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Scope and Content
Collection consists of Persian and Arabic manuscripts about language and philosophy, as well as jurisprudence, religion, astronomy, medicine and philology.
Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Manuscripts 1-3 (Box 1)
2. Manuscripts 4, 8-12 (Box 2)
3. Manuscript 5, withdrawn
4. Manuscripts 6-7 moved to Collection 1055, Shaykhi Collection of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts, manuscripts 40-41
5. Manuscripts 13-14 (Box 3)
6. Manuscripts 25-32, 34-38 (Box 4)
7. Manuscript 33, withdrawn
8. Manuscripts 39-42 (Box 5)
9. Manuscript 43 [oversize] (Box 6)
Separated Material
Manuscripts 6-7 moved to Collection 1055, Shaykhi Collection of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts, manuscripts 40-41.
Related Material
Persian and Arabic manuscripts in Special Collections Catalog Available at UCLA Library Special Collections.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Arab countries.
Manuscripts.
Box 1  The book of one who has never visited a jurist / The book of one who has never visited a jurist. Manuscript no. 1 1585 July.
   Physical Description: 486 leaves : paper ; 280 × 153 mm. bound to 281 × 158 mm.
   Scope and Content Note
   Work of Shiite theology and jurisprudence, in five parts.
   Author: Ibn Babawayh, ?li ibn al-?usayn, d. 941
   Scribe: ?bd al-Ra?im Mazandarani
   Language: Text in Arabic
   Origin: Ottoman Mecca
   Layout: 21 lines of text per page.
   Script: Naskh.
   Binding: Bound in black leather with brown and burgundy leather paste-downs.
   Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, headings and marked passages in red; double border in gold blue; some marginalia.

   Physical Description: 239 leaves : paper, ill. ; 245 × 165 mm. bound to 257 × 166 mm.
   Scope and Content Note
   Two works of Shiite theology.
   Author: Kulayni, Mu?ammad ibn Y?qub, d. 941?
   Language: Text in Arabic
   Origin: ?afavid Persia
   Layout: 17 lines of text per page.
   Binding: Bound in faux red Morocco, stamped in gilt.
   Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, headings in red; illuminations on 1b and 162b; few marginalia.

Box 1  [The light of the Sheikh of Tus] / [The light of the Sheikh of Tus]. Manuscript no. 3 1539.
   Physical Description: 305 leaves : paper ; 213 × 140 mm. bound to 216 × 145 mm.
   Scope and Content Note
   Work of Shiite theology.
   Author: [?usi, Mu?ammad ibn al-?asan, 995-1067?]
   Language: Text in Arabic
   Origin: ?afavid Persia
   Layout: 8 lines of text per page.
   Script: Naskh.
   Binding: Bound in red leather, stamped in gilt, with purple, green and blue marbled paste-downs.
   Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, headings and marked passages in red; double borders in gold and blue; some marginalia.
Box 2  

**The laws and precepts of Islam / The laws and precepts of Islam.** Manuscript no. 4 1670 April.

Physical Description: 334 leaves : paper ; 285 × 189 mm. bound to 285 × 193 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Works of Shiite jurisprudence and theology.
Author: Mu?aqiq al-?illi, J?far ibn al-?asan, 1205 or 6-1277
Scribe: Mu?min ibn Sayyid Iftikhar al-Lalih'abadi
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: ?afavid Persia or Ottoman empire
Layout: 17 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in brown leather, blind-stamped, with leather fore-edge flap.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, headings and marked passages in red; double borders; marginalia; water damage.

Box 2  

**The jewel of desire / The jewel of desire.** Manuscript no. 8 1712 July.

Physical Description: 192 leaves : paper ; 287 × 188 mm. bound to 291 × 190 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Philosophy dedicated to Shah ?bbas II (r. 1642 to 1667).
Author: Lahiji, ?bd al-Razzaq, 17th cent.
Scribe: Mu?ammad ?usayn Tabrizi I?fahani
Language: Text in Persian
Origin: ?afavid Persia
Layout: 17 lines of text per page.
Binding: Bound in black leather, stamped in gilt; black canvas spine.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, chapter headings in red; marginalia.

