

Nikki R Keddie Biography and CV

Fields of interest: Near Eastern history, especially Iran; Social history; Women's History; Comparative and World History; Photography

I was born in Brooklyn, 1930, and attended the City and Country School and Horace-Mann Lincoln High School in Manhattan before going to Radcliffe College, (*Magna cum laude*, Modern European History and Literature, elected to Phi Beta Kappa in junior year). My thesis was on the Italian Socialist Party. Then I went to Stanford for a Modern European History M.A., with a thesis on the philosophy of history of Giambattista Vico. Then to U.C. Berkeley for my Ph.D., working in European and especially Middle Eastern History, with a dissertation, "The Impact of the West on Modern Iranian Social History." East and South Asia were other fields.

After a year's research job on South Asia, and a general secondary credential, I became an instructor at the University of Arizona, Tucson, and then instructor, then assistant professor, at Scripps College in Claremont, CA, with my main teaching in their three-year Western Civilization program. In 1961 I became visiting assistant professor at UCLA, assistant professor in 1963 and then associate and full professor. At UCLA I have taught mainly Middle Eastern and Iranian history, and also courses on comparative revolution, comparative religious politics, and non-written sources and methodology in History teaching and research (covering photography, audio and videotaping, oral history and interviewing and some of the uses of the audiovisual potential of computers). I have several lifetime awards:

- 1994 elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2001 mentoring award of Middle East Studies Association, which also made me an honorary fellow in 2003.
- 2001 award for scholarly distinction from the American Historical Association
- 2002 Persian History award from the Encyclopedia Iranica Foundation
- In 2004 I won the generous prize of the international Balzan Foundation, half of which is devoted to others' research and has enabled me to bring two post-doctoral fellows in women's studies to UCLA for each of three years. The fellows for 2005-06 are Holly Shissler, who taught two courses in History, and Nayereh Tohidi, who taught two courses in Women's Studies. 2006-07 fellows are Masserat Amir-Ebrahimi and Jasamin Rostam-Kolayi. The 2007-08 fellow is Hourii Berberian.
- Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for Iranian Studies in 2008

I have had these major fellowships, in addition to several summer and UCLA grants: AAUW (1954-55); Guggenheim (1963-64), SSRC (1959-60, 1966), Rockefeller (1980, 1982; Bellagio, 1992); I was visiting scholar for four months at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., in 1982, and was associate professor, Harvard summer school, 1967 and visiting professor, University of Rochester (1970), and University of Paris, III (1976-78). I have spent a total of three years in Iran and have done extensive research travel in Europe, the Middle East, East and Southeast Asia, and Africa.

I founded and edited the journal *CONTENTION: DEBATES IN SOCIETY, CULTURE AND SCIENCE*, 1991-96. In the last few years I have published books and three interrelated articles on comparative secularism and fundamentalism, worldwide. I have recent books on Iran and a 2007 book on the history of Middle Eastern women, having published previously on the subject, and in the past few years having published articles on women and fundamentalism worldwide, on Iranian women since 1979, and on the

study of Middle Eastern Women's History, as well as other articles listed below.

Previous to that I published several books about Iranian history and Sayyed Jamal ad-Din al-Afghani, and edited several more about Middle Eastern Women, Religio-political trends in Iran and the Muslim world, and other topics. Most of my 100+ articles, can be found in the bibliographies in my Iran and the Muslim World (New York University Press, 1995), and Women in the Middle East (Princeton, 2007), and the books are listed at the end of this entry.

I was elected president, Middle East Studies Association, for 1980-81, having previously served on its executive board and also that of the Society for Iranian Studies. I have served on committees of these two groups, and also of the AHA, UCLA, and several others. I have served on several editorial boards of journals and encyclopedias. I am a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

In April 2000 I put on my fourth international conference (all published after editing), which in 2002, as edited by me and Rudi Matthee, was published by the University of Washington Press as "Iran and the Surrounding World 1501-2001: Interactions in Culture and Cultural Politics." The conference was accompanied by a reception on the occasion of a festschrift edited by two ex-students, Rudi Matthee and Beth Baron, Iran and Beyond: Essays in Middle Eastern History in Honor of Nikki R. Keddie (Costa Mesa, Mazda, 2000). The main sponsors of the conference and reception were the UCLA von Grunebaum Center and Center for Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Studies, and there were many other sponsors including several centers, History Department endowed chairs, the UCLA History Department and other administrative units. It was followed by a unique cross-cultural concert directed by Ali Jihad Racy.

In 2007 there was a similarly multi-sponsored reception, short conference featuring Balzan fellows, and show of my photographs at UCLA. The papers were of high quality and are, after revision, being published with my introduction as a special issue of the Journal of Middle East Women's Studies.

