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EDUCATION

PhD in Planning, Governance and Globalization

Virginia Tech, 2020

Dissertation Title: “Exploring the Connection Between Community Cultural Development and Sustainable Tourism in Central Appalachia.”

M.S. in Urban Management

University of Tehran, 2014

Thesis Title: “Proposing a New Model for Destination Evaluation in Sustainable Urban Tourism Management, Case Study: Masouleh Historic City.”

B.S. in Urban Development Engineering

Art University of Tehran, 2011

Thesis Title: “Evaluating the Cultural Status of ‘Enghelab’ Street in Metropolitan Tehran.”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Development

Peacebuilding

Capacity Building

Community Cultural Development (CCD)

Democratic Governance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance (June 2020-June 2021)

Post-Doctoral Research Associate

Project Examples:

- New River Valley Drug Court Impact Evaluation (March-September 2020)
Researcher
- Community Change Collaborative (June 2020-June 2021)
Program Organizer (lectures/roundtables, faculty forums, weekly scholarly discussions, [podcast](#) and film series). See this [link](#) for more information.
- Rio Research Project (The Frameworks Shaping the Perception and Actions Toward the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic Among Rio de Janeiro’s Favela Communities in Brazil)
Researcher

Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development (May 2018-May 2020)

Graduate Research Assistant

Project Examples:

- Evaluate Pathways to the American Dream using the Systems Evaluation Protocol (2019-2020)
Researcher

- Recommendations for Wonder Universe (formerly known as Children’s Museum of Blacksburg) (2019)
Lead Researcher
- Rural Virginia Initiative (2018-2020)
Data analyst
- Quarterly Workforce Reports (2018-2020)
Data analyst

Institute for Policy and Governance (August 2015-2020)

Graduate Research Assistant

Project Examples:

Community development project in Pennington Gap, VA
Researcher (tourism section), Workshop facilitator
See this [link](#) for more information.

Community Strategic visioning in Montgomery, WVA
Researcher (tourism section), Community meeting facilitator
See this [link](#) for more information.

Community Change Collaborative Student Organization
Treasurer (2019-2020)

Interviewer: Click on the links for accessing the podcast interviews with:

[Francesco Manca](#) (2017)

[TEA Program Pakistani Scholars](#) (2018)

[Jordanian Scholars](#) (2019)

[Shandong University Scholars](#) (2019)

Tarh-e- Rah-e-Abrisham Consultant group, Tehran, Iran (2014-July 2015)

Researcher (Analyzing socio-cultural impacts of proposed urban projects)

Arash Kamangir Travel Agency (2011-2014)

Technical Manager (Supervising tours/visa applications, Submitting seasonal performance audit reports)

PUBLICATIONS

Stephenson, M., Abella-Lipsey, B., Nagle, L., & Moayerian, N. (2020). Community Social Polarization and Change: Evidence from Three Recent Studies. *World*, 1(1), 20–33.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/world1010002>

Moayerian, N. (2018). Development, Public Participation, and Cultural War. *Community Change*. 2(1), p.3. URL: <https://www.communitychange.ipg.vt.edu/articles/10.21061/cc.v2i1.a.15/>

In Preparation:

Stephenson, M., Moayerian, N., “The Evolution of UNHCR and UNICEF Refugee Policy in the Management of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Lebanon and Jordan.” For *Journal of Social Sciences*.

Moayerian, N., Nagle, L., Stephenson, M. Conceptualizing Cross-Sectoral Partnership Building in Two Small Appalachian Towns. Forthcoming resubmission For *Journal of the Community Development Society*.

Nagle, L., Moayerian, N., Stephenson, M., “An Analysis of an Ongoing Effort to Employ Arts-Based Methods to Facilitate Social Capacity for Change.” For the Vibrant Virginia Book Series.

Online Essays

Moayerian, N. (2019) “Women’s Power in the Middle East: A Brief Analysis.” In *Reflections and Explorations*. <https://ipg.vt.edu/DirectorsCorner/re--reflections-and-explorations/Reflections050219.html> . DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.32292.50562

Moayerian, N. (2018). Images, Structures and Individual’s Choices: The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Paradox. In *Reflections and Explorations*. <https://ipg.vt.edu/DirectorsCorner/re--reflections-and-explorations/Reflections090618.html> . DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.33131.36646

Moayerian, N. (2018). Conflict, Communication and Collaboration: Is There Really a Middle Ground? In *Reflections and Explorations*. <https://ipg.vt.edu/DirectorsCorner/re--reflections-and-explorations/Reflections041918.html> . DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.13627.85284

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of record for Community System Capstone (SPIA 4784), Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant/Back-Up for Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Organization Leadership and Governance (SPIA 5534), Fall 2020

Instructor of record for Community Systems Thinking (SPIA 2024), Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant for Urban Policy and Planning (UAP 3014), Spring 2017

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

42th Annual Appalachian Studies Association: Paper Presentation “Cross-Sectoral Partnership Building in Two Appalachian Towns,” April 2019

7th International Conference on Environmental Future: Paper Presentation “Community-based Art Making and Environmental Conservation on Hormoz Island, Iran,” April 2018

41th Annual Appalachian Studies Association: paper Presentation “Exploring the Connection Between Community Cultural Development and Sustainable Tourism in Appalachia,” April 2018

American Association of Geographers: Paper Presentation “Local Non-Governmental Organizations’ Role in Glocalization Process in Developing Countries,” April 2016

Practices of Public Engagement: Study and practice of human relations and intergroup dialogue facilitation skills, specifically for use in diverse, intercultural contexts, October 2015

Documentation of Oudlajan Area in Tehran: Analysis of Proposals for Recovery and Requalification of the Urban Landscape of Oudlajan, Tehran, September 2012

Tehran Persian Identity: Challenges and Strategies. December 2012

SKILLS**Software:**

ATLAS.ti

IMPLAN

Adobe Creative Suite

Microsoft Office

ArcMap

SPSS

Tableau

WordPress

Graduate Certificates:

Future Professoriate (2019)

Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Organization Management (2019)

Technical Management of Tourism Agencies (2011)

Language:

Persian (Mother tongue)

English (Fluent in speaking and writing)

French (Moderate in speaking and writing)

Arabic (Moderate in speaking and writing)

AFFILIATIONS and MEMBERSHIPS

American Planning Association (APA)

Nonprofit Academic Centers Council

Nu Lambda Mu international honor society