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CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFILE

Teacher of Arabic as a foreign language at college level. Develops curriculum and materials used in Arabic classrooms. Extensive knowledge of Arabic history and cultures.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts – Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language TAFL, American University in Cairo, Egypt
Degree awarded June 2011

- Studied under Dr. Fred Berry, Dr. El-Said Badawy, Dr. Zeinab Taha, and Dr. Zeinab Ibrahim
- Research in Applied Linguistics, Association of Applied Linguistics Researchers, 2008

Arabic and Islamic Studies – Al-Azhar University School of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Cairo, Egypt, 1993
Completed three of four years toward Bachelor of Arts degree.

Arabic Language Studies – Cairo University School of Dar El Uloum, Cairo, Egypt, 1992
Completed one of two years towards diploma in Arabic grammar

Bachelor of Science – Ain-shams University School of Commerce, Cairo, Egypt, 1991

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO, Cairo, Egypt **Fall of 2010**

Arabic Language Institute, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Provide instruction in Arabic as a foreign language including Egyptian Dialect, and Arabic Media.
- Develop supplementary materials tailored to needs of classes.

Hedayet Institute In Cairo Egypt **Summer of 2010**

Lecturer of Modern Standard Arabic

- Provide instruction in Arabic as a foreign language in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA).
- Develop supplementary materials tailored to needs of classes ranging from 12-25 students.

Brandeis UNIVERSITY IN Waltham, MA, USA 2009-2010

Lecturer – Arabic Language department, School of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

- Provide instruction in Arabic as a foreign language in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA).
- Develop supplementary materials tailored to needs of classes ranging from 12-25 students.
- Help establish, develop and implement a new curriculum for the school.

Brown UNIVERSITY IN Providence, RI, USA Spring of 2009

TA – Arabic Language Department, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Provide instruction in Arabic as a foreign language including Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). In addition to other TA responsibilities including; help develop supplementary materials tailored to needs of classes, grading, and office hours.

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO, Cairo, Egypt 2008-2009

Fellow – Arabic Language Institute, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Provide instruction in Arabic as a foreign language including Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), Egyptian Dialect, and Arabic Media.
- Develop supplementary materials tailored to needs of classes ranging from 12-15 students.

AL-MADRASH, Cambridge, MA 2004-present

Director / Arabic Instructor

- Founded Arabic language school providing both group and individual instruction in Arabic from beginner to advanced levels. Courses focus on both verbal and written communications skills.
- Develop curriculum to meet needs of diverse student body including college students, higher education researchers, U.S. Government, military, and business professionals.
- Additional courses include: Conversational Arabic; Grammar; Colloquial Arabic of Egypt.

BOSTON LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, Boston, MA 2003-2005

Arabic Instructor

- Played key role in growing small Arabic language program into thriving entity serving diverse adult student and professional population.
- Revamped and enhanced curriculum, incorporating student suggestions and new supplementary materials to engage learners in an exciting and rewarding experience.

INDEPENDENT ARABIC INSTRUCTOR 2003-2006

Taught all levels of Arabic to adults including foreign-born Muslim population. Courses were well-received, with students passing all required examinations.

Assignments included:

- Inigua International Institute, Boston, MA (2003-2006)
- Islamic Center of Burlington (ICB), Burlington, MA (2003)
- Islamic Society of Boston, Boston, MA (2002-2005)
- Private tutor for professionals to enhance classic Arabic language skills, Cairo, Egypt (1985-1988)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

BNN (Boston Neighborhood Networks), Public Access Television, Boston, MA 2002, 2003

Producer

- Received Certificates in Studio Production and Field Production.
- Produced and hosted six television shows on topics related to Arabic culture.

INDEPENDENT ACADEMIC EDITOR, Cairo, Egypt 1985-1988

Conducted linguistic editing on a wide variety of academic and business documents and reports.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Implementing Corpus Analysis in Developing Classroom Material”, American University, Arabic Language Institute, Cairo, Egypt, 2011.

“More Effective Approaches to Learning a Foreign Language”, Institute of Middle Eastern Studies, Cairo, Egypt, 2008.

“History and Development of the Arabic Dictionary over the Last 1300 years”, American University, Arabic Language Institute, Cairo, Egypt, 2008.