Box 2  

**The source of faith / The source of faith.** Manuscript no. 9 1696 June.

Physical Description: 167 leaves : paper ; 162 × 89 mm. bound to 162 × 95 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Philosophy.
Author: Lahiji, ?bd al-Razzaq, 17th cent.
Language: Text in Persian
Origin: Ottoman empire
Layout: 14 lines of text per page.
Binding: Bound in green and burgundy leather with marbled paste-downs; fore-edge flap.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, chapter headings in red; marginalia.
Box 2

**Delightful elegance commenting on the Alfiya** / Delightful elegance commenting on the Alfiya. Manuscript no. 10 1649.

Physical Description: 172 leaves : paper ; 162 × 89 mm. bound to 162 × 95 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Suyu?i's commentary on a work of poetics by Ibn Malik (d. 1274).
Author: Suyu?i, 1445-1505
Scribe: ?li Taqi al-Khurasani
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: Ottoman empire
Layout: about 12 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in black leather, blind-stamped, with orange and green paste-downs.

Box 2


Physical Description: 108 leaves : paper ; 201 × 141 mm. bound to 202 × 145 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Four works, by three authors.
- Works 1 and 2 are by Suyu?i, [2-21] and [24a-80b], Shar? badi ? iyah Ibn ?ijjah and Shar? badi ? iyah ?a'isha, respectively;
- 3. Ba ? uniyah, ?a'ishah bint Yusuf, d. 1516 or 17, religious and secular poetry, [81a-98b];
- 4. al-Maridini, Abu al-?asan ?li ibn al-Musharraf fl. 1442, Qasidah (hymn), [105a-108b].

These works are separated by one-page texts on various topics, such as a list of Ottoman emperors to Mehmed IV (r. 1648-87), on leaf [24a].
Author: Suyu?i, 1445-1505 [et al.]
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: Ottoman empire [Iraq]
Layout: 19 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in soft brown leather with burgundy inlays; burgundy spine.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages in red; marginalia.

Box 2

**[Commentary on the Ta?iyat of ibn al-Fari?]** / [Commentary on the Ta?iyat of ibn al-Fari?]. Manuscript no. 12 [16--?]?

Physical Description: 96 leaves : paper ; 180 × 117 mm. bound to 185 × 121 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Qay?ari's commentary on the works of Sufi poet Ibn al-Fari? (1181 or 12-1235).
Author: Qay?ari, Dawud ibn Ma?mud, d. 1350 or 51
Scribe: Mu?ammad ibn Abu Bakr
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: Ottoman empire [Iraq]
Layout: 25 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in soft red leather.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages in red; marginalia. Title written on lower edge of text block.
Box 3

[Commentary upon the curative book in the science of conjugation] / [Commentary upon the curative book in the science of conjugation]. Manuscript no. 13 [16--].

Physical Description: 173 leaves : paper ; 182 × 134 mm. bound to 192 × 140 mm.
Scope and Content Note
Commentary on the grammatical work of Ibn al-?ajib (1175-1249).
Author: Jarbardi, Fakhr al-Din A?mad ibn al-?asan, d. 1345
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: ?afavid Persia
Layout: 18 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in brown leather with blind-stamped inlays.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, words marking quotations in red; marginalia. Author's name on bottom-edge.

Box 3


Physical Description: 153 leaves : paper ; 245 × 137 mm. bound to 245 × 137 mm.
Scope and Content Note
Commentary on the grammatical work of Ibn al-?ajib (1175-1249), dedicated to a prince called Ibrahim ibn Yghrsh(?) Bilgä, the Khotanese king.
Author: Astarabadi, ?asan ibn Mu?ammad, d. 1315
Scribe: Mu?ammad Ism? il ibn Mir Mu?ammad al-?usayni
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: ?afavid Persia
Layout: 21 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in brown leather, blind-stamped.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, underlining in red; marginalia. Cover title.

Box 3


Physical Description: 97 leaves : paper ; 203 × 129 mm. bound to 203 × 142 mm.
Scope and Content Note
Language: Text in Arabic, Persian, Turkish
Origin: Ottoman empire [Iraq]
Layout: 14 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in blue cloth over boards.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages in red; marginalia.
Box 3

**The forty / The forty.** Manuscript no. 16 [16--]?.

**Physical Description:** 388 leaves : paper ; 203 × 142 mm. bound to 200 × 140 mm.

**Scope and Content Note**

Shiite theology. An apologetic account, comprising 40 theses, of the ?lawite dynasty, particularly of the twelve Imams in the light of various humanistic aspects.

