

## Atieh Babakhani

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### CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Ramapo College of New Jersey, Law & Society  
Assistant Professor

2023

### EDUCATION

#### Ph.D. in Sociology

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware,  
Newark, DE  
Dissertation Title: Agents of Change or Agents of the Status Quo? Iranian  
Divorce Lawyers' Approaches to women seeking divorce in the context of  
discriminatory divorce law  
Dissertation chair: Dr. Chrysanthi Leon

2018-2023

#### LL.M. in American Legal Practice

Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

2016-2018

#### M.A. in International Law

Allameh Tabatabaei University, Tehran, Iran  
Master's Thesis: Darfur Crisis from the Perspective of Humanitarian Law

2004-2007

#### B.A. in Law

Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran

2000-2004

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Law & Society; Law & Gender; Law & Inequalities; Gender- Based Violence; Feminist Legal  
Theories; Legal Mobilization; Law & Social Movements.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*Published*

Leon, C., Lowman, J., Schultz, L., Perez, G., **Babakhani, A.**, & Addison, D. (2024). The  
More Connection The Better": Bounded Relationships and Uneasy Alignments in  
Prison Education. *Journal of Health Care Law*, (27) 1.

**Babakhani, A.** (2022). Control Over Muslim Women's Bodies, A Critical Review. *Sociological  
Inquiry*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12529>

**Babakhani, A.** & Miller, S. L. (2022). Domestic Violence, Victims' Experiences in Iran's  
Criminal Courts and Police Departments, *Journal of Violence Against Women*. DOI:  
10.1177/10778012211032703.

**Babakhani, A.** (2008). The International Criminal Court and its Efforts to Confront Humanitarian Law Violations in Darfur (Sudan). *Legal Information Quarterly*, 13 (1). (In Farsi)

**Babakhani, A.** (2008). International Community's Response to the Violations of Humanitarian Law in Darfur Crisis (Sudan). *Law Review Journal of Presidential Center for International Legal Affairs*, 38 (1-2). (In Farsi)

*Under Review*

**Babakhani, A.** (R & R) "I Won't Give Up on My Rights Even If I Don't Get What I Deserve": From Victimization to Resistance. *Social & Legal Studies*.

*In Progress*

**Babakhani, A.** Everyday Legal Mobilization: Semi-bystander And Incrementalist Lawyers' Perspectives (Draft completed).

**Babakhani, A.** Rethinking Gender in Iranian Family Lawyers' Negotiations and Practices in Unilateral Divorce Cases at The Request of Women (Draft completed).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Center for Drug & Health Studies, Newark, DE **2019-2022**  
 - *Responsibilities:* (Summer)  
 Create and design reports, presentations, graphs, charts, and infographics on analytic findings with various projects.

Student Member of the New York City Bar Association's International Human Rights Committee **2016-2018**  
 - *Responsibilities:*  
 Attend monthly meetings, write reports on current human rights issues around the world, assist with writing letters to public officials.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Law & Society **2023**  
 - Courses: **Introduction to Law and Society**  
 - **Gender and Law**

Instructor of record, University of Delaware **2021-2022**  
 - Course: **Sociology of Law** (Fall & Spring)

Teaching Assistant, University of Delaware **2018-2021**

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Summer Institute on Teaching, University of Delaware **2022**

Innovative Teaching Strategies, University of Delaware **2022**

Teaching Social Science, University of Delaware **2020**

**RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

Founding Participant and Member, Dadman Legal Office, Tehran, Iran	<b>2009-2015</b>
Research Fellow, The Deputy of Research, Education, and Citizenship Law, Presidency Office, Tehran, Iran	<b>2008-2010</b>
Legal Consultant, Lawyers Universal House Law Firm, Tehran, Iran	<b>2007-2009</b>
Expert & Coordinator of Reciprocal Relations Between the IHRC & Human Rights NGOs, Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC), Tehran, Iran	<b>2006-2007</b>

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Unwitting Agents of the Status Quo: Iranian Family Lawyers’ Practice in Women-Initiated Divorce Cases,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2023.

“Rethinking Gender in Iranian Family Lawyers’ Negotiations and Practices in Unilateral Divorce Cases at The Request of Women. New Directions in Law and Society Conference, held by UMass Center for Justice, Law, & Society, 2022.

