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## Education

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- 8/2021 – 5/2023** Art Education, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, United States  
*MS in Art Education (GPA: 4.0/4.0)*
- 8/2009 – 2/2012** Fine Arts, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran  
*MFA in Painting (GPA: 3.93/4.0)*
- 8/2005 – 7/2009** Fine Arts, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran  
*BFA in Painting (GPA: 3.45/4.0)*

## Teaching & Professional Experience

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- 2022 – Present** **Art Ed Graduate Assistant, University Galleries, Normal, Illinois, US**  
*Selected Project 1: Nazafarin Lotfi: A Garden to Build Exhibition*
- Research, brainstorm, design, and create exhibition-specific art-making demonstration videos for the gallery website
- Selected Project 2: University Galleries Installation Handbook*
- Researching and designing installation handbooks for current and future students employed as assistants
- Selected Project 3: Central Illinois Art Educators' Database*
- Researching art educators in central Illinois to update the educator's database for curators
- Ongoing Duties: University Galleries K-12 Engagement Materials*
- Creating exhibition-related educational handouts and scavenger hunts
  - Developing curriculum for workshops
  - Assisting with and leading workshops
  - Developing art-making activities relating to the permanent collection
- Other Appointments:*
- Researching works in the permanent collection
  - Researching artists in temporary exhibitions
  - Assisting with exhibition tours
  - Assisting with the installation and de-installation of artwork
  - Assisting with general gallery operations as needed
- 2021 – 2022** **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Art Education, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, US**
- Documented processes and procedures for each pedagogical activity

- Facilitated assignments and projects
  - Assisted with grading student assignments and answering questions that students had relating to coursework
- 2007 – 2020** **Private Art Teacher (Drawing & Painting), PANAHA (Personal Atelier), Tehran, Iran**
- Taught a variety of mediums, techniques, art concepts, styles, and theories found in both past and contemporary art practices from introductory to advanced art courses
- 2018 – 2019** **Art Teacher (Advanced Drawing), Solar-Sasi Academy of Visual Arts, Tehran, Iran**
- Taught various techniques, art concepts, and styles in drawing to all age groups
- 2011 – 2012** **Adjunct Professor of Painting, Department of Art and Culture, University of Science and Art, Yazd, Iran**
- Taught a variety of techniques, art concepts, styles, and theories in portrait painting found in both past and contemporary art practices from introductory to advanced art courses
  - Maintained a class syllabus, assignment log, and additional materials to help the students
  - Participated in weekly meetings with faculty to discuss departmental goals and upcoming events
  - Planned lectures, assignments, and in-field experiences to collaborate with the necessary course curriculum
  - Provided instruction and monitored student progress
- 2009 – 2010** **Jewelry Designer, Pars Jewelry Company, Tehran, Iran**
- Providing renderings and drawings
  - Design by illustrating, 3D modeling, and hand fabricating prototypes and fabricated molds, models, and machine accessories and modified hand tools for hand engraving used to cast metal and jewelry pieces
  - Collaborate with the product development team on the launch product
  - Communicate with the Director of Design to interpret and execute the design and brand strategy for all categories of business
- 2008 – 2009** **Art Teacher (Drawing & Painting), Shahid Bina State School, Tehran, Iran**
- Taught a variety of media, techniques, art concepts, styles, and theories found in both past and contemporary art practices to grades 5-8
- 2007 – 2008** **Illustrator, Abi Publications, Tehran, Iran**
- Illustrated and colored book illustrations with Adobe Photoshop
  - Helped connect with the client's needs and wants
- 2005 – 2007** **Art Teacher (Drawing & Painting), Cultural Center, Ahar, Iran**
- Taught various techniques, art concepts, and styles in drawing to all ages
- 2005 – 2006** **Art Teacher (Painting), Barq Academy of Visual Arts, Ahar, Iran**
- Taught various techniques, art concepts, and styles in drawing to all ages

## **Exhibitions**

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*Solo Exhibitions*

- 2022** Painting exhibition, “American Beauty,” Rachel Cooper Gallery, Normal, Illinois, US
- 2019** Painting exhibition, “Isolated Life 2,” Anatolia Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
- 2019** Painting exhibition, “Isolated Life,” Soyut Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
- 2018** Painting exhibition, “Empty Space,” Seyhoon Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2010** Painting exhibition, “Shadow,” National Cultural Center Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2006** Painting exhibition, “Oher People,” Ahar Cultural Center’s gallery, Iran
- 2005** Painting exhibition, “Eidaneh,” Ahar Cultural Center’s gallery, Iran
- 2004** Painting exhibition, “Eid to Eid,” Ahar Cultural Center’s gallery, Iran
- 2003** Painting exhibition, “Eid to Eid,” Ahar Cultural Center’s gallery, Iran

