

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Academic Qualifications

B.A. English Language and Literature, Kuwait University, 1977 (with honors)
M.A. English Literature, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1981
Ph.D. Modern English Literature, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1983

Administrative Experience

-Director, Language Center, Yarmouk University, January 2007- September 2009
-Chairman, Department of English, Yarmouk University, August 1996- September 1997 (then seconded to The University of Qatar for three years, 1997-2000)

Teaching Experience

2012-2013 : Department of English, The University of Jordan
2011-2012 : Department of English, Yarmouk University
2009-2011 : Department of English, College of Languages and Translation, Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2003-2009 : Department of English, Yarmouk University
 2002-2003 : Department of English, The University of Jordan (sabbatical year)
 2000-2002 : Department of English, Yarmouk University
 1997-2000 : Department of English, The University of Qatar [seconded to The University of Qatar/ Department of English, for three years.]
 1993- 1997 : Department of English, Yarmouk University
 1989- 1993 : Department of English, The University of Qatar (sabbatical year and three-year leave of absence)
 1983- 1989 : Department of English, Yarmouk University
 1981- 1983 : Department of English, The University of Illinois (Teaching Assistant)
 1977- 1979 : Teacher of English, Secondary Schools, Jordan

N.B: I was appointed assistant professor in the Department of English at Yarmouk University in June 1983, and promoted to the rank of associate professor in September 1988. I was promoted to the rank of full professor in December 2002.

Courses/Subjects Taught

- Taught almost all undergraduate courses in British and American literature
- Taught graduate literature courses in the MA and PhD programs
- Taught criticism and the literary theory
- Taught writing courses and research methodology courses

International Study Abroad Programs

- Recruited Richmond University Study Abroad Arabic Program at Yarmouk University, 2009-2011
- Helped affiliate Mazon University College, Oman, with Yarmouk University, Language Center/ Arabic as a foreign language program.
- CET Academic Programs: Taught Arab Theater Course to American students (14-week course held at Yarmouk University, Jan-May 2012)

Graduate Studies Programs

I served on a large number of M.A. theses and doctoral dissertations as supervisor and/or member of the examination committees.

Scholarships and Grants

- 1973: I was *cum laude* on the General Certificate Examinations (Tawjihi/literary stream) in Jordan. (N.B. I achieved the highest score on the Tawjihi Exam. with a grade of 92.2%). The Ministry of Education awarded me a four-year scholarship to study for a B.A. degree in English language and literature at Kuwait University.
- 1976 : Sponsored by Kuwait University, I participated in a summer session at Oxford University, England.

- 1979 : Yarmouk University awarded me a full scholarship to study for M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English literature at The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (USA)
- 1981 : The University of Illinois granted me a teaching assistantship for two years, 1981-1983.
- 1986 : The British Council in Amman granted me a visitorship for three weeks to look at educational drama programs in the United Kingdom.
- 1988 : Sponsored by USIA in Jordan, I participated in a multi-regional theater program for one month in USA.

Teaching Offers & Contracts

- Taught at The University of Qatar for two terms, 1989-1993 & 1997-2000
- Offered a teaching position at Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1989
- Offered a teaching position at King Faisal University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1989
- Offered a teaching position at King Saud University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 2002
- Offered a teaching position at Philadelphia University, Jordan, 2002
- Taught in the Department of English/The University of Jordan (sabbatical year) 2002/2003
- Taught at Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for two years, 2009-2011

Committees & Councils

Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research, Jordan

- Member of the Academic Committee on the Graduate English Language Requirements, 2007-2011
- Member of the Equivalence Committee for Degrees and Diplomas (2007-2011)
- Member of the Accreditation Committee (several times)
- Referee, the Distinguished Researcher Award

Ministry of Education

- Member of the Advisory & Adaptation Committee on *Action Pack* Textbooks Series, Ministry of Education, Jordan, 2007-2011

University Committees

I have served in almost all academic committees and councils in Yarmouk University, and the other universities where I have taught.

Consultation and Refereeing

I have been a referee for a host of academic journals and periodicals published in Jordan and the world.

Member of Academic Societies/ Scholarly Periodicals

I have been a member of the following academic organizations & learned journals:

- International Shakespeare Association (ex-member)
- Member of Committee of Correspondents/ *World Shakespeare Bibliography*
- Member of Jordanian Translators' Association
- International Comparative Literature Association (ex- member)
- Member of the editorial board of *Jordan Journal for Modern Languages and Literature*, 2007-2011
- Member of the editorial board of *Jordan Journal of the Arts*, 2007-2011
- Member of the editorial board of *Abhath al-Yarmouk* (Literature and Linguistics Series), 2004-2006

Conferences and Meetings

I participated in a host of regional and international conferences held in Jordan and abroad.

