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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, hardworking person with excellent communication and interpersonal skills demonstrated by 5+ years of working experience.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

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| * 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
* Good Teacher Training Experience
* Experience with Strategic Planning
 | * Inspiring lecturer
* Strong communication skills
* Strong leadership skills
* Strong computer skills ( Microsoft Office, Excel, Powerpoint, and social networking site applications
* Strong experience in working with diverse population
* Arabic language native
* Fluency in the English language
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**EDUCATION**

2007-2014 **University of Massachusetts** Amherst, Massachusetts, USA

 *Doctorate of Education / International Education,*

 *Educational Policy, Research, and Administration-EPRA*

2001-2003 **An-Najah NATIONAL University** Nablus, West Bank, Palestine

 *Master of Education/ Curriculum and Teaching Methodology*

1997-2001 **An-Najah National University** Nablus, West Bank, Palestine

 *B. A. of Education / Methods of Teaching English*

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

 2014-Present **An-Najah National University** Nablus, West Bank, Palestine

 *Assistant Professor*

 *Faculty of Educational Sciences and Teacher Training*

* Teaching General Ed. Courses
* Teaching EFL courses
* Participating in Several Committees in the Faculty

Dec. 2015-Present **An-Najah National University** Nablus, West Bank, Palestine

 *Project Team Coordinator*

*Teacher Education Improvement Project (TEIP)*

*(Collaboration between National Institute for National Training and five Palestinian Universities. Funded by World Bank)*

* *Design Training Material for English Teachers*
* *Coordinate Teamwork among Team Members*
* *Writing Progress Reports to World Bank*
* *Conduct Training Sessions*

May 2014- May 2016 **National Institute for National Training** Ramallah, West Bank, Palestine

 Teacher Trainer

 Leadership and Teacher Development Project-LTD Project

* Conduct Training for English Language Teachers

2013-May, 2014 **UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS** Amherst, Massachusetts, USA

 *Project Assistantship*

 *(Collaboration between UMASS-Amherst, AMIDEAST, and Palestinian Ministry of Education.*

 *Funded by USAID)*

* 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

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 the 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,*

 *Funded by USAID)*

* Participated in Faculty Development in Foundations Project
* Translated English to Arabic & Arabic to English training documents
* Participated in a Palestinian faculties’ study tour (from Gaza universities 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 Students
* 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 promptly.

2005- 2007 **Al-Quds open university** Nablus, West Bank, Palestine

 *Part-time* *Lecturer*

 Taught learning theories course to first-year education major students

2004- 2006 **UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY** Nablus, West Bank, Palestine

 *English Teacher at Asker Girls Basic School*

 Taught Elementary Students

* 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 PALESTINIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS INTEGRATE COMPUTER**

 **TECHNOLOGY EFFECTIVELY INTO TEACHING?**

*Presented at the National Conference on Innovation in Teaching & Learning: From Policy to Practice*

 *Palestine Technical University- Kadoorie, Tulkarem, 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** Palestinian American

 *Dissertation Fellowship*  Research Center- PARC

2007-2013 **PALESTINIAN FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** USAID, AMIDEAST,

 *Doctoral Fellowship* Open Society Institute

 *Partial tuition & living stipend for six years*

2007-2013 **UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS/ AMHERST** UMASS/Amherst, USA

 *Doctoral Fellowship*

*Partial tuition for six years*

# REFERENCES

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