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Education

- BA of English Language/ University of Jordan-1991
- MA of English Language and Literature/ University of Jordan-1995
- PhD in English Literature with concentration on nineteenth and twentieth century American Detective Fiction/ University of Texas at Arlington- Texas-USA, 2006.

Work Experience

- Teacher of English/ Ministry of Education-Jordan/ February 14, 1993-July 15, 1995.
- Member of Educational Qualification Programs/ Directorate of Qualifications-MOE/ July 16- September 3, 1995.
- Co-ordinator for Qualifications programs and representative of MOE in The University of Jordan/ September 4, 1995- October 3, 1998.
- Member of Qualification programs- MOE/ October 4, 1998- June 28, 2000.
- Member of Jordan National Commission for UNESCO/ June 29, 2000-September 30, 2001.
- English part-time lecturer- Language Center- The University of Jordan/ 1999-2001.
- English part-time lecturer- Nilein University of Sudan/ 1999-2001.
- Teaching Assistant- Hashemite University- English Department/ September 30, 2001- August 12, 2003.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant- University of Texas at Arlington- Texas- USA/ September 1, 2004- January 15, 2007.
- Part-time Lecturer- Zarqa Private University- English Department/ Feb. 18th, 2007 – June 30th, 2007
- Assistant Professor of English- The Hashemite University- English Department/ February 11, 2007 till now
- Chairman of the Department of English Language and Literature/ September 16, 2007 – September 6th, 2008.
- Assistant Professor of English- Hashemite University- English Department/ September 7th, 2008 till now.

- Director/ Office of International Relations – The Hashemite University/ January 3rd, 2011 till now.

Short Training Courses

- Comprehensive Computer Course/ British Council- Jordan, Oct23rd-Nov. 4th, 1999.
- French Language Course- French Cultural Center- Jordan, 2000.
- ISO 9001 Engineering and Management Consultants (team) in collaboration with The Ministry of Education- Jordan/ August 23, 2001.
- A course entitled "Creating a New ICT Spirit for Teachers through Education" sponsored by AMIR Program (Access to Micro-finance & Improved Implementation of Policy Reform) and funded by USAID- Jordan/ March 1st-3rd, 2002.
- The Eleventh Information Technology and Academic Evaluation course organized by Quality Assurance center in The Hashemite University from March 24th-31st, 2007.
- Comprehensive e-Learning course about Learning Management System, Virtual Classroom, Capturing Tools, and Authoring Tools. E-Learning Center. The Hashemite University. September 7th – 14th, 2008.

Research Interests

Nineteenth and Twentieth century American Detective Fiction
American literature
Literary theory and criticism
Postmodern and cultural studies

Publications

MA Thesis

A Comparative Study of the Presentation of Crime in Edgar Allan Poe's Detective Stories and Fyodor Dostoevsky's Post-Siberian Novels. (MA Thesis). The University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan, 1995.

PhD Dissertation

Intertextuality, Language and Rationality in the Detective Fiction of Edgar Allan Poe and Paul Auster. (PhD Dissertation). The University of Texas at Arlington. Texas. USA. 2006.

Journal Articles

1- "Scientific vs. Sentimental Narrative in the *Travels* of William Bartram and Mungo Park." *IJAES*. Vol. 11, 2010. Pp. 29-44.

2- "The American Literary Canon: Impervious to Change?" *International Forum of Teaching and Studies*. Vol. 7, No. 2, 2011. Pp. 50-60.

3- "Bridges or Walls? A Study of the Hashemite University English Department Undergraduate Students' Responses to Anglo-American Literature." *Teaching American Literature: A Journal of Theory and Practice*. Vol. 4, No. 4, (Summer), 2011. Pp.97-114.

4- "A Critique of Jabra's Arabic Translation of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*." *Canadian Social Sciences*. Vol. 7, No. 6, 2011. pp. 64-74.

5- "The Classical Origins of Detective Fiction: Sophocles's *Oedipus the King* and Ross Macdonald's *The Goodbye Look*." *Cross Cultural Communication*. Vol.7, No. 3, 2011. Pp. 72-79.

6- "Integrating Critical Thinking Skills into American Literature Classes." *Cross Cultural Communication*. Vol.8, No. 2, 2012. pp. 40-43

7- "Genre, Blues, and (Mis) Education in Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*." *Cross Cultural Communication*. Vol.8, No. 2, 2012. pp. 61-72.

