

“I met Arsham about a year ago and since I first met him, I have been very inspired by his perseverance and his determination.” *Barbara Hall, Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission – January 27th 2007.*

AREA OF EXPERTISE

- Queer Human Rights
- Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity: International Human Rights Law in Transition
- Asylum and Refugee System for Queer individuals
- Work with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee
- Administrating and organizing Non-Profit Organizations
- Communication, lobbying and advocacy
- Public awareness activism
- Community Outreach

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

- **Pride Toronto Award – August 2011, Toronto,** For the best celebration of “Dream Big” Theme entry in 2011 Pride Parade
- **Felipa De Souza Award - April 2008, New York,** Recognition for commitment to improving the human rights of Iranian queers by International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission
- **Pride Toronto Award - June 2008, Toronto,** For Excellence in Human Rights

EDUCATIONS

- **Certificate of Web Design Program, 2007** *CDI College, Toronto, Ontario*
- **Training Workshop on United Nations Structures and Lobbying, 2006** *Geneva, Switzerland*
- **Veterinarian Studies, Azad University, 2005** *Yasouj, Iran*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Executive Director, Iranian Railroad for Queer Refugees Inc., October 2008–Present
- Sales Associate, Eddie Bauer, 2007–2008
- Executive Director, Iranian Queer Organization, 2006–2008
- Executive Director, Persian Gay and Lesbian Organization, 2004–2006

PUBLICATIONS

- **Exiled for Love**
 - *Roseway, An imprint of Fernwood Publishing*, April 2015