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An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine

Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 1971 General Secondary Certificate (Tawjihi), Jenin Boys Secondary School, Jenin, Palestine.
- 1975 B.Sc. in Physics, University of Jordan, Amman.
- 1991 M.A. in Science Education, An-Najah National University (ANU), Nablus, Palestine.
- 1994 Training course in Physics Education, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK.
- 1998 Training Course in Children's Literature, Ramallah, Palestine (sponsored by Linkopings University, Sweden).
- 2000 MSW - School of Social Work- McGill University - Montreal- Canada
- 2004 Training Best Practices, ToT Course, 2004, Tamkin- USAID project, Ramallah.
- 2010 PhD, in Social Work, School of Social Work, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Full-Time Work Experience

- 2011 – 2012 Dean, faculty of Educational Sciences, ANU
- 2010 Assistant professor, Sociology and Social Work Department, ANU
- 2006-2007 Director, Continuing Education Center, ANU
- 2004-2006 Director, Community Service Center, ANU
- 2003 -2004 Director, Public Relations Department, ANU
- 2002 - 2004 Director, UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Democracy, ANU
- 1999- 2003 Director, Community Service Center, ANU.
- 1997-2007 Lecturer, Primary Education Department, ANU.
- 1996-97 Instructor, Primary Education Department, ANU.
- 1988-96 Instructor, Methods of Teaching Department, ANU.
- 1983-88 Instructor, Community College, ANU.
- 1980-83 Lab. Instructor, Physics Department, ANU.
- 1976-80 Instructor, An-Najah Teachers' Training Institute, Nablus.
- 1975-76 Instructor, Amman Teachers' Training Institute, Amman, Jordan.

Part-Time Work Experience

- 1992- 2007 Academic supervisor, Al-Quds Open University: Nablus, Tulkarm, and Jenin centers.
- 1996- 1998 Member, Editorial Board, "Science Teaching"- A quarterly issued by Teachers' Development Center (Al-Mawrid), Ramallah, Palestine.

- 1996- 2000 Report Editor and Translator, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Jerusalem.
- 1997- 2003 Editor, Palestine Development reports 1997, 2002, 2004 Sustained Human Development Project and Development Studies Program, Bir Zeit University, Palestine.
- 1996- 2007 Trainer and facilitator on democracy and civic education, Panorama center for community development and dissemination of democracy, Jerusalem; and the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizen's Rights - Ramallah.
- 1996-1997 Segment Writer, Sesame Street -Palestine (sponsored by Children's TV. Workshop, New York, NY), Jerusalem.
- 1983- 86 Columnist, Al-Fajr Daily Newspaper, Jerusalem.
- 1989- 90 Columnist, Al-Bayariq Weekly Newspaper, Baqa El-Gharbiyyah.
- 1990- 92 Columnist, As-Sada Weekly Newspaper, Jerusalem.
- 2000- 2001 Columnist, Al-Ain Weekly Newspaper, Nazareth.
- 2005-2007 & 2010 Producer and Presenter, Radio Show "Colorful clips", An-Najah F.M. Radio

Freelance Consultant and Trainer in Community Work and Civic Education.

A sample of relevant projects include:

- Bio-Agricultural Diversity Project, An-Najah National University and UNDP: Consultant and trainer on community participation and community organization in the framework of the project, 2001.
- Evaluation of the TRC (Training and Rehabilitation of Released Prisoners), team member, 2003.
- Psychosocial Support Project for Marginalized Villages in North West Bank, CSC and MOVIMONDO- ITALY, 2004
- "Psychosocial Needs of Palestinians in North West Bank" Study, supervisor, 2005.
- Consultant on community participation in Cities Development Strategies (CDS), Ramallah, Al-Bireh and Beitunia, 2006
- Consultant on community participation in Cities Development Strategies (CDS), Salfit, 2006
- Consultant on community participation, Jenin district development plan, 2008.
- Consultant on social sector, Strategic Development Plans for different districts in West Bank, 2014, 2013, 2012 & 2011
- Coordinator of awareness and media activities, SASPARM (Support Action for Strengthening Palestinian-administrated Areas capabilities for seismic Risk Mitigation), 2013 (continuing).
- Designing and Leading many training workshops on participation, empowerment and community development.
- Organizing, leading, facilitating and/or training in many workshops in human rights, democracy and conflict resolution.

