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Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 2021–June 2026
(expected)

Special Concentration in Social Statistics, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences – 2025

Comprehensive Exam: Passed Winter 2023; General Exam: Passed Fall 2024

Areas: Social Movement Theory; Identity; Sociology of Religion; Comparative Study of Nationalism

M.A. in Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 2021

B.A. in Sociology with Honors, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 2018

Associate of Arts with High Honors, Green River Community College, Auburn, WA 2016

B.A. in Business Administration, Payam-e Noor University, Germe, Iran 2010

Academic Employment

Course Instructor, University of Washington July 2021–present

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington Sept. 2018–present

Lecturer, Hofstra University Spring 2025

Lecturer, School of the Art Institute of Chicago Sept.–Dec. 2021

Associate Faculty, Everett Community College Sept. 2025–present

Dissertation & Thesis

Ph.D. Dissertation (in progress)

Veils of Belonging: Ritual, Identity, and Nationhood in the Modern Middle East.

A comparative mixed-methods study of Iran and Turkey examining how the intensity of religious rituals shapes national belonging across dominant and minority groups.

M.A. Thesis

Jabbarli, Ramin. 2021. *Making and Transcending Boundaries: The Effect of Ritual on Nationalism among Dominant and Subordinate Ethnicities in the Near East*. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Jabbarli, Ramin. 2024. "Making and Transcending Boundaries: The Effect of Ritual on Nationalism." *Theory and Society* 53(6): 1415–1440. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11186-024-09581-4>.

Jabbarli, Ramin. 2021. "İran'da Etnik Protestoların Dinamikleri: 2006'tan Bu Yana Azerbaycanlılar Tarafından Düzenlenen Protestolar [The Dynamics of Ethnic Demonstrations in Iran since 2006; Comparing Ahmadinejad and Rouhani's Terms]." *Sosyologca Dergisi* 1. [Full text; Republication](#).

Under Review

Jabbarli, Ramin. "Testing the Boundaries: Ritual Intensity and National Belonging in Turkey and Iran." Under review at *Social Problems*.

Jabbarli, Ramin. "Drawing the Boundaries: The Dynamics of Exclusion and Inclusion through Rituals in Iran." Under review at *American Journal of Sociology*.

In Progress

Jabbarli, Ramin. *Fragile Boundaries: Rituals, Ethnicities, and the Challenge of National Belonging in Turkey*.

Jabbarli, Ramin. *Drought and Disparity: How Ethnic Grievances Shape Perceptions of Water Scarcity*.

Jabbarli, Ramin and Steven Pfaff. *The Decline of National Identity in Multiethnic Societies: Religion and Nation in Iran and Belgium*.

Teaching Experience

Courses Designed and Taught as Instructor of Record

University of Washington (UW)

SOC 247: Contemporary Social Movements – multiple terms (2020–2023)

SOC 404: Sociology in Practice (Community/Civic Internship Program) – Winter 2023

SOC 316: Introduction to Sociological Theory – Summer 2024

SOC 360: Introduction to Social Stratification – Winter 2026

Hofstra University

Classical Sociological Theories – Spring 2025

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Global Social Movements – Fall 2021

Everett Community College

SOC& 101: Introduction to Sociology – Fall 2025

Other Teaching

Sociology of Social Movements – Remote course for Azerbaijani Civic Nation (Non-Profit Organization), Toronto, Canada – Winter 2023

Courses Taught as Teaching Assistant (University of Washington)

SOC 316: Introduction to Sociological Theory – Fall 2019; Fall 2022

SOC 257: Sociology of Religion – Fall 2020

STAT 221: Statistical Concepts and Methods for the Social Sciences – Fall 2023; Winter 2024; Spring 2024; Fall 2024; Winter 2025; Spring 2025

SOC 110: Survey of Sociology – Winter 2021
SOC 222: Sociology of Sport – Winter 2020
SOC 300: Foundations of Social Inquiry – Fall 2018; Winter 2022

Honors, Grants, and Awards

Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies – 2024–2025 (\$15,000)
Herbert L. Costner Award, Distinguished Graduate Student Paper, Department of Sociology, University of Washington – 2024
[Smith Richardson Foundation Grant](#) (\$100,000) – “Iran Is More than Persia: Impact of Iran’s Ethnic Minorities on Regime Stability and Regional Foreign Policy Behavior” (with Brenda Shaffer and Ramin Jabbarli) – 2020
National Science Foundation – Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship Program – 2020
Ralph Leonard Achievement Award (\$25,422), University of Washington – 2017
Undergraduate Honors Student in Sociology, University of Washington – 2018
Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society – inducted 2018
Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Chi Beta Chapter – inducted 2016

Conference Presentations

Jabbarli, Ramin and Steven Pfaff. “The Decline of National Identity in Multiethnic Societies: Religion and Nation in Iran and Belgium.” Presented at ASREC 2025 (Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture), George Mason University.

Jabbarli, Ramin and Steven Pfaff. “The Decline of National Identity in Multiethnic Societies: Religion and Nation in Iran and Belgium.” Presented at the 2025 International Congress on Contemporary Debates from the Perspective of Sociology and Philosophy, Istanbul Gelişim University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Jabbarli, Ramin. “Making and Transcending Boundaries: The Effect of Ritual on Nationalism.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association, 2024.

Jabbarli, Ramin and Steven Pfaff. “The Decline of National Identity in Multiethnic Societies: Religion and Nation in Iran and Belgium.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association, 2024.

Jabbarli, Ramin. “Crossing Ethnic Boundaries: Factors Influencing Home-Language Shift among Ethnic Minorities in Iran.” Presented at the 2023 Mosaïque Symposium of Language Studies, Department of Integrated Studies in Education (DISE), McGill University. [Video Link](#).

