

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL :

Date of birth : August 16, 1955

Place of birth: Yalo

Nationality: Jordanian

Social Status: Married, with three sons

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., August 1984. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, USA

Major: American Literature before 1865

First Minor: Romanticism

Second Minor: Twentieth-Century American Literature

MA, 1982. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, USA

American Literature

BA, 1977. University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

Major: English Language and Literature

Minor: Psychology and Education

ACADEMIC

RANK: Professor (as of July 2002)

FULL-TIME

PROFESSIONAL

EMPLOYMENT:

Dean

Faculty of Foreign Languages

University of Jordan

Amman – Jordan September 2008 – present

Dean

Faculty of Arts

University of Jordan

Amman-Jordan September 2006 – September 2008

Director

Office of International Relations and Programs
University of Jordan
Amman – Jordan December 2001 – September 2008

Director

Language Center
University of Jordan
Amman, Jordan October 1998 – September 2006

Chairman

Department of Modern languages
Faculty of Arts
University of Jordan
Amman - Jordan October 1998 – September 2002

Full Professor

Department of English
University of Jordan,
Amman, Jordan July 2002 – present

Associate Professor

Department of English
University of Jordan September 1994 – June 2002

Assistant and Associate Professor:

Department of English
Yarmouk University
Irbid, Jordan September 1984--September 1994

Assistant Professor

Department of English
Philadelphia University
Amman, Jordan September 1991--August 1992 (my
sabbatical year)

Media Assistant and Media Analyst

USIS, FBIS
American Embassy
Amman, Jordan February 1978--August 1980

Translator/News Editor

Radio Jordan
Amman, Jordan May 1977--February 1978

**PART-TIME/
FREE-LANCE
EXPERIENCE:**

Higher Education Council Member

November 2009 – present

Advisor for International Cooperation

Ministry of Higher Education

Amman, Jordan

November 2004 – February 2008

March 2009 – Present

Royal Advisory Commission on Education

November 2007 – Present

National Bologna Process Expert (chosen by the European Commission)

January 2007 -- present

Columnist

Jordan Times

Amman, Jordan October 1, 1993 – present

Advisor for English Curricula

Ministry of Education

Amman, Jordan

November 2004 - present

Freelance Writer

Al-Ra'i Newspaper (Leading Jordanian Arabic Daily)

Amman, Jordan August 2002 – August 2004

Television Program Producer & Moderator

September 1, 1996 –

January, 1999

Lecturer

Higher College for Certification of Teachers

Irbid & Amman Jordan February 1989 -- 1992

Lecturer

English Department

University of Jordan

Amman, Jordan

June 1989--February 1990

June 1992--August 1992

Free-Lance Writer

The English Daily Jordan Times

The Arabic Daily Al-Dustour

February 1985--February 1988

Translator/Reporter

Jordan Times
Amman

May 1977--February 1979

English Instructor

The House of Languages
Amman, Jordan

May 1977--September 1977

HONORS

--**Won**, while a graduate student at Cornell University, a Telluride scholarship: a three-year membership to and residence in Telluride House (1981 - 1984), an intellectual community whose aim is to foster the seriousness of debate and the potential for leadership.

--**Won**, after graduating second in my class from the English Department at Jordan University in February 1977, a Royal Committee Scholarship which enabled me to pursue my higher education in the USA at the expense of Yarmouk University.

--**Won**, after passing the nation-wide General Secondary School Exam in 1973 with high honors (ranking first in the capital, Amman, and second in the Kingdom,) a scholarship which enabled me to pursue my undergraduate studies at the expense of the Ministry of Education in Jordan.

**AWARDS/
FELLOWSHIPS:**

-- **Awarded** in the summer 2009 (June 20 – August 20, 2009) an Erasmus Mundus European Commission grant which enabled me to spend a month and a half at Lund University studying the Bologna Process.

-- **Awarded** in the summer of 2006 (June 10 – August 10) a Korea Foundation Fellowship which enabled me to spend two months in Seoul, South Korea at Yonsei University to study Korean Literature in English and the Korean culture.