Other selected Activities

- Member, Palestinian National Council, 1996 – present
- Founding member, Pan Arab Nonviolence Movement, coordinated by Lebanese Corporation for Civic Rights, 2004 - present
- Delegate to the Middle East Peace Talks, Madrid Conference, 1991 and Washington D.C Bilateral Talks, 1991-93.
- Executive Member, Palestinian Democratic Union (FIDA), 1991- present.
- Member, Administrative Committee, Palestinian Writers Union, Jerusalem, 1987-92.
- Member, Administrative Committee, Writers Department - Arab Thought Forum, Jerusalem, 1981-84.
- Secretary, Democratic Cultural Action Committees, Jerusalem, 1986-89.
- Executive Member, General Federation of Palestinian Teachers, Jerusalem, 1992-94.
- Cofounder and Member, Israeli- Palestinian Dialogue Group, Nablus- West Jerusalem, 1992- 1998
- Member, Board of Trustees, The Child Cultural Center, Nablus, 1998- 2005
- Member, Board of Trustees, Tamer Institution for Community Education, Ramallah, 2000 - 2002
- International Election Observer, South Africa, 1994.
- Executive member in many trade unions, cooperatives, community organizations.

Publications

I-Creative Writing (Arabic unless otherwise mentioned)

Single author:

Opening Locked Windows- Translations beyond Bars, Ministry of Culture, 2014

The Berry Girl - Children story, Jerusalem: Early Childhood Resources Center, 2012

It's Too Early Boy – Open texts, Nablus: Al-Farouq, 2004

A Post Card to Laila- Children story, Ramallah: Ogarit, 2001

Three Minus One- short stories, Jerusalem: Palestinian Writers Union, 1991.

He Kissed The Land and Took Rest- Poems, Jerusalem: Palestinian Writers Union, 1990.

Oh Green Thyme- short stories, Jerusalem: Al-Jamahir Publishers, 1981.

A New Promise to Izzedin Al-Qassam- Poems, Jerusalem: Ar-Rowwad, 1982

- **Large number of articles in Palestinian and Arab Literary periodicals and press.**

Co-author:

27 short stories from the Occupied Land, short stories anthology, Ramallah: Afaq, 1977. **Short stories from the Occupied Land**, 2nd short stories anthology, Jerusalem: Arab Thought Forum, 1979.

Al-Far'ah, the Sun and the Sea, short stories, 1986.

Diary of Ansar 3, anthology of literary works, Jerusalem: Palestinian Writers union, 1989.

Homeland: Which Shines into the Childhood, German-Israeli-Palestinian Reader, Germany: Brandes & Apsel Verlag, 1997. (English & German)
Dialogue in Difficult times, in Breaking the Wall: The Social Responsibilities of Palestinian and Israeli Academics and Intellectuals at Times of Violent Conflict- An Introspective Search. Barcelona, Spain: CCCB. (English)

II- Education

Attitudes of community colleges students in West Bank toward Science as a study subject and scientific content. Unpublished M.A thesis: An_Najah National University, Nablus, 1991.

Assessment and Development of Class Environment- A case study in three 5th grade classes in Palestinian schools, **Al-Jama'a Al-Islamiyyah Journal** - Gaza, vol. 5(1), Jan. 1997.

Effect of Gender and In-Service Training on Palestinian Science Teachers Attitudes, **An-Najah Journal** - ANU, Vol. 13 (1), January 1999.

Training Teachers on Designing and Producing Scientific Demonstrations Using Disposable Materials. A paper submitted to **The First Palestinian Conference on Physics Teaching**, Bir Zeit University, Oct. 1995. (Arabic)

Energy Concepts in School Science Curriculum in Palestine. A paper submitted to **The Second Palestinian Conference on Physics Teaching**, Bir Zeit University, Oct. 1997.

Conceptual and Practical Difficulty of Science in Grade 3 as Perceived by Science Teachers in Nablus District Schools. A paper submitted to the **Conference on Primary Education**, Faculty of Educational Sciences (UNRWA), Ramallah, April 1998.

