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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey Monterey, CA
Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, Arabic Studies and French Studies Programs 2013 – present

Courses Taught:

Elementary Arabic I & II
Arabic Speaking Countries I and II
U.S, France/E.U. and Africa
Post-colonial Africa
Activism and Arab Civil Society
Arabic Speaking Countries in Depth
Arabic Media
Arabic Survival Language Skills,
Changes in MENA Region
France and the Arab World
Maghrebis: Identity and Integration in France
French Reading and Conversation
Introduction to Intermediate Arabic
Religion and Ethnic Groups in the Arab World
Security and International Relations in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
Topics in Arab Culture
Topics in Arabic: Current Events
U.S./E.U. Foreign Policy in the MENA Region
Understanding the Arab World
Key Issues in the Arab World
Maghrebi and African Communities in France

Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey Monterey, CA
Arabic Summer Intensive Program Coordinator 2014 – 2018
Instructor of Arabic
Courses Taught: Elementary Arabic I & II

Smith College Northampton, MA
Lecturer, Middle East Studies Program 2009 – 2013
Courses Taught: beginning, intermediate and advanced levels; independent studies

Amherst College Amherst, MA
Lecturer, Asian Languages and Civilizations Department 2010 – 2011
Courses Taught: advanced Arabic level (1 section)

Mount Holyoke College Lecturer in Arabic Courses Taught: advanced Arabic level (1 section)	South Hadley, MA Spring 2013
Salem State College Visiting Arabic and French Lecturer Courses Taught: beginning Arabic and French, independent studies in Arabic	Salem, MA 2007 - 2009
University of Massachusetts-Boston Arabic Lecturer Courses Taught: beginning Arabic 101 and 102 French Lecturer Courses Taught: beginning and intermediate French	Boston, MA 2009 - 2013 2005 - 2009
Boston University Lecturer in Arabic Courses Taught: beginning Arabic II Lecturer in French Courses Taught: first and fourth semester classes of French language and literature	Boston, MA Spring 2004 Fall 2000
Bunker Hill Community College Arabic and French Instructor Courses Taught: beginning Arabic I and II and beginning and intermediate French	Boston, MA 2003 - 2005
Emmanuel College French Instructor Courses Taught: beginning French I and II	Boston, MA 2000 - 2002
Brookline Adult Education Center Arabic and French Instructor Courses Taught: beginning Arabic and French levels	Brookline, MA 2000 - 2005
Boston Language Institute French and Arabic Instructor Courses Taught: beginning, intermediate and advanced levels	Boston, MA 1999 - 2003

EDUCATION

Université Paris X-Nanterre Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy Dissertation: “ <i>La politique et la Religion dans l’Islam Contemporain</i> ”	Paris, France 1994 – 1996 (not completed)
Université Paris XII-Créteil Val de Marne Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies in Philosophy Thesis: “ <i>la perfectibilité et la société imaginée chez Rousseau</i> ”	Créteil, France 1993 – 1994
Université Paris IV-Sorbonne Maîtrise in Philosophy Thesis: “ <i>La liberté chez Rousseau</i> ”	Paris, France 1992 – 1993
Université Es-Senia Licence in Philosophy	Oran, Algeria 1987 – 1991

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Second language acquisition	Pedagogy in Arabic and French languages
Islamic civilization and cultures	Maghreb and Middle East cultural and political history
Contemporary North Africa writers	Political Islam
Colonialism and Post-Colonialism in the Arab World	

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming Published Work:

Uprising in Tahrir Square: an interactive toolkit for advanced Arabic classrooms. Equinox Publishing, June 2019.
This is the first volume of a series entitled *Changes in the Middle East and North Africa.*

Three online journals on Al-Jazeera: Teaching Arabic in the U.S.A. 2013-2014. The link is:
<http://learning.aljazeera.net/en/blogs/pages/6ebde074-5f56-46f7-830a-2644e717ee68>

In progress (initial stages): collaborative Arabic textbook co-authored with Professor Rana Issa at MIIS. This will be a content-based work on practical, high-interest topics for the Intermediate Arabic learner