**Author:** [Qummi, Mu?ammad ?ahir, d. 1686 or 7]

**Language:** Text in Arabic

**Origin:** ?afavid Persia?

**Layout:** 15 lines of text per page.

**Script:** Naskh.

**Binding:** Bound in tan leather with blue, yellow and pink marbled paste-downs; black tooling on edges. Fore-edge flap.

**Additional descriptive data:** Text in black ink, marked passages in red; marginalia. Leaves [1-38] possibly in author's hand.

Box 3

**[Anthology of astronomy] / [Anthology of astronomy].** Manuscript no. 17 [between 1795 and 1818?].

**Physical Description:** 167 leaves : paper ; 157 × 108 mm. bound to 157 × 107 mm.

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains seven separate essays, in both verse and prose, on astronomy, including astrology, the science of astrolabes, and cosmic psychology.

**Language:** Text in Persian and Arabic

**Origin:** Qajar Iran

**Layout:** Average 15 lines of text per page.

**Script:** Naskh and Nast?liq.

**Binding:** Bound in black leather, blind-stamped, with brown leather paste-downs.

**Additional descriptive data:** Text in black ink, marked passages in red; marginalia.

Box 3

**[Treatise] on the science of prosody / [Treatise] on the science of prosody.**

Manuscript no. 18 1854 March.

**Physical Description:** 46 leaves : paper ; 176 × 109 mm. bound to 177 × 113 mm.

**Scope and Content Note**


**Language:** Text in Arabic

**Origin:** Qajar Iran

**Layout:** 12 lines of text per page.

**Script:** Naskh.

**Binding:** Bound in soft red leather, with green paste-downs.

**Additional descriptive data:** Text in black ink, marked passages in red; marginalia. Possibly signed by the author on leaf [1a].

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**The pilgrim's gift / The pilgrim's gift.** Manuscript no. 19 1733.

- **Physical Description:** 284 leaves : paper ; 197 × 129 mm. bound to 198 × 130 mm.
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - Popular work on pilgrimage to Shiite holy sites.
  - **Author:** Majlisi, Muammad Baqir ibn Muammad Taqi, 1627 or 8-ca. 1699
  - **Language:** Text in Arabic and Persian
  - **Origin:** ?afavid Persia
  - **Layout:** 20 lines of text per page.
  - **Script:** Naskh.
  - **Binding:** Bound in black leather, with red leather on spine and edges; blue, red and yellow marbled paste-downs.
  - Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages in red; marginalia.

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Box 3  

**Exegesis of the [Koranic] chapter Iron / Exegesis of the [Koranic] chapter Iron.**  
**Manuscript no. 20 [18--].**

- **Physical Description:** 108 leaves : paper ; 197 × 129 mm. bound to 198 × 130 mm.
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - Theology. Exegesis by the ?afavid philosopher ?dr al-Din Shirazi on the 57th chapter of the Koran.
  - **Author:** ?adr al-Din Shirazi, Muammad ibn Ibrahim, d. 1641
  - **Language:** Text in Arabic
  - **Origin:** Qajar Iran?
  - **Layout:** 17 lines of text per page.
  - **Script:** Naskh.
  - **Binding:** Bound in soft red leather.
  - Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages in red.

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Box 3  

**Book of guidance for learning about the authority of God over [his] servants / Book of guidance for learning about the authority of God over [his] servants.** Manuscript no. 21 1654 June.

- **Physical Description:** 138 leaves : paper ; 243 × 157 mm. bound to 247 × 168 mm.
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - Work on the lives of Shiite Imams.
  - **Author:** Mufid, Muammad ibn Muammad, d. 1022
  - **Language:** Text in Arabic
  - **Origin:** ?afavid Persia
  - **Layout:** 22 lines of text per page.
  - **Script:** Naskh.
  - **Binding:** Bound in brown and tan leather with green, blue and yellow marbled paste-downs.
  - Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages in red. Extensive marginalia. Title on spine and lower edge of text block. Insect damage.
Box 3  **Blessed invocations / Blessed invocations.** Manuscript no. 22 1580 March.

Physical Description: 162 leaves : paper ; 166 × 108 mm. bound to 169 × 113 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Sayings attributed to the eighth Shiite Imam, with Persian commentary.

Author: ?li al-Ri?a ibn Musá, d. 818 or 19
Scribe: Khalil Allah Shirazi
Language: Text in Arabic and Persian
Origin: ?afavid Persia
Layout: 10 lines of text per page.

