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Professional Summary

Over 20 years of extensive educational and leadership skills, involving teaching and course developments at Arizona State University and Maricopa Community Colleges, in addition to working at public and private schools, locally and internationally

Proven international consulting expertise, advising government staff and schools' administrators/faculty

Strong academic leadership competencies along with supervisory and advisory roles in various capacities including senior lecturer, project director, presenter, interpreter/translator, vice principal

Full command of English & Arabic (native level) languages and well versed in Western and Middle Eastern traditions and cultures

Computer, Internet and Online research savvy

Education

Certificate in Effective College Instruction recognized by The Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education July, 2018

PhD in Curriculum and Instructions, Arizona State University 2013

Dissertation: Education & Curricular Perspective in the Quran

Graduated with Distinction

GPA of 3.79

Master's Degree in Educational Technology (Ed-Tech)

Northern Arizona University (NAU) Flagstaff, Arizona 2004

Graduated with Distinction

GPA of 4.0

Certificate in Educational Technology

Northern Arizona University (NAU) Flagstaff, Arizona 2004

GPA of 4.0

Teaching Certification, K-12

Arizona Department of Education Phoenix, Arizona 2003 & 2011

Bachelor of Arts – English Language

Kuwait University, Kuwait

Professional Experience:

Arizona State University (ASU)

Senior Lecturer (Multi-Year Contract) at School of International Letters and Cultures (SILC), ASU 2016- present

Coordinator for lower division ARB Classes 2012- Present

Arabic Language Lecturer at SILC, ASU 2008- Present

CITA - Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation

Project Director, developing k-12 school standards for accreditation program 2007 - 2008

Arabic Language Interpreter and translator (contractor), USAID: USA & the Middle East 2006 - 2010

Math and Language Arts Lesson Plans Developer 2006 - 2007

Class management Lesson plans for Teaching Certification programs in AZ 2007-2008

Cisco Learning Institute (CLI) 2004 - 2006

Educational Consultant, developed online K-12 Math and ESL Curriculum used in public schools' system

Built up Performance Development plans for teachers, Lesson Plans and Assessments USAID-Cisco, USA, Middle East

Translated:

Standards and quality indicators for schools located outside of the United States, Self-Study Guide for school

On-Site Evaluation Handbook for Candidacy and Accreditation,

CITA Handbook for Schools, Centers, Team Leaders and Team Members
American Education PP

Accreditation History and Overview, Advancing the quality of Education worldwide

Maricopa Community Colleges System

Adjunct faculty teaching online Arabic and culture class at Rio Salado Community College 2006- present

Developed online Arabic classes and started the online Arabic Program at Rio Salado Community College 2005

Developed online Arabic Culture and Islam at Rio Salado Community College, 2013

Updated ARB and Arabic Culture online programs at Rio Salado Community College, 2015

Adjunct faculty, taught Arabic Language at Chandler-Gilbert, Scottsdale, Paradise Valley Community College 2004 – 2006

Advisor of the International Student Club, Chandler Gilbert Community College, 2005-2006

ASU Service

Assistant Director of KSA grant	2017- Present
Member of the ASU University Senate	2017- present
President Elect of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Senate	2018-present
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Standards Committee	2016-present
Member of: Arizona Course Equivalency Tracking System (ACETS)	2014-present
Member of Testing Policies of Language Assessment Sub-Committee	2014- 2016
Member of Evaluation Sub-Committee	2013- Present
Sub-Coordinator of Arabic Language Lower Division Classes	2013- 2018
University Advisor for Kuwaiti Student Club	2014- Present
Language Pedagogy Advisory Committee Member	2013- 2015
Head of Native/Heritage Speakers sub- committee.	2013- 2015

During my teaching, in all semesters, I would have 2-3 Honor students

Publications:

Education and Curricular Perspectives in the Qur'an. Lexington Publication, an Imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., Lanham, MD 2014.

Invited and accepted to write a chapter in anthology titled – *Democracy and Decency: What Does Education Have to Do with It?* Chapter title “How long can we afford ignorance?”

Currently working on my second book: Arab Culture and Islam

Professional Presentations:

Oct. 20, 2017, Presented at TEDx Disability in Islam at Mesa Community College

Oct. 7, 2017, presented: Visual Culture as a New Paradigm of Education, Arizona Language Association Conference,

Sep. 18, 2017, presented My Story as an Immigrant to Romanian Class at ASU

April 6, 2017 presented Middle Eastern Etiquette at ASU, prepared by: Global Council of Diplomats Organization

Feb. 18, 2017 presented “Unconscious Racism” at “Conversation on Racism” Conference at ASU

Feb 8, 2017 called for and participated in a meeting with different religious groups to reach for understanding of our differences and act as one unit due to the new laws

Nov. 2016 presented at the third Annual Share Fair, presenting “Why technology?” at ASU- School of International Letters and Cultures

Dec, 2016 presented “My experience as a Muslim after Sept 11” to a group of priests and Rabbis, ASU

Nov. 16, 2015 presented in German class about education settings across Arabic cultures, Presented the Arabic educational settings, ASU