In progress: Algerian women and the Struggle for Algerian Independence 1954-1962

SCHOLARLY LECTURES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter at MESA (Middle East Studies Association) 2018 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX., 2018
- Guest speaker in Professor Rana Issa's Modern History of the Arab World course, MIIS 2018
- Guest speaker at Claremont McKenna College Professor, Bassam Frangieh. Spoke about the the history of Algeria during French colonialism and post-independence, 2016
- Invited as a guest speaker and panel participant for Contemporary France class at Oregon State University, Oregon, CA. Topic: the French - U.S. historical relationship. Hosted by OSU Associate Professor, Nabil Boudraa.
- Invited as a guest speaker (via Skype) by the University of California Washington D.C. Center in Professor Ahmad Atef Ahmad's course. Discussed Arab Nationalism, and Egypt-Algeria historical relationship, 2014
- Guest panelist on Africa organized by the *African Nations club*, MIIS, April 2014
- Invited as a guest speaker (via Skype) by Boston University Senior Lecturer, Djamel Bekkai. Spoke about the Arab Spring movement with Arabic media students, 2013
- Panel discussion participant on Algeria and Mali, Smith College, 2013
"Use of radio shows in a language classroom." Presenter, Massachusetts Foreign Language Association, Sturbridge, MA, October 2012
- Guest speaker on the "transitions to democracy" in North Africa, Smith College, 2011
- Guest speaker on Arabic world cultures, history and religions, the Brookwood School, Manchester, MA, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

At Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS):

- Organized the first conference on *Africa: Voices of Africa: Emerging Opportunities in the 21st Century* (2015)
- Conducted Arabic oral proficiency interviews with incoming students, in collaboration with other Arabic faculty
- Contributed to a comprehensive review of the current Arabic placement test
- Contributed to review and revision of grammar benchmarks for all levels of Arabic
- Researched and recommended Arabic language films. Co-organized an Arabic Film Series featuring contemporary films representing a cross-section of Arabic culture
- Co-organized an Arabic Club aimed at fostering conversational language skills through discussion topics
- Co-organized an Arabic Film Club
- Initiated and co-organized an end-of-semester party for the Arabic program, May 2014
- Initiated and co-organized the "*Arabic Oasis Table*" at the International Fair (Bazaar), April 2014 - Present
- Served as Language Evaluator for three MIIS applicants to the State Department's Critical Language Scholarship Program in Washington, D.C.
- Served as reference for a MIIS applicant to the Summer Arabic School at Middlebury College

At Smith College, Northampton, MA:

- Organized and presented the first Arabic Cultural Festival at Smith College, including live music, calligraphy, henna designs, vendors, food, children's activities, and an Arabic book expo
- Organized and presented a guest lecture by Jamal Dajani in connection with "Media and Social Media Development in the Changing Arab World: Challenges and Opportunities" event, MIIS, 2013
- Served as a reader of the 2013 Arabic applications for the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program at the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)
- Served as a panel reviewer of the 2012 Arabic applications for the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program at the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)
- Presented a guest lecture and film screening by Jamal Dajani - award-winning producer and Vice President of Internews Network. Mr. Dajani's documentary film, "Occupied Minds" was screened at Smith College in connection with the Massachusetts Multicultural Film Festival.
- Initiated a Foreign Language Group for resource sharing and collaborative professional development among Smith foreign language faculty
- Hosted in-class guest speaker, Margaret Shepherd (author of "Learn World Calligraphy" and numerous other titles) for hands-on presentation of Arabic calligraphy, attended by Elementary and Advanced classes
- Organized and conducted Arabic tables and study groups for Elementary and Advanced Arabic students
- Presented a guest lecture on the Arab Spring movement by Azzedine Layachi, Professor of Political Science at St. John's University
- Presented guest lecturer Diana Buttu, in connection with a series of talks on 'Perspectives on Peace: Through the Eyes of Palestinian Women.' Ms. Buttu is Joint Fellow at the Harvard University School of Government, Middle East Initiative and the Eleanor Roosevelt fellow at the Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School.
- Presented guest speaker Malika Zeghal in connection with a lecture titled: "Religion and Politics in North Africa: Islamist Movement and Parties." Ms. Zeghal is Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Professor in Contemporary Islamic Thought and Life, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and the Committee on the Study of Religion at Harvard University.
- Presented guest lecturer/author Susan Abulhawa, in connection with a series of talks on 'Perspectives on Peace: Through the Eyes of Palestinian Women.'
- Collaborated with the Five Colleges Arabic faculty to organize the "Arabic Night" event at Smith College.
- Provided interviews appearing in 'Sophian' (Smith College newspaper) on topics of Oasis radio show (Nov. 18, 2010) and political changes in North Africa (April 7, 2011)
- In celebration of Arabic culture and student achievements, organized and hosted a traditional meal and Arabic music concert with the Layaali Arabic Music Trio, and musicians from Berklee College of Music
- Organized a field trip to a local mosque, to further students' understanding of Islamic religion and culture
- Organized an Arabic Film Club at Smith College. Arabic films were screened on a bi-weekly basis (2010 - 2011)
- Initiated and implemented an Arabic Film Festival at Smith College (Spring 2012 and Spring 2013)
- Introduced the film, "Habibi" at the 19th Annual Massachusetts Multicultural Film Festival (April 2012)
- Guest speaker on the topic of "Transitions to Democracy in North Africa", Smith College, 2011
- Served as a reference for students applying to the following scholarship programs:
Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program. Applicants were accepted into U.S. Department of State program
CIEE Scholarship. Applicant was accepted and studied in Jordan for one semester.
Boren Scholarship. Applicant was accepted and studied in Jordan for one academic year.
Beirut Exchange Program. Applicant was accepted.
American University of Beirut Summer Arabic Program. Applicant was accepted into the program.