Binding: Bound in soft black leather, with tan leather along edges and spine.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages and underlining in red; marginalia.

Box 3  **[Treatise on dialectics] / [Treatise on dialectics].** Manuscript no. 23 1697.

Physical Description: 83 leaves : paper ; 186 × 111 mm. bound to 1889 × 117 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Two philosophical works, consisting of a treatise by Fakhr al-Din Mu?ammad ibn ?Umar Razi entitled Risalah fi ?ilm al-kalam [1a-50b], and marginalia by Khalifah Sultan entitled T?liqah fi ?ilm al-kalam [51b-83b]. The preliminary pages of the first tract are missing, though the author may be identified on leaves 4b and 6b, where his name is written between the lines.

Author: Razi, Fakhr al-Din Mu?ammad ibn ?Umar, 1149 or 50-1210 / Khalifah Sultan (d. 1653)
Scribe: Mu?ammad Karim
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: ?afavid Persia
Layout: 19 lines of text per page.

Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in soft red leather with tan leather spine.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words and underlining in red. Extensive marginalia on the first title. Title on lower edge of text block.


Physical Description: 151 leaves : paper ; 193 × 98 mm. bound to 193 × 102 mm.

Scope and Content Note

Author: Qazwini, Khalil ibn al-Ghazi, 1592 or 3-1678 or 9
Scribe: Mu?ammad Na?ir ibn Af?al Beg
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: ?afavid Persia or Ottoman Mecca?
Layout: 17 lines of text per page.

Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in burgundy leather with green, pink and blue marbled paste-downs. Fore-edge flap.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages and underlining in red; marginalia.
Box 4

**Mirror of truth / Mirror of truth.** Manuscript no. 25 1790 July.

Physical Description: 180 leaves : paper ; 205 x 118 mm. bound to 208 x 128 mm.

Scope and Content Note

Sufism, including anecdotes of holy men's lives, and verses from popular literature.

Author: Maj?ub ?li Shah, Mu?ammad J?far, d. 1823 or 4

Language: Text in Persian and Arabic

Origin: Zand Iran

Layout: 17 lines of text per page.

Script: Naskh.

Binding: Bound in soft red leather, blind-stamped.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages and underlining in red; some marginalia. Title on lower edge of text block.

Box 4

**Treatise on the proper reading of the glorious Koran / Treatise on the proper reading of the glorious Koran.** Manuscript no. 26 1854 October.

Physical Description: 68 leaves : paper ; 153 x 101 mm. bound to 153 x 104 mm.

Scope and Content Note

Compilation of traditions on the proper reading of the Koran.

Scribe: ?li ibn A?mad

Language: Text in Arabic

Origin: Qajar Iran

Layout: 11 lines of text per page.

Script: Naskh.

Binding: Bound in black leather over stiff paper boards.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages and underlining in red. Water damage.

Box 4

**Synopsis of the Quintessence / Synopsis of the Quintessence.** Manuscript no. 27 1654 February.

Physical Description: 267 leaves : paper ; 174 x 83 mm. bound to 174 x 88 mm.

Scope and Content Note

Arabic grammar.

Author: Taftazani, Mas?ud ibn ?Umar, 1322-1389?

Scribe: Abu Turab ibn Isma?il al-?usayni

Language: Text in Arabic

Origin: ?afavid Persia

Layout: 17 lines of text per page.

Script: Naskh.

Binding: Bound in black and brown leather, with canvas spine.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages and underlining in red. Some marginalia.
**Box 4**

**The solar tractate on logic / The solar tractate on logic.** Manuscript no. 28 1788.
- Physical Description: 187 leaves : paper ; 206 × 104 mm. bound to 206 × 108 mm.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Treatise on logic.
- Author: [Taftazani, Mas?ud ibn ?Umar, 1322-1389?]
- Language: Text in Arabic
- Origin: Zand Iran
- Layout: 17 lines of text per page.
- Script: Naskh.
- Binding: Bound in soft brown leather.
- Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages and underlining in red; occasional charts and marginalia.

**Box 4**

**Treatise on the Friday prayer / Treatise on the Friday prayer.** Manuscript no. 29 1716 June.
- Physical Description: 56 leaves : paper ; 161 × 96 mm. bound to 161 × 98 mm.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Religious text on the regulation of Friday prayers.
- Author: [Shahid al-Thani, Zayn al-Din ibn ?li, 1506-1559 ]
- Scribe: Mu?ammad Taqi
- Language: Text in Arabic
- Origin: ?afavid Persia
- Layout: 17 lines of text per page.
- Script: Naskh.
- Binding: Bound in multi-colored leather fragments.
- Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, some underlining in red.

