

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in English, the University of Kansas, Lawrence, August 2015-Present
- Master of Arts in English, the University of Jordan, December 2013.
- Bachelor of Arts with Honors in English, the University of Jordan, June 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- “Case Study: Helping Faculty Mentors Help Undergraduates Confront and Cope with Research Failures.”
Co-authored with KU’s Center for Undergraduate Research Staff. Under review
- “Decolonizing the Classroom: International GTAs and Reclaiming Authority.” *Women, Gender, and Families of Color*. Special Issue 8.2 (Fall 2020): 160-168.
- “Political Jail in Orwell’s *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, al-Ghītānī’s *Zaynī Barakāt*, Muñīf’s *East of the Mediterranean* and Coetzee’s *Waiting for the Barbarians*: A Comparative Study.” *American Academic & Scholarly Research Journal*. 5.3 (2013): 20-31.

CONFERENCES, PANELS, & WORKSHOPS

- “*Words Is a Powerful Thing*: Book Launch” *Justice Arts Coalition*. A panel with the author of the book Brian Daldorph, Mike Hartnett, and Sherry Gill. Held virtually on Nov. 3, 2021.
- “International GTAs in a U.S. Writing Classroom.” *The 7th Annual Big 12 Teaching and Learning Conference*. The University of Kansas-Edwards Campus Overland Park, Kansas. Held virtually on June 10-11, 2021.
- “Words Is a Powerful Thing: Inmate Writing.” *JCCC Cavalier Conference*. A panel with Brian Daldorph, Mike Hartnett, and Sherry Gill. JCCC, Overland Park. Held virtually on April 16, 2021.
- “Coloniality in Late Twentieth-Century Arabic Prison Narrative.” *The 55th Annual Comparative Literature Conference*. California State University, Long Beach. Held virtually on April 14 & 15, 2021.
- “Coping Mechanisms in Times of Crisis.” *Virtual Zine Club Workshop*. The University of Kansas, Lawrence, September 30, 2020.
- “The Palestinian Refugees in Jordan and the Politics of Refusal.” *ISJ 2020 Conference*. The University of Kansas (KU), Lawrence, February 28, 2020.
- “Aliens Overseas: Introduction to Arabic Science Fiction.” *MidAmeriCon II*. Kansas City, August 17-21, 2016.
- “Introduction to Jail Theory and Literature.” *Power to Connect in a Changing World: International Conference on Language, Literature and Translation*. The University of Jordan, Amman, April 2014.
- “The Function of Animal Imagery in Hardy’s *Jude the Obscure*.” *The Charles Dickens Literary London Symposium*. The Oxford/Cambridge Club, London, December 2012.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Graduate Teaching Assistant (2-2 load), the Dept. of English at KU, 2015-Present
- Diversity Program Manager Assistant, Center for Undergraduate Research at KU, Summer 2021
- Arabic Tutor working with the Dept. of Arabic Studies at KU and Project Go, Summer 2021
- Designer of Online Course (ENGL 102: Critical Reading and Writing), KU, Spring 2019
- Lecturer (full-time, 5-5 load), the Dept. of English at the University of Jordan, 2014-15
- Acting Head of the American Cultural Corner, the University of Jordan, 2013
- Teaching & Research Assistant, the Dept. of English at the University of Jordan, 2010-2013
- Substitute Teacher in Oxford, Al-Omariyya and Al-Ridwan Schools, Jordan, 2008-2010
- Instructor at the Writing Lab, the University of Jordan, 2008

- Translation Trainer (from English into Arabic), the University of Jordan, 2007

COURSES TAUGHT

- At the University of Kansas, Lawrence from 2015-Present:
ENGL 314: Major British Writer after 1800 (1 section); ENGL 209: Introduction to Fiction (3 sections); Online ENGL 102: Critical Reading and Writing (7 sections); ENGL 102: Critical Reading and Writing (11 sections); & ENGL 101: Composition (2 sections)
- At the University of Jordan from 2010-2015:
Introduction to English Literature (3 sections); Novel (3 sections); Short Story (2 sections); English Literature until 1660 (1 section); American Literature Until 1800 (1 section); Translation from Arabic into English (3 sections)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- GRA scholarship from the Dept. of English, KU, Spring 2022
- Social Justice Research Excellence Initiative (REI) Award, April 2021
- Hall Center Applied Humanities Fellowship, Summer 2021
- The Selden Lincoln Whitcomb Fellowship for excellence in scholastic research and promise in the field of teaching, Spring 2021
- Andrew W. Mellon DEI Curriculum Fellowship, Jan. 2021 (supporting work in adapting curriculum through incorporating art performance)
- Outstanding Instructor Award, the Dept. of English, KU, Lawrence, Spring 2020
- Turken Youth Bridges Summer Scholarship (fully-funded tour to Turkey to bridge cultural gap between the East and West), Turken Foundation, NY, Summer 2018
- Graduate School's Summer Research Scholarship, KU, Summer 2018.
- Ramesh Thippavajjala Memorial Award for International Graduate Student's Academic Excellence, KU, Spring 2018 & Fall 2017
- GTA scholarship for the English PhD Program in Literature, KU, 2015-Present
- GTA scholarship for the MA Program in Literature, the University of Jordan, 2010-2013

SERVICES AND AFFILIATIONS

- Volunteer translator for the Refugee Family Project, KU Clinical Child Psychology Program, 2021
- Member of Middle East Studies Association of North America, 2020-Present
- Member of College Forum of the National Council of Teachers of English, 2018-Present
- Member of NAISA (Native American and Indigenous Studies Association), 2016-Present
- Volunteer in the Creative Writing Program in Douglas County Jail, Dec. 2019-Mar. 2020
- Reader for the *LandLocked* magazine, the Dept. of English at KU, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
- Member of the Fundraising Committee, the Dept. of English, KU, Fall 2018-Fall 2019
- Member of the Planning and Reviewing Committee, Professionals for Inclusion and Social Justice Organization, KU, Apr. 2017-Spring 2019
- Member of the Graduate Student Health Insurance Work Group, KU, Fall 2016
- Member of the Advising Committee, the Dept. of English, University of Jordan, 2010-2015
- Member of the Cultural Committee, the Dept. of English, the University of Jordan, 2012

REFERENCES

To be provided upon request