edition for the journal Iranian Studies 40 (2): 2007. Guest Editor:

Diane Tober. Taylor and Francis Press, April 2007.

March 2007: Islam, Health and the Body: Science and Religion in the Muslim World. Special edition

for *Body and Society*, Diane Tober and Debra Budiani, guest editors. Sage Press, March

2007.

2007 Article IN Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures, Iran. V.4(p.471). Brill Press.

2006 “*Fewer Children, Better Life,” or “As Many as God Wants*?*”*: Perceptions and Practices

of Family Planning among Low-income Iranians and Afghan Refugees in Iran.” *IN*

*Medical Anthropology Quarterly,*  C. Sargent and M. Inhorn, guest editors.

2004 “*Children in the Field and the Methodological Challenges of Research in Iran*.” IN

*Iranian Studies,* Mary Hegland, and Erika Loeffler-Friedl, editors. 37:4:643-658.

2002 “Semen as Gift, Semen as Goods: Reproductive Workers and the Market in Altruism.”

In Commodifying Bodies, Nancy Scheper-Hughes and Loic Wacquant, eds.

September 2001 “Semen as Gift, Semen as Goods: Reproductive Workers and the Market in Altruism.” In Body & Society. Sage Publishers.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

December 2011-present **Senior Consultant and Partner,** Jackson Welsh Consulting. Providing consulting and evaluation services to non-profit agencies.

January 2011 Visiting Scholar, Beatrice Bain Research Group on Gender. University of California,

Berkeley.

June 2010-December 2010

Associate Director, Research, Pars Equality Center.

February 2007-December 2010

Executive Director, Unique Zan Foundation.

May 2004-present

Navesh, LLC. Co-Founder and Managing Director.

August 2001-2008

University of California, San Francisco. Department of Anthropology, History

and Social Medicine. Lecturer and Affiliate Faculty.

June 2001-December 2003

University of California San Francisco, Institute for Health and Aging, Assistant Faculty Researcher for NIH-funded project on decisions surrounding disclosure in families conceived with donor gametes.

September ‘99-2003

University of California, Berkeley. Department of Anthropology. Visiting

Faculty Researcher.

October 1997-September 199

San Mateo County Health Agency, Prenatal-to-Three Initiative, Contract

Ethnographer. (a) Designed and implemented qualitative, ethnographic research on

Providers’ responses to changing systems of health care delivery due to Pre-3; and (b)

client and community assessment of how Pre-3 can better meet their needs. Also trained

and directed team of interviewers for client interviews. Evaluation research for the

purpose of improving program design.

January 1995-May 1999

Doctoral dissertation research on Donor Insemination and Alternative American

Families.

January 1997-June 1997

University of California, Berkeley. Graduate Student Instructor in

Medical Anthropology and History of Anthropological Theory.

Summer 1996 University of California, Berkeley. Lecturer in Cultural Anthropology.

January 1990-May 1995

University of California, Berkeley. Graduate Student Instructor in

Departments of Anthropology, Integrative Biology and Molecular and Cell Biology.

Responsibilities include teaching sections and labs to undergraduate students in courses

on Biology and Biological Anthropology. Also instructor for course on Current Issues in

Anthropological Theory.

August 1991- February 1994

University of California, San Francisco. Researcher/Interviewer for the Institute of

Health and Aging Research Project on Gender Differences in Response to Infertility.

Responsibilities included conducting qualitative interviews with couples suffering from

infertility, coding interview data, attending symposiums.

January 1987- June 1989

University of Hawaii, Manoa. Graduate Student Instructor in Department of Anthropology. Assisted in teaching courses on Ecological Anthropology and Biological Anthropology.

June 1986-August 1987

The Devereux Foundation. Residential Counselor in Facility for Developmentally disabled female adolescents.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

***Documentary Film***

2007-2010 Forthcoming documentary film on successful Iranian women. Designed and conducted on-camera interviews with numerous, high-profile Iranian women, including: Shirin Ebadi, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Anousheh Ansari, Simin Behbehani, and others. Filming has been completed. It is currently being edited for a 2011 release date on PBS stations.

***Media Interviews***

British Television Channel 4

March 2006 “Science or Ethics?: Special Report on Science and Technology in the Islamic Republic

of Iran.” Television Interview.

The Washington Prism

June 2006 “An American Woman in Isfahan: A Chat with Dr. Diane Tober.” Washington Prism

Staff, Afshin Molavi

The Oakland Tribune

October 12, 2006 “Local Readers United with Afghanistan.” Staff writer: Rebekah Gordon

***Community Outreach Activities***

Dec. 2011-present

Board Member. Home Away from Homelessness.

2002-present Numerous talks and presentations at K-12 schools on the history, culture, religions and people of Iran.

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May 2006 Guest Lecture and Photographic Exhibit on “Iran and the Afghan Diaspora: 2—1-2004,

San Mateo Public Library.

