

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- Ph.D. in Religious Studies, University of Toronto, 2017
- Ph.D. in philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Tehran University, 2005
- M.A in philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Tehran University, 2001
- M.A in English Literature, Department of English Literature, Tehran University, 1997
- B.A in English Literature, Department of English Literature, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, 1994

Monographs and Translations

- Meisami, Sayeh, *Nasir al-Din Tusi: A Philosopher for All Seasons*. Islamic Texts Society, 2018.
- Meisami, Sayeh. *Mulla Sadra*. Oxford, UK: Oneworld, 2013.
- Meisami, Sayeh. *Meaning and Knowledge in the Philosophy of W.V Quine*. Tehran: Neghah Mo'ser Publishers, 2006; 2014, rpt.
- Meisami, Sayeh. Translation into Persian: *The Consolation of Philosophy* by Boethius. Tehran: Neghah Mo'ser Publishers, 2005.
- Meisami, Sayeh. Translation into Persian: *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A Kempis. Tehran: Hermes, 2003; 2004; 2006; 2009, rpt.
- Meisami, Sayeh. Translation into Persian: *Confessions* by Saint Augustine. Tehran: Suhrawardi Press, 2000; 2003; 2007, rpt.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- Meisami, Sayeh. "The Metaphysics of Gulshan-i Rāz-i Shabistarī." In *Guide to Sufi Literature*. University of California Press, 2019.
- Meisami, Sayeh. "Mulla Ṣadra and the Efficacy of Prayer." *Brill Journal of Sufi Studies*, 4 (2015): 59-83.

- Meisami, Sayeh. "Mulla Sadra's Philosophical Imamology." *Religion Compass* (Islam section), forthcoming.
- Meisami, Sayeh. "Abdolkarim Soroush." *Oxford Bibliographies in Islamic Studies*. Edited by Andrew Rippin. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- Meisami, Sayeh. "Mulla Sadra" *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Edited by James Fieser and Bradley Dowden. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/sadra/>
- Meisami, Sayeh. "Quine's Ontological Relativity and Scientific Realism." *Philosophy: A Quarterly Journal at Tehran University*, no. 12 (2006).

Other publications

- Meisami, Sayeh. "William of Ockham and the Foundation of Empiricism." *The Critic* 1, no.2 (May 2004).
- Meisami, Sayeh. "Coherence Theory and Empirical Knowledge." *Soroush-e Andisheh: A Quarterly Review of Religious Thought and Humanities*, no.6 (2003).
- Meisami, Sayeh. "Rationality for Paul Feyerabend." *Nameh Farhang*, no.47 (2003).
- Meisami, Sayeh. "Kierkegaard and the Truth of Faith." *Soroush-e Andisheh: A Quarterly Review of Religious Thought and Humanities*, no.1 (2003).

Book Reviews

- Meisami, Sayeh. *Mulla Sadra and Eschatology: the Evolution of Being* by Eiyad S. Al-Kutubi. *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society*, 57 (2015).
- Meisami, Sayeh. *The Triumph of Mercy: Philosophy and Scripture in Mulla Sadra* by Mohammed Rustom, Oxford: *Iranian Studies*, April (2014).
- Meisami, Sayeh. *Classical Foundations of Islamic Educational Thought: A Compendium of English-Arabic Texts*. Edited by Bradley J. Cook and Fathi H. Malkawi. *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 29:1 (2012).
- Meisami, Sayeh. *The Fundamental Principles of Mulla Sadra's Transcendental Philosophy* by Reza Akbarian. *Islamic Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 6 (2010).

Conference Presentations

- Meisami, Sayeh. “Philosophy and Authority in Shi‘ism: Kirmānī and Mullā Ṣadrā” (An Ohio Symposium on Middle East Studies, Dayton, April 9, 2016)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Human Will and Divine Providence: Key Approaches in Islamic Philosophy” (Society of Middle Ages and Renaissance Philosophy/ American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, March 31, 2016)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “The Power of Human Agency through Prayer from Mullā Ṣadrā’s Point of View” (Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, McGill University, Montreal, May 2, 2015)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Shi‘ite Esoteric Hermeneutics Divided between Neoplatonic Rationalism and Radical Symbolism: A Comparative Analysis of Isma‘ili and Hurufi Hermeneutic Methodologies” (American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 22, 2014)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Qur’anic Hermeneutics and Islamic Philosophy: A Study of Ibn Sina’s Commentary on *Surat al-Falaq* in comparison with his Philosophical Writings on the Problem of Evil” (International Qur’anic Studies Association, San Diego, November 23, 2014)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Islamic Neoplatonism as the Bedrock of Intellectual Shi‘ism: Mulla Sadra and the Construction of the Twelver Shi‘ite Intellectual Narrative of Imamate” (Intellectual Hinterlands Conference at Victoria College, Toronto, June 2014)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Islamic Philosophy and Shi‘ite Authority” (Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, May 2013)

Invited Lectures, Panels, and Workshops

- Meisami, Sayeh. “Islamic Cosmology and Architecture” (Workshop for the First Year Immersion, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Dayton, May 10, 2016)

