Bahar Tahamtani

Education

2025 Ph.D. American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
"The Eternal Collision: A Material Cultural Analysis of the *Titanic*"
Supervisor: Dr. Janet M. Davis

2018 M.A. American Studies, California State University, Fullerton

2015 B.A. Psychology, California State University, Fullerton

Primary Research Interests

Material culture; narrative, visual, and digital media representations of crime and violence in late 20th and 21st century American culture; theoretical frameworks of memory, performance, and affect.

Publications

2019 "Looking for Mr. Goodbar: Reading a Cautionary Tale in Historical Context." *American Papers,* 37: 11- 21

2016 "Morbid Memento: Private Keepsakes of Public Violence." *American Papers*, 34: 127-134

2015 "Saved From the Titanic." *American Papers*, 33: 16-18

Awards, Fellowships, and Scholarships

2024 Graduate School Summer 2024 Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

2023 Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

2022 University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

2022 Dr. George Joseph Shia Memorial Endowed Presidential Fellowship in Liberal Arts

2020 Association of American Universities PhD Career Pathways Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

2020 American Studies Research Award, Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

2018 First Year Supplemental Fellowship, Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

2018 Weaver Prize Honorable Mention

2017 Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar, The Sally Casanova Scholar California Pre-Doctoral Program, Cal State University System

2016 Susan Flinkingshelt Student Service Award, Department of American Studies, California State University, Fullerton

2015 Graduate Equity Fellowship, California State University, Fullerton

Conference Presentations

2022 "Titanic: A Voyage into Forever" Popular Culture Association, April 13, 2022 (online)

2019 "American Atrocities: One through Ten" Pecha Kucha, Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, October 18, 2019

2019 Panel Respondent: "The Power of Popular Literature and Media," Tell-Tale Traces: Living Memory in the United States, University of Texas at Austin, April 5, 2019

2017 "The Narrative of Offenders: The Role of Biography in Criminology," Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, April 12-16, San Diego, CA

2017 "Safe Haven: The Role of Women's Shelters in the Fight Against Domestic Violence," Western Association of Women Historians, April 2017, San Diego, CA

2016 "American Atrocities A-Z: Retelling United States History," American Studies Symposium, April 12, California State University, Fullerton

2015 "The Display of Death: From Post-Mortem Photography to Standing Funerals," California American Studies Association, April 24-25, Fullerton, CA

Teaching Experience

Lecturer

Fall 2026 Lecturer, U.S. History from 1877 to Date (HIST 1320, 4 sections), Department of History, Texas State University.

Spring 2026 Lecturer, U.S. History from 1877 to Date (HIST 1320, 5 sections), Department of History, Texas State University.

Fall 2025 Lecturer, U.S. History from 1877 to Date (HIST 1320, 4 sections), Department of History, Texas State University.

Assistant Instructor

Spring 2025 Assistant Instructor, Technological Disasters in Public Memory (AMS 311S), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2024 Assistant Instructor, Technological Disasters in Public Memory (AMS 311S), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2024 Assistant Instructor, Technological Disasters in Public Memory (AMS 311S), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2023 Assistant Instructor, Technological Disasters in Public Memory (AMS 311S), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2022 Assistant Instructor, Images of Crime and Violence (AMS 311S), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2021 Assistant Instructor, Images of Crime and Violence (AMS 311S), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant, Modernism in American Design and Architecture (AMS 330), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant, Main Currents of American Culture to 1865 (AMS 355), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, Modernism in American Design and Architecture (AMS 330), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant, Main Currents of American Culture to 1865 (AMS 355), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, Main Currents of American Culture from 1865 (AMS 355), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, Main Currents of American Culture to 1865 (AMS 355), Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant, Intro. To American Culture Studies (AMST 101), Department of American Studies, California State University Fullerton

Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant, Intro. to American Culture Studies (AMST 101), Department of American Studies, California State University Fullerton

Professional Experience

2020-2021 Editor, AMS:ATX Blog

2020 Member, Social Media Team, Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

2016-2018 Layout and Design Editor *American Papers*, Volumes 35 and 36

2017 Graduate Research Assistant, Pamela Steinle, book project: murders of unidentified women in California's Central Valley, 1995-present, Department of American Studies, California State University Fullerton

2017 Graduate Research Assistant, Pamela Steinle, course development: America 2.0: Electronic Culture and Community (AMST 489), Department of American Studies, California State University Fullerton

2016-2017 Editorial Board Member, *American Papers*, Volume 35

Service

2022-2023 Graduate Student Committee President, Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

2020-2023 Peer Mentor, Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

2019-2020 American Studies Representative, Graduate Student Assembly, University of Texas at Austin

2018-2019 American Studies Secondary Representative, Graduate Student Assembly, University of Texas at Austi