For several years I engaged in photography, concentrating on people, throughout the world. My photos were the centerpiece of an exhibit and catalogue on the Qashqai people of Iran at UCLA's Fowler Museum. My photos of Yemen were represented in the widely-traveled exhibit and book, Sojourners and Settlers, ed. Jonathan Friedlander. I have also exhibited and sold photos elsewhere. Several photos are given professional reproduction in my new Women in the Middle East, and others are on the covers and inside several of my books.

A more complete biography appears in Nancy Elizabeth Gallagher, ed., Approaches to the History of the Middle East: Interviews with Leading Middle East Historians (Ithaca: Reading, UK, 1994), reprinted with a supplement in my Women in the Middle East: Past and Present (Princeton University Press, 2007).

In response to a colleague's query as to how many Ph.D.'s I had supervised, I put together a list of the twenty completed. I include the abbreviation RDPB for "revised dissertation published as a book." Several have second or more books, and for them I put in "plus." Almost all have good jobs, a few have retired, and I remain in close contact with many.

Gene Garthwaite	1968	Dartmouth College	RDPB Plus
Mangol Bayat	1971	Independent Scholar	RDPB Plus
Michael Morony	1972	UCLA	RDPB
Arnold Green	1973	Brigham Young U.	RDPB
Azriel Karny	1973	Israeli Foreign Service	
Shannon Stack	1975	Valley College	

Michael Laskier	1979	Bar-Ilan University, Israel†	RDPB Plus
Beth Baron	1988	CUNY	RDPB Plus
Rudi Matthee	1991	Univ. of Delaware	RDPB Plus
Afshin Matin	1993	Cal State L.A.	RDPB
Maziar Behrooz	1993	Cal State S.F.	RDPB
Hisae Nakanishi	1994	Dean, Grad.School of International Development, Nagoya University	Books in Japanese
A. Holly Shissler	1995	Univ. of Chicago	RDPB: co-chair Stanford Shaw
Houri Berberian	1997	Cal State Long Beach	RDPB; co-chair Richard Hovannisian
Monica Ringer	1997	Amherst College	RDPB; co-chair Hossein Ziai
Kamran Aghaie	1999	Univ. of Texas	RDPB
Jasamin Rostam	2000	Cal State Long Beach	
Afshin Marashi,	2003	Cal State Sacramento	RDPB
Ruth Barzilai-Lombroso,	2007	Lecturer at Israeli Universities	co—chair Stanford Shaw, then Gabi Piterberg
Mehrdad Amanat,	2005	Private business	

In addition I worked closely in several years' seminars and on dissertation committees with:

John Reudy, Georgetown (chair G.E. von Grunebaum), RDPB

Juan Cole, Islamic Studies, Univ. of Michigan (chair, Amin Banani), RDPB

Julia Clancy-Smith, 1988, University of Arizona (chair Afaf Marsot), RDPB

Shahla Haeri, Anthropology, Boston University (chair, Sally Moore), RDPB

Azadeh Kian, CNRS, Paris Sociology (chair Michael Mann), RDPB

Andrew Newman, Islamic Studies, Univ. of Edinburgh (chair, Amin Banani), RDPB,

Reza Sheikholeslami , endowed chair, Oxford (chair Amin Banani), RDPB,

Golnar Mehran (Comparative Education, Al-Zahra University, Tehran),††

I chaired or co-chaired,†among those who took other jobs before finishing,Taka Shimamoto, C. Phil (university teaching, Japan, co-chair Amin Banani), Brad Hanson (U.S. foreign service), Paul Barker (international relief NGO director), and Osamu Miyata, (research position on Iran, Japan).

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• *Modern Iran: Roots and Results of Revolution*, Yale University Press, 2003, Revised Edition 2006.

- Qajar Iran and the Rise of Reza Khan. Mazda, Costa Mesa, CA, 1999.
- *Iran and the Muslim World: Resistance and Revolution*, Macmillan, London, and New York, NYU Press, 1995 (includes a bibliography of my writings through 1995).
- *Roots of Revolution: An Interpretive History of Modern Iran*, Yale University Press, 1981.
- *Iran: Religion, Politics and Society*, Frank Cass, London, 1980
- *Sayyid Jamal al-Din "al-Afghani": A Political Biography*, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1972.
- *An Islamic Response to Imperialism*, University of California Press, 1968.
- *Religion and Rebellion in Iran: The Tobacco Protest of 1891-92*, Frank Cass, London, 1966.†

My edited and co-edited books are:

- *Iran and the Surrounding World: Interactions in Culture and Cultural Politics*, co-ed. Rudi Mathee, University of Washington Press, Seattle, 2002.
- *Debating Gender, Debating Sexuality*, NYU Press, New York, 1996.
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