- Meisami, Sayeh. “From the Fields of Philosophy to the Heights of Gnosis” (Muslim Societies, Global Perspectives at Queen’s University, November 12, 2012)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Panelist of Islam at Location & Dislocation in Early Modern Religion” (University of Toronto, Jackman Humanities Building, October 2011)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Ibn Turkah’s Conciliatory Spirit and the Rise of Mystical Philosophy” (The Department and Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, October 2011)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Reconciliation of Philosophy and Religion in the Spiritual Context of Ibn Ṭufayl’s *Ḥayy Ibn Yaqzān*” (Noor Cultural Centre, Toronto, August 2011)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Mulla Sadra’s Transcendental Philosophy: Substantial Motion, Key to Theological Problems” (Noor Cultural Centre, Toronto June 2011)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Philosophy Education in Iran: Reconciliation of Seminary and University, A Dream Deferred” (The Workshop of Islamic Studies at the University of Toronto, March 2011)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Analytic Tradition in the Philosophy of Literature Today” (Science and Research Institute, Tehran, August 2009)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “The Structure of Augustine’s *Confessions*” (Knowledge and Research Institute, Tehran, August 2000)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Translation and Women in Iran” (The Book of Month Institution, Tehran, April 2000)
- Meisami, Sayeh. “Augustine and the Original Sin: A Comparative Study of Christian and Muslim Mysticism” (The Book of Month Institution, Tehran, April 1999)

Professional Experience

- (August 2015-Present)
Assistant Professor at the Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
Teaching Islamic Philosophy and Culture, Islamic Philosophy and Politics, Introduction to Philosophy
- (January 2015-April 2015)
Course Instructor at the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilization, University of Toronto
Teaching “Modern Islamic Thought”
- (September 2012-May 2014)
Adjunct Professor at the School of Religion, Queen’s University
Teaching a graduate course on “Religion and Modernity,” and undergraduate courses on Islamic Thought
- (January 2013-May 2013)
Instructor at the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto
Teaching Great Thinkers and Writers of the Muslim World including al-Farabi, al-Ghazali and Ibn Sina
- (September 2012- June 2013)
Teaching Assistant for World Religions at the Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto
- (April 2012-July 2012)
Course instructor of Key Texts in Muslim History at Noor Cultural Centre, Toronto
- (January 2012-May 2012)
Instructional Assistant at the Department of Historical Studies, University of Toronto, Mississauga
- (January 2012-May 2012)
Leading the Islamic Philosophy Workshop at the Department of Historical Studies, University of Toronto
Working on an overview of classical Islamic philosophers from al-Kindi to Averroes through primary readings
- (July 2011-September 2011)
Teaching a Historical Survey of Islamic Philosophy at Noor Cultural Centre in Toronto

- (September 2010-September 2012)
Leading Islamic Philosophy Reading Group at the Department for the Study of Religion,
University of Toronto
- (September 2005-July 2010)
Assistant Professor of philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, Islamic Azad University,
North Branch, Tehran
Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses on the history of Islamic philosophy, and
classical logic
- (September 2006-December 2010)
Lecturer at Faculty of Foreign Languages, Islamic Azad University, Central Branch,
Tehran
Teaching philosophy of literature and critical theory to graduate students of English
literature
- (December 2005-December 2010)
Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Islamic Azad University, Science and Research
Branch, Tehran
Teaching graduate courses in epistemology, philosophy of language, and philosophy of
mind
- (September 1998-July 2010)
Lecturer at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Islamic Azad University, North Branch,
Tehran
Teaching undergraduate courses in advanced English poetry and literary criticism
- (November 2001-October 2010)
Editor for the English section of the *Quarterly Journal of Philosophy* at the University of
Tehran
- (September 2004-December 2005)
Visiting Lecturer at the Department of Philosophy in Tehran University
Teaching comprehension techniques for reading philosophical texts in English to
undergraduate classes

- (September 2000-July 2001)
Visiting Professor at the Department of Philosophy in Allameh Tabatabaie University, Tehran
Teaching comprehension techniques for reading philosophical texts in English to undergraduate classes

Thesis Supervisions

- Parvaneh, Farid. "A Post-colonial and Feminist Reading of Tony Morrison's Major Novels." Ph.D. Dissertation (Faculty of Foreign languages at Islamic Azad University, Tehran Central Branch, September 2010).
- Mozafari, Motahareh. "A Feminist Study of the Awakening and Selected Short Stories." Master's Thesis (Faculty of Foreign Languages at Islamic Azad University, Tehran Central Branch, February 2010).
- Modarres, Mansoureh. "The Function of Narratives in three Novels by Iris Murdoch." Master's Thesis (Faculty of Foreign Languages at Islamic Azad University, Tehran Central Branch, June 2009).
- Serajian, Maryam. "Three Shared Features of the Worlds of Fantasy Fiction and Science Fiction, and Postmodernist Fiction in Philip Pullman's Trilogy: His Dark Materials." Master's Thesis (Faculty of Foreign Languages at Islamic Azad University, Tehran Central Branch, June 2009).

Current Research Interests

- Epistemology in later Islamic philosophy
- Philosophy and politics
- Rationalist hermeneutics of scriptural literature
- Methodology in Shii philosophy

Memberships

- International Society for Iranian Studies
- American Philosophical Association

- Society for Middle Ages and Renaissance Philosophy

Awards and Nominations

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2014-2015, 15000 \$
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2013-2014, 15000 \$
- McCuaig-Throop Bursary 2012-2013, 3000 \$
- Nominated for the Best Research of the Year Award, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, 2010
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, 2008
- Nominated for the Islamic Republic Book of the Year Award, 2006
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, 2001

Selective Interviews

- “The Death of Reason is the Death of Humanity,” in the *Etemad* (27th July 2009)
- “Continental and/or Analytic Philosophy,” in the *Etemad Melli*, (27th May 2009)
- “On Augustine’s Confessions,” *Aban Monthly* (October 2002, No.141)
- “On the Consolation of Philosophy,” *Iran* (17th March 2002)
- “The Legacy of Medieval Philosophy,” *Entekhab* (31st October 2001)