

✚ PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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✚ CURRENT ACADEMIC positions

- ✓ **Assistant professor**, English department, Alzahra (Al-Zahra) University, Tehran, Iran, September 2003 (Mehr 1382) - present
- ✓ **Director of Inter-University & International Academic Relations**, Alzahra (Al-Zahra) University, Tehran, Iran, February 2013 (Bahman 1391) - present
- ✓ **President of TELLSI (i.e., Teaching English Language and Literature Society of Iran)**, November 2012 (Aban 1391) - present

✚ EDUCATION

- **PhD in TEFL (i.e., Teaching English as a Foreign Language) (2002/1381)**
 - ✓ University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran
 - ✓ Dissertation: “Contrastive EAP Rhetoric: Metadiscourse in Persian vs. English”
- **MA in TEFL (i.e., Teaching English as a Foreign Language) (1996/1375)**
 - ✓ University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran
 - ✓ Thesis: “The construct validity of Searle’s speech act classification”
- **BA in English Literature (1992/1371)**
 - ✓ University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

✚ NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS/HONORS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

- ✓ **Offering and teaching the first *online* CALL course in Iran**, 2011 (1390).
- ✓ **Establishing the first CALL (i.e., Computer-assisted language learning) course** to ever be offered at MA level in Iranian public universities, Alzahra

University, 2010 (1389).

- ✓ **Chairperson of TELLIS8 conference** held at Alzahra University, with the theme “CALL for change in our language teaching,” 2010 (1389).
- ✓ **Scholarship**, Travel accommodations and conference fees for WorldCALL in Fukuoka, Japan, 2008 (1387).
- ✓ **Establishing the first CALL (i.e., Computer-assisted language learning) course** to ever be offered at PhD level in Iranian public universities, Alzahra University, 2007 (1386).
- ✓ **Coordinator of Electronic Village Online (EVO**, Annual international project undertaken by CALL-SIG of TESOL), 2007 - 2010 (1386 - 89).
- ✓ **Supervisor** to over 25 MA theses and **advisor** to over 30 MA theses; **advisor** to 2 PhD dissertations and **supervisor** to 6 PhD dissertations, 2002 - present (1381 - present).
- ✓ **Over 25 presentations** at national and international conferences, as well as numerous workshops, 2002 - present (1381 - present).
- ✓ **2nd place prize for educational CD-ROM (i.e., English at Home)**, co-authored with Seyyedeh Sepedeh Marandi, awarded by Minister of Education at the First National Fair of Iranian Software, 2002 (1381).
- ✓ **PhD top student**, University of Tehran, Faculty of Foreign Languages, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), 2002 (1381).
- ✓ **MA top student**, University of Tehran, Faculty of Foreign Languages, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), 1996 (1375).
- ✓ **BA top student**, University of Tehran, Faculty of Foreign Languages, English Language and Literature, 1992 (1371).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ✓ **Assistant professor**, English department, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, September 2003 (Mehr 1382) - present

A variety of BA, MA, and PhD courses, notably among them: Computer-assisted language learning (CALL) (PhD and MA), Language assessment (PhD, MA, and BA), Language Skills (MA), Syllabus Design (MA), SPSS (MA), English Poetry (BA), Reading Comprehension (BA), etc.

- ✓ **Lecturer**, English department, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, September 2000 - September 2003 (Mehr 1379 - Mehr 1382)
- ✓ **Lecturer**, University of Tehran (Syllabus Design, MA; Practice Teaching, MA; Advanced Writing, MA; Language Teaching Methodology, MA); Allameh Tabatabaie University (Research Methodology, MA; Seminar, MA); Sharif University of Technology (Research Methodology, MA; Seminar, MA; Computer-assisted language learning, MA); Tarbiat Modarres University (Computer-assisted language learning, PhD).