Nov. 5, 2015 participated in Middle Eastern Open House, ASU

Nov. 3, 2015 participated in Arabic film and Poetry series, SILC, ASU

October 31, 2015 Invited and participated in community leadership dinner, Tempe , AZ

October 7, 2015 presented: Arabic Culture and Islam at Chandler Gilbert Community College, Chandler, AZ

Sept. 18, 2015 meeting with ASU International Alumni Ambassador to discuss some ways that the ASU Alumni Association can provide more support, services, networking, career services, and connections for international students and particularly students and alumni from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, at ASU

Sept. 2015 Invited to participate in Foreign and Native Language Standards For Arizona Department of Education K-12 Academic Standard Section

Sept 16, 2015 presented lecture on “Islamic Awareness” to educators at Mesa Public School District, AZ

July 7, 2015 presented to a group of students from Estrella Mountain Community College at Islamic Cultural Center, AZ

April 27, 2015 “Islamic Awareness” arranged by: Student Council of Diplomats, a club affiliated with the Global Education Office in the W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU,

Nov. 2014, presented: Methods of Teaching as a Caring Teacher at First Foreign Language Conference ASU

Jan.19, 2014, Presented at Qur’an Conference, Education and Curriculum in the Qur’an, Scottsdale, AZ

Feb. 21, 2014, Presented: Women in the Qur’an, at a cultural evening at Islamic Cultural Center, Tempe, AZ

Current poets in Arabic Poetry Night, 2014, ASU

2009, Presented at: Intro to Muslim Women at Peace and Conflict Series, ASU

Honors:

Invited to participate in Foreign and Native Language Standards for Arizona Department of Education K-12 Academic Standard Section, 2015

Won Outstanding Adjunct Faculty for 2012-2013. Out of 4000 employees, I was one of ten adjunct faculties who were chosen for outstanding performance

Nominated for Teacher of the Year Award at ASU, 2011 & 2012, working as a lecturer

Won Spirit of Collaboration & Teamwork Award 2011 – Maricopa Community Colleges

Won Academic Innovations Theses Contest, NAU, 2004

Received numerous commendation letters from professors, peers, employers, and associates for dedication, achievement, and distinct performance.

Related Professional Skills

Earned a certificate for teaching online, from Boot Camp, ASU, 2015

Certificate of Appreciation from Estrella Mountain Community College for contribution in the Peace and Conflict Series, 2009

Certificate for Commitment to Quality in USAID Study Tour for Egyptian Educators, CITA, 2008 & 2007

Strong PC and Internet skills, including MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Explorer, Internet browser, Outlook Exchange, Web search engines and Web page authoring/design

Creative, helpful, good listener, inspirational and effective team player

People-person with strong problem solving and crisis management skills

Goal oriented with effective communication and time management skills

Professional Development:

February 4, 2016: Connect to this on-demand webinar and explore K-12 language-learning challenges and how our Language Learning Suite for K-12 provides effective ELL and World Language solutions that complement any classroom.

February 25, 2016: Webinar: "Communities of Practice: Secrets of Successful Implementations Part I" March 17, 2016: How to Empower Students and Staff to Take Ownership of Safety On- and Off- Campus,

March 23rd, 2016: Muslims Myth busters, A.E. England Building, ASU downtown campus

March 24, 2016: Communities of Practice: Secrets of Successful Implementation (Part II)

April 1-3, 2016: 3 days' conference: Western Consortium Middle Eastern Language workshop, at university of Arizona at Tucson prepared by the Middle Eastern Studies at U of A

May 3rd, 2016: The Frank Rhodes Lecture with Dr. Howard Gardner: Beyond Wit and Grit

May 5th, 2016: webinar, Powerful Technology to Engage Your Students – the New Blackboard Collaborate.

May 24, 2016 webinar: Innovation in Teaching May 25, 2016: CCTA webinar: Meeting Requirements, Exceeding Expectations: Understanding the Role of Evaluation in Federal Grants

July 7, 2016: webinar: Faculty Success Program Preview Webinar: 5 Secrets to a Super Productive Summer "

September 18, 2016: InFocus Live Season 2, Episode 3, Creating the WOW Factor: Developing Innovative Programs that Provide Value and Exceed Expectation

September 20, 2016: The Tunisian Revolution and the Language of Dissent

September 28, 2016: workshop on publishing for a public, online audience hosting the editors of Zocalo and Slate September. 28, 2016: Online Language Learner Orientation Module Review, at ASU

October 3rd, 2016, Just-In-Time Webinar: Blackboard Course Check-Up. Location: online at <http://links.asu.edu/ASUonlinewebinars> October 3rd, 2016: Just-In-Time Webinar: Setting Up Your Blackboard Grade Center.

October 3rd, 2016: Just-in-Time Webinar: Setting Dates in Blackboard and Using the Course Calendar Module

October.5th, Webinar: Enrich students' language learning journey with cultural content – Roseta Stone

October 18th : Humanities Authors Reception and Book Award ceremony, at Hayden Library

October 20, 2016: Panel on Presidential Politics and the Making of American Identity

October 20, 2016: Was invited and attended: CSRC Private dinner at University Club, ASU

April 13, 2016: Attended: Arabic Poetry night at ASU

April 21, 2016: Attended lecture of Daisey Khan Islam and Democracy During Global Transition

Jan 15, 2015 Webinar: Every Semester Needs a Plan, Facilitator: Kerry Ann Rockquemore, PhD by: National Center for Faculty, Development and Diversity.

