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EDUCATION

- 2007- Present Ph.D., Sociology
University of California, Irvine
- 2005-2007 Master of Arts in Sociology, 2007
California State University, Northridge
Master's Thesis Title: *Diasporic Divisions: The Effects of Religious and Ethnic Identities on Iranian-American's attitudes toward Middle Eastern Politics.*
- 1999-2003 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; June 2003, cum laude
University of California, Irvine
Minor: Criminology, Law and Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 06/2006- 06/2007 **Research Assistant, Copernicus Project**
US Department of Education grant. Responsibilities include: quantitative data analysis, questionnaire construction, data processing, database design and development.
- 01/2005- 11/2006 **Senior Research Assistant, Davis Y Ja & Associates**
Peers Reach out Supporting Peers to Embrace Recovery (PROSPER), Walden House, Inc. 4-year federally funded demonstration grant. Funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Grant #TI16198. Responsibilities include: Data analysis, data management, quantitative/ qualitative survey design and administration, drafting reports and presentations.
- 08/2004- 08/2005 **SAT Verbal Tutor, ACE Educational Services**
Provided in-home and one-on-one private tutoring for high school students.

10/2004- 10/2005 **Administrative Assistant, ACE**
Worked part-time at the ACE Educational Services office and performed basic clerical duties as well as assist in payroll distribution, client enrollment and test evaluation.

PRESENTATIONS/ CONFERENCES

- 04/2007 Conference Organizer. "Online Worlds: Play, Conflict and Community in Cyberspace." (with Elena Sosnovskaya and David Boyns). Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA.
- 10/27/2006 Forghani, Sima & Jason Savolainen. "Developing a Theory of Change Model- Program Evaluation Challenges and Lessons from Working with a Peer-Driven Recovery Community," paper presented at the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology with Jason Savolainen, San Jose, CA.
- 08/2006 Forghani, Sima, Elena Sosnovskaya & David Boyns. "MMORPG Worlds: On the Construction of Social Reality in World of Warcraft," paper presented at the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 04/2006 Forghani, Sima, Elena Sosnovskaya & Apryll Chine. "Move Over Monopoly: A Portrait of World of Warcraft Players and Computer-Mediated Effervescence," paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.

GRANTS

- 08/2006 Associated Students, California State University, Northridge. Travel grant awarded for the American Sociological Association conference.
- 08/2006 Office of Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs, California State University, Northridge. Travel grant awarded for the American Sociological Association conference.
- 08/2006 Department of Sociology, California State University, Northridge. Travel grant awarded for the American Sociological Association conference.
- 04/2006 Department of Sociology, California State University, Northridge. Travel grant awarded for the Pacific Sociological Association conference.

TECHNICAL / GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

- 06/12/2006 Ja, Davis Y., Ph.D., Mary Gee, Sima Forghani, Jason Savolainen, Bruce Cooper, Ph.D., Demetrius Andreas & Salvador Wilson. Peers Reaching Out Supporting Peers to Embrace Recovery (PROSPER) RCSP Annual Grantee Conference – Evaluators’ Meeting. Arlington, VA.
- 12/2005 Ja, Davis Y., Ph.D, Mary Gee, Monica Molina, Denise Cai and Sima Forghani. Youth Educating Youth for Health “(YEAH): Preliminary Qualitative Evaluation Findings.”

HONORS/ AWARDS

- 2005-2007 GPA 3.95, California State University, Northridge
- 1999.2003 GPA 3.6, University of California, Irvine
- 1999- 2003 Dean’s Honor List, University California, Irvine

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 03/2004- 06/2004 **Volunteer, Domestic Abuse Shelter**
Ran tutoring sessions and organized activities for children living as residents in shelter.
- 10/2003- 12/2003 **ESL Tutor, University Adult School**
Assisted ESL instructors in class during sessions with adult students.
- 9/2002- 11/2003 **Tutor, SHARE Program of UCI**
Provided one-on-one tutoring in after school program for underprivileged primary school students.
- 1/1998- 4/1998 **Volunteer, Peace CORPS Office**
Helped to assemble applications and performed basic office duties, including answering phones, directing applicants and acting as personal assistant to recruitment manager.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2006- Present American Sociological Association Member

2005- Present Pacific Sociological Association Member

1999- Present Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Member