

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION

- 1985 B.Sc. Political Science and Journalism
An-Najah National University, Nablus, West Bank, Palestine
- 1988 M.Sc.(Econ.) Television News-film Agencies
Sociology Department, University of Wales College of Cardiff
Cardiff, UK
- 1996 Ph.D. Expatriate Arab Press, University of Leeds
Institute of Communications Studies, Leeds, UK

EXPERIENCE

- 1991 - 1992 A member of academic staff (Instructor), Department of Political Science and Journalism, An-Najah National University.
- 1996 - present A member of academic staff (Assistant Professor), Department of Journalism, An-Najah National University.
- 2001 – 2003 Head of Journalism Department, An-Najah National University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I have teaching several courses for the past ten years, among which are: Introduction to Media Studies, Media Ethics, Arab Media, International Media, Media Research, Public Opinion, Public Relations, Media and Development, Islamic Media, Online Journalism, Palestinian Media, Advertisement, News Editing, Propaganda, Media Management, and other courses.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1994 - present General director, An-Najah Press Office,
P.O. Box 839, Al-Adel Street, Nablus, West Bank

- 1997 - present Member of the Board of General Directors, AFAQ TV station, Nablus, West Bank
- 1996 - present Editor of *Sawt An-Najah* newspaper, published by the Department of Journalism, An-Najah National University.
- 1996 - 1998 Editor Secretary of *Masha'el* magazine, published by the Department of Journalism, An-Najah National University.
- 1997 - 2001 Editor of *Risalat An-Najah*, published by the Department of Public Relations at An-Najah National University.
- 1997 - 1998 Editor of *Sawt Al-Amileen*, published by the Union of Teachers and Employees at An-Najah National University.
- 1999 – present Editor of *Al-Muntada* magazine, published by the Cultural Forum of the Graduates, Nablus.
- Nov.2000-April 2001 National consultant for the UNFPA Advocacy projects in Palestine.
- 2001 – present Chairperson for a project at the department of journalism, An-Najah University, entitled “Population Communication, and financed by the UNFPA.
- 2003 – 2004 Secretary of Union of Teachers and Employees University and Private Institutes, An-Najah Branch.
- 2004 – present A member of Union of Teachers and Employees University and Private Institutes, An-Najah Branch.
- 2003 - 2004 Editor of *Sawt Al-Amileen*, published by the Union of Teachers and Employees at An-Najah National University.

RESEARCH

- September 1996 A paper entitled "The Development of Media Technology at the Expense of Content: A Research on the Media Content of the Palestinian journalism".
- May 1997 A paper entitled “The Importance of the Palestinian Democracy in Protecting Freedom of Press”. Presented at the conference of the Arab-Euro Dialogue on Democracy, at An-Najah University.
- 1998 A paper entitled “Freedom of Press in Palestine: Present and Future Perspectives”. The paper has been published in a book entitled *Palestinian Perspective*, edited by Freund, Wolfgang, and published by Pererlang publishers in Frankfurt, Main, Berlin, Burn, New York, Parish, and Wien, in 1999.

- 1999 A research entitled “Woman’s Health in the Palestinian Press”, for the Palestinian Ministry of Health.
- 2003 I have been working on a paper entitled “Restrictions of the Arab governments on media are declining in the age of internet and satellite TV”.
- 2004 A paper entitled "The decline of the government’s restrictions on media".
- 2005 – present I have been working on two researches. (1) "Palestinians’ trends in using online journalism", (2) "The extent of confidence of the Palestinian audience in the Arab media.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- I participated in “How to Prepare Radio Programmes”, held at An-Najah University (20-18 May 1996).
- I participated in "Producing a Newspaper" workshop held at An-Najah National University (24 June - 4 July 1996) by Georgia State University (USA) and An-Najah National University in co-operation with the United States Information Services / Jerusalem.
- I participated in organizing a three-session symposium held at An-Najah National University and the City of Al-Bireh on Press and Media in Germany and Palestine (23-10 October 1996), by the University of Trier (Germany), and An-Najah National University.
- I participated in two workshops at the Palestinian Ministry of Information on the Law of Broadcasting in October 1996, and January 1997.
- I participated in “The Future of the Palestinian Press” conference, organized by The Palestinian Centre for Media Studies, held in March 1999 in Al-Bireh City. I presented a paper entitled “Freedom of Palestinian Press at Present and its Future Expectations”.
- I participated in “The First Conference of Journalism Students at the Palestinian Universities” held at Bethlehem University (17th April 1999) with a paper entitled “Freedom of Press and Human Rights”.
- I participated in a symposium entitled “The Arabs and the Palestine Question: The Option of the Independent State” held in the capital of Jordan, Amman on December 6th, 1999, and organized by Middle East Study Center. My paper entitled “Scenarios and Possible Options of the Final Stage Israeli - Palestinian Negotiations”. All papers presented in the symposium were published in a book by the center.

