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Academic Qualifications:

- PhD, English Literature, English Dept., University of Jordan, 2003
- PhD, Islamic Studies, Manchester University, U.K. 1978
- MA, English Literature, Leeds University, U.K., 1972
- BA, English Language and Literature, University of Jordan, 1971

Areas of research interest:

- English Literature, Comparative Literature, Modern Islamic Thought

Work experience:

Present position:

- Assistant Professor, Dept. of English Language & Literature, Faculty of Foreign Languages, University of Jordan, since 2007
- (Joint appointment) Assistant Professor, Institute for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World, University of Jordan, beginning January 2012
- Teaching Contemporary Islamic Thought at CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange), Amman, Jordan, since 2007

Previous positions:

- Chair, Dept. of English Language & Literature, Faculty of Foreign Languages, University of Jordan 2008/2009
- Chair, Dept. of English Language & Literature, Faculty of Arts, Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan, 2006/2007
- Chair, Dept. of English Language & Literature, Al-Hussein bin Talal University, Jordan, 2003/2004 and assistant professor of English literature 2003-2006
- Cultural Consultant for the Ministry of Higher Education at Al al-Bait University, 1998-1999,
- Part-time Assistant Professor, Faculty of (Islamic) Legal and Juristic Studies, Al al-Bait University, 1996-1999
- Dean of Princess Alia college, Al-Balqa' University, Jordan, 1994-1998

Seminars and fellowships:

- Honorary Fellowship, the University of Exeter, UK
- Fulbright Fellowship: "Religious Pluralism in America", Fulbright Institute of Religion, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA, Summer 2005

- Seminar on Higher Management, Institute of General Management, Amman, March-May 1995
- Seminar on leadership, New York, USA, December 1991 - January 1992

Research and Published Work:

- "Shakespeare's East-West Exogamy: Pre-colonial Narratives" presented at the conference on Shakespeare's Imagined Orient, American University of Beirut, 2011 (pending publication)
- "Freedom-Imprisonment Duality in the Poetry of Lovelace and Abu Firas Al-Hamdani", *Journal of Arabic Literature*, Brill 2011
- "Faith and Nationhood in the Thought and Literature of Muhammad Iqbal" presented at the conference on The Jurisprudence of Belonging, Amman, 2011, (pending publication)
- *The Most Beautiful Names*, a book in English, London and New Delhi: Goodword Publications, 2000
- "Marlowe's *Dr. Faustus*: A Postcolonial Reading", *JJMLL*, 2010
- "Esoteric and Artistic Power vs. Political Power: A Cultural Reading of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*" *Journal of Jordan's Faculties of Art*, 2010
- "The Influence of Friedrich Nietzsche on the Poetry of Wallace Stevens", a PhD thesis presented at the English Dept., University of Jordan, 2003
- "The Thought and Literature of Sayyid Qutb", a PhD thesis presented at the Dept. of Islamic Studies, University of Manchester, UK, 1978
- "Keats's Theme of Beauty", an MA thesis presented at the English Dept., University of Leeds, UK, 1972
- "Woman in the Novels of Najib al-Kilani", in *Woman's Literature*, a book published by the International League of Islamic Literature, Riyadh, 2003 (in Arabic)
- "Women in Islam, a Perspective of the Future" in *Women in Society*, Rome, 1992; and in *Horizons of Islam*, vol. 2, 1994
- "Muslim Family and Contemporary Challenges" in *Studies at the Threshold of 15th Century of Hijra*, Amman: Society for Islamic Studies & Research, 1982 (in Arabic)

Speaking and presenting at the following conferences:

- Representing the Jordanian Ministry of Social Development at the Islamic Cooperation Organisation Conference on 'Women in the Qur'an', Tehran, 2012.
- Shakespeare's Imagined Orient, AUB, Beirut, 2011
- The Jurisprudence of Belonging, the University of Amman, 2011
- A Plenary speaker on "Islam, Democracy and Modernization" at the International Women's Forum (IWF) Conference, 15-17 May 2007, Amman
- London Conference on Challenging Stereotypes in the Muslim World, Wilton Park, 2006

- The Youth and Islam, a workshop organised by the Municipality of Amman, 2002, Speaker
- Conference on Women in Islam, Speaker, Berlin, 1998
- Member of the Jordanian Government Delegation of Muslim Scholars to study the population policy of Egyptian government, Cairo, 1997
- Muslim-Christian Dialogue, Seminar, Cairo, 1997
- Member of Government Delegation to the International Conference on Family in Changing Societies, Amman, 1997
- Member of the Government Delegation to the Women's Fourth Conference, Beijing, 1995
- Member of the Delegation of the Ministry of Higher Education to the Conference on Adult Education, Denmark, 1995
- Member of the Jordanian Delegation to the Muslim-Christian Dialogue (on women's issues), the Vatican, 1992