Interaction of Palestinian Culture with Surrounding Cultures. A paper presented at **Euro Summer School 2001 Conference on Management of Ethno-Cultural Diversity**, Cecina – Italy: 7 – 17 July, 2001. (English)

Author and coordinator of authors' team. **General Science, Grade 7.** Palestinian Ministry of Education, 2001.

Short articles on science teaching, **Science Teaching**, Vol. 1, Issues 1,2,3 & 4 1996-97.

III- Social Work and Community Development

Community Contribution to Efforts of NGOs in Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in Nablus – Palestine. A paper presented to the **Conference on rehabilitation of disabled persons** organized by Leibenshelfe- Gessen, Germany, July 1997. (English)

Experiences in Promoting Civil Society in an Emerging State: Establishing a Community Practice Center in Nablus – Palestine. Independent Study Project (ISP) in partial fulfillment of MSW – McGill University – Montreal, Canada. 2000 (English)

Community Development in Palestine: Concepts and Practice. A paper submitted to the **Conference on Community Development in Palestine** – Community Development Center, Ramallah – Palestine: 29-30 September 2001.

Community Supportive Education: Helping Disadvantaged Children to Overcome Learning Difficulties Due to Socio-Economic Conditions, A paper presented

- at the **5th international conference on the child**, Organization for the protection of children's rights, Montreal, Canada: 23 –25 may, 2002 (English)
- Adopting rights-based approach to community practice: The experience of the Community Service Center/ Nablus, Palestine- A Case Study.** A thesis submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the degree of Ph.D, 2010. (English)
- Protecting Children Rights in Conflicts: A social-educational approach to the Palestinian situation. A paper presented at the **9th conference on Children Rights** organized by Defense the Children International and An-Najah National University, September 2011.
- The Potentials of Welfare Mix in Palestine. A paper presented at the **Conference on Social Work Profession in Palestine**, organized by the department of sociology and social work, An-Najah National University, October 2011.
- The Experience of An-Najah National University in Social Responsibility. A paper presented at the **Conference on the Social Responsibility of Palestinian Universities**, organized by Al-Quds Open University, November 2011
- A Rights-based Approach to Non-violence. A paper submitted to the Conference on Arab Spring, organized by Future Foundation, January 2012.
- Revival of Non-Violence in Palestine: Some Conditions and Limitations, A paper Submitted to the **Conference on Peaceful Resistance in Palestine, Organized by All-qa'**, Beitsahour, Palestine, April, 30th, 2013
- Transforming awareness into action/change. A paper submitted to the Conference on Legal empowerment strategies for the promotion of socioeconomic accountability, organized by: **Middle East and North Africa Regional Meeting on Legal Empowerment**, Amman, Jordan, June, 19th- 20th, 2013.
- A Resisting Media Behind Bars, A paper Submitted to the conference on The Imprisoned Press, Organized by Abu Jihad Center for the Prisoners Movement, Ramallah, June, 26th, 2013.

III- Translations into Arabic

-Selected Poems and Short Stories

A number of short stories and poems from different parts of the world

- Studies in Development, Social and Economic Policy (Examples)

Shawa, Salma (2000). **Adapting to change: The case study of Four Palestinian NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.** Ramallah: The Forum for Social and Economic Policy in Palestine.

Jad, Islah (1999). **Female-Headed Households: The Global Debate and the Palestinian Context.** Ramallah: The Forum for Social and Economic Policy in Palestine.

Daoud, Yousof (1999). **The Determinants of Labor Force Participation Rate for Women in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.** Ramallah: The Forum for Social and Economic Policy in Palestine.

Transparency International- TI (2013). **Global Report on Corruption in Higher Education- 2012.** Berlin: TI.

Awards, fellowships and scholarships

- Palestinian Writers Union prize in short story, 1989

- A Scholarship by the British Council, short course in science education at Leeds University, 1994
- Fellowship of McGill Middle East Program in Civil Society and Peace Building, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 1998
- PhD scholarship at McGill University, 2007-2010
- Outstanding research in Social Work, McGill University, 2010
- First winning story, Call for Children stories (for age up to 7y), Early Childhood Resources Center, Jerusalem, 2012