**Box 4**

**[The treatise on the peculiarities of Friday] / [The treatise on the peculiarities of Friday].** Manuscript no. 30 [before 1708?].
- Physical Description: 8 leaves : paper ; 212 × 139 mm. bound to 220 × 147 mm.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Religious work in a fine, ornamental script enumerating the forty peculiarities of Friday.
- Author: [Shahid al-Thani, Zayn al-Din ibn ?li, 1506-1559 ]
- Language: Text in Arabic
- Origin: ?afavid Persia
- Layout: 21 lines of text per page.
- Script: Naskh.
- Binding: Bound in brown wrappers over boards.
- Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages and underlining in red; extensive marginalia.
Box 4

Commentary on the summary of mathematics / Commentary on the summary of mathematics. Manuscript no. 31 1635 February.

Physical Description: 110 leaves : paper ; 212 × 139 mm. bound to 220 × 147 mm.

Scope and Content Note

The author calls his work a commentary on the secondary problems of the text on mathematics by Baha al-Din Mu?ammad ibn ?usayn ?amili (1547-1621). Contains charts, tables, and drawings.

Author: al-?aba?aba?l, Mu?ammad b. ?abib Allah al-?asani al-?usayni

Scribe: ?bd Allah ibn Khalifa

Language: Text in Arabic

Origin: ?afavid Persia

Layout: 17 lines of text per page.

Script: Naskh.

Binding: Bound in orange-brown leather, blind stamped, with blue paste-downs.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink; extensive marginalia. Appendix on the last three leaves. Fore-edge title.

Box 4

The essence of the foundations / The essence of the foundations. Manuscript no. 32 1638.

Physical Description: 104 leaves : paper ; 190 × 126 mm. bound to 192 × 131 mm.

Scope and Content Note

Shiite theology by the famous scholar, sometime vizier to Shah Abbas, the ?afavid monarch.

Author: ?amili, Baha al-Din Mu?ammad ibn ?usayn, 1547-1621

Scribe: ?bd al-Qadir ibn ?aydar

Language: Text in Arabic

Origin: ?afavid Persia?

Layout: 7 lines of text per page.

Script: Naskh.

Binding: Bound in brown leather, with blue, yellow and white marbled paste-downs. Fore-edge flap.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, chapter headings in red; extensive marginalia; some stains and smearing.

Box 4


Physical Description: 132 leaves : paper ; 190 × 126 mm. bound to 192 × 131 mm.

Scope and Content Note

Fourteen tales of the martyrdom of the third Shiite Imam, ?usayn.

Author: [Illegible] Baqir

Scribe: [Illegible]

Language: Text in Arabic and Persian

Origin: Qajar Iran

Layout: 6 lines of text per page.

Script: Naskh.

Binding: Bound in red leather, blind-stamped, with a brown leather spine.

Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words in red; some marginalia.
**Pathway of the faithful / Pathway of the faithful.** Manuscript no. 35 1743 September.

Physical Description: 136 leaves : paper ; 211 × 125 mm. bound to 211 × 132 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Religious text on Sufism.

Author: Ghazzali, 1058-1111
Scribe: Shams al-Din
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: Afshar Persia
Layout: 16 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in brown leather, blind stamped.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words in red; some marginalia.

**Tractate on Arabic linguistics / Tractate on Arabic linguistics.** Manuscript no. 36 1820 February.

Physical Description: 116 leaves : paper ; 207 × 147 mm. bound to 207 × 147 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Two works. The first work is Qatâr al-nadâ, [1-84]. The second work is entitled Mukhtârari dar abyât-I shar?-I qatr, (Brief remarks on the verses of Shar?-I qatr), a commentary on the first text, by Ni?am al-Din A?mad al-Ardabili. Leaves [88b-116b] contain an Arabic grammar.

Scribe: Afrasiyab ibn Malik al-?addad
Language: Text in Arabic and Persian
Origin: Qajar Iran
Layout: 15 lines of text per page.
Binding: Bound in soft brown leather, blind-stamped.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words and underlining in red; some water damage.

**Systematic account of the principal means of Shiism / Systematic account of the principal means of Shiism.** Manuscript no. 37 [16--?].

