

Curriculum Vitae

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MAJOR PROFILE

- General Field of Specialization: English Literature.
- Specific Field of Specialization: African-American Contemporary Fiction.

EDUCATION

- B.A. English from the University of Baghdad, College of Education (Ibn Rushid), Department of English (2002-2006).
- M.A. (Master of Arts) in English Literature from the University of Pune, India. (2007-2009).
- A certificate of Training English Teachers (ToT) in the ESL Workshop/ English Office of AED (The Academy of Educational Development) Baghdad. 2010
- Online course in the University of Oregon, College of Arts and science. (Shaping the Way We Teach English 2010).
- Post Graduate Certificate of Higher Education (PGCertHE) from Bangor University 2016.
- PhD in English Literature from Bangor University in African-American Contemporary Fiction 2019.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Teaching English Language for advanced ESL University students since 2009.
- Translation and interpretation, with a membership of Iraqi Translators' association—Baghdad, Member of FIT Since 2009.
- English teacher trainer (TOT) 2010.
- Student advisor (US Educational System) 2011-2013.

- International Student Ambassador at Bangor University 2013-2018.
- Invigilator at Bangor IELTS Centre. 2013 - 2017
- Member of the International Students Support Centre at Bangor University 2014-2018.
- Associate fellow of Higher Education Academy/ UK. 2015
- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy/ UK 2016.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Member of the Iraqi Translators' association—Baghdad, Member of F.I.T. Since 2009.
- Member of TESOL International since March 2012.
- Member of TESOL Iraq since March 2012.
- Member of TEDx Baghdad Social Network Team 2012.
- Member of English Curriculum improvement team of the office of Research and development.

EMPLOYMENT

- University lecturer at the University of Anbar, College of Education Sept. 2009- 2019.
- Translator at the (Translation and Languages center) Anbar University, College of Education, Oct. 2009 to July 2013.
- Directing PBT TOEFL test center of Anbar University from January 2010 to July 2013.
- Coordinator of English Department from January 2011 to July 2013.
- Head of English Department at the University of Anbar for one month, as an alternative to the actual head due to his study leave.
- Students Advisor for the Higher Studies since 2010. Ministry of Higher Education/ Iraq
- Executive Director of IBT TOEFL test center of Anbar University from Sept. 2012 to June 2013. University of Anbar/ Iraq.
- Invigilator at Bangor IELTS center 2014-2018. Bangor University/ UK
- International Student Ambassador 2014-2018. Bangor University/ UK
- International Student Support office team 2014-2018. Bangor University/ UK
- English Teacher (University Lecturer) at Aliraqia University since June 2019

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- A participation in the American Education at The University of Anbar 2010.
- Baghdad Conference of English Language 2011.
- TESOL International Conference 2012, Philadelphia, USA.
- Tikrit University Conference 2012, where I published my research “Religion as a Code of Success A study on The Contemporary American Fiction”.
- Participation in Warwick University Reading Summer School “International and Postcolonialism Literature” 2014. Warwick, UK.
- Participation in “African Intellectual Movement” at York University 2015.
- Participation in Greenwich University Conference “Global Morrison”, London 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

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| 2011 | The Struggle Between Man and Nature in the Poetry of Edwin John Pratt |
| 2012 | Religion as a Code of Success A study on The Contemporary American Fiction |
| 2013 | Menace and Fear in Harold Pinter's The Birthday Party |
| 2017 | Transnationalism in Toni Morrison's Paradise |
| 2020 | Folklore as a Means to Sustain African-American Identity: A Study of Selected Novels by Toni Morrison and Alice Walker |
| 2022 | Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming" Athematic Study of Gender and Power |
| 2022 | Nihilism and Images of Rebellion: A Critical Study of Richard Wright's Native Son |
| 2022 | The Ghostly Hope: A Study of Contrasts in Toni Morrison's Beloved |
| 2023 | John Steinbeck's The Winter of Our Discontent: A Postmodern Study |
| 2023 | Toni Morrison's Beloved: Transnational Impact Through Stories |
| 2023 | The Missing Piece of Sagrada Familia: A Study of Dan Brown's Origin |
| 2023 | The Holy Secret: A Thematic Study of Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code |