Professional Membership

APETAU (Association of Professors of English and Translation at Arab Universities), 2007 till now

Membership in Committees

A member of the following committees in the Hashemite University

A- Chair of the committee for membership in the **World Heritage Center sponsored by UNESCO**

B- Language Center Council, 2011/2012

2- In the Faculty of Arts:

- Faculty Council
- Committee of Study Plan and Schedule

3-In the Department of English Language and Literature

- Appointment and Promotion
- Scientific Research
- Academic Supervision
- The Social and Cultural Committee

Courses Taught

- Communication Skills (The University of Jordan)
- English 99, 101, and 102 (The Hashemite University)
- An Introduction to Literature (The Hashemite University and Nilein University)
- Expository Writing (The University of Texas at Arlington)
- Critical Thinking and Argumentation (The University of Texas at Arlington)

Courses taught in The Hashemite University

- TOEFL Preparation (for MA students)
- An Introduction to the Novel
- Listening Comprehension and Conversation.
- Writing I
- Advanced Writing
- Research Writing
- World Literature
- An Introduction to Literature
- Shakespeare
- Short Story

- English Literature

Participation in Conferences and Other Activities

- Member of the Publications committee in the 1996 ICET World Assembly: Teacher Education and School Reform- Amman, Jordan/ December 16-21, 1996.
- A participant in the Seminar which was held in Yarmouk University- Irbid, Jordan from April 6-7, 1999. The title of the Seminar is: Educational Qualification: Reality and Ambition.
- Member of the committee of Continuous Professional Development for Teachers- Capacity Building Project for the Management of Educational Services in collaboration with the British Council- Amman, Jordan/ 1999-2001.
- A Training Course in Britain about The Continuous Professional Development of Teachers/ May 10-18, 2000.
- A Training Course in Poland supervised by UNESCO about Inter-cultural Studies and Dialogue of Civilizations / Warsaw University- Warsaw, Poland/ June 15-August 18, 2001 (the course included 270 teaching hours which is equivalent to 30 credit hours, there were participants from 16 different countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe, and it included many social and cultural activities)
- A participant in several conferences and seminars about education and the professional development of teachers inside and outside Jordan.
- Presented a paper entitled: T. S. Eliot's Impersonal Theory of Poetry in the GSA (Graduate Student Association) - English Department, The University of Texas at Arlington- Texas, USA/ May 2005.
- A paper presented to the MPCA/MACA conference in Indianapolis, Indiana- USA under the title: The Classical Origins of Detective Fiction: Sophocles's *Oedipus the King* and Ross Macdonald's *The Goodbye Look*/ October 27-29, 2006.
- Attending APETAU second regional forum. Tafila Technical University. Tafila, Jordan. 19th August, 2007.
- Attending a mini-conference entitled "Islam and Globalisation"organised by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Jordan, Amman, April 15th, 2008.
- Presenting a paper and participating in APETAU fourth international conference which was held in Amman from November 14-16, 2009.
- Representing The Hashemite University in a workshop organized by The British Council about the British Exams, Intercontinental Hotel, Amman, July 27th, 2011.
- Representing The Hashemite University in a workshop organized by the Fulbright Office in Amman, Jordan American Committee for Educational Exchange, in the Fulbright Office, September 15th, 2011.
- Representing The Hashemite University in EducationUSA MENA (Middle East and North Africa) conference to discuss developing strategic institutional partnerships and linkages between the universities in this region and US universities. The conference was held in Doha, Qatar, April 10th-15th, 2011.
- Representing The Hashemite University in a conference entitled" Teaching Integrity: Challenges and Ambitions." The conference was organized by TIRI Organization in Britain., and held in Sharm Al-Sheikh, Egypt, 28th-30th of October, 2011

- Attending the JOSYLEEM (a project funded by The European Union) meeting in the University of Jordan to represent The Hashemite University as a partner, November 20-21, 2011.
- Representing the Hashemite University in the selection meeting for the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 (JOSYLEEM) candidates which was held in France/Paris during the period from March 21-22, 2012. This is an EU funded project in which more than twenty universities from Jordan, Syria, and Europe are partners. It provides financial support for faculty, staff, and student mobility between these countries.