--**Awarded** in the summer of 2004 (June 15-August 15) a Japan Foundation Fellowship which enabled me to spend two months in Tokyo, at Waseda University to study Japanese Literature in English in the context of postmodernism and the Japanese culture.

--**Awarded** in the summer of 2001 (June 24 - August 4) an American Studies Fulbright Summer Institute award which enabled me, along with 18 international scholars, to spend 6 weeks in the USA (Louisville, Kentucky, New York City, and San Francisco), upon an invitation from the State Department, to take part in an intensive seminar on American contemporary literature in the context of postmodernism.

--**Awarded** in the summer of 1999 a DAAD fellowship which enabled me to spend two months in Munich at Ludwig-Maximillan University researching the influence of the Arabic-Islamic Orient of Goethe on Ralph Waldo Emerson and the American Transcendentalists.

--**Awarded** in the summer of 1995 a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship which enabled me to attend a 6-week seminar on Modernism, Nativism, Ethnicity, and Multiculturalism in American literature at The Johns Hopkins University.

--**Awarded** in the summer of 1988 an American Research Fellowship (ARF) grant which enabled me to spend three months at The Newberry Library in Chicago and the UCLA libraries working on Washington Irving.

--**Awarded** in the summer of 1987 a Newberry Fellowship. I spent the summer as a visiting fellow at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

--**Awarded** in the summer of 1986 a Yarmouk research grant. I spent the summer as a visiting scholar at Cornell University. Spent also two very productive weeks at the Houghton Mifflin Library, Harvard University.

CONFERENCES/ SYMPOSIA:

-- Tempus Day, February 25, 2009: delivered a presentation on "Mobility: Academia Across Borders."

-- CIEE Conference on Study Abroad, Nashville, Tennessee November 13 – 19, 2008.

-- A Bologna Process Training Seminar, Zagreb, Croatia, June 15 – June 19, 2008.

-- A Bologna Process Training Seminar, Brussels, Belgium, April 16 – 18, 2008.

-- A Hollings Center and IIE Conference on Study Abroad, Al-Akawayn University, Morocco, March 2008.

- New Horizons in Discourse Conference, University of Jordan May 2007.
- Tempus Day, March 4, 2007: delivered a presentation on "Half a Decade of Engagement with Tempus: Benefits and Challenges."
- American Studies Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, April 20 – May 3, 2006.
- A Tempus colloquium in Milan in September 2005 on training trainers for international projects.
- A Tempus colloquium in Athens in May 2005 on training trainers for international projects.
- SYLFF Conference, Manila, Philippines, January 2005.
- Ministry of Higher Education workshop on Legislation and Management held at the University of Jordan, March 5, 2005.
- Evaluating Higher Education: Tempus Conference, January 2004 in Paris and in September 2004 in Amman.
- Improving Higher Education: four one-day seminars held at different universities in Jordan in the summer of 1998, led by HRH Prince Hassan and attended by a select group of academic leaders from the Jordanian national universities on ways to restructure and improve higher education in the Kingdom.
- Governance and the Emerging Global Order: A one-day round-table symposium in which a number of selected Jordanian intellectuals debated the role of smaller countries under the emerging global order with a delegation from the Gorbachev Foundation led by former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. April 20, 1998.
- The First International Conference on Comparative and Contrastive Studies, University of Jordan, August 23—27, 1997. I read a paper on Gibran's Transcendentalism.
- The International Council on Education for Teachers (ICET), Amman, Jordan. I was on the organizing committee (head of the publications committee), took an active part in discussions, and edited the proceedings, 1996.

--The first International Conference on Literature, Linguistics, and Translation, Yarmouk University, the last four days of April, 1994. I read a paper on Anne Bradstreet's "Romanticism."

--The Higher Education Teachers of English (HETE) Conference held at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, 6-9 April 1988. I read a paper on the moral dimension of teaching English and American Literature to Arab students.

