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Personal

Born 21 October 1950, Hollywood, California. Moved to UK 1969, naturalised 1980. Married Moojan Momen 12 June 1971. Two children, 1973 and 1976; one grandson 2004, one granddaughter 2006. Author of 12 published books, numerous articles. Broadcast 40+ TV programmes, numerous radio programmes. Established international speaker and lecturer. Delegate to annual UN conferences and summits. Listed in *The International Who's Who of Women 1997, 2001, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017* and *The International Who's Who of Authors and Writers*. Awarded MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List May 2014 for services to the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and to the community in Bedfordshire

Education

1971-1974 London School of Economics, B.Sc. (Honours) Economics
1975-1978 London School of Economics, Ph.D. International Relations; thesis
The Foreign Policy and Relations of The Gambia, 1978.

Work: Private Sector

1979-present Freelance editor, primarily to George Ronald, Publisher, Oxford
2013-present Faculty member, Wilmette Institute
2017-present Adjunct Professor, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, USA
2001-2006 Assistant Secretary General, European Baha'i Business Forum
1991-2006 Editorial services to Intellect Books, Oxford
1991-1994 Assistant Editor, *The Baha'i Encyclopedia*, Baha'i Publishing Trust, United States
1991-1997 Editor, Baha'i Publishing Trust, United Kingdom
1989-1996 Editorial services to OneWorld Publications, Oxford
1984-1988 Adult Teacher of O-level and GCSE British Government and Constitution; Write and Publish
1984-1987 Area Organiser, Save the Children Fund, serving Herts, Beds and Northants.

Work: Voluntary Sector, unpaid positions

1982-2005; Director and Trustee, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of
2014-present the United Kingdom Ltd (charity)
Chairman: 1990-2000
Treasurer: 1984-1990; 2001-2005 (executive paid position)
Assistant Secretary: 2000-2001 (executive paid position)

1989-1994 Chairman, Management Executive, Baha'i Publishing Trust, United Kingdom
1991-4, 1996 Chair, Equal Opportunities for Women Advisory Forum,
Bedfordshire County Council
1992-2002 Member, Equal Opportunities Panel, Bedfordshire County Council
1994 Member International Steering Committee Global Women sector of
Global Forum 1994
2006-2014 Board member UN Women UK National Committee (formerly UK National
Committee for UNIFEM (United National Development Fund for Women)); secretary
2006-11
2007-present Vice President, Eastern Region, United Nations Association
2010-present Governor, London School of Economics
Member Health and Safety Committee (2010-18)
Governors' Contact Group (2011)
Member Ethics Code Consultation Group (2011-12)
Member Ethics Policy Committee (2012-18, vice chair 2017--18)

Members Ethics Policy Review Group (2014-16)
Member LSE Free Speech Oversight Group (2012-18)
 2011-2017 Deputy Multi-Faith Chaplain at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon
 2018-present Director, The Ward and Brown Foundation (appointed 21 June 2018)

Board Positions, Trusteeships and Public Office

Community

1982-2005;
 2014-present Trustee and Director, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United Kingdom
 1984-1993 Co-Founder, Chair and Trustee, Sandy Neighbourhood Centre, Bedfordshire
 1990-present Co-founder and Board member/chair ebbf (Ethical Business Building the Future)
 1994-1999 Bedford Borough Council Agenda 21 Core Committee
 1994-1999 Bedford Borough Council Agenda 21 'Resources, Waste and Pollution' group
 1995-2010 Trustee/Chair, Baha'i Agency for Social and Economic Development (BASED UK)
 1997- 2007 Trustee, One World Trust; chairman 2002-2007
 2000-2013 Co-founder and Trustee, Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby; Hon Vice Chair, 2017-present
 2003-2011 Audit Committee, Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association (BPHA)
 2003-2008 Community member, Bedford Local Strategic Partnership Board
 2004-present Trustee, Bedford Council of Faiths; Chairman 2007-2010; Treasurer 2019--present
 2005-present The National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Panel
 2006-2014 Co-founder and Trustee, UN Women NC UK (formerly UNIFEM UK); secretary 2007-11
 2006-Dec 2018 Trustee, Vice Chair, Company Secretary (2015) Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation
 2007-2011 and
 2012 to May 2019 Councillor, Northill Parish Council, (Vice Chair 2014-18)
 2009- present Co-founder and Trustee, Advance
 2010-2013 Trustee, Naserian (for Masai widows in Arusha, Tanzania)
 2011-present Trustee, Ashworth Charitable Trust
 2012-2013 Clerk to the All-Party Group UN Women
 2013-present Board member International Environment Forum
 2014-present Company member UN Women NC UK
 2015-3.4.19l Trustee and Hon. Treasurer, National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO)
 2018-present Trustee, Widows Rights International
 2018-present Trustee, Ward Brown Foundation

Health

1990-1994 Non-Executive Director, Bedfordshire Family Health Services Authority
 1990-1994 Member, Ophthalmic and Pharmaceutical Service Committees, FHSA
 1991-1993 Chairman, Corporate Contract Committee, FHSA
 1993-1994 Member, Performance & Operational Review Group, Bedfordshire Health
 1994-1996 Non-Executive Director Bedfordshire Health
 1994-1996 Chairman, Performance & Operational Review Group, Bedfordshire Health
 1994-1996 Member, Audit Committee, Bedfordshire Health
 1997-1998 Associate Member Bedfordshire Health
 1997-1999 Deputy Complaints Convenor, Bedfordshire Health Authority
 1998-2001 Non-Executive Director Bedfordshire Health Authority
 1999-2001 Complaints Convenor, Bedfordshire Health Authority
 1999-2001 Member, West Mid Beds Primary Care Group
 2001-2002 Deputy Complaints Convenor, Bedfordshire Health Authority
 2001-2004 Deputy Complaints Convenor, Bedfordshire Heartlands Primary Care Trust