- I participated in a conference entitled "The future of the dispelled Palestinians" held in Amman in September 2000, and organized by the Middle East Study Center. My paper entitled "The Israeli position toward the right of return".
- I participated in workshop entitled "Mass Media in the Age of Globalization" held by Salzburg Seminar in Austria on October 12th-18th, 2000. I participated in a working group on the issue of media censorship. I also participated by presenting a talk about the recent developments in the Middle East, and the discussion about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.
- I participated in the session 383 entitled "Mass Media in the Age of Globalization" at Salzburg Seminar, held on October 12th, 2000 in Salzburg, Austria.
- I participated in workshops held for one week in Oslo, Norway, on October 28th, 2001, in different topics in the field of journalism.
- I participated in a ten-days study tour in Egypt on January 14th, 2002. The trip was held for the purpose of developing a course entitled "Population Communication" for the Department of Journalism at An-Najah National University.
- I participated in the Session 407 entitled "Professional Responsibility in the News Media", at Salzburg Seminar, held on March 19th, 2003 in Salzburg, Austria.
- I participated in a conference entitled "Representing Islam" held by the British Council in London, in the period June 22nd-27th, 2003. The conference discussed various topic relevant to Islam, among which is "Islam and Media", and especially the coverage of Islamic affairs by Al-Jazeera satellite channel.
- I participated in a conference held at An-Najah National University on May 6th, 2004, entitled "Palestinian media: challenges and priorities". My paper entitled "The Future of the Palestinian Media".
- I participated in a conference entitled "Youth, and Real TV", organized by Juthour Centre for arts and culture, in Nablus, Palestine, held at An-Najah National University on July 25th, 2004. The paper entitled "Media Treatments".
- I participated in a conference entitled "Palestinian Youth and Modern Challenges", organized by Media and Palestinian Studies Centre (Mass Press) in Tulkarm, Palestine, held at Palestine Polytechnic in Tulkarm on September 22nd, 2004. The paper entitled "The impact of mass media on Palestinian youth".
- I participated in a conference held by AUSACE (Arab-US Association for Communication Educators) in Cairo on November 18th-21st, 2004, entitled "Media and Civic Discourse: Citizenship and Democracy". My paper was on "Communication Development lead to the Decline of Restrictions on Media".

- As a director of the Population Communication project at the department of journalism, I attended Al-Jazeera Television Production Festival, held at Doha on April 18th-21st, 2005 representing An-Najah University.
- November 4th, 2005, I participated in the 4th Arab Thought Conference in Dubai (UAE), which was entitled "Arab Media: Get it Right".
- I organized a workshop for student leaders at An-Najah on May 9th, 2006, entitled: "Population communication in Palestine".
- I participated in a conference held by Al-Wasatia forum in Ramallah on March 21st, 2008 entitled "Al-Wasatia (moderation) from theory to practice". My paper was on "Al-Wasatia and media".
- I participated in a symposium organized by BADAEL association, and held at An-Najah National University on April 2nd, 2008 on “negotiations and resistance: towards a new vision”, with a paper entitled: “negotiations, resistance, and the national harmony”.
- I participated in the second Palestinian conference entitled “Palestinian media: a fourth estate or a tool for provoking infighting”, organized by Ameen.org, on 1-3/5/2008 in Jericho. I was a moderator for the discussion session between the working groups, and was a member of the final communiqué committee.
- I participated in a symposium entitled "After two years of abduction: the reflection of kidnapping members of the Palestinian Legislative Council on the political and legislative situation in Palestine", organized by The Palestinian Centre for Democracy and Studies in Ramallah on June 28th, 2008. The paper entitled: "Media and the abduction of PLC members".

In addition, I participated in lectures, symposiums, and discussions concerning freedom of press, and the role of media in the society. For example, I participated in two symposiums at An-Najah University; the first was on “The Role of Women in the Modern Communication, with Particular Reference to Internet” (April 1999). The second one was on “The Role of the Local TV Stations in Serving the Society” (March 1999).

Moreover, I participated in workshops organized by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information, and other women centres. I also participated in a number of TV programmes about the Palestinian press.

Finally, I published articles in national newspapers and magazines. For example, article was published in Huquq Al-Nas magazine, concerning the role of the journalists’ union in protecting freedom of press and defending its members.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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| 1988 – 1999 | Member of the executive committee of the Cultural Forum of the Graduates, Nablus. |
| 1997 – present | Member of the executive committee of the housing association of An-Najah employees, Nablus. |
| 1998 – present | Member of the executive committee of Co-operative Consumer Association at An-Najah University. |
| 2003 – 2004 | Secretary of the Union of Teachers and Employees at An-Najah National University. |
| 20041 – 2005 | Head of the cultural committee in the executive committee of the Union of Teachers and Employees at An-Najah National University. |
| 2005 – 2007 | Chairperson of the executive committee of Co-operative Consumer Association at An-Najah University. |

REFEREES

- Professor Nicholas Pronay (Ex-director)
Institute of Communications Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK
- Dr. Avi Shvitiel
Department of Modern Arabic Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK
- Dr. Bogdan Szikowski
Department of Political Science, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK
- Dr. Abdel-Jawad Abdel-Jawad (Assistant Professor)
Former head of the Department of Journalism, An-Najah National University, Nablus, West Bank.
- Dr. Naser Al-Shaer, Dean of Sharia faculty, An-Najah National University.