Jabbarli, Ramin. 2022. “Making and Transcending Boundaries: The Effect of Ritual on Nationalism among Dominant and Subordinate Ethnicities in the Near East.” Presented at the 2022 Conference of the Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society, Chapman University.

Collins, Devin, Selen Guler, and Ramin Jabbarli. “What Money Can Buy: Assessing the Impact of Unemployment on Subjective Well-Being Across 6 PSID Waves.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, 2021.

Professional Service

President, [Foundation for Inclusive Society](#), Seattle, WA – 2022–present

Chief Editor, [Etekyazi.com](#) – 2018–present

Graduate Student Representative, Awards and Social Life Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Washington – 2022; 2024

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

Department of Sociology, University of Washington

Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)

Professional Member, PEN America – 2015–2017

Languages

Azerbaijani (native); English (fluent); Turkish (fluent); Farsi/Persian (fluent)

Public Scholarship: Selected Articles, Invited Speeches, Workshops, and Interviews

Selected Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

Jabbarli, Ramin and Steven Pfaff. “Collective Action.” In *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*. 2023:1–10. Springer. [Link](#).

Jabbarli, Ramin. 2021. “Arab Protests in Iran: Water Crisis or Systemic Racism.” *The National Interest*. July 25. [Link](#).

Jabbarli, Ramin. 2021. “The Challenges of Identity Politics in Iran.” *Baku Dialogues*, Summer 2025. [Link](#).

Jabbarli, Ramin. “The Nagorno-Karabakh War Widens the Ethnic Divide in Iran.” *The National Interest*. October 26, 2020.

Jabbarli, Ramin and Brenda Shafer. “Covid-19: Hitting Iran’s minorities harder.” *Middle East Institute*. April 17, 2020. [Link](#).

Cabbarlı, Ramin. “İran feministlrind irqçilik izi [Racism and Persian Feminists].” Makroblog, March 14, 2017.

Cabbarlı, Ramin. “Ksişn kimliklr [The Clashing Identities].” Makroblog, January 25, 2017.

Jabbarli, Ramin. “The Triggering and Deterring Factors of Recent Protests in Iran.” *Modern Diplomacy*, December 28, 2017.

Cabbarlı, Ramin. “Rsulzad v inqilabçı sosializm haqqında düşüncrl [On Resulzade’s Social Thoughts].” BBC, January 31, 2017.

Cabbarlı, Ramin. “Adlar v kişilrin ürk dominantlığı [On crossdressing and male domination].” BBC, September 12, 2016.

AzadlıqRadiosu. “İranda etniklr farscanı lhçyl danışdığı üçün niy utanırlar [Double Consciousness and Accentism in Iran].” November 15, 2015.

Selected Interviews, Workshops, and Invited Speeches

Jabbarli, Ramin. 2025. Workshop session taught, “Ethnic Minorities and Social Movements.” Milliyyet Research Center, Baku, Azerbaijan.

Jabbarli, Ramin. 2024. Workshop discussant, Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society (ISRES), Chapman University.

Interview, Voice of America. “Human Rights Violations in Iranian Azerbaijan — Sociologist Ramin Jabbarli Comments on the New Report.” September 6, 2024. [Link](#).

Interview, Voice of America. “US Elections and Iran, Pezeshkian, Mahsa Amini Protests — Ramin Jabbarli.” October 3, 2024. [Link](#).

Interview, BBC. “Iran Has Serious Grounds for Concern about Azerbaijanis — Sociologist Ramin Jabbarli.” 2023. [Video](#).

Invited Talk. “History and Current State of Ethnic Discrimination in Iran.” 32nd Economic Forum, Karpacz, Poland, September 7, 2023. [Video](#).

Invited Talk. “Social Movements: The Iranian Example.” Gelişim University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2023. [Link](#).

Translations of Books & Editorial Experience

Cezani, Bijen. *İran Meşrutiyet Devrimi: Güçler ve Amaçlar* [Iranian Constitutional Revolution: 1906–1911], translated by Ramin Cabbarlı and Turkan Urmulu. Kaynak Publishing House, Istanbul, 2014.

Rezulzade, Mehmet Emin. *İhtilalci Sosyalizm ve Demokrasi* [Revolutionary Socialism and Democracy], Compiled and Translated by Ramin Cabbarlı. Doğu Publishing House, Istanbul, 2014.

Ramazani, İbrahim. *Traxtor İsyanı* [On sport and Politics in Iran]. Editor: Ramin Cabbarlı. Doğu Publishing House, Istanbul, 2015.

Samed Behrengi’s literary series (12 books):

Behrengi, Samed. *Küçük Kara Balık*. Trans. Ramin Cabbarlı and Türkan Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, Istanbul, 2012.

Behrengi, Samed. *Ulduz ve Kargalar*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2012.

Behrengi, Samed. *Toplu Masallar I*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2012.

Behrengi, Samed. *Toplu Masallar II*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2013.

Behrengi, Samed. *Ulduz ve Konuşan Bebek*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2013.

Behrengi, Samed. *Deli Dumrul*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2013.

Behrengi, Samed. *Sevgi Efsanesi*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2013.

Behrengi, Samed. *Güvercinci Keloğlan*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2013.

Behrengi, Samed. *Telhun*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2014.

Behrengi, Samed. *Bir Günlük Düş ve Gerçek*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2014.

Behrengi, Samed. *Bir Şeftali Bin Şeftali*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2014.

Behrengi, Samed. *Köroğlu ve Kel Hamza*. Trans. R. Cabbarlı and T. Urmulu. Kaynak Yayınları, 2014.

Abdullah Şaik's series (5 books), translated by Ramin Cabbarlı and Türkan Urmulu. Kaynak Publishing House, Istanbul. [In Press]

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