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SUMMARY

Motivating and talented educator driven to inspire students to pursue academic and personal excellence. Strives to create a challenging and engaging learning environment in which students become life-long scholars and learners. Responsible EFL teacher with excellent communication skills demonstrated by 5+ years of teaching experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Innovative teaching methods
- Accomplished research in educational technology
- Qualitative and Quantitative, Policy analysis research experience
- Strong ability to work effectively individually and as part of a team
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- Inspiring lecturer
- Strong communication skills
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong computer skills (Microsoft Office, Excel, Power-point, and social networking site applications)
- Strong experience in working with diverse population
- Arabic language native
- Fluency in English language

EDUCATION

2007-2014	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS <i>Doctorate of Education / International Education, Educational Policy, Research, and Administration-EPRA</i>	Amherst, Massachusetts, USA
2001-2003	AN-NAJAH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY <i>Master of Education/ Curriculum and Teaching Methodology</i>	Nablus, West Bank, Palestine
1997-2001	AN-NAJAH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY <i>B. A. of Education / Methods of Teaching English</i>	Nablus, West Bank, Palestine

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2014-Present	AN-NAJAH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY <i>Assistant Professor Education Faculty</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching general Ed. Courses• Teaching EFL courses• Participating in Committee for Standards and Quality Assurance	Nablus, West Bank, Palestine
2013-May, 2014	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS <i>Project Assistantship (Collaboration between UMASS-Amherst, AMIDEAST, and Palestinian Ministry of Education)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in the Leadership and Teacher Development Project-LTD• Translated English to Arabic & Arabic to English documents• Participated in Palestinian Ministry of Education Senior officials study tour to UMASS• Facilitated visits to Massachusetts Department of Education and surrounding school visits	Amherst, Massachusetts, USA

- Jan.-Dec.-2013 **AMHERST COLLEGE** Amherst, Massachusetts, USA
Teaching Assistantship
- Participated as a conversational partner
 - Instructed students as peer-tutor
 - Maintained thorough records of students attendance and grades
 - Maintained regularly- scheduled office hours to advise and assist students
 - Graded sixty papers per week for writing skills course in Arabic language
- 2009-Present **PEARSON ASSESSMENTS** Amherst, Massachusetts, USA
Part-time Arabic Scorer
- Periodically contribute to scoring Arabic assessments holistically
- Jan.-Dec.-2012 **UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS** Amherst, Massachusetts, USA
Project Assistantship
(Collaboration between UMASS-Amherst and AL-Azhar University)
- Participated in Faculty Development in Foundations Project
 - Translated English to Arabic & Arabic to English training documents
 - Participated in Palestinian faculties from Gaza universities in study tour to UMASS
 - Facilitated sharing seminars and visits to local schools
- 2006-2008 **UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY** Ramallah, West Bank, Palestine
English Teacher at Kalandia Boys Basic School
- Taught middle school English
 - Served as a member of the school development committee
 - Used variety of teaching techniques to encourage student critical thinking and discussion in 9th grade English subject class.
 - Developed, administered and corrected tests and quizzes in a timely manner.
- 2005- 2007 **AL-QUDS OPEN UNIVERSITY** Nablus, West Bank, Palestine
Part-time Lecturer
- Taught learning theory to first year education students
- 2004- 2006 **UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY** Nablus, West Bank, Palestine
English Teacher at Asker Girls Basic School
- Taught elementary school English
 - Served as financial manager for the school
 - Selected to develop a comprehensive exam for all fourth grade students in UNRWA schools in the West Bank
 - Served as a member of the school development committee.
 - Received high remarks for the creativity of classroom lesson plans and instructional techniques from students, supervisors and school principals.
 - Support. Maintained schedules, files, and communications

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Dec, 2014 **HOW CAN PALESTINAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS INTERGATE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY EFFECTIVELY INTO TEACHING?**
Presented at the National Conference on Innovation in Teaching & Learning: From Policy to Practice Palestine Technical University- Kadoorie, Tulkarim, West Bank, Palestine
- March, 2014 **THE FLAWS OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION INTO PALESTINIAN SCHOOLS**
Presented at CIES 2014 Internal Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada
- Nov, 2013 **COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION: AMBITION AND PRACTICE**

Presented at Comparative and International Educational Society North East Regional Conference, CIE, UMASS

July, 2009 **INTEGRATING COMPUTERS IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOLS, A QUALITATIVE STUDY**
Presented at Palestinian Faculty Development Program (PFDP) Academic Colloquium 2009, AMIDEAST

June, 2008 **EDUCATION IN PALESTINE**
Presented group at School of Education 100th Anniversary Conference University of Massachusetts

FELLOWSHIPS

August, 2012	PALESTINIAN AMERICAN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP <i>Dissertation Fellowship</i>	Palestinian American Research Center- PARC
2007-2013	PALESTINIAN FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM <i>Doctoral Fellowship</i> <i>Partial tuition & living stipend for 6 years</i>	USAID, AMIDEAST, Open Society Institute
2007-2013	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS/ AMHERST <i>Doctoral Fellowship</i> <i>Partial tuition for 6 years</i>	UMASS/Amherst, USA