Sept 1-30, 2006

Photographic Exhibit “Iran and the Afghan Diaspora” at Atherton City Library. Public

Lecuter October 3, 2006.

October 1-November 1, 06

Photographic exhibit on display at San Carlos Public Library. Guest Lecture, Oct. 10

2006, “Iran and the Afghan Diaspora.”

May 2005 Invited Lecture for the World Affairs Council of Sonoma, California. “Life in Iran

Today: Change, Continuing Challenges and Hope for the Future.”

***Conferences***

December 2011 Family Planning in Iran—A Response to Rising Population. Paper presented at panel for

Beatrice Bain Research Group on Gender. University of California, Berkeley.

November 2011 “Shades of Gray” and Ethical Challenges of Anthropologists Working Outside of

Academia: NGOs and Fieldwork in Occupied Palestine. Ethics Roundtable: American Anthropological Association Conference, Montreal, CA

November 2011 Traces, Tidemarks and Legacies in Occupied Palestine: Everyday Violence and the

Impact on Gender, Land and Family. American Anthropological Association Conference, Montreal, CA

April 2011 **“The Land is My Blood”: Gender, Identity, and Meanings of Space in Palestine**. Panel:

Gender and the Violence of Everyday Life, Diane Tober and Ayesha al-Rifai, co-

organizers. Beatrice Bain Research Group on Gender, University of California, Berkeley.

November 2007 Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference: Roundtable Panel Discussant on Reproductive Health Issues in Iran and the Middle East. Roundtable Panel Discussant on Afghan Refugees and Returnees.

March 2006 Access, Disclosure and Identity in the U.S. Gamete Industry: Reproductive Technologies

and the Challenges of Family. Presented at Avesina Conference on Gamete and Embryo

Donation. Tehran, Iran.

November 2005 Organizer for Middle Eastern Studies Association Invited Session: “Gender and

Borderlands in Iran and Beyond.” Annual Meetings in Washington, DC.

October 2004-

January 2005 Photographic Exhibit: “Iran and the Afghan Diaspora, 2001-2004.” Sponsored by the

Doreen B. Townsend for the Humanities and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies,

University of California, Berkeley.

November 2004 Chair and Co-organizer for Middle Eastern Studies Association Invited Session: “Islam,

Health and the Body: Science and Religion in the Muslim World.” San Francisco, CA.

November 2004 Chair and Co-organizer for American Anthropological Association Invited Session:

“Islam, Health and the Body: Science and Religion in the Muslim World.” San Francisco,

CA. (panel postponed until 2005 meetings due to hotel strike).

March 2004 Guest Lecture: “Shi’ism, Pragmatism, and Modernity: Islamic Bioethics and Health

Policy in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” University of Michigan, Bioethics Program.

April 2004 Invited Paper Presented at Population Association of Iran, Annual Meetings. “*Age of*

*Marriage and Reproductive Outcome among Young Iranian and Migrant Afghan Women*

*in Isfahan, Iran.”* Shiraz, Iran.

July-Dec. 2002 Field research among Afghan Refugees and Low Income Iranians in Isfahan, Iran.

Invited by Isfahan University of Medical Sciences and Funded by the National Science

Foundation.

November 2002 Invited Lecture at Azad Islamic University: “Medical Anthropology: An Overview of the

Field.” Isfahan, Iran.

June 2001 Co-Organizer of session at the XVth World Congress of Sexology, sponsored by the

World Health Organization. Paper presented: “Reproductive Workers and the Market for

‘Altruism’: Donor Insemination and Commodification of the Body.”

April 2001 Two-week study of the Iranian Public Health Care System in Tehran, Shiraz, and

Isfahan, Iran, as part of a group of medical professionals and students from UCSF. Topic

foci: Infectious Disease, HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Health, Refugee Health. Goal: to promote long-term scholarly and medically-related exchanges between Iran and the United States.

November 1998 Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings in

Philadelphia, PA. Invited Session. Paper Title: “Grass Roots Eugenics and Emerging

Populations: Donor Insemination and American Families.”

March 1997 Co-organizer and discussant for conference entitled: “Boundaries in Question: Feminist

Research and the Academy.” Sponsored by the Beatrice Bain Research Group

designated emphasis in Women, Gender and Sexuality.

July 1997 Guest Lecture in course “Situating Global Science” at UC Berkeley. Topic of talk:

Preliminary findings of research on Donor Insemination and its impact on American

families.

April 1997 Guest lecture in Medical Anthropology course at UC Berkeley. Title of talk: “Medical

Technology and the Fetal Patient: Exploring the Politics of Personhood.”

November 1991 Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings in Chicago, Illinois. Paper Title: "Pregnancy Complicated by Maternal Death: Medical

Technology and the Fetal Patient."

Spring 1990 Paper presented at the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis Meeting in Berkeley, California. Paper Title: "‘Blood and the Sword’: Religious Metaphor and the Structure

of the Iranian Islamic Revolution."

**REFERENCES:**

***Medical and Socio-Cultural Anthropology***

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