2003-2006 Non-executive Director, Bedfordshire Heartlands Primary Care Trust
 2007-2011 Non-executive Director NHS Bedfordshire
 Chair, Prioritization Advisory Panel; Patient Safety and Standards Committee;
 Integrated Governance Committee; Performance Committee;
 Remuneration Committee; Patient and Public Champion; Carbon Reduction and
 Sustainability Champion; Communications and Engagement Reference Group
 2011-31 March 2013 Non-executive Director NHS Bedfordshire and Luton
 Patient Safety and Quality Committee; Risk Committee
 Remuneration Committee; Patient and Public Champion; Carbon Reduction and
 Sustainability Champion; Chair, Joint Pharmacy Applications Panel; Communications
 and Engagement Reference Group; Audit Committee (including until 30 June 2013)

Magistrate

1982-present Justice of the Peace (Magistrate), Biggleswade (now Bedfordshire);
 appraiser; family appraiser
 1984-present Domestic Panel, subsequently Family Panel
 1991-present Court Chairman, Family Panel
 1994-present Court Chairman, Adult Court
 1999-2004 Member, Selection Panel (Magistrates); chair 2001-2004
 2000-2003 Member, Area Criminal Justice Strategy Committee for Bedfordshire and Luton
 2000-2007 Vice Chairman, North and Mid Bedfordshire Magistrates' Court
 2000-2009 Member, Lord Chancellor's Bedford and Mid-Bedfordshire Advisory Sub-
 Committee on Justices of the Peace
 2001-2002 Member, Bedfordshire Excellence Forum (Criminal Justice System)
 2004 Magistrates' Court Committee, Bedfordshire
 2004-2007 Courts Board for Bedfordshire - Magistrate member
 2006-2013 Magistrate Member of Review Body, Office for Judicial Complaints
 2008-2013 Member, Youth Panel, chairman 2011-2013
 2010-2013 Member of the Family Panel Training and Development Committee for Bedfordshire
 2014-present Lay judge, family division
 2014-2017 Member of the Judicial Business Group for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
 2014- 31 March 2017 Chair, Family Panel
 1 April 2017-31 March 2020 Deputy Chair, Family Panel
 2017-20 Deputy Chair Family Training, Approvals, Authorisations and Appraisals Committee
 1999-present Member, Executive Board, Magistrates' Association, Bedfordshire Branch
 April 2017 Member Selection Panel for Justices Training, Approvals, Authorisations and
 Appraisals Committee (JTAAAC) for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Current membership of professional organizations

Board member/chair ebbf (Ethical Business Building the Future)
 Magistrates' Association, member of Bedfordshire Executive
 Soroptimist International of Bedford
 Royal Institute of International Affairs
 UN Women UK (company member)
 National Council of Women
 National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO)
 International Environment Forum
 Consumer Citizenship Network (European Commission)
 Fellow, Royal Society of Arts (RSA)
 United Nations Association

Publications

Call Me Ridvan. Oxford: George Ronald, 1982
Family Worship. Oxford: George Ronald, 1989, 2019
A Basic Bahá'í Dictionary. Oxford: George Ronald, 1989
Jewels series. Oakham: Bahá'í Publishing Trust, 1994
Meditation. Oxford: George Ronald, 1996
A Basic Bahá'í Chronology (with Glenn Cameron). Oxford: George Ronald, 1996.
To Be a Mother. Oxford: George Ronald, 1997, 2019
Visions of a New World Order: Paradise Created (with Brenton Edwards). Oxford: George Ronald, 2001.
To Be a Father. Oxford: George Ronald, 2002, 2019
The Devotional Meeting. Oxford: George Ronald, 2003.
Understanding the Bahá'í Faith (with Moojan Momen). Edinburgh: Dunedin Academic Press, October 2005. (also published in Arabic, 2008)
Becoming a Bahá'í, London: National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United Kingdom, 2005.
To Be Married. Oxford: George Ronald, 2019.

Contributions to books

'Organizing Yourself', in *Working from Home*, Oxford: Leith Heenan, 1994
 'Why I am a Bahá'í' in *Ultimate Visions*, Oxford: One World, 1995
 'How Close are We to the Lesser Peace?' in *Law and International Order*, Oakham: Bahá'í Publishing Trust and Netherlands: Tahirih Institute, 1996.
 'An African Enlightenment in Beijing', in *Voices of Women*, Michigan: Fetzer Institute, 1996
 'Globalization and Decentralization: The Concept of Subsidiarity in the Baha'i Faith: in *Baha=i and Globalization*, Institute for the History of Religion, University of Copenhagen, 2005.
 'Spirituality and Spiritual Care from the Baha'i Perspective', in *Spirituality in a Care Setting*.. Sue Ryder Hospice Care, 2008.
 'Spiritual Guidance in the Baha'i Faith' (Wendi Momen and Moojan Momen), in *Spiritual Guidance Across Religions: A Sourcebook for Spiritual Directors and Other Professionals Providing Counsel to People of Differing Faith Traditions*, ed. by John Mabry, (Nashville, TN: SkyLight Paths) 2014
 'We Must Pray Together: The Perspective of One Baha'i', in *We Must Pray Together: Interfaith. Worship and Prayer*. Christopher Lewis and Dan Cohn-Sherbok, eds. London: Jessica Kingsley, Publishers, forthcoming 2019

Numerous articles, lectures, radio programmes, TV programmes since 1980. Annual participation at UN Summits since 1994, including Fourth Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995; Habitat 2, Istanbul, 1996; Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, 2012; and annual participation at the UN Commission on the Status of Women since 1997.