CURRICULAR RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Initiated and implemented the following at MIIS:

- Skype technology hosting of remote guest speakers, including Arabic professors at Hunter College, Boston University, and Arabic radio talk show host, Jamal Dajani and Slimane Zéghidour, Chief Editor at TV5 (France)
- Digital Storytelling project with Intermediate level Arabic students
- Arabic podcast project for Intermediate level Arabic students
- Arabic blog project at MIIS. Students wrote on topics related to the Arab/Mideast world.
- Arabic radio show (simulated) with Intermediate level Arabic students. Simulated broadcasts of music, cultural and political topics, news, and interviews pertaining to the Arab-speaking world.
- Initiated an Arabic Cultural Expo featuring cultural artifacts. The Expo was attended by students in Arabic Media, and Arabic Speaking Countries I and II, *Religion and Ethnic Groups, Maghrebis: Identity and Integration in France, Topics in Arab Culture*
- Used <http://www.socrative.com/> software to review and quiz students on vocabulary and grammar
- Implemented Policy Analysis Report, Comparative Case Study Report and Collaborative Student Guide projects
- Organized Arabic TED Talks in which ten classes (all levels) participated between 2015 and 2017
- Used <http://www.socrative.com/> software to review and quiz students on vocabulary and grammar
- Used <http://www.quizlet.com> to review and quiz students on vocabulary and grammar

Initiated and implemented the following: (all at Smith College, Northampton MA unless otherwise noted)

- Five College *Culture Talks for North Africa*: These talks featured video clips of interviews and discussions on North Africa Cultures produced by the Five College Center for the Study of World Languages
- Skype technology hosting of remote guest speakers, including Arabic professors at Hunter College, Boston University, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Duke University
- Digital Storytelling project with Elementary and Advanced Arabic students, Smith College, Amherst College and University of Massachusetts in Boston
- Arabic podcast project for Elementary and Advanced level Arabic students, Smith College and University of Massachusetts in Boston
- Arabic blog project for the Advanced class. Students wrote on topics related to the Arab/Mideast world
- Writing portfolio project, in which Advanced level students used current events in the the Arab Spring movement as topics for fictional journal entries: Smith College, Amherst College and University of Massachusetts in Boston
- Weekly “Oasis” show on Smith College radio station WOZQ 91.9 FM – presented both independently and in connection with Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced level Arabic students. Broadcasts of music, cultural and political topics, news, and interviews pertaining to the Arab-speaking world. Notable guest interviewees included award-winning producer Jamal Dajani, and Noam Chomsky: renowned activist and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Linguistics & Philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Student accomplishments included developing and hosting shows, researching music, interviewing guests, and learning about the technical aspects of live radio broadcasting.
- Expanded the scope of the Smith College “Oasis” radio show to Amherst College (Fall 2011); initiated a parallel show titled “Arabic Oasis”
- Created an Arabic Newsletter authored by intermediate and advanced Arabic students, and distributed on Smith College campus (Fall 2012 - present)
- Created videos scripts for beginning and intermediate Arabic levels in Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Arabic (2007 – 2008)

COLLEGE OR DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES AND OTHER COLLEGE SERVICE

