

**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

**Tawjihi**, 1973. Al-Fath Secondary School, Amman, Jordan

Literary Stream: Ranked first in the Capital Amman in TAWJIHI, second among male students in the whole Kingdom, fourth overall.

**ACADEMIC**

**RANK:** Professor (as of July 2002)

**FULL-TIME  
PROFESSIONAL  
EMPLOYMENT:**

**Vice President for Humanities**

University of Jordan

Amman – Jordan September 2016 - present

**Dean**

English Language Studies

Arab Open University HQ

Kuwait January 2011 – September 2016

(Served as Acting President of AOU on two occasions, during the President's travel abroad, and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs on a few occasions during VPAA's travel abroad)

**Founding Dean**

Faculty of Foreign Languages

University of Jordan

Amman – Jordan      September 2008 – August 2010

**Dean**

Faculty of Arts

University of Jordan

Amman-Jordan      September 2006 – September 2008

**Founding 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** (visiting)

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

**Other Leading**

**Positions/Appointments/  
Activities**

**Member**

Higher Education Council  
Ministry of Higher Education  
Amman – Jordan  
October 2010 – March 2011  
November 2009 – June 2010

**Advisor for International Cooperation**

Ministry of Higher Education  
Amman, Jordan  
November 2004 – February 2008  
March 2009 – November 2009

**Royal Advisory Commission on Education**

November 2007 – Present

**Board of Trustees Member**

Queen Rania Teacher Training Academy  
September 2008 – Present

**National Bologna Process Expert** (chosen by the European Commission)

January 2007 -- January 2011

**Columnist**

Jordan Times

Amman, Jordan                      October 1, 1993 – present

**Columnist**

Al-Arab Alyawm

Amman, Jordan      May 12, 2012 – July 2013

**Columnist**

September 2014 – present

Sahafi

Amman Jordan

**Advisor for English Curricula**

Ministry of Education

Amman, Jordan

November 2004 – January 2011

**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 fellowship: 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 fourth overall 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 of 2009 (June 17 – July 31) a European Commission (Erasmus Mundus External Window ) Grant which enabled me to study in depth the Bologna Process (the European Higher Education Reform Scheme) for 6 weeks at Lund University in Sweden.

-- **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-Maximilian 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:**

- Keynote Speaker on “Blended Learning in An Arab Context: Lessons Learned and Unlearned” at the IABL “Blended Learning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner” Conference. Kavala, Greece, April 22-24, 2016.
- “Main Challenges Facing Jordanian School and Higher Education.” A seminar at Taqaddam, Amman, Jordan. Dec. 6, 2015. (In Arabic)
- AOU Conference on Creativity and Critical thinking, held in Bahrain 22-23 April, 2015. I gave a paper on “Using Texts for Critical Thinking.” (In Arabic)
- AOU Seminar on Scientific Research, Dead Sea, Jordan. I gave a paper on “Challenges of Research in the Humanities,” March 18-19, 2014. (In Arabic)
- ICDE University Presidents’ Conference, Lisbon Portugal, November 27 – November 30, 2013. (I represented the Rector of the Arab Open University).

--The ITP TOEFL and the European Framework of Reference for Languages (EFRL), a workshop organized by ETS in which I took part along with 18 international language experts in order to align the ITP scores with those of EFRL, Madrid, Spain, 14-16 July 2011.

-- National Conference for the Development of Study Plans, Teaching and Learning, and Scientific Research, organized by the Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research in Jordan in cooperation with the Columbia Middle East Research Center, June 15-17, 2010.

-- International Higher Education Workshop, Girne University, North Cyprus, April 8 – 10, 2010.

-- Electronic Assessment Forum for Meaningful Learning, organized by Educational Research Center, Beirut, March 27, 2010.

- Second Bologna Policy Forum, Vienna, Austria, March 10-14, 2010.
- EMECW Consortium Meeting: Assessment of the Bologna Process and Arab Involvement in it, AUB, Beirut, October 28, 2009.
- Quality Assurance in Higher Education, a colloquium organized by the Hollings Center, Istanbul, October 22-25, 2009.
- Arab Universities Internationalization Project Forum, University of Jordan, April 2009.
- 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-Akhawayn University, Morocco, March 7-9, 2008.
- New Horizons in Discourse Conference, University of Jordan, 8-10. May 2007.
- Tempus Day, March 4, 2007: delivered a presentation on "Half a Decade of Engagement with Tempus: Benefits and Challenges."
- Higher Education Development Forum, Dead Sea, Jordan, 11-12 February 2007.
- American Studies Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, April 20 – May 3, 2006.
- Catania Conference on Higher Education in MEDA countries, November 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 19-21, 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 in *Adab Al-Rafidayn* (*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.

--"Past, Status Quo, and Future of the Department of English. *Arab World English Journal*. Special Issue on Literature No. 1, pp. 134-149, November 2013.

--"Naomi Shihab Nye's Neo & Post-Romanticism: The Mystique of Separate and Hybrid Landscapes." Authored in collaboration with Wafa A. Alkhadra. *Dirasat (UJ)*. Vol. 41, Human and Social Sciences, Supplement 2, 2014, 1435, pp. 885-95.

--"Anne Bradstreet's Romantic Precedence," a joint publication with Dr. Wafa Al-Khdara. *Jordan Journal of Modern Languages and Literatures*, vol. 6, No. 2, 2014.

### **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 I* (a hybrid genre seen either as a collection of short stories or January 2009.

--*Mawaqif II*, February 2013

--Supervised the publication of the two new textbooks for Arabic Communication Skills I & II at the Arab Open University, AOU Instructional Design Department, Kuwait, 2014.

## **REFERENCES**

- Available upon request.