March 31st, 2015, 7 Affordances of eLearning: A Webinar by ASU

April 16, 2015, Realizing Opportunities: Develop Globally Competent Students with World Languages, Presenter: Boris Morew, Subject Matter Expert - K-12 Solutions, Rosetta stone

April,17, 2015, Students' advisor club meeting: round table discussion at MU, to go over what the new school year will look like for Appropriations June 8 –21,2015, two weeks of Boot Camp for Teaching Online workshop, and received a certificate for completion

May 12, 2015, Planning for Sustainability, by: CCTA Centers Collaborative for Technical Assistance

May 8, 2015, Blackboard - What's changing in the New Upgrade? ASU Online June 18,2015: Successful Approaches for Ensuring Effective Business Engagement in Programs by: CCTA Centers Collaborative for Technical Assistance

June 23, 2015: Preventing Sex Discrimination and Harassment, online course, District of Education

June 30, 2015, Webinar: Extending Your Investment with Atomic Learning, Leveraging Blackboard to Integrate Online Video Training

August 11, 2015, Webinar: Higher Education Access and Opportunity in a Shifting Legal Landscape

August 14th, 2015, Just-In-Time Webinar: Blackboard Course Check-Up September 10: IHR Funding Program workshop: 3:30 – 5:30

September 23,2015, Grabbing Nursing Students Attention with Clickers in the Classroom, webinar facilitated by Jennifer Cowley

October 1, 2015, webinar: Institutional Cultural Competency Development, by: Jaime J. Romo, Ed.D.

October 8, 2015, The Hard Truths of Academic Leadership, Career Tools, by James Martin and James E. Samels

October 12th, 2015, Just-In-Time Webinar: Blackboard Course Check-Up,

October 15,2015: Poetry night for Arabic series

October 21, 2015: our Ed-Tech + Traditional Instruction: Mixing It Up in Today's Language-Learning Classroom webinar

October 23,2015: Public Policy ~ Friday Lecture Series: Education in Arizona, Maricopa Center for Learning and Instruction (MCLI)

November. 6, 2015, Networks webinar: Getting the Info You Need: Designing Targeted Surveys & Questionnaires

December 10, 2015, Differentiating Instruction in the World Language Classroom Using Blended Learning

February 28, 2014 Succeed Online and Teach Online Writing Workshop, ASU

March 6, 2014 Future of Humanities symposium, ASU

March 7, 2014 Presentation by Thomas Garza, "Proficient programs for proficient students: What the Flagship program can offer national language curricula

March 12, 2014, Effective Online Discussion, webinar demonstration; Fort Hays State University shared their Atomic Learning success

November 5, 2014: Turnitin, Plagiarism Spectrum, Webcast, by the chronicle webcast

November, 5, 2014: Grade Anything: Evaluate Any Type of Assignment, in Any Subject, Webcast by the chronicle webcast

September. 17, 2014: 5 Key Steps in Planning and Implementing a Blended Learning Program

November 4 2014: hyper city workshop: at MU

April 26, 2013: Best Practices for Online Instruction" August 20, 2013: Just-In-Time Webinar: Setting Up Your Gradebook, ASU

August 20, 2013: Just-In-Time Webinar: Course Check-Up, ASU

September 26, 2013: Standing on Common Ground: Building Cultural & Academic Literacy, with content provided by Pearson September, 28, 2013: Turning Point on using clickers (classroom polling devices) in your presentations, ASU

October 30, 2013: Arabiyyat al-Naas with Munther Younes, by: Routledge Language Learning

November 6, 2013: Education Eavesdrop: Preparing for proper implementation of technology, ASU

Nov 7th- 2013: From Inspiration to Implementation: A Guide to Planning Successful Tech Initiatives

November 18, 2013: A Curriculum-First Approach to Technology and the Web: Del Mar Union School District's Technology Journey March 29-31, 2013: Western Consortium Middle East Language Workshop held, at the Marriott University Park, University of Arizona

Engaging Language & Culture Through Innovative Technology, University of Arizona, 2013

February 2011: Narrative, Arts-Based, and Post Approaches to Social Research Conference- ASU

AERA Conference, Spring 2010, Denver, Colorado

Maximizing Our Strength in an Inclusive Community I, II & III, 2006 & 2007 Edu 250
Rio Salado Community College, Spring 2006

MOSAIC (Maximizing Our Strength as an Inclusive Community) Level I A & B, Level
II A & B, CGC, May 2006 & Level III A & B (November 2007)

The Context of Culture- Asia, Maricopa Community College, March 2006

Education for Global Sustainability, January 2006

Introduction to Blackboard, January 2006

The Pursuit of Wisdom, Maricopa Community College 2005 Teacher Learning
Research, ASU Fall 2005

CLI Virtuoso Course Developer e-Training 2004