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## EXPERIENCE

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### SCOTTEN CONSULTING, LLC

#### Founder, Middle East Analyst

Las Cruces, NM  
May 2013-Present

- Provide sociocultural and geopolitical analysis support
- Provide due diligence investigation support to commercial clients
- Monitor and analyze Persian-language news and social media
- Lecture on Middle East politics and anthropology

### RAND CORPORATION

#### Adjunct Staff

Washington, DC  
May 2013-Present

- Co-author monographs and articles on Middle East security and political issues
- Conduct Middle East research and analysis for Global Research Department

### BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON, INC.

#### Associate, Senior Iran Analyst

McLean, VA  
June 2008-May 2013

- Provided Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) on Iranian domestic and foreign policy issues
- Translated Persian language media
- Authored and edited in-depth sociocultural and international security research papers
- Managed multi-person research projects and translation services
- Awarded Booz Allen Hamilton Performance and Team Awards in 2010, 2011, and 2013, and First Year Impact Award in 2009

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Persian (advanced); English (native fluency); Arabic (intermediate); French (intermediate)

## EDUCATION

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### GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

#### Master of Science in Foreign Service

Washington, DC  
May 2009

#### Foreign Policy and International Security Concentration

Thesis: Promoting American Interests Through Reform: Placing Human Rights on the Agenda in U.S.-Iran Talks

Relevant Coursework: Farsi Media Analysis, Middle East Security Issues, International Negotiation

Awards: Jacob K. Javits Fellowship; School of Foreign Service Ravenal Fellow; Institute for the Study of Diplomacy Fellow

### UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

#### Master of Arts in Anthropology

Chicago, IL  
June 2007

Thesis: Magic and Inter-Communal Relations in Sasanian Iraq: The Case of the Incantation Bowls

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Persian; History of Iran and Central Asia; Anthropology of Ethnicity

Awards: American Anthropological Association Best Thesis Award (2007); University of Chicago Century Fellowship

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

#### Yarmouk University Affiliate, Department of Archaeology

Irbid, Jordan  
September 2003-June 2004

- Studied Levantine Arabic
- Supervised excavation and documentation of Iron-Age site (7<sup>th</sup> century B.C.)

### UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

#### B.A. in Near Eastern Studies and Anthropology, *Summa Cum Laude*

Tucson, Arizona  
May 2003

Relevant Coursework: Arabic; Arab-Israeli Conflict; History of the Middle East

Awards: Phi Beta Kappa Society; Near Eastern Studies Dept. Outstanding Senior; CMES Language Award

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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The Potential Impact of Iranian Politics on Future Iran-GCC Relations, *Gulf State Analytics*, April 12, 2016.

Iran Picks New Battle against Islamic State with State-Commissioned Film, *The Guardian*, November 24, 2015.

Iran's Influence in Afghanistan: Implications for the U.S. Drawdown. Santa Monica: RAND Corporation, 2014.

Rouhani Win Could Reduce Iran-Saudi Tensions, *Al-Monitor*, June 21, 2013.

The Power of an Iranian President, *The National Interest*, June 13, 2013.

A Human Rights Lever for Iran, *Washington Post*, September 30, 2009.

Iranians' Love Affair with America, *Christian Science Monitor*, January 19, 2007.