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### **EDUCATION:**

**Washington State University, PhD**  
Major: American Studies

**University of Jordan, MA**  
Major: American Studies

**University of Jordan, BA**  
Major: English Language and Literature

### **LANGUAGES & SKILLS:**

- Arabic: A native speaker.
- English: Excellent command of spoken and written English.
- French: Attended several French courses at the French Cultural Center.
- Computer literate – familiar with Microsoft Windows, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Adobe PhotoShop, the Internet and Microsoft Project.

### **TEACHING & WORKING EXPERIENCE:**

- Hold the position of Vice Dean for Administrative Affairs (2023- Present)
- Holds the position of Vice Dean for Academic Affairs (2020-2021)
- Holds the position of Dean's Assistant for international affairs (2018-2019)
- Holds the position of Assistant Dean for Students' Affairs (2015-2016)
- A founding member of the Association of Jordanian Women Academics since 2014 till present.
- Holds the position of the Dean's Assistant for Quality Assurance Affairs at the faculty of Foreign Languages at the University of Jordan (2011-2012)
- Teaches cross cultural courses for foreign students with collaboration with the Dutch Institute in Amman (2012)
- Teaches with the Council on International Educational Exchange program (CIEE) in Jordan since 2010.

- Teaches courses offered by Queen Rania Al Abdullah Award for Distinguished Teacher, 2011.
- An Assistant Professor at the University of Jordan (English Department/ American Studies Program), 2009- till present.
- A Teaching Assistant at Washington State University, 2007-2009
- A Research Assistant at Washington State University and a team member in a digital divide program, 2006-2007
- A Teaching Assistant at the University of Jordan, at the English department. 2004-2005
- I have spent two years (2002-2004) working as a Business Analyst and translator at The Middle East North Africa Financial Network, Inc. (MENAFN). The company is the leading provider of online and wireless financial content and technology platforms to financial institutions across the Arab world. Twelve of the largest fifteen financial institutions in the Arab world are served by MENAFN.

#### **PRESENTATIONS & CONFRENCES:**

- First National Forum for Labor Relations, organized by Ministry of Labor, Jordan **2013**. " التفاوض: حوار واتصال لتحقيق الشراكة "
- "Arab Spring: an Alternative Image." A conference on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Arab Spring and its Implications for American Studies in Arab Universities. Morocco, Marrakech, 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> December **2012**.
- West Africa-North Africa Forum (WANA Forum), "Region in Transition", 9-10 May **2011**, Amman/Jordan.
- "Change through the Academic Filed of American Studies," Crisis, Chains, and Change: American Studies for the Twenty-first Century: American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Texas, San Antonio. November 18<sup>th</sup>-21, **2010**.
- "Claiming Back the Aesthetic Spectacle" at the Arab Popular Culture Conference held at The American Lebanese University. Lebanon/Beirut. April 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> **2010**.
- "Disrupting Reflections: Researching Muslims and Those of Middle Eastern Heritage" at 5th Annual Globalization, Diversity, and Education Conference. Spokane. February 25th-29th **2009**.
- "Resolving Differences: The Seed of Unity," Finding the Center 2008: The Fourth Annual Action-Oriented Human Rights Conference. Idaho. April 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> **2008**.

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- "From slavery to individuality: Marxist reading of Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass."; Canadian Review of American Studies; 2022
- "Assimilation versus Acculturation: writing as a dissection" Dirasat: Human and Social Sciences. Vol. 48 No. 3, 2021
- "Paradise Now: Image Restoration of the Palestinian Society." Dirasat: Human and Social Sciences. Dirasat, Human and Social Sciences, Volume 46, No. 2, (2019)

- "Legitimate Resistance through the Aesthetic." International Journal of Applied Linguistics & English Literature; Vol 7, No.6; Nov 01, 2018
- "Analysis of the Urban Management Practices and Sustainable Development in the Local Municipalities in Jordan: Case Study-Salt City." Modern Applied Sciences; Vol. 12, No. 4; March18, 2018.
- "Urban Land Use Pattern and Road Network Characteristics Using GIS in Al Salt City, Jordan." Modern Applied Sciences; Vol. 12, No. 4; March 30, 2018.
- Unity in Diversity: Intercultural Communication, an edited textbook, Amman, Jordan 2013.
- Book review in Arab Studies Quarterly: Cultural Cleansing in Iraq: Why Museums Were Looted, Libraries Burned and Academics Murdered. Edited by Raymond W.Baker, Shereen T. Ismael and Tareq Y. Ismael. London: Pluto Press, 2010. 34.3, the Summer 2012
- The Timbuktu Chronicles, 1493-1599 C.E.: Al Hajj Mahmud Kati's Tarikh al-fattash, by Al Hajj Mahmud Kâti. Edited by Christopher Wise, Translated by Christopher Wise & Hala Abu Taleb, 2010.
- "Arabness between life and death." The Arena Journal, No. 33/34, 2009.

#### **PROJECTS & COURSES:**

- Translated formal documents while serving at the University of Jordan. The latest was in 2014 concerning a cultural and artistic initiative regarding some artistic works done by the students in the Arts faculty.
- Responsible for many academic and cultural activities helps by the deanship of the faculty of Foreign Languages such as a social service aiming at the civil community in addition to holding a bazaar to collect charity for the needy students on campus (2011- 2012)
- Participated in Quality Management and Excellence Training Diploma that was held at the Center of Consultation at the University of Jordan in cooperation with Jordan Society For Quality (October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011-February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012)
- Holds a training diploma in Quality Management and Excellence (Certified Quality Manage.)
- Attended "Staff Development Workshops" accounting for 50 training hours held by the Center for Educational Development at the University of Jordan in 2012.
- Digital Diversity Program (DDP): During my graduate studies at Washington State University I was a member of DDP. Still at its first steps, yet the project aims at bridging the digital gap between different ethnicities and minorities through building digital existence that can hopefully get different point of views closer and thus initiate more understanding, respect, and surely co-existence. DDP, mentors and gradate students, is a team work and a multidimensional beneficial project especially as the different members involved enjoy different racial, cultural, and educational background. My personal focus in this project is the Arab communities in the Unites States. Primarily, I try to locate these communities in Washington State, get in touch with them, and offer to help them within the limits of our program and their personal preferences.

- Drama Club: During my service as a teaching assistance at the University of Jordan, I was a co-founder of the university's Drama Club, which is a project belonging to the English department. With another professor, I helped direct, train and assist a group of students in performing Shakespeare's play "Much Ado About Nothing." In 2005, the play was also performed as part of Jeresh national festival as part of cultural activities.
- Attended several specialized courses and seminars including those focusing on cultural theory, Women Studies, communication and media, and political and economical issues.
- Conducted several research papers and oral presentations on different topics of all the fields above.

#### **REFERENCES:**

- Professor Adnan Smadi, Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages, the University of Jordan, E.mail: ad.smadi@ju.edu.jo.
- Professor Victor Villanueva, a regent professor, Department of English at Washington State University. E.mail victorv@wsu.edu.
- Professor Christopher Wise, Department of English at Western Washington University. E-mail Christopher.Wise@wwu.edu.
- Mr. Ramzi AbdelJaber, Managing Director, Business Development at Investcorp and previously the founder and chief executive officer of MENAFN. E.mail rabdeljaber@investcorp.com.