Physical Description: 82 leaves : paper ; 187 × 120 mm. bound to 197 × 122 mm.

Scope and Content Note
Shiite theology and jurisprudence.

Author: ?urr al-?amili, Mu?ammad ibn al-?asan, 1624-1693
Language: Text in Arabic and Persian
Origin: ?afavid Persia
Layout: 16 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in soft brown leather, with green leather on edges.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked passages and some underlining in red; some marginalia.
Box 4

The book of important chapters about the fundamentals regarding the Imams / The book of important chapters about the fundamentals regarding the Imams. Manuscript no. 38 1697.

Physical Description: 300 leaves : paper ; 180 × 116 mm. bound to 182 × 127 mm.
Scope and Content Note
Work of theology on Shiite Imams.
Author: ?urr al-?amili, Mu?ammad ibn al-?asan, 1624-1693
Scribe: ?aj Khuda Bakhsh
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: ?afavid Herat
Layout: 17 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in brown leather, blind-stamped, with orange leather on edges.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words and some underlining in red; some marginalia.

Box 5

Part one of the book for the guidance of the community / Part one of the book for the guidance of the community. Manuscript no. 39 [16--]?

Physical Description: 214 leaves : paper ; 223 × 160 mm. bound to 223 × 167 mm.
Scope and Content Note
Shiite religious jurisprudence for common practice; written by multiple scribes.
Author: ?urr al-?amili, Mu?ammad ibn al-?asan, 1624-1693
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: ?afavid Persia
Layout: 22 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in soft brown leather, with green leather on edges.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words and some underlining in red; some marginalia. Occasional stains and ink smears. Title on lower fore-edge of text block.

Box 4

The book of the eminent selection / The book of the eminent selection. Manuscript no. 40 [after 1640?]

Physical Description: 116 leaves : paper ; 182 × 115 mm. bound to 180 × 122 mm.
Scope and Content Note
Shiite jurisprudence concerning day-to-day issues.
Author: Fay? al-Kashi, Mu?ammad ibn Murta?á, 1598 or 9-1680 or 81
Language: Text in Arabic
Origin: ?afavid Persia
Layout: 17 lines of text per page.
Script: Naskh.
Binding: Bound in soft brown leather, with green leather on edges.
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words and some underlining in red; some marginalia. insect and water damage. Title on lower edge of text block.
Box 4  


Physical Description: 40 leaves : paper ; 209 × 134 mm. bound to 210 × 135 mm.  

Scope and Content  
Jami's commentary on the Arabic poem of the Sufi poet Ibn al-Fari?.  
Author: Jami, 1414-1492  
Scribe: Asad Allah al-Ardalani  
Language: Text in Persian and Arabic  
Origin: ?afavid Persia  
Layout: 19 lines of text per page.  
Binding: Bound in brown leather, blind stamped, with red paste-downs.  
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words, original verses, and some underlining in red; some water damage.

Box 5  

**[The exhaustive one] / [The exhaustive one].** Manuscript no. 42 1648 December.  

Physical Description: 233 leaves : paper ; 245 × 127 mm. bound to 247 × 135 mm.  

Scope and Content  
Taftazani's commentary on a work of Arabic rhetoric by Jalal al-Din Mu?ammad Qazwini.  
Author: [Taftazani, Mas?ud ibn ?Umar, 1322-1389?]  
Scribe: al-I?fahani (mostly erased)  
Language: Text in Arabic  
Origin: ?afavid I?fahan  
Layout: 23 lines of text per page.  
Binding: Bound in brown leather, with black leather spine.  
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, underlining in red; extensive marginalia.

Box 6  

**Gardens of eternity / Gardens of eternity.** Manuscript no. 43 1713 [chronogram].  

Physical Description: 35 leaves : paper ; 415 × 255 mm. bound to 425 × 272 mm.  

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Encyclopedic work of ?afavid times, dated by the chronogram of its title, which adds up to 1125 AH. Dedicated to Shah Sultan Husayn (1694- 1722), the work furnishes a survey of contemporary knowledge (religious, historical, geographical, medicinal, etc.).  
Language: Text in Persian and Arabic  
Origin: ?afavid Persia  
Layout: Average nine rows of text per page.  
Binding: Bound in black leather.  
Additional descriptive data: Text in black ink, marked words or passages in red and blue; text contained in silver, red, and blue borders; leaves on brown, blue, green, pink, and purple paper.