

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Instructor of Arabic; Department of Languages & Communications in the College of Arts and Sciences; Prairie View A&M University (2011-2012)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Community Development; School Of Architecture; Prairie View A&M University (2006-2012)

Graduate Teaching Assistant; University of Texas at Austin / *American History: 1865-1965* (Jan. to May 2004); College Of liberal Arts; Department of History; University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Teaching Assistant for Arabic Language in the Department for Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures; (January to December 2002); College of Liberal Arts; University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

EDUCATION

Fall 2002 till Spring 2004: Completed two years of course work (36 Credit Hours) toward a PhD degree in the department of History; College of Liberal Arts; University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Master of Arts; Middle Eastern Studies and Cultures; University of Texas, Austin. 2002. Thesis: "M.A. Middle Eastern Studies" GPA 4.0.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course/s taught, description of duties

Graduate Courses at Prairie View A&M University, Texas; Fall 2006- Spring 2012

Code: 5743: Community Political and Social Structures in War/Disaster-Torn Communities. (3-0) Credit 3 semester hours. The role and function of public and private organizations and local, state and national government in the community development process.

Code 5013: Community Development Seminar. (3-0) Credit 3 semester hours. This class integrates urban and rural regionalism and incorporates aesthetic and interpretive understanding. Examine how relationships among economic development, public policy, and residential patterns constrain the development of communities of color.

Code 5753: International Community Development Policies and Practices. (3-0) Credit 3 semester hours. This course looks at the challenges in the administration of private and public programs in developing countries. The course studies tools and processes for the design, implementation and evaluation management of private and public development projects directed to strengthen institutions

Code 5343: Community Development Research. (3-0) Credit 3 semester hours; Research and writing skills of students by completing assignments involving lectures and readings in the fields of development. Students build a solid foundation in effective writing, and develop critical thinking, presentation, and intercultural communication skills.

Code 5103: Cultural Heritage Preservation; (3-0) Credit 3 semester hours; The social and behavioral science component of this core curriculum is to increase students' knowledge of how heritage reflects contemporary notions of authenticity, reality, and social identities by critically analyzing multi-racial relations. to analyze, critically assess, and develop creative solutions to preserve our American cultural values;

Undergraduate Courses

ARAB 1013. Elementary Arabic I (3-0) Credit 3 semester hours. Practice in listening, speaking, reading and writing standard Arabic in order to acquire elementary vocabulary and structures and a general knowledge of Arabic cultures.

ARAB 1023. Elementary Arabic II (3-0) Credit 3 semester hours. Continuation of gaining skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing standard Arabic in order to acquire vocabulary, structures, and knowledge of Arabic cultures.

Description: Teaching graduate students, assisting students the craft of research and expanding their knowledge horizons.

2000-02: Center For Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin Outreach Assistant (provided a wide array of community services, library and video cataloging, exhibition at the Children's Museum and secondary school lectures on Middle Eastern Societies, Cultures & Languages)

2000-02: Consultant, Catholic Charities Organization Community Services (CARITAS); working with refugees; attending health appointments; translating documents and interpreting in court cases.

PUBLICATIONS:

1-Sulafa Abou-Samra and Kaukab Khalid, "What about the kids?: When divorce splits the Muslim family unit", *Azizah Magazine*, December/Winter (2002) 2:4, 44-48.

2- "**The Islamic Calendar**" entry for the *Muslim World Encyclopedia*. Islamic Beliefs, Practices, and Cultures; Terry Town, New York; Marshall Cavendish Corporation; The Brown Reference Group, pp. 150- 70.

3- "**Muslim Family Life in the USA**" entry for the *Muslim World Encyclopedia*. Modern Muslim Societies; Terry Town, New York; Marshall Cavendish Corporation; The Brown Reference Group The Brown Reference Group; pp. 8-32 .

4- "**Marriage, Interrupted.**" Sulafa Abou-Samra and Ann El Moslimany, *Azizah Magazine*. Vol.5, Issue 2.

5- In Progress "**Udhri Poetry**", The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women; Oxford University Press; New York.

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER SESSIONS

October 2000: Lectured on "Women and Islam" at the *Texas Dept. of Health*.

January 2001: Lectured on "Death and Dying in Islam" The *Austin Hospice*.

October 2001: Interviewed by *The Austin American Statesman* on Muslims in Austin, Texas.

September 2003: Presented a paper on "Muslim Women's Rights in Medieval and Modern Qur'anic Interpretations", *Papers-In-Progress Medieval Graduate Symposium*, University of Texas.

April 2010: Lectured on “Muslim Female Architect: Zeynep Fadhli Ughlu”, at the School of Architecture. Prairie View A&M University

February 2012: Invited Panelist for a United Nations sponsored Film Festival discussion “Satellite Queens” Movie, University of St. Thomas, Cullen Theatre, Houston, TX.

March 2012: Workshop for Arabic Language Instructors of Texas; University of Texas in Austin.

(RESEARCH INTERESTS)

Research areas:

Middle Eastern family’s social development.

International cultures and Women’s Issues.

Islamic History in and out of the Middle East.

Arabic Language and literature.

(TEACHING INTERESTS)

Class: Always interested in teaching graduate as well as undergraduate students.

Title or Subject: Integration and development of Immigrant Communities in North America.

Title or subject: Micro-finance and Entrepreneurship, discovering the most successful methods to eradicate poverty.

Teaching the Arabic Language and literature; I enjoy teaching American students about the different cultures of the Middle East and North Africa.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Research area: Social development.

Research area: International cultures, and Muslim Women’s Issues.

International Community Development, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Latin America.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native speaker of Arabic; Fluency in French and English; working knowledge of Persian

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