“I Won’t Give Up on My Rights Even If I Don’t Get What I Deserve”: From Victimization to Resistance. Graduate Student and Junior Scholar Workshop, held by UMass Center for Justice, Law, & Society. Virtual presentation due to COVID-19 pandemic, 2021.

“I’m not a sociologist or a politician or a lawmaker”: Iranian Divorce Lawyers’ Confrontation with Discriminatory Divorce Law. Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. Virtual presentation due to COVID-19 pandemic, 2021.

“I Felt I Was Screaming Under the Water”: Domestic Violence in Iran’s Criminal Courts and Police Stations. Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Denver CO. Virtual presentation due to COVID-19 pandemic, 2020.

“I’m not a sociologist or a politician or a lawmaker”: Iranian Divorce Lawyers’ Confrontation with Discriminatory Divorce Law. Graduate Student & Early Career Workshop, held by Law & Society Association, Denver, CO, Virtual presentation due to COVID-19 pandemic, 2020.

“I’m not a sociologist or a politician or a lawmaker”: Iranian Divorce Lawyers’ Confrontation with Discriminatory Divorce Law. Accepted for presentation at Stanford Program in Law and Society’s Seventh Conference for Junior Researchers, which was to be held in May of 2020 in Stanford, CA but was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020.

**INVITED TALKS**

Panelist. “Human Rights Law at 75: Promises and Challenges.” Ramapo College, Mahwah, New Jersey, 2023.

Invited talk. “Iran Crisis Panel.” Ramapo College, Mahwah, New Jersey, 2023.

Invited talk. “War on Women: Systematic Violence Against Women in Iran.” Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 2022.

Panelist. “Identities and Belonging Across Categories and Disciplines.” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal. Virtual panel due to COVID-19 pandemic, 2022.

Panelist. “Women and the Islamic Republic, How Gendered Citizenship Conditions the Iranian State.” The Iran Circle Book Talk Series, Virtual panel due to COVID-19 pandemic, 2022.

Invited talk. “Women’s Access to Education in Iran and Gender Inequality.” Newark Charter Junior/Senior High School, Newark, Delaware, 2022.

Invited talk. “Agents of Change or Agents of Status Quo? Iranian Divorce Lawyers’ Approaches to Discriminatory Divorce Law in Everyday Practices.” University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Newark, Delaware, 2021.

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Faculty Scholarship Funding, Ramapo College of New Jersey	<b>2024-2025</b>
Dissertation Fellowship, University of Delaware	<b>2022-2023</b>
Most Valuable Professor (MVP) Award, University of Delaware Athletics	<b>2022</b>
Women of Promise Award, University of Delaware	<b>2019</b>
Summer Doctoral Fellowship, University of Delaware	<b>2019</b>
Global Leadership Scholarship, (merit-based), Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law	<b>2016-2018</b>
Outstanding International LLM Student Award, Philadelphia Bar Association, International Law Committee	<b>2016</b>
Graduate Brilliance Scholarship (merit-based), National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents, Iran	<b>2000-2001</b>

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT**

#### *University Service*

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| - Graduate Student Faculty Representative, Graduate Student Council, University of Delaware  | <b>2020-2021</b> |
| - Graduate Policy Committee Representative, Graduate Student Council, University of Delaware | <b>2019-2020</b> |
| - Secretary, Graduate Student Council, University of Delaware                                | <b>2018-2019</b> |

#### *External Service*

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| - Reviewer: Journal of Ethics and Social Welfare | <b>2021-Present</b> |
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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Sociological Association	<b>2021-Present</b>
Law and Society Association	<b>2020-Present</b>
Alpha Kappa Delta, National Sociology Honor Society	<b>2019-Present</b>

New York City Bar Association's International Human Rights Committee

**2016-2018**

Iranian Central Bar Association

**2006-Present**

## **OTHER SKILLS**

### *Languages*

- English: Fluent
- Persian: Native
- French: Communicative
- Arabic: Reading: Intermediate; Speaking: Beginner

### *Technical Skills*

- SPSS Data Analysis Software
- STATA Data Analysis Software
- NVIVO Qualitative Data Analysis Software