Member of Peer Review committee for contract renewal dossiers at MIIS, 2013-present
Fulbright Fellowships Review committee at MIIS, 2014 - Present

Previous Committees:

Member of Smith College Middle East Studies program

Member of the Five College Arabic program committee

Member of the Immersive Professional Learning selection committee

ADVISING AND MENTORING

Directed Special Studies at MIIS from Spring 2014 - 2018:

Arabic Speaking Countries in Depth (Arabic DS)

Special topics (Arabic DS)

Nationalist movements around the world and role of the Middle East within them (French DS)

Advising Skills for Arab Students in U.S. Higher Education (Arabic DS)

Yemen Crisis (Arabic DS)

Advisor to undergraduate students majoring in Arabic Language and Linguistics (self-designed major)
Stride Scholar Mentor (Supervised independent student research), Smith College, 2010-12

Previous Directed Special Studies at Smith College:

Spring 2013: Reading Arabic literature

Fall 2011: *Short stories in Arabic*

Spring 2012: Translating children's stories from English to Arabic

Fall 2010: *Women and Family in the Qur'an, Arabic Language and the Egyptian Presidency- Part 1*

Spring 2011: *Arabic Language and the Egyptian Presidency- Part 2, A Short Arabic Novel*

Fall 2008: *Analysis of Tayib Saleh's novel "The Season of Migration to the North"*

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Member of Peer Review Committee for Professors Mahmoud Abdalla, Rana Issa and Gabriel Guillen's contract renewal dossiers at MIIS
- Serve as a current member of the Fulbright Review Committee at MIIS.
- Served as a member of the Immersive Professional Learning committee, and reviewed and rated 65 applications between October and December 2016.
- Conducted Arabic oral proficiency interviews for students, 2013 - present
- Served as a consultant for book by Elisabeth Armstrong entitled: "Gender and Neoliberalism: The All India Democratic Women's Association and Globalization Politics" (Routledge Research in Gender and Society), 2013
- Served as a consultant for the Five College *Culture Talks for North Africa*
- Participated in the Smith College Language Orientation Panel, September 2010 and 2011

- Conducted Arabic oral proficiency interviews for students of the Five Colleges in December 2010 and May 2011
- Served as a moderator for the Muslim Student Association panel entitled "A Day in the Life Of a Muslim- Unveiled", April 2010
- Researched and recommended Arabic language films for purchase by the Middle East Department at Smith College
- Served as Language Evaluator for three Fulbright applicants at Smith College. All three applicants were accepted as Fulbright Fellows
- Served as a consultant to Barbara Whitesides, author of *Sugar Comes from Arabic*, 2009 – 2010
- Served as a consultant to Margaret Shepherd, author of "Learn World Calligraphy: Discover African, Arabic, Chinese, Ethiopic, Greek, Hebrew, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Thai, Tibetan Calligraphy, and Beyond", 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MESA (Middle East Studies Association) 2018 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2018
MESA (Middle East Studies Association) 2017 Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 2017
MESA (Middle East Studies Association) 2016 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2016
ACTFL 2012 Annual Convention and World Languages Expo, Philadelphia, PA, 2012
MaFLA's 45th Annual Fall Conference Foreign Languages: Our Global Lens Sturbridge, MA, October 2012
CIT/ED Tech Conference, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, May 2012
Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Baltimore, MD, April 2012
NMELRC/Western Consortium Conference, University of Austin, TX, 2011
ACTFL 2010 Annual Convention and World Languages Expo, Boston, MA, 2010
Developing the Ability to Speak and Write about Literature: Learner's Challenges
Teachers' Strategies workshop, Elizabeth Bernhardt, presenter, Mount Holyoke College, MA, 2010
The Teaching Professor Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cambridge, MA, 2010
Intensity of Engagement: Strategies for Advanced Foreign Language Classes, Benjamin Rifkin, presenter, Amherst College, 2010
NMELRC Annual Arabic Teacher Training Workshop, University of Austin, TX, 2009
Use of Wikis in Foreign Language Courses, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, 2009
Educational Technology Conference, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, 2008
Atelier pédagogique sur l'utilisation de la vidéo à UMass Boston, Boston, 2007
Educational Technology Conference, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, 2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
The American Association of Teachers of Arabic (AATA)
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

LANGUAGES

Arabic, French, English, Spanish (intermediate low level), Portuguese (reading)