**Curriculum Vitae**

NAME: Mary Bhawani Raj Fattash Zubaida

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 April 1958

NATIONALITY: Indian-born Palestinian

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Four

CURRENT ADDRESS: The Language Center / Faculty of Arts/ An-Najah National

 University / Nablus / Palestine

**EDUCATION:**

1974 : Senior Cambridge / Oak Grove School / Mussoorie / India.

1975 – 78: B.A. (Honors) English Literature, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh,

India. (Graduated in the first division)

1978 – 80: M.A. English Literature, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India.

 (Also graduated in the first division)

1995 (July / August): Attended summer school at Exeter College, Oxford University, UK, under the sponsorship of the British Council. Was awarded a certificate of excellence for the presentation of two papers, entitled *Macbeth’s Motiveless Malignity: The ‘sweet discord’ in Shakespeare’s Craftsmanship* and *John Keats: His Art and His Personality*.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**:

1982 until the present (i.e. 2014): Instructor first in the English Department and then at the Language Center, at An-Najah National University, Nablus Palestine. Have taught a wide range of courses in language, writing and English Literature.

1991 – 92: Taught a language course to the trainees at a Women’s Development Institute in Nablus under the directorship of Ms. Sahar Khalifa.

1996 – 97: Taught English Language courses at the British Council in Nablus.

1998 – 2004: I was the coordinator of the Proficiency Exam committee at the English Department, and prepared and supervised the administration of said exam.

**LANGUAGE AND OTHER SKILLS:**

Native speaker of English, proficient in colloquial Arabic and can read, write and understand Hindi.

Proficient typist with a good working knowledge of computer use.

**CONFERENCES:**

- November 1993: PATEFL Conference, held at the English Department, An-Najah National University. Presented a paper entitled *The Problem of Meaning in the Teaching of Literature Courses at An-Najah University*.

- April 1995: PATEFL Conference, held at Bir Zeit University. Presented a paper entitled *Recreational Reading and Language Acquisition.*

- April 1996: Attended the PATEFL Conference, held at Bethlehem University.

- November 1996: The Second International Conference on Higher Education in the Context of an Independent Palestinian State, held at An-Najah National University, Nablus. Prepared a report covering the proceedings of the session of the Working Group 3 entitled, ‘*Promotion of Advanced Studies and Research at Palestinian Universities: the role of Regional and International Cooperation*.’ The report was highly commended publicly by the chairman of the session, Prof. Hanna Nasir, President of Bir Zeit University, and copies of it were distributed among the foreign delegates at the conference at his request.

- May 2000: PATEFL Conference, held at An-Najah National University, Nablus. Presented a paper entitled *Rote Learning or Write Learning: A practical option for the Users of the Communicative Approach in Palestinian Schools.*

- 6 May 2004: Symposium held at the English Department, An-Najah National University, Nablus. Presented a paper entitled *The Forgotten Factor: Improving Student Motivation in the English Department, An-Najah National University.*

- 2 March, 2005: Attended a workshop on *Gender, Race, Citizenship and Diasporas*, held at An-Najah National University. The participants were from the Center for Arab-American Studies, Dearborn Michigan, U.S.A. and An-Najah National University. Gave a presentation during the session entitled *Not From Here, Nor From There*: *Transnational Identities, Exile and Home?*

- 3-5 August 2007: Attended the International Conference on *New and Emerging Technologies in ELT*, held at Loyola College, Chennai, India.

- 5 December, 2009: The 1st English Language Conference, ‘*New Perspectives: New Challenges*’ organized by the Language Center at An-Najah National University, Nablus. Presented a paper entitled *From Jabberwocky to English: Making the Transition from the U.S. and Britain to Palestine via the English Language.*

- 3 March 2014: Attended the *International Conference for Learning and Teaching in the Digital World*, organized by the E-Learning Center at An-Najah National University, Nablus.

- Have attended numerous lectures and workshops over the years, organized by the English Department and the Public Relations Office, including a workshop given by the contemporary British poet, Agnes Meadows.

- April 22, 2015: Attended a symposium entitled *Identity and Identity Formation in the US and Palestine*, held under the auspices of American Studies Program, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- *Words Like Silver Fish: the Affective Component of Sound in Meaning.* Published in English Teaching Forum: A Journal for the Teachers of English outside the United States. Vol. 33 No. 3. July 1995.

-*Macbeth’s Motiveless Malignity: the ‘sweet discord’ in Shakespeare’s Craftsmanship*. Published in Arab World English Journal (AWEJ). Special Issue on Literature No. 1. December 2013.

-*An Appraisal of Keats: man and poet in Ode To A Nightingale*. Published in International Journal of Humanities and Social Science. Vol. 4 No. 2. Special Issue. January 2014.

Note: All of the above journals are refereed, accredited, indexed and in print.

**PAPERS AS YET UNPUBLISHED:**

- *The Camelion Poet: Shakespeare and Negative Capability*

- *The Death of Faith: The Graveyard Motif in* The Monk

**CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

I have been working for the past several years on a book on Medieval English Literature entitled *The Bole, the Bough and the Blossom: A Study of Medieval English Literature in the Context of Contemporary Culture and History*. The book is an in-depth exploration of the impact of contemporary influences in shaping perspectives in literature in Anglo-Saxon England and the Middle Ages. Although as yet unfinished, the book has already run into 400 pages of print.