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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Children's Literature, Global Education, Educational Technology, Digital Literacy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Teaching, Learning, and Sociocultural Studies, *University of Arizona* Aug 2023 – Now

- **focus:** Children's and Young Adult Literature in a Diverse World

M.Sc. in Primary Education, Thesis-based, *Azad University* Sep 2017 – May 2019

- **Thesis:** The relationship between emotional intelligence and quality of life with academic achievement in secondary students

B.Sc. in Primary and Pre-Primary Education, Course-based, *Shahid Bahonar University* Feb 2013 – May 2017

- Honors College

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Associate August 2023 — June 2022

Teaching Associate, The University of Arizona

Tucson, AZ

- Prepared teaching contents by researching and exploring children's and young adult's literature to enhance multicultural awareness
- Advised diverse group of undergraduate students in office hours to improve their academic skills
- collaborated with TRIO staff to hold a conference for students in order to improve their knowledge about the university resources

Elementary School Teacher Sep 2017 — Jul 2023

Full-Time, Educational System Of Hamedan

Hamedan, Iran

- Developed tailored lesson plans for diverse learners, creating a positive classroom environment
- Utilized technology for engagement, collaborated with stakeholders, and maintained accurate records
- Implemented effective behavior management, organized enriching activities, and pursued professional development
- Supervised and trained undergraduate and high school students on lab equipment usage and laboratory safety

Supervisor and Analyzer of Teaching Quality Sep 2018 — May 2023

Part-Time Teaching in a Privacy Institution

Hamedan, Iran

- Conducted comparative analysis of final grades across classes, identifying areas for improvement to enhance teaching quality within a privacy institution
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- Implemented data-driven approaches to assess and enhance teaching effectiveness, contributing to the continuous improvement of educational standards

English Teacher Dec 2021 — Jul 2023

Part-time Job as a Self-Employed Teacher

Hamedan, Iran

- Independently taught English to elementary students outside traditional settings, tailoring lessons to individual needs
- Designed engaging activities to boost English proficiency, using innovative methods for active learning
- Created a supportive environment, fostering student confidence and enthusiasm for language acquisition

Internship Sep 2015 — Jul 2017

Part-time Job, Helping Students with learning disorders

Hamedan, Iran

- Supported students with learning disorders in elementary schools, employing innovative methods to improve academic performance
- Identified and assisted students with learning challenges, implementing tailored strategies to foster academic growth
- Utilized creative approaches to enhance learning outcomes for students with diverse learning needs during a part-time internship

PUBLICATIONS

- **Zandi.N.**, (2024). [Review of the book Empty and Me, by A. Mahdavi]. Worlds of Words Publication.
- Nazari, H., **Zandi, N.**, Taheri, R., Azimifar, S. H. (2015). Investigating aspects of emotional intelligence in Molana's Masnavi. MAHCONF01060.
- Nazari, H., **Zandi, N.**, Taheri, R., Azimifar, S. H. (2015). Effectiveness of group cognitive therapy based on Michael Free in reducing depression in mothers of children with mental disorders. MAHCONF01060.

BOOKS

- **Methods in Science**
Korzeh, M., **Zandi, N.** (2019). Methods of teaching experimental science courses in elementary school. Hamedan: Rooz Andish.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **Exploring How Picture Books Shape Children's Understanding of Global Issues** Jan 2023-Jun 2024
Collaborated with professors to research the impact of immigration and refugee-themed picture books on children's global awareness, analyzing feedback from both teachers and students for key insights
- **Critical Analysis of Picturebooks Depicting Islam and Muslim Life** Sep 2023-Apr 2024
Collaborated with professors and a graduate student to explore picturebooks depicting Islam and Muslim life, conducting a critical content analysis of six selected books to examine their portrayal and impact
- **The influence of online education** Jan 2022-Jun 2023
Researched the effects of online education versus traditional schooling on primary and secondary students in Hamedan Province during the COVID-19 outbreak
- **Improving students' engagement** Jan 2020- Jun 2021
Investigated innovative approaches to enhance student engagement and integrating multi-modal literacy within online classrooms
- **The effectiveness of talent assessment competitions** Jan 2017- Jun 2018
Examined the impact of talent assessment competitions and patent initiatives on elementary students

SKILLS

Soft skills	Communication, teamwork, time management, decision-making, critical thinking
Office application	MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Adobe Acrobat, Autoplay Media Studio, \LaTeX
Language	English (Advanced), Persian (Native), Arabic (Basic)

VOLUNTEERING

- Event Host** **March 2024**
Tucson Book Festival *Tucson, AZ*
- Facilitated interactions with moderators, panelists, and workshop leaders
 - Coordinate book signing sessions and promotional activities for three book authors

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **The University Of Arizona** Aug 2023- present
Awarded a full graduate tuition scholarship, including a complete tuition fee waiver
- **Holden Memorial Scholarship, The University Of Arizona** 2024-2025
Awarded the Holden Memorial Scholarship by the College of Education at the University of Arizona, valued at 1,500 Dollar. Recognized for academic excellence and supported by generous donors dedicated to advancing education
- **Graduate College Fellowship, The University of Arizona** Fall 2023
Awarded 2,500 Dollar for academic excellence
- **Shahid Bahonar University** Feb 2013 — Aug 2017
Awarded a full scholarship by Shahid Bahonar University for the entirety of my Bachelor's degree program, encompassing a tuition fee waiver

ACTIVITIES

Generative AI in Language Education: Rewards, Risks, and Reboot Webinar

March 13, 2024

Exploring the role of generative AI in language education, discussing its benefits, risks, and ethical considerations, while providing practical examples and insights for educators of all levels of expertise

Development and Assessment of Intercultural Competence Conference

February 22-25, 2024

Theme: Intercultural Learning, Global Citizenship, and Peacebuilding

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Globalizing the Community College Curriculum

January 19-20, 2024

Theme: Embracing Counternarratives for Global Learning

Tucson, AZ

Arizona English Teachers Association Conference

September 23, 2023

Theme: Fostering Spaces of Healing and Joy Through English Language Arts

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