--The Fourth Annual literature Conference held at Yarmouk University in the last four days of October 1987. I was a member of the organizing committee, chaired a session, and participated in discussions.

--I read a paper on Emerson's Orientalism at a Newberry Colloquium in July 1987.

--The Third Annual Literature Conference held at Yarmouk University in the last four days of October 1986. I read a paper on the relationship between Emerson and Wordsworth.

--The Ralph Waldo Emerson Symposium held at Cornell University in the first three weeks of July 1986. I took part in the discussions.

--The Second Annual Literature Conference held at Yarmouk University the last four days of October 1985. I read a paper on Emerson's Neo-Puritanism.

PUBLICATIONS/ RESEARCH:

--Dissertation: "Puritanic Idealism: The Body Controversy in the American Renaissance." Department of English, Cornell University, 1984. (Unpublished)

Research Articles:

-- "'A fig tree, looking on a fig tree, becometh fruitful': Emerson and the Arabic-Islamic 'Example.'" *Dirasat*, vol 16 (1989), no. 11.

-- "Wordsworth's Concept of the 'Common' hero Re-examined," a joint paper with Dr. Mohammad Awwad. *Damascus University Journal*. Vol. 6 (1990), no. 23.

-- "Emerson Versus Wordsworth: Some Levels of Difference," *The Arab Journal for the Humanities* (Kuwait). Accepted for Publication on May 26, 1990 (have not received the copy of the published version due to war in that year).

- "Teaching Foreign Literature in the Arab World : The Moral Dimension." *King Saud University Journal*. Vol. 4 (1992), no. 2.
- " 'Trusting to Providence': Huckleberry Finn's Spiritual Awakening." Published in *Dirasat*, Vol. 21A, no. 3, 1994.
- " 'Look up to Heaven, and resist the wicked one': Goodman Brown, a Possible Puritan Hero." Accepted for publication September 18, 1993 (*have not received the published version*)..
- "Poe's Negative Romanticism in 'The Raven': Levels of Extremity and Difference." Published in *Damascus University Journal*, Vol. 13, no. 4, 1997.
- "Post-Modernist Poetry: some of its Challenging Salient Features," *Arab Journal for the Humanities*, Kuwait, vol. 76, n. 71, 2000.
- "Structure and Characterization in *Grapes of Wrath*," published in *Tishrin University Journal*, Vol. 21, no. 8, 1999.
- "Tayseer al-Sboul in a Postmodernist Context," published in *Journal of Arabic Literature*, Indiana University, USA, Vol. 33, no. 1, 2001.
- "Anonymity in Ellison's Invisible Man," published in the *Journal of Arts and Science*, Sakarya University, Turkey, Vol. 2, 2000.
- "Gibran's Transcendentalism in a Transcendentalist Context," published in *Arabica*, Vol. XLIX, no. 3, France 2002.

Books:

- *Four Tales from the American Renaissance*. Amman: Jordan Book Center Co., 1990. A translation into Arabic of four tales by Irving, Hawthorne, Poe, and Melville.
- *Poems by Wallace Stevens*. Amman: Jordan Book Center Co., 1990. A translation into Arabic of 51 poems by the American poet Wallace Stevens.
- *The Anthology of American Literature in Arabic*. Editor & Translator with three other colleagues. Amman: Jordan Book Center, 1995.
- *Literary Appreciation*. A textbook for Al-Quds Open University, 1996.
- *The Role of the Citizenry in Four Western Democracies*. A translation into Arabic. Published by Dar Al-Basheer, 1996.

--*Communication Skills in English I & II*, with four other colleagues, used as a textbook for two freshmen courses. University of Jordan Press, 1999.

--*Communication Skills in Arabic I & II*, with four other colleagues, used as a textbook for two freshmen courses. University of Jordan Press, 1999.

-- *Mawaqif* (a collection of short stories in Arabic), January 2009.

REFERENCES

-- Available upon request