University and Community Services

I served the universities where I have taught in various venues and capacities, such as organizing conferences and symposia, and participating in academic and extracurricular activities.

Seminars, Public Lectures and Talks

I gave a large number of public lectures, seminars and talks at academic meetings, conferences and symposiums

Areas of Research Interest

- Shakespeare Studies
- Modern/Contemporary English and American Drama
- Educational Theater
- Comparative Drama
- Postcolonial Literature & the Postcolonial Literary Theory
- Islam in English & American Literatures

Publications

-“*Pamela* : A Social and Cultural Study,” *Abhath Al-Yarmouk*, 1. (1985), pp. 67-81.

-“Arabic Verse Drama and Western Literary Influence,” *International Journal of Islamic and Arabic Studies*, 2 (1986), pp. 51-68.

-“*Oedipus Rex* and Islamic Belief-System,” *International Journal of Islamic and Arabic Studies*, 2 (1987), pp. 15-29.

- “The Arab-West Conflict As Represented in Arabic Drama,” *World Literature Today*, 1 (Winter 1987), pp. 46-49.
- “The Impact of Ibsen Upon the Social Plays of Arthur Miller,” *Arab Journal for the Humanities*, 26 (Spring 1987), pp. 286-302.
- “The Thirties Revisited : Clifford Odets and the Depression,” *Arab Journal for the Humanities*, 32 (Autumn 1988), pp. 421-433.
- “Notes on Educational Drama,” (*malhuzat fi al-masrah at tarbawi*) *Alam al-Fikr*, 4 (Jan.-March 1988), pp. 151-172.
- “The Treatment of Greek Drama by Tawfiq al-Hakim,” *World Literature Today*, 1 (Winter 1989), pp. 9-14.
- “**Women in Love**: A Study of Decadence in Modern Western Civilization,” *Al-Mustansiriya Literary Review*, 17 (1989), pp. 193-206.
- “Shakespeare in Arabic: An Overview,” *New Comparison*, 8 (Autumn 1989, pp. 114-126.
- “The Stage as a Political Arena: Arabic Drama Written in the Aftermath of the 1967 War,” *Australasian Drama Studies*, 15/16 (October/April 1990), pp. 47-57.
- “The Image of the City in Modern American Drama,” *Bulletin of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences* (The University of Qatar), 14 (1991), pp. 39-57.
- “Shakespeare in Arabic : A Bibliographical Essay – the Literary Heritage,” *Bulletin of the Documentation and Humanities Research Center* (The University of Qatar), 5. (1993), pp. 63-94. [in Arabic]
- “Shakespeare in Arabic : A Bibliographical Essay – the Critical Heritage,” *Bulletin of the Documentation and Humanities Research Center* (The University of Qatar), 6 (1994), pp. 40-85. [in Arabic]
- “**The Merchant of Venice** in Arabic,” *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 1 (1994), pp. 15-25.
- “**Hamlet** in Arabic,” *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 1 (April 1999), pp. 43-63.
- “The Oriental in Shakespeare,” *Arab Journal for the Humanities*, 68 (Autumn 1999).
- “Shakespeare’s Journey into the Arab World: An Initial Bibliography” *Shakespeare Yearbook*, vol. 13 (2002), pp. 442-499.
- “The Matters of Araby in Shakespeare”. *Dirasat* (The University of Jordan), vol. 29, no. 3 (2002), pp. 781-797.

-“The English Novel Set in the Arab World: A Cultural Perspective”. *Abhath al-Yarmouk* (Yarmouk University), vol. 20, no. 2 (2002), pp. 115-153.

-“Shakespeare in Arabic Poetry: An Intercultural Study”. *Abhath al-Yarmouk* (Yarmouk University), vol. 22, no. 1 (2004), pp. 1-56.

-“A Study of Islam in Three Heroic Plays of the Restoration Period”, *Abhath Al-Yarmouk*, vol. 24, no. 1 (2006), 1-35.

Works-in-Progress

- A Comparative Study of the Arabic Adaptations of Shakespeare; A Postcolonial Analysis
- Shakespeare’s Orientalism Revisited: An Edward Said’s Reading
- Islam in English and American Literature: An Annotated Bibliography
- Islam in English Drama (a book project)

References

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