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Education

Doctorat in Philosophy in English/ Literature

- Ph.D., University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Department of English, Summer 2019
- Dissertation: Folklore as Resistance in Postcolonial Narratives and Cultural Practices: Hawaiian, African American, and Iraqi
- Nominated for the HCED Award, 2010
- M.A. in English Literature, University of Baghdad Poetry focus, 2006
- Bachelor of English in English TEFL, College of Education, Ibn Rushd for Human Sciences, University of Baghdad 2000.

Employment

Teaching Faculty and Former Head of Scholarships and Cultural Affairs

Feb 2007 - Present

University of Baghdad, Baghdad

- ❖ Former Head of the Department of Scholarships and Cultural Affairs, February 2023.
- ❖ Full-time Faculty member, University of Baghdad, 2007-Present.

Courses (taught)

I have had the honor of serving as a professor at the esteemed University of Baghdad since 2007. During my tenure, I have successfully taught an array of courses including reading and writing, English research methods, literature, and more. In addition to my work at the University of Baghdad, I have also taught at the Postgraduate Institute for Accounting and Financial Studies and the English Department of the College of Education.

As a professor, I have been responsible for developing coursework and programming for undergraduate and graduate students, working with groups ranging in size from 20 to 300 students per semester. This extensive experience has enabled me to hone my communication skills and effectively evaluate the performance of many students.

Personal details

Date of birth

December 30, 1977

Link to Dissertation: <https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/63497>

ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Dhiffaf-Al-Shwillay>

Skills

Teaching

Languages

English

Arabic

My academic interests are centered around postcolonial studies, African American literature, and Folklore. I am fascinated by how stories and language can reorient people, and growing up in Baghdad, along with my exposure to American and Hawaiian cultures, has given me a unique perspective on how history, culture, and worldviews are conveyed through literature.

Throughout my academic career, I have taught a diverse range of courses, including Reading Skills, Writing Skills, Academic Writing, TOEFL, Renaissance Poetry, Introduction to Literature, EFL for Graduate School, EFL for Undergraduate School, Introduction to English Literature, Introduction to English Poetry, and Human Rights.

In all of the courses I teach, I strongly emphasize critical thinking skills, literary analysis, and genre analysis. For instance, in my Human Rights course, I design assignments that challenge students and promote their understanding of the complex issues in Human Rights in Iraq. Additionally, I organized and delivered a workshop on human rights for professors and instructors in the College of Education.

Moreover, I have taught TOEFL preparation courses focused on enhancing students' academic writing and reading, speaking and listening skills, and academic vocabulary. Lastly, I have taught a Research Methodology Course where I effectively lectured, guided, monitored, and evaluated students, further strengthening my teaching skills.

AWARDS, WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

- Course study on Blended Learning held by the Center for Language & Technology/ University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Fall 2017.
- Ph.D. Scholarship: Sponsored by Higher Committee of Developing Iraqi education, America/Hawaii, 2011.
- Workshop in Teaching Approaches: Sponsored by the UNESCO; Jordan, Amman, July 2010.
- Course study on Human Rights: Sponsored by the UNESCO; University of Foggia / Italy, 2008.
- Workshop on Human Rights: Sponsored by American Peace Institution; Erbil/ Iraq, 2009.
- Intensive course for Developing Teaching Skills Focusing on Arabic, April 2010.

References

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