***Group Exhibitions***

- 2022** Painting Exhibition, Art Circle Art Show, Carle Cancer Institute, Normal, Illinois, US
- 2022** Painting Exhibition, “2022 Student Annual,” University Gallery, Normal, Illinois, US
- 2021** Painting Exhibition, Art Circle Art Show, Carle Cancer Institute, Normal, Illinois, US
- 2021** Painting Exhibition, Grad Exhibition, Transpace Gallery, Illinois, US
- 2021** Painting Exhibition, “Pop up Show,” Illinois Art Station Gallery, Illinois, US
- 2019** Painting Exhibition, “This Is Me,” Shamis Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2019** Painting Exhibition, “Haft Samar Lovers,” Haft Samar Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2019** Painting Exhibition, Anatolia Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
- 2018** Painting Exhibition, Anatolia Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
- 2018** Painting Exhibition, “KÜÇÜK İŞLER,” Soyut Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
- 2018** Painting Exhibition, Altin Konak Hotel Gallery, Izmir, Turkey
- 2018** Painting Exhibition, Genova Art Fair, Italy
- 2017** Painting Exhibition, “Far but Close,” Laleh Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2017** Painting Exhibition, “Open Space,” Seyhoon Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2016** Painting Exhibition, “Around,” Ghaf Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2016** Painting Exhibition, Laleh Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2014** Online Painting Exhibition, Seyhoon Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2014** Painting Exhibition, Bag Evi Hotel’s Gallery, Izmir, Turkey
- 2012** Painting Exhibition. House of Artists’ Gallery, Trabzon, Turkey
- 2011** Painting Exhibition, “Hundred Works of 33 Painters,” Bonbast Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2010** Painting Exhibition, “From Eid to Eid,” Ahar Cultural Center Gallery, Iran

### **Workshops, & Participations**

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**2022** *Workshop Facilitator*, Senior Center Printmaking Workshop, Evergreen Village, Illinois

**2022** *Leader and Organizer*, The Conversation with Nazafarin Lotfi Lecture, University Gallery, Normal, IL

**2022** *Workshop Facilitator*, Nazafarin Lotfi: Mapping Paradise Workshop, Normal, Illinois

**2018** *Artist Attendee*, Altin Konak International Painting & Sculpture Workshop, Izmir, Turkey

**2018** *Exhibitor*, Genova Italy Art Fair, Genova, Italy

**2018** *Auctioneered Artist*, Anatolia Art Auctions (multiple), Ankara, Turkey

**2014** *Artist Attendee*, Bag Evi International Workshop (Eski Ev Yeni Sanat), Izmir, Turkey

**2011** *Artist Attendee*, “Mourning of Colors” Workshop, Tehran, Iran

### **Honors, Awards, & Scholarships**

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**2021** Wonsook Kim School of Art Graduate School Merit Fellowship, Illinois State University, Normal, IL

**2013** Selected Artist in 6th Visual Arts Festival of Young Art, Tehran, Iran

**2003** First place of Painting in Ahar’s artistic cultural competitions, Iran

**2001** First place of Painting in Ahar’s artistic cultural competitions, Iran

**2001** First Place of Drawing in Imam Ali’s Remembrance competition in East Azerbaijan province, Iran

**2000** First place in Ahar’s artistic cultural competitions, Iran

**1998** Second place in the Ahar’s wallpapers competition, Iran

### **Memberships & Involvement**

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**2021 – Present** *Member*, College Council, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

**2021 – Present** *International Ambassador*, Office of International Engagement, ISU

**2009 – Present** *Member*, Visual Art Association of Iran

### **Language**

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- Persian (Native)
- Turkish (Native)
- Azeri (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- Arabic (Basic)

### **Skills Summary**

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- Software: Proficient in Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, and Rhino
- Painting: Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Tempera
- Drawing: Fundamentals, Advanced, Perspective, Abstract
- Ceramics: Hand-building, Wheel Throwing, Glazes, and Firing
- Sculpture: Wax Casting, Plaster Casting, Cement, Wire, Clay, Glass Casting
- Printmaking: Relief, Monotype, Intaglio: Acid Etching, Dry-point, Collagraph
- Aesthetics and Criticism
- Character Design
- Jewelry Design