TEACHING INTERESTS

- RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Refereed journals (Elmi-pazhuheshi):

- ✓ 2003 (1382), "Metadiscourse in Persian/English Master's Theses: A Contrastive Study," published in *IJAL (Iranian Journal of Language)* at Tarbiat Mo'alem University.
- ✓ 2008 (1387), "A comparison of metadiscourse markers in Persian and English political articles," published in the *Journal of Humanities of Alzahra University*, first author.
- ✓ 2008 (1387), "Strategic reading process in two online and printed environments," published in *The Journal of Asia TEFL*, first author.
- ✓ 2009 (1388), "Reading strategies in electronic environments: An emerging concern," published in the *Iranian EFL Journal*, first author.
- ✓ 2013 (1391), "Wikis as discussion forums: Exploring students' contribution and their attention to form," published in *Computer Assisted Language Learning*, second author.

- ✓ Forthcoming, “Reading English in the computer lab,” to appear in the *Iranian Journal of Applied Language Studies (IJALS)*, sole author.
 - ✓ Forthcoming, “A qualitative study of Iranian EFL teachers’ beliefs about teaching/learning culture: A case study,” to appear in *TELL* journal, second author.
 - ✓ Forthcoming, “Obstacles in implementing CALL in Iranian EFL classes,” to appear in *ReCALL*, second author.
 - ✓ Forthcoming:
 - ✓ دیدگاه‌های زبان آموزان در مورد مفهوم فرهنگ و بازتاب آن در آموزش زبان انگلیسی به دانشجویان ایرانی (چاپ در نشریه علمی-پژوهشی زبان پژوهی) دکتر الهه ستوده نما، سیده سوسن مرندی، پریسا مهران
- **Non-Refereed (Elmi-tarviji):**
- ✓ 2011 (1390), CALL 101: Some basics any CALL practitioner needs to know; published in *Roshd FLT* magazine, Vol 26(1).
 - ✓ 2011 (1390), CALL 101: More basics you need to know; published in *Roshd FLT* magazine Vol 26(2).
 - ✓ 2012 (1391), Netiquette rules: Avoiding online communication breakdowns and misunderstandings; published in *Roshd FLT* magazine, Vol. 26(3).
 - ✓ 2012 (1391), Appropriate online behavior: Beyond netiquette rules; published in *Roshd FLT* magazine, Vol. 27(1).
 - ✓ 2012 (1391), Online safety and privacy; published in *Roshd FLT* magazine, Vol. 27(2).
 - ✓ 2013 (1392), Recognizing safe, reliable websites; published in *Roshd FLT* magazine, Vol. 27(4).
- **Book chapters:**
- ✓ 2010 (1389), Chapter 16 of *CALL in limited technology contexts*, edited by Joy Egbert et al. and published in 2010 by CALICO publications. Chapter 16 is entitled, “Bravely stepping forward: Creating CALL communities to support teachers and learners in Iran.”

- ✓ 2013 (1391), Chapter 11 in *The Handbook of Applied Linguistics in the Middle East*, edited by Ramin Akbari and Christine Coombe, and published by TESOL Arabia. Chapter 11 is entitled: “Computer-assisted language learning.”

Current research interests

- ✓ Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL), Indigenizing TEFL studies/practices in Iran, Language assessment, etc.

Funded research projects

- ✓ Teaching reading comprehension using computers, Vice Chancellory of Research, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 2013.

Selected conference papers and invited presentations

- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2002/1381). Teaching English in the new millennium: CALL in Iran. In A. A. Rezaie (Ed.), *Proceedings of the First Conference on Issues in English Language Teaching in Iran* (pp. 205-220). Tehran: University of Tehran Press.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2005/1384). Computer assisted language learning: A practical introduction. Paper presented at IELTI 3, University of Tehran, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2006/1384). Computer-assisted language learning: A hands-on workshop. Paper presented at TELLSI 3, Razi University, Kermanshah, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2007/1385). Yahoo Groups: A Simple but Effective Tool for Teaching Online. Paper presented at TELLSI 4, Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. & Fayyazi, M. (2007/1385). Technophobia, Technophilia, and CALL. Paper presented at TELLSI 4, Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2007/1386). Taking Learning to the Next Level: Collaborating through Wikis. Paper presented at IELTI 4, University of Tehran, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. & Roshani, N. (2007/1386). A Study of the Consequential Validity of the University Entrance Examination in Iran (Konkour). Paper presented at IELTI 4, University of Tehran, Iran.
- ✓ Cruvinel et al. (2008/1387). CALL Challenges around the world. Colloquium

presented at WorldCALL 2008, Fukuoka, Japan.

- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2008/1387). A Brave New World: Making the Transition from Assessment to e-Assessment in TEFL. Paper presented at TELLSI 6, Guilan University, Guilan, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2009/1388). Bridging the gap among language testers: Introducing EFL teachers to online assessment. Paper presented at ILACA, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia. (Invited speaker)
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. & Farshadnia, S. (2009/1388). Patterns of language behavior in a digital world: Email etiquette in Iran. Paper presented at TELLSI 7, Yazd University, Yazd, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. & Asoodar, M. (2010/1388). Using Item Response Theory to Evaluate the Computer-Adaptive Test of DIALANG. Paper presented at IELTI 5, University of Tehran, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. & Babamaleki, F. (2010/1388). Assessing dimensions of vocabulary knowledge of EFL learners at low and high levels of proficiency. Paper presented at IELTI 5, University of Tehran, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. et al. (2010/1389). Struggling with CALL: Sharing an Iranian Experience. Symposium presented at TELLSI 8, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2011/1390). Computer-assisted language learning: Luxury or necessity?. Paper presented at First Int'l TESOL Persia Conference, Tehran, Iran. (Invited speaker)
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2012/1391). CALL in Iran: Challenges and Innovations. Paper presented at ELT in Iran: Challenges and Innovations, Torbat Heidariyeh, Iran. (Invited speaker)
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. & Ostovar, F. (2012/1391). Complexity in writing assessment: Novice vs. expert raters. Paper presented at TELLSI 10, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran.
- ✓ Marandi, S. S. (2012/1391). Online collaboration: An introduction to using wikis. Workshop presented at TELLSI 10, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran.
- ✓ Hedayati, F. & Marandi, S. S. (2013/1392). Obstacles in implementing CALL in Iranian EFL classes. Paper presented at WorldCALL 2013, Glasgow, Scotland.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- ✓ 2006 - 2010 (1385 - 1389), **Head of English Department at Alzahra University**

- ✓ 2007 - present (1386 - present), **Member of Board of Directors of TELLSI (i.e., Teaching English Language and Literature Society of Iran)**
- ✓ 2009 - 2012 (1388 - 1391), **Vice-president of TELLSI (i.e., Teaching English Language and Literature Society of Iran)**
- ✓ 2012 - present (1391- present), **President of TELLSI (i.e., Teaching English Language and Literature Society of Iran)**
- ✓ 2011 - present (1390 - present), **Director of TELLSI CALL-SIG**
- ✓ 2011 - present (1390 - present), **Director of TELLSI Language Assessment-SIG**
- ✓ 2013 - current time (1391- present), **Director of Inter-University & International Academic Relations of Alzahra University**

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- ✓ Online course on Computer-assisted language learning (CALL) at St. Michael's College in Vermont, 2004 (1383).
- ✓ Numerous online CALL courses via the Electronic Village Online (EVO), from 2005 to 2010 (1384 - 1389).
- ✓ Qualitative research workshop, Iran Language Institute, 2005 (1384).
- ✓ QSR.Nudist workshop, Iran Language Institute, 2005 (1384).

LANGUAGES

- ✓ **Farsi**-native competence
- ✓ **English**-native competence
- ✓ **French**-lower intermediate competence
- ✓ **Arabic**-basic competence

Selected dissertations supervised

- ✓ To be added soon



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Selected dissertations advised

✓ To be added soon

Selected theses supervised

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